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Volume 053: Akka 1292 A.H. (1875) (4 of 4)

BH01843: Praise sanctified from tongue and utterance befits the most…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

Praise sanctified from tongue and utterance befits the most holy court of that Desired One who, through a single word, brought the world and its manifestations and revelations from nothingness into the realm of being. His is the praise by which hearts soar to the atmosphere of holiness and nearness, and minds are drawn to the horizon of glory and acceptance. His is the praise for what He has revealed, His is the praise for what He has graciously bestowed, and His is the praise in all that has appeared from Him and been realized through His will. He is verily the Beginner, the Restorer, the Manifester, the Powerful, the Most High, the Most Great.

Thereafter, your letter brought joy and bestowed delight, for it was adorned with mention of the Friend. I swear by the Most Holy Beauty that the fragrance of those who make mention of Him is, at the time of mentioning, the cause of life for the world, but the people comprehend not a word. After perusing its contents, on a day when He was at the Most Great Scene in the mansion, it was presented before His face. His blessed words, exalted be His utterance and exalted be His remembrance: "O servant of God! The servant in attendance has presented at the Most Great Scene what you sent to Him, and the Wronged One has mentioned you in His station which has been named by the Most Beautiful Names in the Crimson Tablet. Verily your Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

> "O servant of God! Convey My greetings to the friends. Make mention of Aqa Muhammad-Sadiq and those with him on behalf of the Wronged One. For some time their mention has not appeared outwardly in the petitions from that direction. God willing, may they be gladdened through God's grace and be occupied in His remembrance. He is verily the Forgiving, He is verily the Loving, He is verily the Generous, He is verily the All-Knowing, He is verily the All-Seeing."

Regarding what you mentioned about the letter of the physician, upon him be the Glory of God, that they have sent it, and likewise the letter of H.M.—I beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist you in His remembrance and praise and service to His Cause. This servant and all other friends must today gaze with utmost eagerness and longing toward the horizon of the will of the Lord of the Day of the Covenant, and

with a hundred thousand souls and spirits and limbs engage in serving the Cause and acting in accordance with that which will manifest its glory. He is verily the Helper, the Mighty, the Wise.

And regarding what you wrote about Haji Muhammad-Baqir and Aqa Siyyid Muhammad-ʿAli, upon them be the Glory of God—that they arrived in Beirut and afterwards, without permission from the Dayspring of Grace, proceeded to the prison land—He said: Although it occurred without permission, yet He is verily the Kind, the Compassionate. We beseech God to adorn all with the ornament of permission and then to honor them with His presence, for the fruits of this are countless and will continue to be. And likewise He said: O servant of God! Those souls who are turned toward and gazing upon the Truth and moved by His will must obtain permission from their location. This is true permission. Blessed are they that attain!

Regarding what you mentioned about the guest and the sister of Aqa ʿAmu, upon them be the Glory of God—mention of them was made in the Most Holy Court. He said: Blessed are those handmaidens who have won and been patient in God, the Lord of the worlds. The request is that you convey greetings to all those souls who have accepted and who have drunk from the Kawthar of oneness and attained recognition of the Lord of creation. The Glory be upon you and upon those who have remained faithful to God's Covenant, our Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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BH01540: Praise be to God Who hath manifested Himself unto…

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

Praise be to God Who hath manifested Himself unto all created things through His Name that is sanctified above all names and attributes, and Who hath called all, through His loving-kindness and favors, unto the Dayspring of His Cause which is exalted above all directions, that all may turn unto the Dawning-Place of His grace and the Dayspring of His Revelation, and drink what He hath desired for them of the Kawthar of divine knowledge through His all-pervading favor over all contingent beings. Verily, the spirit, glory and splendor rest upon those who have heard, responded and turned unto Him, detached from idle fancies and allusions.

Praise be to God Who hath made for the Tree of His Cause branches and twigs that move at His mention and incline toward His direction, and from which is heard the praise of God, the All-Possessing, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. My spirit be a sacrifice unto you! Two blessed letters which were written to honor this evanescent one have been received. Praise be to the Beloved of the worlds Who hath made this unworthy one the recipient of the attention and favors of His blessed Afnan. Boundless joy and delight were occasioned by the sweet fragrances of your words, and the supplication that was submitted to the Most Holy Court reached the blessed vision, and as commanded, this evanescent servant presented all of it.

His grandeur be exalted! He saith:

> "O My Afnan! Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One in this mighty prison, and that which thou didst compose in praise of God, thy Lord and the Lord of the worlds, was chanted

> before His face. We have turned unto thee from this spot and make mention of thee with that which shall cause thy remembrance to endure throughout My glorious and mighty Kingdom. Despite the tribulations that surround Me, My Most Exalted Pen hath not ceased, and moveth at all times in celebration of God, the Lord of all names. Verily thy Lord is the Powerful, the Mighty. We beseech God to confirm thee in all conditions in that which thou art in the Cause of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

And likewise was revealed, addressing Aqa Mirza ʿAbdu'l-Hamid:

> "O Hamid! Hearken unto the call of this Exile from this near yet distant horizon. We have mentioned thee before and mention thee from this noble station. By God! There hath been ordained for whosoever hath turned unto God in this Revelation that which none hath comprehended save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing. Rejoice in My mention of thee. That which thou seest today shall perish, but that which hath been sent down from the presence of the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, shall endure for thee."

As to other news of this land, despite the encompassing presence of the heedless and the clamor of the ungodly, the divine fragrances of the Cause are spreading. Some time ago, the situation in this land became very severe, that is, the governor here rose up in opposition. Praise be to God, very soon the fire of his rancor was extinguished and the spark of his envy perished and disappeared. One day, a group was present in the Most Holy Court, namely some from Kha and Ta and others who had arrived in the Holy Land in these days. Mention was made of the envy of the divines and the wickedness of those heedless souls. He said that glory had been taken from those souls; even if they should cling to all means, they shall never attain unto it. The example of those souls is like embers of fire, and all of them have been and shall be extinguished by a single wave from the ocean of God's will.

In any case, that governor is gone and another has come who has been and continues to be in utmost humility. The items that were previously sent have arrived, and this servant reported their receipt. The later chest that was newly sent has reached Alexandria. They wrote that it would be sent on the return steamer, but this servant was greatly embarrassed as it caused trouble for you. My trust in you caused such boldness. The Branches and Afnans of the Blessed Tree especially convey their most glorious greetings to you, and furthermore this evanescent one's greetings to Aqa Mirza ʿAbdu'l-Hamid, upon him be the glory of God, depend upon your grace and favors. Those who circle round offer their pure devotion to your presence. The most wondrous, most exalted greetings and the most holy, most great, most glorious praise be upon you and upon those who have attained the honor of serving you.

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BH00861: Glorified is He Who remembers the people of faithfulness…

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

Glorified is He Who remembers the people of faithfulness while in the prison of His enemies, and turns toward him who has turned to Him from this far-off place. He is the Beloved of every lover, the Goal of every seeker, the Object of every search, and the One gazed upon by all in the heavens and earth. We

have turned to him who turned to the Qiblih of existence, and We have welcomed him who sought his Ancient Lord. We have loosened the reins of the Pens in praise of the Lord of all beings and of those who heard the Call and said: "Yea, O Lord of the sincere ones!" My Pen moves at all times to make mention of those who have believed in the All-Merciful, after We were opposed by servants who found not the fragrance of justice and who rose up in tyranny. They are indeed in manifest loss. We have lit the lamp with the hands of power and might, and by it the heavens and earth were illumined. We have taken the gems of creation by Our power and left the dross. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty.

O My Name! When the Call was raised at this time from the Dawning-Place of the Will of the Lord of Names, We heard the call of all who dwell in the kingdom of creation in the inmost mystery—exalted be the Glory that hath appeared through His Most Glorious Name! Blessed is he who hath heard and hearkened, and blessed is the thirsty one who hath hastened to the Kawthar of God, the Unique, the Mighty, the Powerful. Say: By His call were attracted the realities of the Divine Realm and the essences of those who dwell in the Empyrean and the Kingdom. Before His face they cry out:

> "Praise be to Thee, O Beloved of the lover and Herald to him who conversed with God!"

O My Name! We have lifted the decree of killing lest anyone slay another or oppose another soul, yet despite this supreme prohibition what was destined came to pass. Thy Lord is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Those who were killed in this land [ʿAkka], by God, were slain by the swords of their own deeds—to this testifies every informed sage. Thou knowest how the fire of corruption was kindled and how they violated the sanctity of God and His chosen ones, until they were seized for their evil deeds and words. He is verily the Just, the Wise. We protected them for numbered years while they persisted in hypocrisy to such an extent that We sat alone in the house, closed the doors and drew the curtains. Then the fire of opposition intensified until God seized them by His authority. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty.

Say: O people! Spread not corruption in the earth, consume not the wealth of others unjustly, and slay not God's servants. Thus doth command you the Lord of creation in a perspicuous Book. Hold fast to the cord of righteousness—this is better for you, if ye be of those who are certain. Should the barking of dogs and squealing of swine be raised, leave them to themselves and turn to God, the King, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. None should oppose another—leave the idolaters to their vain imaginings. He aids whom He willeth through His authority and seizes those who disbelieve. He is indeed the severest of avengers. Victory hath been ordained through remembrance and utterance—thus hath commanded the All-Merciful. He is verily the Ruler, the Mighty, the Invincible.

O My Name! They who are veiled today, these are in grievous error. Consider the Concourse of the Bayan: We desired to raise them to that station which God hath sanctified above all names and to make them the inheritors of the Kingdom among the worlds. They clung to such illusions as they possessed from before—verily they are among the perishing ones. They violated the Covenant of God and turned back on their heels when the horizon of Revelation shone forth with the Sun of the remembrance of thy Lord's Name, the All-Subduing, over all who are in the worlds. Among them is he who followeth his desires, turning away from guidance, and We behold him wandering in the valley of opposition, among those who stray, after having failed to understand the root and branch of the Cause—verily he is among

those who tread the paths of fancy. Say: Abandon the illusions ye possess and hold fast to pure certitude. They have cast the All-Giving behind their backs, hastening unto the wolves. Such is the state of the people—verily they are among the heedless ones.

O Most Exalted Pen! Cease the mention of these ones—it behooveth not Thy wondrous pen to move in remembrance of them.

O My Name! If thou seest Judi in those regions, convey to him My greetings, then gladden him with My remembrance through which the fragrances of Paradise have wafted and all atoms have proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!" O Judi! The Cause is mighty, mighty indeed—none can bear it save he who hath cast away all vain imaginings and all that he hath heard from the tongues of the speakers. Say: This is the Originator of the heavens and earth. Through Him the banner of origination hath been raised above every lofty standard.

O Judi! Arise from the horizon of detachment in My Name, then attract the hearts of those who are nigh through My remembrance and My sovereignty. Thus doth thy Ancient Lord command thee. Leave the people behind thee, turning unto God, the Lord of all beings, speaking forth His Name amongst the worlds.

O Judi! The Most Great Ocean hath surged in the name of the Lord of the Ancient Days and casteth upon thee the pearls of wisdom and utterance. Spread wide the garment of thy heart that thou mayest gather them in My Name, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Arise with such arising as will cause the tribes of the earth to quake, and aid thy Lord through His power that hath encompassed both worlds. When thou desirest to be seated, sit upright in the gatherings, uttering this remembrance through which the Unseen hath appeared and the Kingdom hath proclaimed: "For My Own Self, the Mighty, the Beloved." Thus have We commanded thee in standing and sitting, that thou mayest speak forth in all conditions this Announcement at which all existence hath been shaken, save whom thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving, willeth.

Say: O people! This is the Day of God. Cast aside what ye possess of succession and trusteeship and the like. By God! Nothing should be mentioned therein save His Self, the One Who dominateth every witness and witnessed thing. Cast aside the idle fancies of the ignorant and that which the widows of the earth have spoken, then turn with radiant vision toward My Most Great Horizon that ye may behold the Lord of Destiny speaking from this exalted Station. Say: All names are shaken on this Most Great Day, and all attributes are overwhelmed, save for him whom the hand of thy Lord's loving-kindness hath taken, the Strong, the Victorious, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Beloved. Say: This is a Day wherein none save God alone should be mentioned, if ye but knew. Thus have the waves of the ocean of utterance surged and the winds of wisdom and explanation blown, as a grace from Us upon thee.

Be thou grateful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is the dominion of existence. Numbered years have passed and thy letter hath not reached Our presence. This beseemeth not one like thee, for thou hast been beneath the glances of thy Lord's loving-kindness every morn and eve. Read My verses with joy and fragrance. By God! Thou shalt find from them the fragrance of the All-Merciful and be detached from all possibility, speaking forth this forbidden remembrance.

O My Name! If thou seest him, deliver unto him the verses of thy Lord; if not, send unto him what hath been revealed in this Tablet from whose horizon hath shone the sun of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. In every land thou visitest, convey My greetings to My loved ones and give them glad-tidings of God's verses, that they may stand firm in the Cause in such wise that neither human limitations shall prevent them from turning toward the realm of Oneness, nor shall trials move them from the Lord of the seen and unseen. Thus it behooveth the people of God in this promised Day. Verily, the glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned with their hearts to this praiseworthy station.

BH00984: Questions were submitted concerning the divine ordinances…

Questions were submitted concerning the divine ordinances, and from the Dayspring of grace this answer shone forth and appeared, these are His words, exalted be His glory:

O Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin! God willing, may you be successful through God's grace in all worlds. Your questions are accepted before the Throne, for in them lies benefit for all creation. We have specifically commanded you to inquire about the divine laws and verses. We have made you a source of good for the servants. You must at all times enjoin the people to observe the divine ordinances, that perchance they may attain to that which God has commanded and that which benefits their own selves.

Although few souls are observed to be obedient to the divine commandments—for instance, while many in various lands have attained to the light of faith, only a few have as yet succeeded in acting according to that which has been revealed by Him—We had previously written to you that had the people of that land paid the Huqúqu'llah, they would have found comfort. Prior to its being decreed, none were bound by it, and the Supreme Pen had, for a number of years, paused in the revelation of ordinances and commandments, and this was due to divine grace.

Were the people of the world to recognize the fruits of that which the All-Merciful has revealed, all would arise to fulfill His bidding and act according to what He has ordained. However, in light of the wisdom revealed in God's Tablets, there is no harm in foregoing certain laws which today cause commotion among the people and become cause for their veiling. But as for those deeds which do not cause aversion and notoriety, such as prayers, payment of rights, and the like, all must surely act upon these.

Regarding Zakat, We have commanded that they should act as was revealed in the Qur'an. God willing, in these days some verses of the Most Holy Book will be explained in Persian, and within them mention will be made of certain laws that have not been revealed. Verily thy Lord, in all circumstances, desires the good of His loved ones and teaches them His straight, clear, and right path.

Thou didst write that this servant had set down that Huqúqu'llah is nineteen mithqals in every hundred mithqals—whether of gold, or of silver, or of existing possessions—and thou didst infer therefrom that this is a right which attachest to the property of the deceased, and that, after the discharge thereof, the remainder of the estate is to be divided.

He, exalted be His most great glory, saith: The basis amount of Huqúqu'lláh is nineteen mithqals of gold. When one's possessions attain unto this measure, the Right becometh due. As to silver, its reaching unto this station is reckoned by value, not by number; and likewise is it in the case of other things.

And as to Huqúqu'lláh: it becometh due but once. For example: should a person come to possess a thousand mithqals of gold and pay the Huqúq pertaining thereto, no further Right attachest to that property, save to whatsoever is added thereto through commerce and transactions and attaineth unto the nisáb—that is, to the profits accruing therefrom. In such a case, one must act according to that which God hath ordained—unless the property pass into another's hands; for then the Huqúq attachest thereto as it did at the first. At that time the divine Right must be taken.

Beseech ye the True One, glorified be His Name, that He may graciously assist His loved ones, that all may partake of that Ocean of the divine good-pleasure which is the cause and means of the salvation of the peoples of the world, and that they may, of their own accord, practise that which leadeth to the purification and preservation of their being. The Primal Point hath declared: From the value of all things they possess, must they render the Huqúqu'lláh; yet, in view of the Most Great Bounty, We have exempted the furnishings of the house and the house that is inhabited—that is, such necessary things as are required for living.

And as to that which thou didst inquire—whether Huqúqu'lláh, the debts of the deceased, and the expenses of burial and preparation, which of these hath precedence—the ordinance of God is that the تجهيز (the costs of preparation and burial) is first; after that, the payment of debts; and thereafter the taking of the divine Right. Verily He payeth the debts of His loved ones—who, indeed, is worthier than He to do this? Verily He is the All-Fulfilling, the All-Paying, the Generous. And if the estate be not equal to the debts, then whatsoever is available, little or much, must, in accordance therewith, be apportioned.

The matter of debt is of great importance. In the Book it is written:

> "Blessed is he who ascendeth unto God, and hath no debt to any one, nor any Huqúqu'lláh or of His servants due from him."

It has been known that the Huqúqu'lláh takes precedence over all other rights; however, purely as a bounty, the Manifestation of Revelation has decreed what hath been set down in this Tablet by His life-giving and all-knowing Pen.

Regarding inheritance, that if there be no offspring, their shares revert to the House of Justice, and when any of the other categories are not present, such as father, mother, brother, sister, or teacher, whether their shares also revert to the House of Justice or are otherwise disposed—this matter hath been revealed in the Book of God. He saith, exalted be He: "Should one die and leave no offspring, their share shall revert to the House of Justice" and so forth. And: "Should one leave offspring but none of the other categories specified in the Book, two-thirds of what they leave shall revert to the offspring and the remaining third to the House of Justice." Thus hath the All-Mighty, the Most Exalted, decreed with grandeur and majesty.

If there be offspring but some or all of the other souls—father, mother, brother, sister and others—are absent, the shares of those souls shall be divided into three parts: two parts shall revert to the offspring and one part to the House of Justice. The meaning of the blessed verse is thus: one who hath offspring but none of what is below it, that is, none of what is below offspring among those specified in the Book—namely the aforementioned souls of father, mother, spouse, brother, sister and teacher—two-thirds of the shares of the aforementioned souls from what the deceased hath left shall revert to the offspring and one-third to the House of Justice. And this decree applieth whether all or some of these categories are absent.

BH04271: A Book from Us to him who hath turned…

He is the Expositor in the Kingdom of Utterance.

A Book from Us to him who hath turned and believed in God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. Look thou to naught save the Most Sublime Horizon, this Station from which the Most Great Luminary hath shone forth from the horizon of the world and speaketh:

> “Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Manifest, the Hidden, the Concealed, the Witnessed.”

Let thy remembrance and utterance be confined to the praise of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. This indeed shall endure for thee throughout the duration of the kingdom and the heavenly dominion.

We have heard thy call before and answered thee in diverse Tablets. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Loving. There have come before the Wronged One in this prison thy poetry and prose concerning God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Blessed art thou for having praised the Goal of the world whilst He was wronged among the peoples.

Hold thou fast unto Him and take firm hold of His extended cord. Know thou, moreover, that this Cause is mighty, mighty indeed. None hath comprehended it save those who have detached themselves from all that is with them for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Beloved. We beseech God to assist thee under all conditions and to aid thee to serve this Cause whereby every lofty mountain hath been scattered to dust.

This is a Day wherein none is mentioned save God alone. The All-Merciful hath foretold this in what He revealed in the Qur’an:

> “The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds.”

All things have perished and this is the countenance of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Convey Our greetings unto Our servants who have been stirred by the breezes of the love of God. They are indeed among those who have attained that which none among the worlds hath attained. The Glory of God be upon thee and upon them from God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH05001: O ʿAli-Jan! The dewdrops of revelation are ever trickling…

O ʿAli-Jan! The dewdrops of revelation are ever trickling from the leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree, yet most remain heedless thereof. The Sun of the Divine Countenance shines forth from the horizon of will, yet most turn away. The verses of the Lord descend at every moment from the heaven of merciful purpose, yet most of mankind remain veiled and remote therefrom.

God willing, thou shalt arise to serve the Cause through divine power and strength, and share with all the sealed wine that hath been unsealed by the finger of God's power, that perchance they may be freed from idle fancies and turn toward the horizon of certitude.

Praise be to the Goal of all creation that thy name was mentioned before the Throne and that which shall endure forever hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. All that thou beholdest today shall perish save that which God hath ordained for thee. In all matters be mindful of wisdom, for the people are weak. Thy Lord is verily the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Place thy trust in God—verily He is with thee and will assist thee with the truth. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Convey My greetings to thy family and to those who have held fast to the Crimson Ark. Then illumine them with the lights that have shone forth and appeared from this manifest horizon.

BH05883: In His Name, the Ever-Abiding, the Eternal, the All-Knowing…

In His Name, the Ever-Abiding, the Eternal, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! This is a Book sent down in truth from God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Through it waft the breathings of divine revelation and the fragrances of inspiration. Blessed is he who hath found it and turned himself unto the Dawning-Place of his Lord's verses, the Honored, the Bountiful.

Say: Verily, this is the sealed wine that had been hidden in such a station as none had discovered save God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Verily it is the ornament of God unto all else besides Him and the sign of His grandeur unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Verily it is the proof that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth, and the sovereign beneath whose shade have sought shelter all who are in the kingdoms of Command and creation. Blessed are they who possess understanding!

O servants of the All-Merciful! Follow what hath been sent down unto you from the One Who revealeth the verses, and draw not nigh unto them who speak from their own selves, neither follow any remote oppressor. Hasten with illumined hearts unto the station wherein the Tree beyond which there is no passing doth speak: "The Kingdom is Mine Own Self, the Dominator of the worlds!"

Thus have We bestowed upon thy heart the choice wine of life, and upon thine ears the call of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and upon thy sight My gracious Book. When thou hast attained unto it, turn thy face toward the sanctified realm of God and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds!"

BH07210: He is the Ever-Abiding, the Everlasting, the Mighty…

He is the Ever-Abiding, the Everlasting, the Mighty, the All-Wise! We have sent down the verses and expounded them in truth. He, verily, is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

We have adorned the heaven of utterance with the stars of wisdom and exposition, that haply the people may turn unto the Countenance and witness that which God hath witnessed from time immemorial—that there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Blessed is the one possessed of sight who hath turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon, and the one possessed of hearing who hath heard that which the Tongue of God, the Lord of all worlds, hath uttered, and the poor one who hath turned toward the Ocean of wealth, and the seeker who hath sought His exalted House. Verily, he who hath believed today in God and His signs hath attained unto all good, and he who hath been prevented is accounted among the lost.

O people of Baha! By God, ye have prospered in your trading. Soon shall ye find yourselves in a station that cannot be described in words nor encompassed by the descriptions of those who know. Be thankful unto God for this bounty. Verily, He is with you under all conditions and will aid you in that whereunto ye have been called by God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH07580: He is the Most Holy, beyond mention and utterance!…

He is the Most Holy, beyond mention and utterance! Exalted is the All-Merciful Who hath sent down the Bayan and given all the glad-tidings of attaining the presence of God, the Powerful, the Supreme, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The world hath been adorned with the ornament of the Ancient King, and longing hath seized all regions, yet most of the people are in manifest denial. The Word hath appeared and the Hour hath called out, and the Resurrection proclaimeth:

> “Glad tidings unto you, O concourse of the earth, in this blessed and wondrous Day!”

Awaken from the slumber of vain desire. The Lord of all beings hath come with mighty sovereignty. By God! He is verily the One through Whom the Tablets were adorned and by Whose mention every perspicuous Book was embellished.

Beware lest the clamor of the people of denial hold you back, or the words of the perverse prevent you. Cast the kingdom behind you, then turn unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Be not grieved by anything, and adorn thy tongue with remembrance and praise in celebration of thy Lord, the Lord of all names.

He maketh mention of thee from this place which hath been named once as the Prison and again as the Noble Station.

BH07716: O Muhammad-ʿAli Khan in Qazvin! Blessed art thou…

O Muhammad-ʿAli Khan in Qazvin! Blessed art thou for having adorned thy heart with the ornament of divine recognition in the days of thy Lord, the All-Merciful.

By God! This is the Day that hath become the sovereign of days in the realm of possibility, wherein the Path of God was manifested to all who are in the heavens and on earth, and the Balance was set up through this Name whereby earthquakes appeared and the sky brought forth smoke.

Those who were nurtured in learning rose up against Him Whom God made the Dawning-Place of knowledge and the Dayspring of inspiration. They clung to the sciences, heedless of the One Who is known, thus did their souls entice them. Nay! They are among the most remote of all created things—soon shall they find themselves in the lowest of stations.

Give thanks unto God for having attained unto that which was promised in the Scriptures and Tablets. Thus did the Truth speak with grace while imprisoned in the most remote of lands.

We have heard of thy turning unto God and have revealed this Tablet unto thee that thou mayest soar on the wings of certitude in the atmosphere of steadfastness and divine recognition. May the glory rest upon thee and upon those who have remained faithful to the Covenant.

BH08096: God bears witness that there is no God but…

God bears witness that there is no God but Him, the Most Exalted, the Most Great.

God willing, may you ever drink from the heavenly wine of divine knowledge and the choice nectar of the All-Merciful's love, and remain occupied with the remembrance of the One True God. Whatever exists in the visible world will perish, but whatever appears from any doer for the sake of God will remain eternal, enduring and everlasting.

Say: O God of Hosts and Sovereign of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by the Dawning-Place of Thy wisdom and the Manifestation of Thy signs to ordain for me that which will benefit me in this world and the next, and make me steadfast in Thy love amidst all created things.

Thou art the One Who, O my God, called me unto Thee and I answered through Thy grace and loving-kindness. I beseech Thee to make me in all conditions turn my gaze toward Thee and speak in Thy praise. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

BH09262: We make mention of one who has turned…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Impregnable, the Most Great!

We make mention of one who has turned to God and believed in His verses which have encompassed the worlds. Blessed is the servant who has attained unto this resplendent, gleaming Light, and woe unto him who has turned away and followed those who have denied the proof of God when He shone forth with grace upon all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Hearken thou unto My call and take the chalice of certitude in the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Then drink thereof through My remembrance, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Thus doth He Who possesseth the knowledge of all things in a perspicuous Book teach thee.

Forsake the world and all that is therein, then turn with radiant countenance toward the Most Great Scene. This sufficeth thee, as thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, doth testify.

BH09230: The Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Great!

The Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Great!

Verily the Tree maketh mention of one of its leaves, and remembereth it as a bounty from God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting, that it may be drawn by the utterance of the All-Merciful to the Most Exalted Horizon and be brought near to the Praiseworthy Station.

The Beloved hath appeared in truth, and He, verily, is the Desired One of the heavens and earth, yet most of the people know not. He calleth them, by night and by day, to the Dayspring of Inspiration, but they perceive not.

Blessed art thou, O My handmaiden, for having heard My call and turned to My countenance in recognition of My Self, when every idolatrous transgressor turned away. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this most great favor, then remember Him by this Name which God hath made the Sovereign of the unseen and the seen.

BH09460: The world hath been renewed through the appearance…

In the Name of Him Who holdeth dominion over earth and heaven

The world hath been renewed through the appearance of the Ancient King with His Most Great Name, yet the people know it not. The Hidden One hath been made manifest and informeth mankind of that which profiteth them in both this world and the next, yet most among the people know it not. The world hath been stirred by the breezes of the Ancient of Days, and the Spirit hath proclaimed in the Tablet with its most exalted call, yet most among the people understand not.

O my maidservant! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison. There is none other God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Give thanks, for My Pen hath been moved to remember thee and this tongue to speak thy name, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved. Thus hath the Dove warbled upon the boughs of eternity. Blessed is he that heareth, and woe unto them that turn away.

BH09820: In this spiritual springtime and in these days when…

In the Name of the One Speaker!

In this spiritual springtime and in these days when the breezes of the All-Merciful's mercy are wafting, the human trees must become verdant and flourishing with the leaves of goodly deeds and the fruits of spiritual qualities. The purpose of man's creation hath been the knowledge of the All-Merciful and the

observance of whatsoever hath been sent down from the heaven of His Will. O friends! Strive ye, through the grace of the Best-Beloved of the world, to achieve such deeds as will endure in both the material and spiritual realms. A goodly deed is acceptable, and a goodly word ascendeth unto God. Hearken with the ear of the spirit to the loving counsels of the Best-Beloved of the worlds. The Glory be upon you!

BH09896: God hath testified concerning His Own Self, by His…

In His Name, Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance!

God hath testified concerning His Own Self, by His Own Self, before the creation of all things, that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. He who hath heard the Call hath attained unto all good, and he who hath turned away, verily he is of the people of error.

Blessed is the people that hath taken the Book of God with a power from Him and followed that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Scriptures and Tablets.

Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for having remembered thee at the Throne and moved for thee the Most Exalted Pen while the Lord of all names was imprisoned in the hands of the wicked. Thus have We honored thee and mentioned thee in this Tablet from whose horizon hath shone the sun of wisdom and utterance.

BH09957: Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God, Lord…

He is the Most High, the Most Great!

Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God, Lord of the worlds and Educator of all who dwell in the heavens and on earth! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the fragrance of Thy mercy was wafted amongst Thy servants and the Divine Lote-Tree spoke forth Thy praise and glorification, to assist me to partake of the pure waters of Thy knowledge, through which whosoever attaineth unto them and drinketh therefrom becometh detached from the world and turneth toward the horizon of Thy Manifestation, O Thou Lord of eternity.

Then grant me, O my God, that heavenly sustenance which hath descended from the heaven of Thy bounty, that I may remember Thee among Thy servants and render thanks unto Thee within Thy dominion. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent, the Doer of whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH10167: The Divine Lote-Tree crieth out amidst all beings…

In the Name of the Mighty, the All-Wise!

The Divine Lote-Tree crieth out amidst all beings and summoneth all unto God, the Lord of the worlds. And in this night it maketh mention of one of His handmaidens that the Call might draw her nigh unto the Supreme Horizon. This verily is a mighty grace.

O my maidservant! Give thanks for having heard the Call of God and turned unto Him when every heedless doubter turned away. He maketh mention of them that have turned unto Him and aideth them through the hosts of the heavens and of the earth. Make thou mention of thy Lord in the night season and in the days with this Name through which the faces of the wretched were darkened and the faces of them that have turned unto Him were illumined.

BH10260: A mention from Our presence unto her who has…

He is the most ancient, the most great

A mention from Our presence unto her who has turned to the Qiblih of the world and has drunk the choice wine of grace from the hands of the favors of her Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, that the remembrance of God may attract her to the most exalted station, the station which God has sanctified from the touch of the ungodly.

Your mention was made in the presence of the Countenance and this perspicuous Tablet was revealed for you. Give thanks to your Lord for this bounty, with which nothing that has been created on earth can compare, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds, Beloved of the mystics, and Goal of them that seek Thee!

BH10310: 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. Whoso turneth toward the Most Exalted Horizon in this Day must needs be raised by it as banners of virtuous character throughout all regions, that through them may be manifested that which God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, hath willed. Blessed is he from whom appeareth that which bringeth tranquility to hearts and who followeth the command of his Lord in His Most Great, Most Holy Manifestation, the Mighty, the Powerful. Victory hath been ordained through remembrance and utterance. This is what every soul hath been commanded by the All-Merciful. To this testifieth every assured and discerning one.

BH10650: The Beloved of the worlds dwelleth in the Most…

In the Name of the one God!

The Beloved of the worlds dwelleth in the Most Great Prison, and thou hast recognized the value of this oppression. Know thou also, by the life of God, that oppression is most beloved.

Drink thou secretly of the Kawthar of the knowledge of the All-Merciful and recognize its value. The days of outward ascendancy shall come, but they will not possess this sweetness.

And if thou wouldst observe carefully, thou wouldst behold the greatness of the Cause together with the aforementioned condition. This is the sweetest utterance that hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed art thou for having attained unto it.

BH10855: We have read thy letter and heard thy call…

He is the All-Answering

We have read thy letter and heard thy call and have answered thee with this exalted Tablet. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Dominant over all names, to make me swayed by the breezes of Thy Will and moved by the sovereignty of Thy Purpose. Then cause me to be content with what Thou hast ordained for me through Thy bounty and grace, and steadfast in Thy Cause amidst Thy creation. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Most High, the Most Great.

BH11900: The custodianship of the Blessed House has been granted…

The custodianship of the Blessed House has been granted to the exalted leaf, the wife of the Primal Point, and her sister, upon both be My Glory of God, My Bounty and My Favor.

Before God, we have conferred this custodianship on the House and thus have We adorned it with Our Benevolence, and arrayed Our command with the evidence of His Might and Compassion.

Solely on the sister [Zahra Bagum] and her issue has this honor and favor been bestowed from the heaven of the Lord, the Giver, the Compassionate, the Bestower, the Forgiver, the Merciful.

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BH02055: A Book from Our presence unto him who desireth…

In His Name—the All-Protecting, Who watcheth over all that are in the heavens and on the earth

A Book from Our presence unto him who desireth to aid the Cause of God, when the Dayspring of Revelation came with verses the comprehension whereof hath eluded all who dwell in the world, save whomsoever God— the King, the All-Powerful, the Most High, the Most Great—hath willed.

Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Dayspring of Revelation and been attracted by the fragrances of the verses of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Say: In the name of God and by God, take thou the chalice of divine knowledge in the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and drink therefrom first, then give to drink them that dwell in the realm of possibility through this Name whereby the limbs of existence trembled and the hearts of the doubters who cast the Command of God behind their backs and followed their own idle fancies. Turn thy face with such steadfastness as will cause all faces to turn towards God, the Lord of all worlds.

Arise and say: O people! By God, the Promise hath come and He Who was promised hath appeared with such sovereignty as neither the might of princes nor the clamor of divines could withstand. He calleth the world in the Most Great Prison unto God, the King, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Say: O people! Turn not unto the world and what is therein; soon it shall perish, and that which shall endure is what hath been ordained by the Most Exalted Pen for him who hath believed in God and acknowledged His sovereignty

that overshadoweth all who are in the heavens and on earth. Say: Cast aside what ye possess and take what ye are bidden by One Who is Mighty, All-Knowing. Thus have We adorned the horizon of utterance with the light of explanation that thou mayest thank thy Lord and be of them that arise in such wise that sitting shall not hold thee back from this Cause whereby the horizon of unity was illumined and the faces of the deniers were darkened.

God willing, drink ye at all times from the fountain of divine knowledge and bestow with wisdom and utterance upon the people of the world the sealed wine whose seal hath been opened through the blessed Most Great Name. Most people you will observe to be as infants—were they given strong food at first, they would perish and never reach maturity. They must be given the milk of divine knowledge from the breast of wisdom until they attain true maturity, which is the station of the rending of veils. His mercy hath preceded all things and His grace hath encompassed the worlds. God willing, be ye cupbearers of the wine of divine knowledge among the people of the world and be ye so enkindled by the fire of the divine Tree that all regions may be ignited therefrom and attain unto the love of God and recognition of the Sun of Truth. This is not difficult for God.

All that is witnessed in the world shall perish and vanish save for deeds that are manifested today for God's sake—these shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endure.

Say: Glory be to Thee, O God, Lord of the world and Master of the nations! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name to assist me to serve Thy Cause that I may guide the servants to the shore of the ocean of Thy oneness and bring them nigh unto the Dawning-Place of detachment through Thy Name and Thy sovereignty. O my Lord! Thou art the Gracious, possessed of great bounty. Ordain for me that whereby my mention shall endure among all mentions and my spirit among all spirits. Verily Thou art the Cleaver of dawn and the Sender of winds. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Giving, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH04432: Night and day all people would beseech and supplicate…

In the name of the peerless Lord, the All-Glorious

Night and day all people would beseech and supplicate with utmost humility and imploration the Self-Sufficient, the Exalted, yearning and hoping to attain the presence of the Manifestation of the divine Revelation and the Dawning-Place of the heavenly inspiration. Yet when the Sun of Truth dawned and the heaven of bounty was raised up and the ocean of generosity appeared, all remained veiled, nay, turned away, save whom thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, willed.

However, the opposition and veiling of souls does not prevent the Truth from His all-compelling purpose and His prevailing Will. He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth whatsoever He desireth. Thus, even after the opposition and objection of kings and others, in every age the fire of the divine Tree hath enkindled the hearts of the servants, such that now in most lands the standards of His Cause are raised up. The murky waters of the objections of heedless souls cannot extinguish this fire; rather they cause it to blaze more fiercely. Verily He turneth it with oil. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful.

Blessed art thou for having turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and for having attained the days of God, the Lord of Names, and for having heard His sweetest call when every misbeliever and doubter turned away. We beseech God to assist thee to remember and praise Him and to acquaint thee with that which is hidden from all eyes. Make mention of God with wisdom and utterance, that the slumberers who are intoxicated with the wine of passion may be awakened, until they were kept back from the horizon of guidance. Thus doth the Wronged One make mention of thee while imprisoned in the hands of the wicked. Blessed is he who hath rent asunder the veils and turned toward God, the Mighty, the Bestower.

BH05024: Praise be unto the Omnipotent, Self-Subsisting One, Who through…

He is the Ever-Abiding without decline

Praise be unto the Omnipotent, Self-Subsisting One, Who through the blessed and goodly Word that dawned from the horizon of the All-Merciful Will, brought all creation from nothingness into the realm of being. This Word hath been God's balance amongst His servants and the straight path for people of insight and guidance. In one station this Word hath been called by all the most beautiful names, and in another station it hath been sanctified from all, for the Manifestation and Dawning-Place of the Word hath been the Divine Manifestation among creation. And in another station the Word itself is the Manifestation.

For this Word, which is the Pivot of the Book of God, two stations have been ordained in creation and law. The first station tells of the Manifestation of God amongst His servants, for all divine commands and prohibitions appear from Him. Whosoever turns to Him hath turned to Truth, and whosoever turns away is accounted among the turn-aways in the Book of God.

Blessed is he who today attains unto the Word of God and His Manifestation, who grasps the Most Firm Handle and turns toward the Most Exalted Horizon—he is assuredly among the sincere ones. God willing, may you, through the grace of the All-Merciful, arise with utmost effort and endeavor to exalt the Blessed Word, and set ablaze the people with the fire of the love of God.

BH06974: God willing, may you drink at all times…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

God willing, may you drink at all times from the Kawthar of the knowledge of the Lord of all beings, and becoming intoxicated with this most pure and luminous Kawthar, may you be occupied in the gathering of the world with the remembrance of the Pre-existent Lord, that perchance the heedless servants may become freed from their suppositions and idle fancies and turn toward the horizon of the inspiration of the eternal Sovereign. Praise be to God that the fragrance of the perfumed garment has been diffused and the Sun of bounty has risen. Blessed is he who has found and attained. Woe to those who remain veiled!

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O God, Lord of existence! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued all who are in the unseen and the visible, to assist me to be steadfast in all conditions, that I may be a speaker of Thy mention and praise and a herald of Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the One with power

over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Then I beseech Thee by Thy Self to ordain for me that which will profit me in the next world and in this one. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Dominant over earth and heaven. There is none other God but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the Bountiful.

BH06912: Praise be to God that, through the blessing…

He is the One Who has power over what was and what shall be

Praise be to God that, through the blessing of the Most Great Name, the Kawthar of divine knowledge is flowing and coursing throughout creation from the Fountain of the Pen of the All-Merciful. Whosoever has turned to it purely for the sake of God has attained to divine bounties and heavenly favors.

This is the Day when the supreme Touchstone has appeared and separated true from false, the felicitous from the wretched, the receptive from the hostile. How many were the divines who claimed knowledge and wisdom, yet after the Sun of knowledge and wisdom dawned, all remained veiled and even turned away, save whom thy Lord willed. This is why it was said aforetime:

> "We shall make their highest ones their lowest ones, and their lowest ones their highest ones."

Today, whosoever has attained to the recognition of God, glorified be His majesty, is reckoned among the people of divine knowledge before the All-Merciful. Apart from this none has had nor shall have any portion. He is verily the Expositor, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH07585: The entire world hath been created specifically…

In the Name of the All-Seeing, All-Knowing

The entire world hath been created specifically for the recognition of the Ancient King, and there is no doubt that His recognition cannot be attained except through recognition of the Manifestation of His signs and the Dawning-Place of His evidences, inasmuch as the Ancient Being hath ever been and will forever continue to be sanctified, in His state of absolute transcendence and loftiest exaltation, from manifestation and appearance, from ascent and descent. Therefore, whosoever hath today turned unto the Manifestation of the Divine Self and the Source of heavenly knowledge hath turned unto the Truth, and whosoever hath turned away hath turned away from God, exalted be His glory. Blessed is he who hath attained unto this most exalted station and this most sublime and resplendent horizon, and woe unto the heedless. Through the grace and favor of the Beloved of all creation, may your honor be successful at all times in attaining the supreme gift and greatest bounty, which is the recognition of the Manifestation of God's commandments. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Bestower, the Generous.

BH08637: Most of the people of the world have claimed…

In His Name, the Most Holy Above All Names

Most of the people of the world have claimed and continue to claim knowledge of the Pre-existent Lord. However, after the rending of veils and removal of clouds it became clear and evident that the diverse

parties of the world were walking in the wilderness of vain imaginings and the desert of idle fancies, remaining far and veiled from the straight path and mighty way of God. Blessed is the state of the soul who today has held fast to the cord of divine love and has drunk from the choice wine of heavenly knowledge. Such a one is indeed among the essence of creation in the sight of the Truth. Upon him be the glory of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. God willing, that honored one may be illumined by the dawning lights of the morn of inner meanings and occupied with the remembrance of the Beloved of all horizons. He is verily the Protector of whoever turns to Him and the Illuminator of the hearts of the sincere ones.

BH00519: Praise be to God Who hath uttered His Most…

In the Name of our Lord, the All-Compelling, the Most Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Praise be to God Who hath uttered His Most Exalted Word, whereupon the seas surged, the winds were stirred thereby, the mountains took flight, the trees put forth their leaves, the pebbles glorified Him, and all things spoke forth that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Bestower. Verily it is the Fire of God unto him who turned away and erred, and the Light of God unto him who turned towards Him and was guided. Blessed is he who turned unto it, attained to the knowledge thereof, and sought refuge in its presence. Verily it is the Word through which were created all who are in the heavens and the earth, and all who are in the kingdoms of authority and creation. Indeed it is the essence of proof in the realm of possibilities and the reality of evidence unto the followers of all religions. Through it the proof was perfected, the bounty completed, the heavenly table sent down, and distinction made between all created things. Exalted, exalted be its sovereignty! Exalted, exalted be its greatness! Exalted, exalted be its penetrating influence! Exalted, exalted be its power! Exalted, exalted be its dominion! Exalted, exalted be its grace! Exalted, exalted be its mercy which hath encompassed all who are in earth and heaven!

My spirit be a sacrifice unto you, O Afnan of the Blessed Tree! His honor Haji Ahmad and his honor Mirza Hasan have been honored to attain the Most Great and Most Exalted House upon their return from the Most Great and Most Resplendent House, bearing with them a letter from your honor. This ephemeral one was honored by it and attained to its contents, and presented it before His Countenance. The Tongue of Grandeur spoke concerning the mention of His Afnan in such wise as I am powerless to recount. His Self, which dominateth the world, and His Essence, which hath ascendancy over all the worlds, bear witness to this. God willing, may you be the recipient in all conditions of the special favors of the Beloved of the worlds.

As to what was written concerning the cawing of the opposers and the braying of the deniers, in all ages it hath been thus—most people are heedless and ignorant, and have placed the reins of their minds and hearts in the hands of the ignorant like themselves. Therefore they have remained deprived of all heavenly bounties and divine favors, and are unaware of it. Woe unto the leader and the led, the seeker and the sought! However, even some of the loved ones of God have not acted according to what God desired. In truth, the matter is as your honor hath written—had the loved ones of God acted according to

what God desired, most people would now be adorned with the robe of faith. Yea, by God, this is the truth in which there is no doubt!

Observe how in most Tablets all were commanded to wisdom, and all were enjoined to virtuous character, refined manners and goodly, acceptable deeds. Nevertheless, some have transgressed the bounds set by God and have become the cause of the clamor and outcry of the people. One day as I stood before the Throne, He mentioned the martyrs of that land, and repeatedly from the Most Holy Tongue—upon them be the glory of God—was heard their praise. Then He said that although they were martyred in the path of God and their martyrdom was accepted, they had somewhat exceeded the bounds of wisdom. Verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. In most cities during the past year, the friends themselves have been the cause of commotion, despite being counseled in most Tablets to observe wisdom, patience, calm, and that whereby the Cause of God, the Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, may be exalted. Among other things, the friends have been forbidden from turning towards the Most Holy Court, and an explicit prohibition hath been revealed in the Book that none should turn hither without permission. Nevertheless, there are now more travelers than emigrants in this land.

The esteemed Haji, if granted an audience, will submit that had they been focused on the Cause of God and had they seen their own wills as non-existent and as naught before the will of the Ancient King, the banners of the Cause would now be raised in all lands. Moreover, whatsoever occurs in opposition to God's Cause yields no benefit, and its harm reverts to those who perpetrate it. Furthermore, the gathering of people in this land has even brought harm to the Blessed Tree itself, as the departure from the Land of Mystery caused the friends to gather in that land. However, this word was repeatedly heard from the Tongue of Grandeur, Who said that whatever befalls the presence of the Throne becomes the cause of the exaltation of the Word of God, as has been witnessed thus far.

After arrival in this land, which is the prison, an order was issued from the source of oppression that none should meet with anyone, such that even the barber could not attend to the prisoners to shave their heads without guards present. Thus did the Desired One of all worlds not visit the bath for several months. But now it has come to pass that the friends may go to any city they wish, except for the Ancient Beauty Who remains confined to His house and associates with no one. The rest, including the Two Most Great Branches—may the spirit of all worlds be sacrificed for them both—and the other friends, may go wherever they wish, with no hindrance whatsoever. Verily, He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. He is indeed the One Who prevails over whatsoever He pleaseth. His command is effective, His decree is current, and His will hath dominated the heavens and the earth.

However, this evanescent servant has acquired a small plot outside the city and has planted therein, according to his means, various flowers and plants, that perchance it might become a greater vista and the Ancient Beauty might grace that place with His presence. But until now He hath not accepted. The command is in His hands. O my Beloved! The heart is in great combustion and the very foundations are in evident upheaval, for it is witnessed that the Holy Being for Whose servants the whole world was created dwells in the prison of His enemies and is outwardly forbidden. I fear that His honor might become saddened by the abundance of petitions submitted. In all conditions, we look to His honor's pardon.

That which was written concerning the good conduct of the loved ones of that land, that they act with wisdom and pleasing manners, brought boundless joy. God willing, may they at all times gaze toward the horizon of the Cause and act in accordance with the revealed wisdom. I swear by the Sun of Truth that if the opposing servants were to become aware of even less than a mustard seed of the stations of God's loved ones, they would assuredly circle around each one of them. Their sight hath been clouded by vain desires which have prevented them from God, the Lord of all worlds. This abasement sufficeth for the heedless souls who for years and centuries, day and night, beseeched and supplicated for the appearance of the Manifestations of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, yet when the Truth Itself appeared and the horizon of the Cause shone forth, all remained heedless, turned away and veiled, save whom God, the Lord of all worlds, willed.

This servant was exceedingly grateful and pleased with the loved ones of that land who, despite the transgressions of the oppressors, the objections of the wicked, and the clamor of the corrupt, remained patient and did not transgress beyond the wisdom they were bidden to observe. Upon them be the glory of God, His favors and His grace. That which befell your honor and the loved ones of that land is known and evident at the Most Holy Court, as hath been mentioned time and again, and it hath been said that ere long the power of the oppressors, the might of the rulers, and the dominion of the aggressors shall pass away and perish, and the Cause of God shall be seen to prevail and triumph over all.

And concerning what you wrote about some of the friends whose property was taken and who made no complaint—there would be no harm if they were to lodge a complaint with perfect propriety and wisdom, for the matter would have one of two outcomes: either they would listen or they would not. If they listened, they would have acted justly, and if they did not listen, God's proof would be complete against those souls and the oppression of the friends would become apparent and manifest. This matter would have its effect in the world itself. A word was heard from the Most Pure Tongue indicating that there is fear that an affliction greater than the afflictions of previous years may encompass the land of the opposers and deniers. It appears this affliction will come after the appearance of a sedition that will become manifest in certain lands, as can be understood from certain revealed verses.

The greetings of this evanescent servant to the loved ones of God depend on your honor's favor. God willing, all should gaze toward the Most Merciful with perfect joy and fragrance, serenity and assurance. By God, besides Whom there is none other God, all good returneth unto them and the infinite outpourings of the Lord are directed toward them. The clamor of the opposers is, as people say, like the yellow sun on the edge of roofs—its effect is visible but soon it shall pass away and perish. God willing, may they remain firm at all times and moments in the Cause of the Beloved of the worlds with complete steadfastness, and be vocal in His remembrance. What more can I say of this evanescent servant's longing and yearning to see your exalted handwriting—I hope this favor will not be withheld. My spirit be a sacrifice for your tribulations, O Afnan of the Tree of the Cause, and my soul be a sacrifice for your sorrows, O Afnan of my Beloved and the Beloved of the worlds.

Another matter to report is that the samovar and items that were with Jinab-i-Haji Ahmad arrived, and specifically they commanded that the samovar be kept for the days of the Festival so that all may drink tea from it in remembrance of the Beloved. Likewise, the rice that Jinab-i-Shaykh, upon him be the Glory

of God, sent arrived without defect. We beseech God to assist him in the Cause and draw him near to Him in all conditions, and to ordain for him that which He loves and is pleased with. Verily He is the Lord of the hereafter and the former times, there is no God but Him, the Most High, the All-Wise. The rosewater too was specifically preserved for the Festivals as commanded, and upon its arrival, after one day the Blessed Beauty made use of it. Blessed is it, that is, the rosewater and its sender.

Likewise, at a specific time, this servant gained admittance to the Most Holy Court and, on your behalf, performed the visitation, and its acceptance was uttered from the blessed tongue. Another matter to report is that from Jinab-i-Rafi' Badi', upon him be the Glory of God, a petition arrived at the Most Holy Court, as well as from other souls, but since Tablets specifically for them had previously been revealed and sent, They said that God willing, later a response would be revealed and sent. On behalf of this ephemeral servant, convey wondrous and glorious greetings to Jinab-i-Rafi', upon him be the Glory of God, and likewise to the other loved ones.

The Most Glorious Glory be upon you, O Afnan of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

The servant of God, 19 Safar 1293

BH00549: Praise be to God Who is one in His…

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

Praise be to God Who is one in His command and single in His judgment. All atoms bear witness that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been alone in His unity, exalted in His transcendence, glorified in His majesty, and unique in His singularity. He hath no partner in His sacred commandments, nor any peer in His revealed ordinances. By His sovereignty He doeth what He willeth, and by His command He ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is indeed the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

Praise be to God Who hath spoken through His mighty verses and commanded all humanity to follow that which was revealed therein, and forbidden all from following self and idle fancy. He is verily the Lord of the hereafter and of this world, the Lord of the throne on high and of the earth below. His penetrating Will and His all-encompassing Purpose have embraced all things. The armies of the world cannot frighten Him, nor can the clamor of nations dismay Him. None is to follow save that which hath been revealed in the Books and Tablets. There is none other God but Him, the Powerful, the Most Great, the Most High, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious, the Best-Beloved.

And furthermore, thy letter hath reached this evanescent servant, and I was near to soaring upon the wings of longing when I discovered therein the fragrance of the love of the Best Beloved of all worlds. I opened it and read it, and presented it before His countenance, and laid before God, the Lord of the Day of Separation, that which was contained therein. When the letter was concluded, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which indicated His grace and favors unto you, and His mercy and bounties upon you. It was as though I had, in that moment, drunk from the utterance of our Lord, the All-Merciful, that which no pen can describe. Exalted is His mercy, magnificent His favor, great His beneficence, and all-encompassing His grace. Verily, He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

God willing, through the loving-kindness of the Best-Beloved of the worlds, may ye ever gaze toward wisdom and that which will promote harmony among the loved ones. I express this in Persian that all the honored ones, the beloved ones, and the friends of the Truth may grasp the matter. Although the holy Tablets revealed from the heaven of God's Will have been sent down in both Arabic and Persian in such wise that they need no expositions from the likes of this servant, yet since certain contrary matters have been heard, it therefore becometh necessary, nay obligatory, upon this servant to set forth that which is right and proper, so that those things which cause tumult and clamor among men may not come to pass.

In most of the Tablets, the Truth, exalted be His grandeur, hath commanded all to observe wisdom and hath forbidden abominable deeds and inflammatory matters that cause strife, conflict, corruption and the perturbation of people. He hath entirely removed the decree of killing, and in the Most Holy Book, which was revealed from the holy Kingdom, He hath commanded that all should associate with the followers of all religions in the utmost spirit of joy and fragrance, that perchance those who have gone astray may turn toward the horizon of the All-Merciful and become free and delivered from darkness, error, and the desires of self and passion.

Observe ye now in what station the Cause of Truth dwelleth and in what wilderness the imaginings of men reside. I swear by the holy Being of Truth that in His most holy court there hath never been, nor is there, conflict, corruption, killing and strife, and He hath forbidden all from these abominable things. He hath even said:

> "Whoso acteth contrary to that which hath been revealed in My Book from the heaven of My Will, he is not of Me."

How then could there issue forth from the Source of the Cause, or from those related to Him, a decree of killing or aught else that hath been explicitly forbidden in the Book? We seek refuge in God from this! Again we seek refuge in God from this! May God protect us and you from such matters.

How greatly was your non-acceptance of this accepted at the Divine Throne! Today all must look to the horizon of the Cause and to that which hath been revealed in the Tablets. The words of speakers and the imaginings of the doubtful have not sufficed and will not suffice. Ye have witnessed that whenever an abominable thing occurred, it became the cause of harm to the loved ones and the veiling of weak souls. Verily His mercy hath preceded the world, His loving-kindness hath encompassed the world, and His favors have embraced the world. Blessed art thou, then blessed art thou, for having shunned this abominable matter. If the loved ones were to become aware of the power, the might, the majesty, and the all-encompassing knowledge of God, they would never speak of such matters nor engage in such deeds, for God is indeed able to accomplish whatsoever He willeth. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

The killing of an unbelieving oppressor is not permissible today, let alone anyone else. Indeed, some simple-minded souls, following their own imaginings, intend to harm any helpless person whom they suspect of opposition, and consider this as rendering victorious assistance to the Cause. Nay, by God! This was not and is not assistance to the Cause. Assistance today consists of goodly deeds, praiseworthy conduct, and unifying words—this has been and will continue to be so, as revealed and recorded in most

of the Tablets. You must surely strive with the utmost effort and care to unite hearts, bring about agreement among souls, and follow what has been revealed in the Book, so that all may dwell in one pavilion and speak with one voice. This that has been stated is what is beloved before God. He Himself suffices as a witness unto Me, He Himself suffices as a witness unto what I say, and He Himself suffices as One who knows what I say.

Jinab-i-Nazir came to the Holy Land and dwelt in its vicinity. I swear by the Sun of Truth that I never heard from him a word about the aforementioned Mirza except once when he mentioned to this servant that he hoped some favor might be shown so that he might attain to the honor of certitude. This servant presented this same request before the Throne. Moreover, the honored Kalim, may my spirit be a sacrifice for him, would mention his association and meetings with the said Mirza, and I never heard any expression of dissatisfaction from him, let alone anything else. Beyond this, respect for the owner of the place where the said Mirza resides has been necessary, as numerous Tablets were revealed for them from the heaven of divine will in successive years.

The details regarding the honored Nabil's attention to those parts was that after Nazir's departure from the Most Holy Presence to Haifa, which is located three parasangs from this land, the honored Nabil went to accompany him. Afterward, Nazir wrote a letter to this servant from there saying that it was intended here that he would take Nabil with him, requesting permission from the Source of Authority. This servant presented this, and it was said that this permission is conditional—you must observe wisdom in all conditions. This servant wrote to them accordingly as commanded, and that letter is still available.

This much I submit: causing corruption has not been and is not assistance to the Cause of God. He aids His Cause through His own Self; verily He is the Helper, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Wise. The loved ones of God are commanded to teach the Cause, which is true assistance, and the purpose of this command is that all may attain the exalted station of "whosoever quickens a soul is as though he has quickened all humanity." I request that some of the loved ones observe this servant's letter so they may become informed.

Another submission: a Tablet has been revealed from the heaven of will specifically for you and will be sent later. All who circle round the Throne, both residents and travelers, all send greetings to you. The conveying of greetings from this ephemeral one to the loved ones of that land depends upon your love. To the honored and exalted master, the honored Nabil, upon him be the Glory of God, I offer endless greetings. His mention has been and is in the prison. We hope, God willing, that he will ever remain oriented toward service to the Cause and attain to what He loves and is pleased with. The One God is witness that they have not been and will not be erased from view. We beseech God to gather us in one dwelling place and one station. Verily, He has power over all things.

As to your request for permission to attain His presence, when it was mentioned He said: The essence of the Cause today is the recognition of the Manifestation of God Himself. Praise be to God, you have attained unto this. And after that, service to the Cause, which is the mention of God, exalted and glorified be He, and the promotion of His Cause—praise be to God, you have attained unto this as well. Now strive diligently to foster unity among the loved ones of God in that place. This matter is and has ever been most beloved in the sight of the Wronged One, for unity is the cause of the exaltation of God's Cause, and

discord is other than this. We beseech God to assist thee to make mention of Him and to serve His Cause, and to ordain for thee that which shall exalt thee in truth. Verily, He is the All-Wise, the All-Knowing. The Glory be upon thee and upon the sincere loved ones of God.

The servant [of God] 19 Safar 1293

The Most Holy Branches of the Divine Lote Tree—may my spirit and the spirit of all the worlds be sacrificed for them—conveyed their most glorious and sublime greetings to you.

Regarding the matter of Aqa Mirza Muhammad-ʿAli, wherein Nabil ruled that Hadrat-i-Kalim had said such and such—would that thou hadst been present before the Throne of Revelation and heard the words of God, the Self-Subsisting, addressing the aforementioned Nabil. Among other things He said:

> "Thou hast made Kalim My partner. By God, the Self-Subsisting! If anyone were to slay one of the Branches, I would not consent to his execution. Thou hast set aside all these divine utterances and accepted the word of Kalim."

Furthermore, upon investigation it became clear that such a ruling had never been made by Jinab-i-Kalim. Should you observe anyone speaking contrary to the divine utterances revealed in the Arabic and Persian Tablets, accept it not, regardless of who they may be or what they may say, especially in matters that cause agitation and disturbance among the people. In all cases, fix your gaze upon the Cause itself, not upon what issueth from the mouths of men.

BH03128: The Supreme Pen hath, in most of the Tablets…

In the Name of the Peerless Friend

The Supreme Pen hath, in most of the Tablets, enjoined wisdom upon the loved ones of God, and hath made wisdom the very foundation. Nevertheless, some have transgressed therefrom and have caused the barking of dogs and the clamor of the masses, as you have heard. Had the accepted servants acted according to the commandments of the Lord of the Worlds, surely the fragrances of the chastisement would have encompassed the idolators and hypocrites. Although Jamal, upon Him be the Glory of God, intended to assist the Cause, yet since it occurred contrary to God's command, it became the cause of the veiling of many. Most people are weak—at the mere utterance of a word they become agitated and fearful. In this Day no helper for the Truth has been or is mightier and more powerful than wisdom. Blessed is he who has turned unto it and has held fast unto it by the command of his Lord, the Ordainer, the All-Knowing.

Strange that some souls have not yet realized that the appointed time is fixed—it neither hastens nor tarries. Today everyone must follow God's command and nothing contrary to wisdom should proceed from him. In such case, should the manifestations of tyranny and wickedness arise to shed his blood, no harm shall come to pass, for it will have occurred in the path of God, and every soul shall taste of the cup of death. And if this inevitable decree occurs for the sake of God, it is surely better and more beloved. The strong must at all times be mindful of the weak. Verily His mercy has preceded all worlds.

Blessed art thou for having fulfilled God's Covenant and held fast unto the wisdom wherewith thou wert commanded in the Books and Tablets. Gladden the loved ones in that land with divine favors and heavenly bounties. There hath befallen them what befell God's chosen ones of old. We were truly witness.

Convey My greetings unto H. Verily he is among those mentioned before the Throne. Upon him be the Glory of God, the Lord of the worlds, and upon thy other brother, and upon those who are with thee, and upon the loved ones of God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting.

BH05512: Your letter reached the Most Holy Court. May you…

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed!

Your letter reached the Most Holy Court. May you drink in all times from the cups of mystic knowledge of the All-Merciful—a drinking that none in all the world can prevent.

O Rida! Great is this Day and mighty is this Cause. I swear by the Dawning-Place of God's infinite knowledge, were people to become aware of the mysteries of this Day, they would all detach themselves from the world and all therein, and turn toward the most exalted horizon.

Be not grieved by what hath befallen you, for the world and whatsoever hath occurred and will occur therein are all transient and will pass away. But that which hath appeared from you in the path of God shall endure and remain forever. Be patient in God as the Beloved of the world was patient in this mighty prison. God willing, you should return to your homeland with perfect assurance and gladden all the loved ones with the divine utterances' fragrances.

Say: O friends! Today steadfastness is beloved, for the cawing of the crows shall be silenced as hath been revealed in the Tablets of God. You must stand firm in God's Cause with perfect steadfastness and be adorned with His virtues. Verily He is the Remembrancer, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

He hath written down for thee the reward of attaining His presence, and ordaineth for thee what He loveth and is pleased with. Thy Lord is verily the Almighty, the Bestower, the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH05856: The Most Exalted Pen declares: That which thou didst…

In the Name of the Merciful Lord.

The Most Exalted Pen declares: That which thou didst set forth in thy letter was seen. Yet strange it is that after the dawning of the Sun of Revelation, the divine proof and the testimony of the All-Merciful, thou art still bewildered and wanderest in the wilderness of perplexity. Look with fairness and ponder: if today a soul should remain deprived of this Most Great Revelation or deny it, by what proof and testimony could he establish his own faith in the previous Revelation?

By the Sun of the horizon of sanctity! If thou wouldst reflect upon the circumstances of the Sacrifice mentioned in thy letter concerning the people of Za, this same would constitute the greatest proof for thee and all peoples.

This Wronged One, from within the Most Great Prison, calleth thee with utmost kindness and summoneth thee to God, glorified and exalted be He. Know thou the value of these days and strive that thou mayest attain unto its fragrances. God willing, thou shalt drink from the chalice of certitude and fix thy gaze upon the horizon of the Cause of the Lord of the worlds.

Soon shall the world and all that is therein perish and become as naught, and that which shall endure for thee is what hath been mentioned in the Tablet, if thou knowest its station and art of them that are thankful. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH07014: Blessed is He Who hath spoken amidst the world…

He is the One dawning from His most exalted horizon

Blessed is He Who hath spoken amidst the world and caused those near unto Him to speak forth in remembrance of His Most Great Name. He, verily, is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The choice wine hath appeared and the pure water floweth, and the river of life is before the face of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, calling aloud and saying:

> "Blessed is he who hath attained in the days of God, and turned toward the horizon of His Revelation, and spoken in praise of His Self, and arose to serve His Cause, and sought refuge in His sovereignty. Woe unto him who was deprived of His sweet savors and remained far from the Kawthar of His nearness and was forbidden from the ocean of His presence. He is among the most wretched of creation, to this doth the Tongue of God, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Informed, bear witness."

Thus have We kindled the fire of utterance that through it all creation might be set ablaze, yet the people remain in manifest obscuration.

Trust thou in all conditions in the Self-Subsisting, the Most High, then thank Him for having caused to flow upon thee from the ocean of love that whereby thy remembrance shall endure through the eternity of His Best Names. He, verily, is the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

BH06973: God willing, may you be occupied at all times…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful!

God willing, may you be occupied at all times with the remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds through the bounty of the All-Merciful. The world and all that is therein shall perish and be no more, and that which endureth is the remembrance which floweth today from the Most Exalted Pen for the loved ones of God. Erelong shall all the deniers and the idolaters be brought to naught, and the Cause of God and His sovereignty shall encompass the whole earth. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O God, Lord of the world and Desire of the nations! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name to make me in all conditions turned toward Thee, speaking Thy Name, and steadfast in Thy

love, in such wise that the clamor of them that have disbelieved in Thy signs and turned away from the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation shall not hinder me. O my Lord! Ordain for me through Thy bounty and grace that which will preserve me and exalt me in this world and the world to come. Verily Thou art the Lord of all creation. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, the Most Great.

BH08105: O Ahmad! Thy name was mentioned in the presence…

In the Name of the One True God!

O Ahmad! Thy name was mentioned in the presence of this Prisoner, and the fragrance of thy love for the Best-Beloved of the worlds was inhaled. Blessed art thou for having attained, in the first days of thy life, to the recognition of the Dawning-Place of God's Revelation and the Dayspring of His firm and mighty Cause. How many of the great ones, the divines and princes, who at all times would supplicate and seek after the appearance of the Truth, and when the Most Great Luminary rose above the horizon of the world, they all remained veiled by the veils of their own idle fancies, save whom thy Lord willed. If thou wouldst ponder on this matter, thou wouldst witness the bounty of God towards thee, in that He confirmed thee in the early days in recognizing the Manifestation of His Self and the Dawning-Place of His verses. Rejoice thou and be of them that are thankful. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH08424: The Divine Word, which in one station is interpreted…

In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds!

The Divine Word, which in one station is interpreted as the Most Pure Wine, was sent time after time. However, these penetrating influences and effulgences, these attractions and intoxications, and that whereby the world and all therein are transformed—you must, God willing, remain so steadfast in the Cause of God that neither fear nor perturbation shall seize you. Walk among the people with utmost uprightness and wisdom. In such case, whatsoever may befall you will be in the path of God.

What bounty is greater than this? What grace is mightier than this? What light is more luminous than this? What glory is more glorious than this?

Praise ye the Beloved of the world, that the Supreme Pen hath once again made mention of you. Be steadfast, O people, and be not of those whom fear hath seized in the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH08420: Thy letter was presented before the Throne, and its…

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed!

Thy letter was presented before the Throne, and its heading was adorned and embellished with the crown of divine remembrance, that it might bear witness on thy behalf and testify that thou hast attained unto the days of God and been honored with the recognition of the Beloved of the world, of Whom most of the peoples are heedless. Be thou grateful unto God for this manifest grace.

The Most Exalted Pen counseleth all to observe wisdom, lest that which would cause the weak to falter be revealed. He is verily the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Blessed art thou for having voiced the praise of thy Lord and mentioned His name before the Throne, and thy Lord hath answered thee with this wondrous Tablet. Verily the glory be upon thee and upon him who moveth his pen in remembrance of God and upon him who was mentioned in thy letter.

We beseech God to aid and assist you in that which He loveth and pleaseth, and to ordain for you that which shall profit you in the world to come and in this world.

BH08720: O Jamshid! God grant that thou mayest be blessed…

In the name of God, the One!

O Jamshid! God grant that thou mayest be blessed by God's manifold bounties and drink deeply from the ocean of the knowledge of the Beloved of all the worlds. Thy letter hath reached the Most Great Prison and come to the attention of this Wronged One. The perfume of thy love was inhaled therefrom. God grant that, under all conditions, thou mayest be engaged in the remembrance of Him Who is the All-Possessing, the Most Exalted. Make thou an effort that there may appear from thee during the days of God that which will perpetuate thy name for as long as the kingdoms of earth and heaven will last. This is what thy Lord, this wronged exile, enjoineth upon thee.

Deliver My greetings to the friends in that land and bid all to rejoice by reason of the illimitable divine bestowals, for the glance of His loving-kindness is and will continue to be directed towards His true friends. May providence itself be a sacrifice for His providence, and may the essence of bounty be a ransom for His bounty. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon those who turn towards God with a sanctified heart.

BH09994: Your letter was seen. What you wrote was acceptable…

In the Name of the One Friend!

Your letter was seen. What you wrote was acceptable in the sight of God, for you sought divine good-pleasure. If you remain steadfast in this matter, you will attain to all good—not like some who claim to love God but, despite the most great prohibition, proceed to the Most Holy Court without His leave. God, exalted be His glory, ordains the reward of attaining His presence for whomsoever He wishes. Verily He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Know thou the value of the divine Word—nothing that hath been created can compare with a single word that appeareth from the ocean of His utterance. Be thou joyous and be of those who are thankful.

BH10011: Your call was heard in the Most Great Prison…

In the Name of the Lord of all worlds!

Your call was heard in the Most Great Prison and your letter attained unto the presence of the Wronged One of the world. God willing, may you remain steadfast in the Cause of God and in all times be turned toward the horizon of the All-Merciful, for the satans have been and are lying in wait.

We beseech God to protect His loved ones from the hosts of self and passion, draw them nigh unto the Most Exalted Horizon, and inspire them with that which will make them daysprings of steadfastness amidst all created things. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Blessed is the state of those souls who have today turned toward the Truth and whose mention hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Theirs shall be a goodly end.

BH10390: Thy letter was presented before the Throne and was…

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

Thy letter was presented before the Throne and was observed. God willing, thou wilt in all conditions hold fast to the divine commandments which have been sent down in the revealed Books from the Supreme Pen, for this is the cause of the life of the world and the preservation of nations. God hath forgiven thee and thy father as a bounty from His presence. Verily, He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Today ye must conduct yourselves with the utmost wisdom and act in accordance with that whereby the Cause will be exalted. Verily, He is with His chosen ones and ordaineth for them that which will profit them in this world and the next. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH00368: Praise be to God, who has singled Himself out…

He is God, exalted is He in glory and power

Praise be to God, who has singled Himself out to bear sorrows from all who dwell in the realm of possibility, and has distinguished Himself with tribulations from all that can be named as a thing in the dominions of creation. And the more afflictions increased, the more He manifested mighty signs—exalted be the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven, whom the oppression of the servants did not deter. He has arisen to establish His Cause and has spoken as He willed. He is, verily, the Ruler in the beginning and the end, and the Commander on the Day of Reckoning. Exalted be His power that has encompassed all created things; exalted be His greatness that has overcome all possibilities; exalted be His mercy that has preceded all existence. Blessed is the soul that has drunk from the Kawthar of His good-pleasure, and the face that has turned unto His face, and the tongue that has spoken His praise, and the foot that has arisen to serve His Cause, and the eye that has beheld the horizon of His bounty, and the heart from which the fragrances of His love have wafted, and the hand that has taken hold of His mighty and wondrous Book.

And then: May my soul be a sacrifice for your steadfastness, O you who have been named Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin by the tongue of God, the Creator of all things! The servant has been blessed with receiving your letter, from whose horizon shone the lights of the love of the All-Merciful. I understood its contents, and it ascended and was presented before the Desired One, and its contents were laid before Him. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which the nations are powerless to recount, how much less this evanescent servant. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist all to do what He loves and is pleased

with. There is no refuge save in Him, and no escape except unto His all-encompassing mercy that prevails over the worlds.

As for what you wrote concerning the messenger of Jinab-i-Ismu'llah Jamal, upon him be Baha'u'llah's Most Glorious Beauty, in these days he is dwelling near the divine mercy, and until now permission for return has not been issued from the Source of the Cause, and the petitions that you had sent have arrived.

One of the afflictions of God is that in most Tablets, matters that cause sedition, corruption, conflict and the clamor of the servants have been explicitly forbidden without interpretation, and likewise all have been commanded to wisdom. Both in the language of verses and in Persian the wisdom, meaning and details thereof have been revealed. Nevertheless, in most lands that which has occurred has occurred. For example, some time ago a person intended to go to the regions of Iran. This servant was himself present in the Most Holy Court when the Ancient Tongue verbally counseled him that he must conduct himself with the utmost wisdom and not speak except what God has decreed in the Tablets. Nevertheless, in these days several petitions have reached the Most Holy Court mentioning details about him that are the cause and reason for corruption, conflict and contention in the world.

Consider, for instance, that despite the explicit prohibition revealed in numerous Tablets, every day a group arrives and a group departs, and some of these souls upon returning to every city and land speak contrary to what God has commanded them. And some travelers who were not granted permission for an audience after their arrival have gone and claimed they attained His presence. Among them was one named Haydar-Ali from N-J who arrived but never attained the presence. Most of the emigrants also interceded but it was not accepted. Similarly, a person previously did not attain the presence and upon returning stole Aqa Ghulam-Ali's money and fled. It becomes evident that some souls who remain unemployed in those parts use pilgrimage as a pretext. For instance, some time ago a person arrived in the Holy Land and after being dismissed went to the outlying areas and submitted a petition to the Most Great Branch—may my spirit and being be sacrificed for the dust of His footsteps—stating that his daily expenses were such and such amount and must be provided.

Similarly another person submitted a petition asking for a stipend to be given to him. In any case, one remains astonished that these souls have not yet attained a drop from the pure water of the divine Kawthar and remain attached and clinging to their own vain imaginings. Although some also turn toward God out of love for Him, since there is an explicit prohibition in the Book it has never been and is not permissible. Each day the return of a person becomes the cause of conflicting statements, for each one speaks differently wherever they arrive, and it is impossible for all these returning souls to speak with one statement and one word. These conflicting accounts of travelers cause discord among the people of different lands. None knows the wisdom of the prohibition except the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Apart from these matters, the very gathering in this land has been and will be the cause of harm to the Blessed Tree. Now forty-five travelers are residing in this land. The purpose of these submissions is that your honor be informed of certain matters. We beseech God to guide those who claim belief to His Straight Path.

“Blessed is he, again blessed is he, in that he desired to follow the command of his Lord, Who hath desired naught for His servants save what is best for them.” According to His command, it should be given to the destitute of that land, meaning those who have no means of livelihood today. Whatever reaches this land will also be sent to that land with utmost necessity.

Regarding what you had written about Aqa Abdul-Ghani from Sh., his situation was presented. According to His command, two persons have been given permission to attain the Most Holy Presence. In these days, more than two souls are not permitted, given the number of people already present here. Convey greetings on behalf of this evanescent servant to them. Let them engage in their work with the utmost joy and fragrance, or return to their homeland.

Concerning what you wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa Abdul-Karim, it was presented before the Most Holy Presence. He said:

> “We have accepted his pilgrimage. Let him return to Iran. Another visit is not permitted.”

Regarding the question about the mithqal, what is meant is the Bayanic mithqal which is nineteen nukhuds, and likewise regarding the months, the Bayanic month is intended.

Concerning the question whether the residence and special clothing, in the absence of male offspring, should revert to the House of Justice or be distributed like other properties, this is what was revealed in answer from God, the Mighty, the Bestower: Two-thirds of the house and special clothing revert to the female offspring, and one-third to the House of Justice, which God has made the treasury of the nation.

The question was also asked about the ruling for one whose death or killing is reported—whether it must be proven by the testimony of two just witnesses or by common knowledge. It should be clarified whether the two just witnesses must have seen with their own eyes, or if their certain knowledge and testimony suffices. The answer is that certain knowledge suffices.

Regarding the question about someone claiming a debt from another without witnesses or documentation, what is God’s ordinance in such cases? This is what was revealed from the heaven of God’s will: O Zaynu’l-Muqarrabin, claims of people are established by three things: by valid documentation, or by two just witnesses, or by the oath which settles and resolves it.

Your letter dated the 25th of Muharram arrived after completing the response to your previous letter, and achieved the honor of being received. Praise be to God that the fragrance of grace continuously reaches this evanescent servant, and the soul derives pleasure from it.

Regarding what you wrote about Haji Kazim, permission for him and Jinab-i-Aqa Abdul-Hussein was granted from the horizon of grace some time ago. God willing, news of this has reached you by now.

Concerning what you wrote about Aqa Ali of Khorramabad, it was presented before the Most Holy Presence. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

> "God willing, may they ever remain steadfast in God's Cause through the Merciful One's grace, and soar in the heaven of understanding on the wings of certitude. Verily, He remembers those who remember Him. Thy Lord is indeed the Compassionate, the Merciful."

Concerning Aqa ʿAli Muhammad from Shiraz, of whom thou didst write, this is what was revealed in reply: O Ali before Muhammad! This is the prison land—it behooveth not any seeker to enter therein. Hold fast to the cord of contentment, for this is better for thee than all that hath been created on earth. To this beareth witness the Lord of Names in this glorious station. The harm that hath befallen the root of the Tree in diverse lands hath been due to the gathering of the friends. Otherwise, God, exalted and glorified be He, hath loved His loved ones, and all have been and shall ever remain beneath His merciful glance.

Concerning Ali-Akbar from the land of Nishapur, of whom thou didst write, it was submitted before His presence. His blessed and exalted Word: O Ali-Akbar! Verily the Lord of Power from the Most Sublime Vision calleth thee and saith: Blessed art thou for having believed in God, the Lord of the worlds. We have accepted thy turning unto God. Return to thy home with joy and fragrance, then make mention of this Wronged One, the Prisoner. Grieve not for that from which thou wert forbidden. Verily thy Lord is the All-Wise, the All-Knowing Ordainer. God willing, return with utmost joy and delight and be content with God's good-pleasure. This is better than the visitation of those who have turned without permission from God. To this testify all atoms, yet most people are among the heedless.

As for what thou didst write concerning Mirza Yusuf, it was submitted. His word, exalted be His majesty: O Yusuf! We have heard thy call and witnessed thy turning to God, the Lord of the heavens and earth, and the Lord of all things visible and invisible. We have commanded all to wisdom and forbidden them from turning toward the Prison, lest there arise the clamor of those who have disbelieved in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Thou must return with the utmost joy and delight and convey to all the command of prohibition, that none may move from their place without permission. In most Tablets, turning to this direction hath been forbidden. Were the consummate wisdom concealed in this prohibition to be mentioned, all would be content with God's good-pleasure and grateful for His prohibition. The love of God hath taken precedence and shall continue to do so. As thou observest, at all times He is occupied with the mention of God's friends. Ye must return, perfumed with the fragrances of the All-Merciful, and summon all to wisdom, which is the foundation of the Cause.

Any matter that appeareth from anyone without wisdom shall not be acceptable. God hath commanded all souls in the holy Tablets to teach the Cause, but with wisdom and utterance. All must look to the Tablets, not to sayings. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Bountiful. Matters that cause corruption, conflict and contention have never been and are not beloved. Today is the day of goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. Blessed is he who is adorned with My attributes, who speaketh that which hath been revealed in My Tablets, and who acteth according to what hath been commanded in My Holy and Luminous Book. Blessed art thou, for My Most Exalted Pen hath moved to make mention of thee. Preserve this station, then act according to what thy Lord, the Manifest, the All-Informed, hath commanded thee.

The petitions of Mirza Karim Khan have attained the Most Holy Court, and the petitions of Ali-Akbar—let any who intendeth to depart send them.

Regarding what was written concerning Muhammad Husaynavi, it was submitted before the Most Mighty and Most Holy presence. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

O Muhammad! Be not grieved at anything. Rejoice in thy Lord for He hath forgiven thee and will give thee better than what was taken from thee. Be thou assured and be of the thankful ones. Verily thy Lord giveth to whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He pleaseth. Nothing can prevent His command and He is verily the Powerful, the Almighty, the Omnipotent. Convey My greetings to the loved ones of God in Iraq. Say: Rejoice with the Most Great Joy and hold fast unto wisdom in all conditions. He is verily the True Counsellor, the Faithful One.

As to what was asked about whether the Arabic months are determined by the sighting of the moon or whether one can act according to what is specified in the calendar—acting according to the calendar is permissible.

Furthermore, regarding what was asked about the limit of travel for those who fast—the limit has been set at nine hours. If a traveler arrives in a place and intends to stay, it is permissible to fast for three days, but not before; thereafter he may fast. If he arrives in his hometown and it is during the days of fasting, he must fast. If a traveler has been traveling during the days of fasting, he need not make up for what he missed—that is, he need not fast in compensation. God hath pardoned him as a bounty from His presence. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Bountiful. The divine purpose from His wondrous favors is that all should act upon His commandments with joy and fragrance and hold fast to His laws.

And concerning what you wrote about the testimony of two just witnesses—they are souls who are known in every city for their piety and trustworthiness.

BH01123: Praise be to God Who hath spoken through…

In His Name, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

Praise be to God Who hath spoken through the sovereignty of His Will in the Kingdom of utterance, whereupon all contingent beings were thunderstruck and the pillars of all religions trembled, except for those who cast away vain imaginings and turned unto the All-Merciful. These are accounted as the people of Baha by the Pen of God, the Lord of all names. Upon them pray the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the cities of names, both morn and eventide. Praise be to God Who hath manifested His Hidden Name, whereby the horizon of Revelation hath shone forth and the Dove hath warbled upon the Divine Lote-Tree. By God! This is the Day wherein the earth hath been cleft asunder and the heaven hath been rent in twain, whereupon the mystics fled and the learned were thunderstruck—they who clung to the hem of vain desire and held fast to the cord of tyranny and transgression.

These are indeed accounted among the wayward in the sight of God, the Cleaver of the heavens. Praise be to God Who hath sent down from His holy Kingdom His Most Holy Book and made it the Dayspring of guidance unto all creation. Blessed is he who hath taken hold of it with the power that proceedeth from Him, and woe betide him who hath turned away from that which hath been sent down therein from His Most Exalted Pen.

Thereafter, We have received your letter from which wafted the fragrance of your love for our Beloved and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and on earth. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist you ever in serving His Cause and to gladden you through His remembrance. In these days when the clamor of the people is raised high and the consuming flames of the might of those in authority are evident, the true station of the friends of God must needs be made manifest among men. Strange indeed that some of the people of that land have been observed to be fearful and disturbed, although all assuredly know that manifest death shall overtake all and none can escape it. This being the case, if one should be blessed with achieving the supreme martyrdom in the path of God, it is certainly better and more beloved than to surrender one's soul on a sickbed afflicted with various loathsome ailments.

Today must every soul conduct himself in accordance with the divine verses revealed in the glorious Tablets, meaning that no act contrary to wisdom should proceed from him, and that he should remain mindful in all conditions of the divine wisdom wherewith he is commanded, letting no corruption or contention be manifested from him. Under such circumstances, should any wrong befall him, it hath been and shall be in the path of God. I swear by the Sun of Revelation that this station hath no equal. Should someone sacrifice a hundred thousand lives for this station, it would still not be worthy of it.

The purpose is that all the friends should remain steadfast through the power and might of God, and be adorned with goodly deeds and praiseworthy character, and not be disturbed by the clamor of the heedless. God willing, you should ever remind the friends of God that they may all be united in complete harmony and agreement upon the universal Word of the Lord.

As to what you wrote concerning the friends from Eshtehard and Kaleh-Dareh, requesting me to convey their greetings to the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence—at a special time, I presented everyone's greetings before the Divine Throne. The Sun of Favor rose from the horizon of grace regarding all. His words, exalted be His glory: "O friends! Praise be to God that through the grace of the Beloved of the worlds, you have drunk from the wine of divine knowledge and utterance, and have turned toward the supreme horizon, the dawning-place of the Lord of Names. Know ye the value of this bounty and be thankful in all conditions. Be not saddened by the events of this fleeting world, the opposition of heedless souls, and the clamor of those possessed of vain knowledge. By My life! Soon all shall perish and vanish, and the banners of divine victory shall be raised in all directions. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

Walk with utmost wisdom and hold fast to the divine commandments. Drink consecutively and successively from the cups of the favors of the Lord of creation, and offer them to those who are ready, despite those who have denied the verses of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. You have always been and continue to be in Our sight. What is beloved today is steadfastness, unity, and acting in accordance with what hath been sent down in the Tablets of wisdom and all else. God willing, may all be immersed in the ocean of contentment and hold fast to the sure handle. Verily, He is with those who have fulfilled God's Covenant and His pledge, and who have followed what was revealed in His mighty, powerful and wondrous Book."

And regarding what was written that Mashadi Ali Akbar sends his greetings and mentions that the old love should not be forgotten—it has never been forgotten and never shall be. And concerning what was mentioned about the elimination of differences—this word truly brought joy to the heart, for discord is

the cause and reason for the waste of God's Cause among His servants. We implore God, exalted be His glory, with utmost humility and supplication, to adorn all with the ornament of unity and cause them to utter the blessed words "There is none other God but He." I remember all the friends and masters of the land of A, Q, and K. All should be grateful with utmost joy, for they are mentioned in the Greatest Scene and are honored with divine favors. The petition that was submitted to the Divine Throne was presented, adorned with the sun of God's verses, and sent. God willing, may they attain unto it. The Glory be upon you.

The servant, End of Rabi'u'th-Thani 1293

BH00278: Praise be to God—sanctified above all mention and praise…

Section 1: "He is the Most Holy, the Most Great…"

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Inaccessible, the Most High, the All-Glorious.

Praise be to God—sanctified above all mention and praise, and exalted beyond whatsoever tongue can utter, or the pen of any created thing can trace—Who hath caused His Most Exalted Horizon to appear through His Most Glorious Name, and hath summoned all unto Him by His sweetest call, wherewith they that are endued with understanding have been drawn, and they that abide upon the thrones of the names have been attracted. Exalted is His majesty, encompassing His power; preceded is His mercy, consummated His proof, perfected His bounty. He hath ever abode in the loftiness of His Essence and the sublimity of His Attributes, aloof from all beside Him and sanctified from aught else. He hath spoken His Most Great Word and made it the Balance of justice for all that are in earth and heaven. Blessed are they that have turned unto Him and attained unto that wherefrom most men have been withheld; and woe betide him who hath turned away and been deprived of God, the Lord of the world to come and of this world.

And I invoke blessings and offer magnification upon them who, in this day, speak His Most Excellent Names and utter that which hath been revealed in the Tablets from His Most Exalted Pen. These are they that are of the people of Baha in the sight of God, the Lord of Names.

My soul be a sacrifice for Thy love! It has been some time since we received news from you, although every soul who departed from here for that direction was given the trouble of carrying successive and consecutive letters, until two letters from you arrived. In truth it was joyous and gladdening news. After reading and learning of its contents, it was presented to the Most Holy Court and all was submitted. He said:

> "Your companion did not act according to divine counsels, inasmuch as he had ever heard from the tongue of this Wronged One that one must associate and converse with all people with the utmost love, kindness and patience, and must proceed with the teaching of the Cause with perfect wisdom. Yet in gatherings and assemblies he spoke other than what God permitted and became a cause of discord. In all the Tablets We have commanded the people to love and unity, for discord in this day is the cause of the wastage of God's Cause. God willing, you will succeed in rectifying whatever discord hath appeared and will draw all to the

divine word in the city of oneness, that perchance the breezes of detachment and fellowship may waft from the cities of hearts and dispel the dark and turbid airs."

Verily He is the Commander, the Almighty, the All-Knowing.

Some petitions were presented to the Most Holy Court containing complaints about Nabil. Some of what these souls reported was in accordance with fact. Therefore, one day Nabil was summoned and the Tongue of Grandeur spoke to him directly with sufficient and healing words. Thereafter he became agitated and sent a petition to the Most Holy Court wherein he expressed repentance, remorse and boundless powerlessness. In truth, his intention in every circumstance had been to promote the Cause. Whatever he had done and said, he had considered to be in the best interests of the Cause. However, this evanescent servant is perplexed as to how it is possible that after the revelation of Tablets, firm ordinances and recorded commandments, one such as he would not act according to the requirements of individuals, gatherings and assemblies, and would be heedless of the wisdom revealed in the Tablets. However, God has pardoned him as a token of His grace. Verily He is the Pardoner, the Forgiving.

There are many actions which, though outwardly appearing to promote the Cause, yet being contrary to the command of God, have not and will never yield fruit. For example, His honor Aqa Jamal, upon him be all the most glorious Glory of God, arose with utmost steadfastness to serve the Cause of God and nothing appeared from him that would harm God's Cause. However, since his actions deviated from the revealed wisdom, the Supreme Pen hesitated to endorse what he had done. For today all are commanded to observe wisdom and are forbidden from that which causes tumult and corruption. God willing, you should strive with utmost effort to remove the differences that have arisen, for differences among the loved ones of God today cause the joy of enemies from various nations and result in harm to the Cause. We beseech God to assist His loved ones to achieve love and unity, love and unity, love and unity.

Observe that in most Tablets the decree of wisdom has been revealed, and whoever attained the presence of the Ancient Beauty was explicitly commanded by Him to observe wisdom. Despite these firm decrees and established commands, many of the friends in most lands have acted without wisdom, thereby causing the cawing of the ravens and the outcry of the deniers to be raised, leading to the perturbation and veiling of weak souls. Whatever occurs contrary to God's command, even if it be pure good, will yield no fruit; rather, evil will result from it.

Regarding what was mentioned about His honor Haji Ahmad, upon him be the Glory of God, it is correct. Indeed, Nabil acted without wisdom. The ruling about the water-pipe was not revealed in the Kitab-i-Aqdas. God, exalted be His grandeur, in view of His consummate wisdom and protection of His servants, did not issue any decree in this matter so that the friends of God would not be afflicted. Only this much was heard from the blessed tongue: that children should be trained so they do not become addicted to it from the beginning. Beyond this blessed word nothing was heard. Today all are commanded to act according to the Kitab-i-Aqdas, and even then not in ways that would cause elaboration and public clamor. In all cases wisdom must be observed. We beseech God to protect us, preserve us, and aid us to serve His firm and mighty Cause.

No recent news has occurred in this land except that travelers continue to arrive without permission. At present, forty-five persons are here in addition to the early emigrants who were here before. A few of these souls came with permission, but the rest without it. They heeded not the divine prohibition and act according to their own fancy. We beseech for them the grace of obedience, submission and contentment. Due to the press of affairs, this servant has not had opportunity to attend to the small plot, but whenever we gather there, mention of you is made. We beseech God to unite us and you therein.

Concerning what was written about Mirza Muhammad-ʿAli, praise be to God he has turned to the Truth and shows tenderness whenever the Truth is mentioned. We beseech God to confirm him and adorn him with that which is beloved today, that he may arise to serve the Cause with perfect steadfastness. By the Sun of the horizon of inner meanings, if any soul today would reflect upon what has appeared and view the divine Tablets with the eye of fairness, he would assuredly become illumined with the lights of faith, detached from all else. God willing, may He not deprive any from the ocean of His mercy. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

Regarding what was written about the souls who turned to the Lord of Lords after your departure, the names of all were presented before the Most Holy Court. He showed favor to all of them, but due to the gathering of travelers and press of occupation, there was no opportunity for Tablets to be revealed specifically for each one, as all these travelers have come with petitions requiring answers. And you know that the Most Great Branch (may my spirit be a sacrifice for the dust of His footsteps) must write these Tablets, therefore their dispatch has been delayed this time. Hereafter the matter is in His hands.

Concerning what was written about Rida (upon him be the Glory of God), that his condition these days is good and he has shown love to you—excellent is what he has done, and all should act likewise. I beseech God to confirm him in all conditions, and assuredly divine confirmations have been and will be directed toward him. He too must conduct himself with perfect wisdom, for this is God's decree and both hidden and manifest effects will surely result therefrom. Verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Section 2: "That which you had written was received through…"

That which you had written was received through Haji, that is Aba-Badi', upon him be the Glory of God. You must, on behalf of this evanescent servant, convey greetings to all the friends of that land and say: O beloved friends of the contingent world! This is the Day when the sweet-scented spiritual breeze is wafting from the luminous garment of the Lord, and the Holy Spirit, with utmost delicacy and grace, is in motion and vibration. Turn your hearts that you may find it, and incline your ears that you may hear its sweet melody. That which is lost by any soul today cannot be compensated for in centuries and ages to come. Be gathered together like the ring of a signet, occupied with the remembrance of the Friend, that you may receive the living waters of knowledge from the hand of bounty and drink thereof in gatherings free from strangers, and cause others to drink, lest the envious, the slanderers and the deniers become aware. They must lift their gaze from all else save God and fix it upon the Truth, for should they attain to this station, the unpleasant things of the world and the veils of the people of error will neither sadden them nor keep them from God.

This servant summons all to the most great steadfastness, for in most of the Tablets, both before and after, He hath given tidings of the cawing of the crows and the like thereof. All must be so firm in the Cause of God that neither the might of the world nor the combined forces of the nations may disturb them or cause them to waver. Say: Blessed are ye, O people of Baha, for ye have attained unto the Most Exalted Horizon and the Most Luminous and Pure Fountain. By God's life! There hath been ordained for you in God's Kingdom that which no eye hath seen nor ear heard. Were God to reveal but a hair's breadth thereof to the people of the earth, they would surely destroy themselves in regret for having been deprived of that glorious and impregnable station.

And concerning what was written about your having prevented some travelers, there is a saying among the common folk that goes,

> "Thank God they bled him, otherwise who knows what would have happened."

O my master! Beseech God that He may enable all to obey His Cause.

Concerning what you wrote about Aqa Shaykh-ʿAli, he wrote a detailed letter to this servant, and this servant wrote him a detailed reply. God willing, may we—this servant, he, and others—become enabled to act according to divine good-pleasure. In the Kitab-i-Aqdas, all have been commanded to engage in an occupation. Today, everyone who claims to love God must be engaged in some work. Whoever you observe to be idle, you should, through kind counsels and good advice, encourage them to work and earn. The good of all souls lies in this, and since it has been revealed by the Supreme Pen, its fruits will surely become manifest. If the friends of God had acted upon what was revealed, no discord would ever have occurred, for all were commanded to humility, submissiveness, resignation, contentment, love, trustworthiness, religiosity, kindness, truthfulness and sincerity. This servant, with utmost supplication and lamentation, clings to the hem of the robe of grace, that He may raise up souls who will be dawning-places of detachment and daysprings of trustworthiness and sincerity, and who will, with perfect kindness, purely for the sake of God, invite the weak among mankind and lead them to the ocean of grace.

This servant was greatly affected by your letter, for what you wrote corresponds to reality and truth. Had visitors and seekers conducted themselves as they ought to have done, the fragrance of holiness would surely have perfumed the entire world. But what was destined has come to pass. It behooves us to hold fast to the cord of His favors and beseech Him to manifest in His kingdom that which befits His days. He is, verily, the Mighty, the Powerful.

As for what you wrote in praise of Aqa Mirza ʿA.B., upon him be the Glory of God, I beseech and implore God, exalted be His grandeur, to grant him complete success. In previous years a Tablet was specifically revealed for him, and this servant was writing in His presence when a passage was observed in that Tablet which convinced this servant that he would attain to glory and power.

Regarding what you wrote about Jinab-i-ʿA.B. Nur, upon him be the Glory of God, may he be assisted and successful in all conditions and become firm and steadfast in the Cause of God. He was mentioned in the Most Holy Court, and it is indeed exactly as you wrote—that he has shown forth with perfect love, eagerness and longing. He was mentioned before, that is, before he declared his acceptance. This servant

sends greetings to him, and some of the names that were sent with Jinab-i-Haji and Jinab-i-Nabil have been received.

Furthermore, your willow-musk arrived, though sadly it was willow without musk. In truth, you took great pains, and this servant deeply regretted that such expense was wasted—that is, apparently wasted. However, I hope that, God willing, its hidden sweet fragrance will become manifest, for in His presence He said it would become well, and this surely is due to your pure intention. May I be a sacrifice unto you! From the abundance of writing the pen cries "O help!", yet the heart is not content to cease writing and cries "O longing!" According to His command, the new Mosaic leaf should be preserved in the House, that is, should remain in your keeping.

I hope that, God willing, news of your well-being will arrive continuously and successively. One letter sent through the post from the direction of Erzurum arrived safely at its destination, but since you and my brother were not in Tabriz at that time, no reply was sent. Let it be known that that writing arrived. A firm arrangement can be made henceforth for the post to arrive, and if this can be accomplished it would be most excellent, for if news from the Most Holy Court arrives continuously, it will be the cause of the revival of souls. Furthermore, someone has requested a black Najafi cloak—if one can be found there, please send one. Likewise, some saffron. We beseech God for your preservation, protection, meeting and presence. Verily, He is the Fulfiller of the needs of all seekers.

Convey exalted greetings to my honored master, my brother, as well as his son and other relatives, dependent upon His grace. Each of the circumambulators offers pure devotion and greetings too sacred for mention or description to your presence. The Glory be upon you, then the Spirit be upon you. Regarding the request that a Tablet be specially granted to Aqa Mirza Muhammad-ʿAli, a most wondrous and impregnable Tablet has been revealed from the heaven of the All-Merciful Will concerning him and has been sent, that his eyes may be solaced thereby, his heart gladdened, and he may arise to serve his Lord. Convey greetings to him on behalf of this servant.

The servant, In Jumada I, 1293

In these days take note of the Suriy-i-Ra'is. Turmoil and upheaval have seized all regions to such extent that three souls in the great city have perished from fear, and dominion has passed from the hand of the sovereign. After studying that divine Tablet, it becomes clear what has transpired. Surely some news has reached you. Likewise in the Kitab-i-Aqdas, regarding the great city, He says, exalted be His glory: "O Spot that art situate on the shores of the two seas" to His exalted words "We testify that He is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful, the Omniscient, the All-Informed." Would that that Surih had been given to him beforehand, that he might have become aware and made preparation for these days. But he was heedless and the matter was decreed in truth. Verily, He is the Decree-Maker, the All-Knowing.

BH04621: Praise be to God Who shone forth…

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

Praise be to God Who shone forth with the luminary of His grace in the world of oneness, whereupon appeared the Primal Point, and manifested it through four lines. Through one line He created the realm of

divinity and through another the kingdom of might, until the four worlds were completed. The first letter that told of these was indeed the standing Alif', and when it revolved around itself, the letter Kaf' appeared, from which He created the greater world and then the lesser world. Exalted is the Lord of Power, through Whom the sun was eclipsed and the moon darkened, and every stone and clod proclaimed that there is no God but Him, the Omnipotent, Who has ever been self-subsisting through the self-subsistence of His Essence over all created things, and all-prevailing through the dominion of His Self over all contingent beings.

When He desired to separate and distinguish, to gather and endear, He spoke the Most Great Word, whereupon all things were set in motion, each kind was joined with its kind, each thing hastened to its horizon, each form to its station and origin, and each spirit to its dawning-place. This indeed is the Most Great Balance that hath been set up among men, whereby every soul is reckoned without being aware within itself, and all things are gathered without perceiving it within their essence. Exalted, exalted is the Fashioner of all things out of nothing through His power. Exalted, exalted is the Creator of names out of nothingness through His will.

He created the Most Exalted Pen and taught it what no earthly knowledge can encompass. At times there flowed from it the Water of Life, whereby He quickened whomsoever He willed among the people of creation, and at other times He caused it to yield the sweetest melody, whereby were attracted the dwellers of the cities of names and those who abide in the Most Exalted Paradise.

Sanctified and exalted is our Most Glorious Lord above any mention, description or praise, through Whom earthquakes seized all the tribes of the earth, and those in earth and heaven were thunderstruck, the idols of vain desire were shattered, and the pillars of the divines were shaken—those who cast behind them the Preserved Tablet and clung to idle fancies and vain imaginings. By God's life! They are the idols, though people perceive it not, and they are vain imaginings, though the people understand it not. Through them the Fountain of Divine Presence was barred and the Ocean of Reunion was veiled. These are the most great veils. Blessed is the one who is strong enough to rend them, powerful enough to tear them, and steadfast enough to remove them. Such a one is among the most exalted of creation before God, the Lord of Names, and is indeed established upon the Crimson Ark. Upon him be the glory of God and the glory of the Concourse on High, who remember God in all conditions. There is no God but our Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Help in Peril.

Thereafter, while the servant was occupied with the revelation of verses and enkindled with the fire of the love of God, the Lord of Names and Attributes, one of the friends entered with a letter. When it reached the servant's hand and I opened it, I discovered from it the fragrance of the roses of inner meanings. Then I read it and became aware of what was contained therein regarding your mention of our Beloved and the Beloved of all the worlds. By thy life! Thy letter brought me such joy that I am unable to describe, for I recognized from it thy rising to serve the Cause and thy utterance for the sake of God, the Lord of all worlds. I presented it at a special time before the Throne and submitted its contents, whereupon from the horizon of the grace of the Lord of creation, the sun of loving-kindness shone forth and the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which I cannot recount. And afterward in Persian they said:

> "God willing, through the loving-kindness of the All-Merciful, may they bestow eternal life upon the heedless souls from the Kawthar of recognition of the Lord of Oneness and may they be occupied with service to the Cause."

Praise be to God that thou art remembered in the Most Great Prison and art honored and privileged with divine favors. And regarding what thou didst write about arriving in Astarabad and proceeding to the home of Mirza ʿAbdu'r-Rahman—blessed is he for having honored thy dwelling purely for the sake of thy Lord. We beseech God to protect him and make him steadfast in the Cause whose greatness God hath testified to, and to grant him the good of this world and the next. In truth, the mere fact that they have been honored with the privilege of faith, have drunk the living waters, and have been mentioned before the Presence means they have attained all good things and blessings. Blessed is he, again blessed is he!

And regarding what thou didst write mentioning Mirza ʿAbbas and Aqa Muhammad-Taqi Aqa and others—their names were presented, and this is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke:

> "We love those who have turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and have directed themselves toward God, the Creator of earth and heaven. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to grant them the sweetness of His remembrance and to strengthen them in steadfastness in His Cause, that there may appear from them that whereby their names shall endure in His Kingdom and His Dominion. Verily He is the Powerful One, Whose sovereignty all in the heavens and earth have acknowledged."

And regarding what was written about Ibn-i-Shin, God willing he has been and will continue to be protected. This servant submits that whoever today attains the honor of recognizing the Beloved of the worlds, all honor and good is directed toward him, and if at times there is some delay, this too is in accordance with divine wisdom—they should not be saddened by it, for they are under the glance of God's loving-kindness and His infinite favors will surely encompass them. Especially regarding Ibn-i-Shin, I swear by the Sun of the heaven of divine grace that such favor has been shown him that its mention shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endure. However, the friends must be mindful of such souls, for excessive association with the likes of these may cause disturbance among some. Since all are commanded to wisdom today, they must therefore be mindful in these matters. And whatever they have given him, there is no harm in that—verily the Generous One gives generously what He possesses. Indeed, boundless generosity was manifested from that person. We beseech God to grant thee double what thou hast given in His path.

As to what you wrote concerning Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Ali, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, that he has arrived in the land of Jadhba and Tabas, and according to what has been reported from him that he is commissioned with a special mission—this servant was greatly astonished, for in all the divine Tablets, conflict, contention and corruption have been forbidden and all have been commanded to wisdom, as you yourself have heard from the blessed tongue during times of attendance. This servant submits only this much: that nothing except teaching, and that too with the wisdom revealed in the Tablets, has been or ever will be acceptable before God. By the life of the Beloved! This is the truth, and after truth there is naught but error. Today all are commanded to sanctification, detachment, goodly words, righteous deeds and pleasing utterances. The heedless people must, God willing, be invited to the

choice wine of wisdom and utterance at the horizon of the All-Merciful. Repeatedly this servant was present before His countenance when He would counsel Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Ali to wisdom and to that which would draw near the hearts of those who were far removed.

As to what you wrote concerning the cawing of the crows—this matter was revealed in the divine Tablets during the days of migration from Iraq, and likewise in the Land of Mystery, and likewise in the Most Great Prison. All have been informed that the cawing of crows shall be raised and the birds of night shall be stirred to motion. And it is very clear that what is meant has been and will be the false claimants and heedless souls who summon the servants to Satan. This matter has been announced to most of the friends so that all might become aware and avoid such souls. And in your Tablet this matter was revealed that you should inform the loved ones. And likewise in most Tablets to Jinab-i-Ism-i-Ha, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, in the land of Sad and in the land of Ya and other countries, specific persons have been informed.

As to what you wrote concerning Jinab-i-Mulla Zaynu'l-ʿAbidin, it was submitted. This is what shone forth from the horizon of utterance: O Rahim! Such as he who has ascended to the kingdom of knowledge and been illumined by the lights of the Muhammadan Sun—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him—must detect the fragrance of the garment which today is diffused throughout the world and distinguish it from aught else. Convey greetings from this Wronged One, and since his mention was made in the Most Great Prison, this itself is evidence of his turning to God, the Lord of the worlds. One must not make turning to the Truth contingent upon anything save what God has revealed in His clear and decisive Book. If for an hour, for the sake of God, they would reflect upon the Sun of the Cause which has appeared from the horizon of the divine Will, they would surely consider as non-existent all who are in the world and would turn to the Object of worship. In this case the grace of God would encompass their condition and whatsoever is good for them would be ordained by the Pen of Destiny. Verily thy Lord guides whom He willeth to the straight path.

As to what thou didst mention regarding Mulla Hasan, it was said—and His word is the truth:

> "O Hasan! Be not troubled, but be thou assured and turn to God, the Lord of the worlds. Deprive not thyself of the fragrances of the days of God. Seize thou this opportunity and be of them that have attained. Give thanks that thou wast mentioned in the Prison before the Wronged One, and that this wondrous remembrance was sent down for thee."

Although this station is not apparent today owing to mankind's lack of capacity, by Him Who hath caused me to speak the truth, all the treasures of the earth cannot compare with this remembrance, for that which appeareth from the presence of God endureth forever, while all else is transient and perishable.

Reflect upon the days of the dawning of the Muhammadan Sun, may the spirit of all be a sacrifice unto Him, and upon the heedlessness, rejection and neglect of the divines, men of letters and leaders, and likewise upon the appearance of Christ and the cause of the objections of the Jewish divines and the people of that time, that the truth may become manifest unto thee. God willing, thou shalt grasp the Kawthar of inner meanings with the hand of certitude and drink thereof in the name of God. Truth hath never been, nor shall ever be, confused with aught else. The vain imaginings of men have held them back

from the Lord of creation. Rend asunder the veils of glory through the name of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, that ye may attain unto your goal. This is not difficult for God.

And as to what thou didst mention regarding Shaykh Ibrahim, this is what was revealed for him: O Shaykh! Strive thou that thou mayest not be deprived of the outpourings of this Day and that thou mayest attain unto that which is recorded in the divine Books and sacred Scriptures. On this day neither knowledge, nor mystic insight, nor piety, nor righteousness, nor seclusion shall be of any avail. For instance, if a soul should today be learned in all branches of knowledge yet fail to recognize Him Who is the Known, no benefit from that knowledge shall ever reach him; and if one should be unlettered yet attain unto the recognition of the Truth, no harm shall come to him from his lack of learning.

Consider the past: the divines of that age turned away in the early years from the Day-Star of the heaven of inner meaning, while Abu-Dharr, who was but a shepherd, attained to the recognition of the Faith and partook of the pure wine from the hand of the All-Possessing Lord of Destiny. It would be a pity for souls such as thyself to remain deprived of the breezes of the All-Merciful and shut out from the horizon of grace. Reflect at last upon how this Wronged One, though all the rulers and leaders and most of the people have turned away from Him, calleth out at the top of His voice, detached from all else, at the midmost heart of the world, summoning all mankind unto the Truth. If one would but look with fairness upon this matter alone, the Truth would become as manifest as the sun. If anyone should deny this Cause, to what could he cling, and what hem could he grasp? This is a Day whereon it behooveth every soul, upon hearing the Call, to turn towards and respond to his Lord in this most holy, mighty and wondrous Revelation.

Another matter: convey from this evanescent servant sublime greetings to the friends of God and them that have turned unto the horizon of the All-Merciful, who have drunk from the Kawthar of steadfastness and are turned unto the countenance of God, and likewise to Aqa Mulla Muhammad-ʿAli who was mentioned in thy letter. God willing, may they all abide beneath the tree of divine oneness and drink at all times from the Kawthar of mystic knowledge. The glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have turned, detached from the world and all that is therein, with their hearts toward the court of God, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved.

The servant, In the month of Jamadiyu'l-Avval 1293

BH00900: This is a Book sent down by the All-Merciful…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

This is a Book sent down by the All-Merciful to all who dwell within the realm of possibility, that they might arise from the slumber of vain desire and turn towards the Supreme Horizon which hath been illumined by this Name, through which the Divine Lote-Tree hath spoken forth from the crimson spot, that there is no God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The ocean of divine knowledge hath surged in the days of the All-Merciful, and all things have voiced the praise of the Lord of Names, yet the people remain in a strange sleep. We have sent down the verses and made manifest the clear proofs in such wise that the very atoms have been attracted by them, yet the people remain in doubt and

dissension. Say: This is the Day wherein sight is confounded, the moon is darkened, and the mountains are made to pass away, for the horizon of Glory hath been illumined with the lights of Beauty, and the Desired One hath come from the heaven of utterance with majesty and grandeur.

Thou knowest, O God of the world and Lord of nations, Who hath been made manifest through the Most Great Name, that I have not been remiss in proclaiming Thy Cause. I summoned the people to the ocean of Thy gifts and the horizon of Thy favors even whilst bound in chains and fetters, whereby We caused all created things to hear the shrill voice of Thy Most Exalted Pen and revealed unto them that which the dwellers of the cities of names were powerless to recount. There remained no sovereign but I called him unto Thee and made known to him the horizon of Thy Revelation and the Dayspring of Thy power, no sage but We showed him the surging waves of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the manifestations of the Sun of Thy wisdom, no poor one but We guided him to the heaven of Thy riches, no thirsty one but We showed him the Kawthar of life in Thy days, no mystic but We imparted to him the signs of Thy knowledge, and no servant but We called him with utmost compassion to the horizons of Thy bounty, grace and generosity.

Thou knowest, O my God, that My Pen hath never ceased by night or by day, but was ever in motion in all conditions to make mention of Thee and sing Thy praise, until the horizons were filled with the manifestations of Thy sovereignty and might, and the signs of Thy grandeur and exaltation. How many nights did Thy servants rest while the Countenance of Glory stood in service to Thee, speaking Thy praise. In all that proceeded from Me, I desired naught save the sanctification of Thine Essence and the detachment of Thy Self from all images and similitudes, and the raising of the standards of Thy remembrance upon the peaks and hills.

Thou dost witness and behold, O my God, how the heart of Thy hidden, treasured, and manifest Name hath melted because of those who claim faith in Thy Self yet perpetrate that which causeth Thy Cause to be lost among Thy creatures. Thou didst command them, O my God, in Thy Scriptures and Tablets, to act with propriety and with the wisdom which Thou madest the foundation of utterance among Thy creatures and the essence of exposition for those who have turned to the Dawning-Place of Thy Cause. Among them are those who have transgressed Thy bounds and spoken that which was forbidden in Thy Book. O Lord! Aid them to immerse themselves in the ocean of Thy good-pleasure and to act in accordance with Thy commandments through Thy grace and favors. Then gather them, O my God, upon the shore of the sea of Thy oneness, then grant them the Kawthar of love and unity in Thy days, then assist them to serve and obey Thee, and make them dawning-places of wisdom and manifestations of trustworthiness, that there might appear from them that which befitteth their turning unto the horizon of Thy revelation. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

I beseech Thee, O my God, by the fire of Thy beauty and the light of Thy reunion, to ordain for Thy loved ones that which will draw them nigh unto the horizon of Thy good-pleasure and bring them to the ocean of Thy bounty. O Lord! Leave them not to themselves and their desires. Remind them in all conditions and at all times of that which hath been sent down from the heaven of Thy Will of the signs of Thy power, and of the clear tokens that have shone forth from the horizon of Thy might. By Thy glory! O Beloved of the

hearts of the mystics and Goal of the hearts of the sincere ones! The thirst of my heart can be quenched only by the water of Thy remembrance and the remembrance of Thy loved ones, and my soul findeth no rest save through the verses of Thy unity and the manifestations of Thy detachment.

I beseech Thee, O Sovereign of the Messengers and Ordainer of Ways, to preserve those who have turned unto Thee from the promptings of self and passion, that they may turn wholly toward Thy most exalted horizon. Then create in their hearts that which will make them united in Thy Cause and detached from all else but Thee, that they may speak among Thy servants of Thy remembrance and praise, and act according to that which they have been commanded in Thy Book. O Lord! Make known to them the conditions of Thy days and that which Thou hast ordained for them through Thy bounty and favors. Verily, Thou art He Whose mercy hath preceded all existence, both seen and unseen. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

Hear thou the Call from the upraised Tree on the luminous Spot: "There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Wondrous!" Thou didst turn to the Dayspring of thy Lord's verses until thou didst attain the presence of the Throne and didst hear the voice of the Wronged One in this mighty Fortress. Give thanks unto God for having drawn nigh, attained His presence, and drunk the choice wine of utterance from the hands of the bounty of thy Lord, the Munificent, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The appointed time hath passed and the decree of return hath come. Return thou, by leave of the All-Merciful, with joy and fragrance, then remind the people of what hath been revealed in the Tablet, that perchance they may be awakened by God's call and arise to that which hath escaped them in this resplendent and radiant Day.

We have commanded the servants to observe the Most Great Trustworthiness, yet they sport in the pastures of treachery; We have enjoined upon them in most of Our Tablets righteousness and godliness, yet they wander in the valley of their desires; We have called them to the ocean of life, yet they hasten to the pond; We have forbidden them to turn towards the precincts of the Throne, yet they turn and care not; We have commanded them in the Scriptures and Tablets to wisdom and utterance, yet they act according to their own passions—nay, they perceive not; We have enjoined upon them love and unity, yet they differ at all times, except those who have cast away their desires and what they possess, and have followed the command of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. These are the people of Baha among earth and heaven, upon whom the Concourse on High and the tongue of grandeur and glory in this praiseworthy station do send their blessings.

Convey My greetings to My loved ones who have fulfilled My Covenant, followed My laws, borne hardships in My path, and remained steadfast in My Cause, the unassailable, the mighty, the wise. Say: Be ye united in the Cause of God, then help it through such mention as will cause every hesitant one to hasten unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Beware lest the utterances of the ignorant sadden you or the commands of the oppressors frighten you. Hold fast unto that which is good in all circumstances, and commit not that which would cause the clamor of the idolaters to be raised. Put your trust in God; verily He will help you with truth. For every matter He hath ordained a time in His perspicuous Book. Cast differences behind you and unite in God's Cause, then do that which ye have been commanded by One wise and knowing. May the glory rest upon thee and upon those who are illumined by the Lamp which God hath lit betwixt the heavens and the earth.

BH01105: O thou who gazest upon the countenance of God…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the Most Generous

O thou who gazest upon the countenance of God, exalted and glorified be He! In most of His Tablets He hath enjoined wisdom upon His loved ones. Nevertheless, certain souls who claim attachment to the Truth speak of that which God hath not permitted. Although the triumph of God's Cause in this Revelation hath been through praiseworthy conduct, goodly attributes, wisdom and utterance, yet some have perverted the meaning of triumph according to their own desires. The triumph of the Cause hath never been, nor shall it ever be, through disputation, contention, conflict and corruption. God is quit of those who speak of their own accord and bid men to do what they themselves have been forbidden in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The triumph of Truth and the propagation of His Cause have been and shall ever be through wisdom and utterance, and utterance must needs be proportioned to the capacity of each soul. Say: O friends! It hath been revealed and sent down aforetime from the Supreme Pen that ye should scatter the seeds of divine wisdom and understanding in pure and goodly soil. Ye are spiritual physicians and true sages. Men are afflicted with the maladies of ignorance and unwisdom. The ailment of each one must needs be determined, and then treatment administered with the healing remedy of the Most Great Name according to his capacity and measure.

For instance, should one speak at the outset concerning Divinity to one of the followers of the Qur'an who is afflicted with the malady of vain imaginings and whose highest understanding is confined to the station of leadership and guardianship, he would surely perish, for he hath failed to comprehend the meaning of the Qur'anic verses concerning the Day of Resurrection and the appearance of Truth from the heaven of the Will of the Lord of Unity, nay, he hath not even caught their fragrance. Therefore, at first one must speak with him according to his capacity until he advanceth from the stage of childhood to the station of maturity and becometh able to bear the Most Exalted Word that hath shone forth from the Dayspring of the Will of the Lord of Names.

I swear by the Sun of the horizon of My sanctity! The harm and trials inflicted upon this Wronged One by the rulers, divines and peoples of the earth have never concerned Me. Rather, what has caused grief and affliction are the deeds that have been manifested by those who claim to love the Truth. Certain souls have turned towards the Most Holy Court without permission, and upon returning have spoken according to their own desires, attributing these to the Truth. Thus have some seekers become veiled by the deeds of others.

God has commanded all to be known for righteousness, religion, trustworthiness, truthfulness, purity, humanity and faithfulness. Nevertheless, they have acted with the utmost cunning and deceit in appropriating people's wealth. Some have entered various lands declaring that the property of others is permissible for the friends to take and that the law of the Book has been abrogated. We seek refuge in God from such rejected utterances and abhorrent deeds!

The people of truth have no attachment or concern for their own wealth, let alone allowing their pure hands to be sullied with the property of other peoples. No one's property is lawful unto another. Whosoever has today drunk from the waters of sanctity and turned towards the horizon of divine revelation must not stain his radiant hem with the dust of treachery. He who departs from this station has made mention of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High a snare for his own desires. Say: O My loved ones! Shun him and his like. Thus doth this momentous announcement inform you. Such harm hath touched My station that the Most Exalted Pen is occupied with these words. Weep then for My hurt and tribulation, O thou who gazest upon My countenance and speaketh My praise!

Say: The friends of God must be manifestations of divine wealth and contentment. The fragrance of sanctification and detachment must at all times waft from them for the purification of the world's peoples, that every possessor of smell may discover from them what they find not from others. Blessed is he who hath heard the call of the Wronged One and followed what he was commanded in this mighty Tablet.

God's forbearance hath caused some to become heedless, for whenever anyone outwardly proclaimed their faith, the outpourings of the ocean of grace were bestowed upon them, and later whatever appeared from them contrary to God's good-pleasure was veiled. This forbearance and concealment became the cause of their heedlessness and boldness, to such extent that they considered God unaware and negligent. Say: Nay, by God! He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge and with Him is a guarded tablet.

Much unwisdom hath appeared and continueth to appear from the loved ones. You must, according to your capacity, make the divine friends aware, that all may become informed of wisdom, teaching, and those matters that lead to the exaltation of the Cause.

Thy letter was previously received and We heard from it thy call to the Lord of the worlds and found from it the fragrance of thy sincerity and ardor in the love of God, the Lord of the knowing. Verily, thou hast a station with the Throne. Be thankful unto God for this great bounty. We have sent down this Tablet for thee that thou mayest inform the people of its contents, that perchance they may arise to fulfill what they were commanded in the Book of God, the Most Holy, the Sanctified, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

Convey My greetings to My loved ones who have been blessed by the breaths of My Pen and illumined by the lamp of My providence shining upon the worlds. Glory be upon thee and upon those with thee who hearken unto what thou speaketh concerning the Cause of God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH01717: God willing, may you, through the grace…

In the name of God, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing!

God willing, may you, through the grace of the Beloved of all creation, be in all times the Bearer of the sealed wine and the Guardian of the Hidden Word, Who speaks among the world and summons the peoples unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Countless glances of grace have been and will be vouchsafed unto you. To this bear witness your heart, your soul, your tongue, your sight, your hearing, and that which the Pen of God hath set in motion in His holy and all-encompassing Tablets to all who are in the heavens

and on earth. Draw hearts and souls to the utterances of your Lord and illumine the horizons with the lights of His shining and radiant countenance.

We complain unto you of those who claim to have faith yet commit that which tears asunder the veil of the sanctity of the Cause among the servants. They are indeed among the heedless ones.

O My Nabil! We have commanded all the loved ones to unity, harmony, love and fellowship, and likewise hath the Supreme Pen, from God, the Lord of Names, enjoined upon all goodly deeds and praiseworthy conduct. Nevertheless, there hath appeared from some that which causeth the Pen to be ashamed to mention. You must strive with complete effort in the education of souls and their refinement and improvement, dispensing to each according to their capacity from the Kawthar of divine knowledge. Most eyes have been weakened by the ophthalmia of vain imaginings and are not capable of beholding at first the world-illumining Sun. Therefore these weak eyes must be treated with the kohl of divine knowledge which is in truth the supreme remedy for healing the world's ills, that they may become worthy to behold the Most Exalted Horizon and capable of hearing the words "Verily I am God."

The dark clouds of desire have veiled the horizon of guidance, but God shall soon disperse them in truth. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty. Though the ocean of utterance surgeth with its waves and the horizon of proof shineth with the light of knowledge, you witness the people, in what state they are and to what matters they cling. They have taken certain ignorant ones to be learned, and by the command and permission of those heedless souls have remained deprived and forbidden from the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness. Blessed is the strong one who rendeth asunder the veils through the name of his Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower.

O Nabil! Kindle the fire of My Word amongst My servants. By My life! It is a light by which the horizons of My kingdom and the hearts of My servants who are prevented therefrom today through following the ignorant ones shall be illumined. Though the divines of the age have become veils between Truth and creation, soon shall all confess their own loss and speak in praise of the loved ones of God. Should all the world unite with utmost striving and effort to extinguish the light of God and quench the fire of the divine Word, they shall prove powerless and shall find themselves impotent. God shall cause them and what they possess to perish, and there shall endure what He hath ordained for His loved ones who have held fast to His mighty cord and followed His straight path.

Let not what was mentioned in Our presence escape your notice. Speak such words as will cause the souls to be attracted and enkindled. Be not grieved by certain matters—their rectification rests with God. Be assured and be of the thankful ones. Convey My greetings to all the friends. Tell them: This is the day of assistance and this is the day of deeds, for whatever is missed by anyone today can never be regained. Blessed is he who forsaketh that which perisheth and turneth unto that which endureth. Upon you be the Glory, and upon those with you who have believed in God and followed what they were commanded in His mighty Tablet.

BH01881: The Supreme Pen hath, in the prison of ʻAkka…

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing!

The Supreme Pen hath, in the prison of ʿAkka, turned towards the loved ones in the land of Kha, that is, those souls who have been adorned with the new raiment, who are turned towards the horizon of oneness, and who revolve, through their essential, original motion, around the Will of God. Although this motion is mentioned as opposed to rest, yet it is sanctified from ascent and descent, and is exalted above vacillation and the comprehension of them that are bounded by limitations. Its effect is witnessed to be swifter than lightning and more penetrating than the winds. Nay, it is the cause and source of the appearance of the winds. These winds, if they be not mixed with carnal desires, will cause the effect of spring to appear in the realities of existence; otherwise, the effect of autumn will be manifest.

The source of this motion appeareth from the manifestations of the motion of the Primal Point, which in one station hath been interpreted as the First Mystery, the First Ornament, and the White Pearl, and from it the Fire of Oneness surgeth forth from the Blessed Tree, and the substance of burning is witnessed and concealed in all things. Exalted be God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting, Who hath created that which all who are in the kingdom of earth and heaven have been powerless to know! Those souls who today hold fast to the divine commandments and act according to that which they have been bidden—We testify that they are the ones who move by the Will of God and they are the achievers of that which the Mighty, the Generous, hath desired for them.

The time foreordained unto the peoples and kindreds of the earth is now come. The promises of God, as recorded in the holy Scriptures, have all been fulfilled. Out of Zion hath gone forth the Law of God, and Jerusalem, and the hills and land thereof, are filled with the glory of His Revelation. Happy is the man that pondereth in his heart that which hath been revealed in the Books of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Meditate upon this, O ye beloved of God, and let your ears be attentive unto His Word, so that ye may, by His grace and mercy, drink your fill from the crystal waters of constancy, and become as steadfast and immovable as the mountain in His Cause.

In the Book of Isaiah it is written: “Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of His majesty.” No man that meditateth upon this verse can fail to recognize the greatness of this Cause, or doubt the exalted character of this Day—the Day of God Himself. This same verse is followed by these words: “And the Lord alone shall be exalted in that Day.” This is the Day which the Pen of the Most High hath glorified in all the holy Scriptures. There is no verse in them that doth not declare the glory of His holy Name, and no Book that doth not testify unto the loftiness of this most exalted theme. Were We to make mention of all that hath been revealed in these heavenly Books and holy Scriptures concerning this Revelation, this Tablet would assume impossible dimensions. It is incumbent, in this Day, upon every man to place his whole trust in the manifold bounties of God, and arise to disseminate, with the utmost wisdom, the verities of His Cause. Then, and only then, will the whole earth be enveloped with the morning light of His Revelation.

O Pen! Make mention of him who attained the presence of the Throne and heard the call of this wronged exile. Verily, We have mentioned him and do mention him in this Tablet, that it may be a treasure and honor for him in the Kingdom of his Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Then make mention of his brother who attained unto this station and entered beneath the shadow of the mercy of his Lord, the Generous. Then of him who attained the presence aforetime, submissive and humble before the Command of God,

the Lord of the worlds. We beseech God to assist all to recognize the Dawning-Place of His Cause and to draw them nigh unto the horizon of His Revelation, and to ordain for them that which He hath ordained for His chosen ones. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH01998: This is a letter from the Dawning-Place…

In the Name of the Kind Lord.

This is a letter from the Dawning-Place of the All-Merciful to the oppressed ones in the land of Zanjan. By My life! The heavens have wept at what hath befallen you, and the thunder hath lamented at what ye have suffered of harm and tribulation in the path of God, the Lord of all names. Ye are they who have been tried because of your belief in God, the Creator of the heavens. Grieve not; be patient. Your rewards are with your Lord—ye shall soon behold them in truth. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Observe those who every year lament and wail over the oppression of the Prince of Martyrs—may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake—and His companions, and who curse the oppressors, while they themselves have manifested such tyranny that the oppression of former tyrants is as pure nothingness in comparison. In truth, they curse themselves and perceive it not. The sources of oppression today are the divines of the age, who have turned away from the truth and clung to their own idle fancies. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of divine unity that in former ages too, such souls were the cause of oppression, for through the decrees of heedless souls, the Manifestations of the glory of divine oneness have drunk the cup of martyrdom.

The soldiers who fought against the Prince of Martyrs were certain individuals who would fast three months every year, recite the Qur'an day and night, and never miss congregational prayers. Among them was ʿUmar Sa'd, who wore a cloak and turban, and who, immediately after the martyrdom of the Prince of Martyrs, led the congregational prayer which all followed. And Shimr Dhi'l-Jawshan was among the judges and divines, and his asceticism reached such a degree that he would clear thorns from the path lest they hurt the foot of any Muslim. Despite such asceticism, he dealt with the Treasury of Divine Knowledge and the Recipient of heavenly revelation as he dealt. Verily the Pen lamenteth and weepeth at what was wrought against Him by these oppressors who cast certitude behind their backs and followed the vain imaginings of every remote divine.

That which hath befallen you, though outwardly it appeareth as vengeance, hath been pure bounty and will prove to be sheer mercy. The might and power of the oppressors shall soon be brought to naught and shall vanish, while the reward of your deeds shall endure forever in the Kingdom of the Lord of Names. The oppression of the world and its sedition and corruption have been and shall be from the ignorant ones who are known as divines. This grace sufficeth you, that the Most Exalted Pen maketh mention of you with such mention as shall endure and remain forever and ever.

Praise be to God that through divine bounty and heavenly favor ye have drunk of the choice sealed wine and turned toward the dawning-place of the Countenance of the Self-Subsisting, and in the recognition of God have outstripped most of the peoples of the world. Your mention is renowned in the Concourse on

High and your deeds are recorded by the Most Exalted Pen. Ye should occupy yourselves with the remembrance of God in complete joy and gladness and fix your gaze upon His horizon. The glory and the spirit rest upon you and upon the handmaidens of God who have stood firm in His Cause and have won the recognition of His Self, the Protector of the worlds.

BH02089: All servants have been created for the knowledge…

In the Name of the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing!

All servants have been created for the knowledge of God, and those who have today turned towards the Most Holy Court and the Most Great Name are commanded to teach the Cause of God. Among the conditions for teaching set forth in the Book of God is wisdom; therefore one must speak to each soul according to their capacity, so that through the hands of training of the true physicians they may attain the station of maturity.

Blessed art thou for having succeeded in teaching the Cause of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Again, blessed art thou for having spoken in praise of thy Lord and borne hardships in the path of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We were with thee when thou didst speak from this noble station. Be thou assured of God's grace; verily He sufficeth thee in truth. He is the Protector of those who remember Him.

We make mention of thy father. We testify that he ascended unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. At the time of his ascension the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Cities of Names welcomed him. How glorious is this mighty, exalted station! Blessed is he who draweth nigh unto him and visiteth him after his passing, saying:

> "Glory be upon thee, O thou through whom the horizon of faith was illumined and through whom those near unto God turned towards the Lord of all that was and shall be. I testify that thou didst drink the choice wine of life in the days of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, that thou didst teach His Cause and speak His praise, the Mighty, the Beloved. Thou art he whom neither the idle fancies of the divines, nor the power of rulers, nor the clamor of those who turned away from this praiseworthy station could deter."

Draw thou nigh unto his grave and be thou the first to visit him. Then recite what hath been revealed in this hidden Tablet. We have mentioned him in numerous Tablets. Verily thy Lord is the Helper, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Loving.

Convey the greetings of this Wronged One to all the friends in that land, that all may be gladdened by the sweet savors of the favors of the Dayspring of Divine verses. Say: Today it behooveth everyone to fix their gaze upon the horizon of the Cause and that which appeareth from His presence, and to occupy themselves with the refinement of their own souls, that all may be adorned with the ornament of trustworthiness, religiosity, truthfulness, purity, goodly deeds and whatsoever God hath revealed in the Book. Certain heedless souls have attributed themselves to the Truth and have become the cause of dissipating the Cause of God, having abandoned what is known and called people to that which is rejected. Say: O friends! Today pure words and sincere deeds are beloved, for aught else shall not ascend

to the heaven of acceptance and hath been and shall ever be rejected. Say: O loved ones of God! Shun ye those who claim faith and attribute themselves to God while committing that which causeth all things to lament and the limbs of all names to tremble. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Under all conditions your honor must be vigilant over the Cause of God, lest the pure in heart be deprived of the straight path through the deception of some. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the wine of steadfastness. He is indeed among the most exalted of creation before the Truth, as attested by My Most Exalted Pen in this Clear Tablet. And the Glory rest upon thee and upon My loved ones in that place who have stood firm in this wondrous Cause.

BH02148: The drops of divine inspiration have trickled…

In the name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

The drops of divine inspiration 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 Ashraf! Thy letter was present before the Most Great Scene and was the object of the attention of the Lord of Destiny. Praise be to God that thou hast drunk from the Salsabil of the utterance of the All-Merciful and art occupied with the mention of God amongst the people. We have recognized the fire of thy love and heard thy call. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing. Blessed art thou for having fulfilled the Covenant of God and His Testament, and for having chosen for thyself the service of this Great Announcement, whereby the limbs of the world have quaked, the nations have been convulsed, and the feet of the mystics have slipped. God willing, thou shalt at all times stand firm in the assistance of His Cause and be vocal in His remembrance—an utterance that silence cannot overtake, and a standing that no sitting can follow.

However, in all conditions ye must observe wisdom and summon the people with pure wisdom, for they are weak and heedless of the Dawning-Place of Divine Revelation and the Dayspring of the Lord's Manifestation. If they witness something whose reality they fail to comprehend, they will surely avoid it. In such case the work of teaching would be impeded.

For example, the Blessed Birth occurred in Muharram—thus did God exalt it in truth and make it one of the festivals for His servants. Now if someone in Islamic lands were to outwardly observe the conditions of a festival during the month of Muharram, this would surely be contrary to wisdom, for most people are unaware of the blessedness of that day and what was born therein, and would suppose that the cause and reason for the festival was—God forbid—enmity towards the Prince of Martyrs, upon him be the most glorious of all glory. For they are ignorant and know not that the Dawning-Place of verses and the Manifestation of clear proofs hath appeared and speaketh. Moreover, they are heedless of the traditions that they themselves consider authentic, such as the saying of the Prince of Martyrs—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for his sake—that after the Qa'im, One bearing the name Qayyum shall appear and all the Prophets and chosen ones shall gather beneath His shadow.

In brief, they are unaware of the Resurrection, the Day of God, and what hath appeared therein as revealed in the Qur'an and previous Books. They are intoxicated with the wine of passion and have turned

away from the horizon of guidance. Woe unto them and unto those who follow them without clear proof or Book!

In view of God's past mercy and the all-encompassing grace and favors of the Lord, ye should call all people with wisdom so that the attachments of existence may, through the wisdom and training of God's friends, attain to the station of "Blessed be God, the best of creators." Convey greetings from this Wronged One to all the friends and set them all ablaze with the fire kindled in the Blessed Tree, and adorn them with the ornament of unity and harmony and with that which God hath ordained in the Tablets.

Verily, the Glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned toward the Countenance after the passing away of all things. He is, verily, the Lord of Names and the Creator of the heavens. There is no God but Him, the Expositor, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH02197: O people of Sansgar! The Most Exalted Pen…

In the Name of Him Who is the Goal of all the worlds!

O people of Sansgar! The Most Exalted Pen in the prison of Akka hath turned toward you and is occupied with your remembrance. This is naught but His infinite bounty. God willing, may ye be enkindled with the fire of the divine Lote-Tree and manifest such enkindlement as to ignite the hearts of the servants and souls in all lands. The clouds of idle fancies and vain imaginings of heedless souls have become an obstacle, preventing eyes from beholding the Sun of Truth. Beseech ye the True One, exalted be His glory, that through His complete power and prevailing will He may dispel them. Soon shall they be dispelled through His sovereignty. Verily He is the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

Today all must turn to the Truth and strive that some service may be rendered by them, for these days have no peer or likeness. Whosoever hath recognized God must, through the breath of the All-Merciful which is in truth the most great trumpet and the cause of life in the world, quicken dead souls and guide them to the shores of the ocean of knowledge. Fix not your gaze upon the world and what is therein, for all shall perish. Strive ye that deeds and actions may appear from you whose traces shall be eternal and everlasting.

The Most Holy Book hath been sent down from the holy divine Kingdom. All must act according to it. By the Educator of all being, I swear that the living waters are concealed within it and the breeze of the All-Merciful wafteth from it. Blessed are they who have clung unto it and held fast to it, who gather together in utmost joy and exultation to mention and praise the Word of God which gladdeneth hearts and quickeneth bodies, and who conduct themselves with wisdom, for corruption and contention have never been and never shall be praiseworthy. His mercy hath preceded all and His bounty hath encompassed all. His loved ones must appear with praiseworthy character and goodly attributes, and call the people to the horizon of grace with the utmost kindliness. Verily He guideth whom He willeth unto His straight path.

Rejoice in that ye have been mentioned by My Most Exalted Pen. By My life, nothing that hath been created in earth or heaven can equal it. The Lord of Names beareth witness to this, did ye but know. Let not the doings of men grieve you. Drink ye the choice wine of joy from the hand of the bounty of Him

Who is the Dawning-Place of Revelation. This indeed is a manifest grace. Verily those who have believed today are, in the sight of God, the Lord of the worlds, among the denizens of Paradise.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O God, Lord of the nations and Educator of the world! We beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name, Who chose afflictions in Thy path and imprisonment in the most desolate of lands through His calling the people unto the Manifestation of Thyself, to make us among those who have stood firm in Thy Cause and arisen to serve Thee. Then ordain for us what shall profit us in all Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Bestower, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH02346: Hearken in the Persian tongue to the call…

In the Name of the Most Holy, the Most Great, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

Hearken in the Persian tongue to the call of the Wronged One of the horizons. The whole world hath been created for the knowledge of God, and His knowledge is dependent upon the knowledge of the Manifestation of His Self and the Dawning-Place of His Revelation, inasmuch as that sanctified Being hath ever been, and will forever remain, sanctified from appearance and emergence, and exalted above ascent and descent. All the most beautiful names and most exalted attributes refer back to the Dawning-Place of God's Cause, for He is the Manifestation of God amidst creation. Whoso hath known Him hath known God, and whoso hath turned away from Him hath turned away from God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

Whenever the Sun of Truth hath risen from the horizon of divine Will, all people have arisen in opposition and protest, save those souls who have rent asunder the veils of idle fancies with the fingers of certitude and have turned toward the manifest horizon. Today all must fix their gaze upon the horizon of the Cause, for if they turn to aught else besides Him and what proceedeth from His presence, they shall be veiled from the Truth and deprived of the fragrances of the days of God.

Consider the appearance of the Luminary of Truth from the horizon of Hijaz. In the early years, all the divines, men of letters and nobles united in complete opposition to shed His pure blood, yet after His Cause was exalted, a great multitude turned toward the divine horizon of revelation and the dawning-place of celestial light. However, some did so with complete submission and harmony, while others with the utmost duplicity and hypocrisy, as is recorded in detail in the books.

The purpose of this utterance is that certain souls who attribute themselves to the Truth, while soaring with the wings of self and desire, are not and have never been of the Truth. That honored one should remind all the loved ones of the divine virtues and heavenly commandments, that all may act according to what God hath willed and be adorned with the ornament of love, unity, friendship and concord.

Say: O people! Dispute not concerning the Cause of God. Follow that which ye have been commanded in the perspicuous Book. Beware lest the deeds of those who claim to believe should deter you. He who transgresseth My bounds is not of Me, except he repent and return unto God, the Forgiving, the Generous.

Verily, I rejoice in what thou hast mentioned before the Throne, and this wondrous Tablet hath been revealed for thee. Those who are heedless this day are indeed wandering in the wilderness of error. Say: Take ye the cup of steadfastness and assurance in the name of your Lord, the All-Merciful, then drink therefrom in spite of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds. Thus have We sent down the verses as a grace from Our presence upon thee, that thou mayest thank thy Lord and be of those who are firmly rooted. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH02595: The ocean of true knowledge streaming from the dayspring…

In the Name of the All-Knowing Expounder.

The ocean of true knowledge streaming from the dayspring of the mouth of the Will of Him Who is the All-Merciful hath revealed its splendour in the form of these words. The clouds of the idle fancies of the ignorant have made dark and gloomy the world's luminous horizon; while the tyranny of the rulers hath rendered turbid the clear fount of tranquillity. Yet the day is approaching when the Divine decrees will have penetrated these intervening veils, and dissipated these various impediments and obstacles.

Say: O friends! What need is there for consternation, what cause for fear? Never hath there been, nor is there now, any doubt that all who are endowed with spirit shall one day be overtaken, and seized upon, by death. Such being the case, if this death be converted into martyrdom, and take place in the path of God, it would assuredly be preferable. Every intelligent and thinking person will testify that this station hath ever been, and ever shall be, the loftiest of all stations.

All men are commanded to observe wisdom, and forbidden to engage in mischief, strife and contention; yet should aught befall, then with perfect resignation must they direct their steps unto the scene of sacrifice in the path of the Incomparable Friend.

I swear by the Sun of the horizon of sanctity! Should a soul quaff from the cup of knowledge the crystal waters of the love of the All-Merciful, never would he be moved by the wrong of the oppressor and the onslaught of the tyrant even to sadness, how much less to fear and consternation!

Please God, thou wilt acquaint all the wayfarers in the Straight Path with that which hath been sent down in this Tablet from the Pen of the All-Merciful, so that, with the utmost joy and gladness, they may be occupied with the remembrance of Him Who is the Lord of all men.

Say: The Pen of the Most High affirmeth: the death of each soul is predetermined in the Book of God, neither shall it be advanced or delayed by a single moment. Is it then seemly that the lover should shrink from meeting his Beloved, or be sorrowed by the prospect of laying down his life in the pathway of the Adored One? Nay, by Myself, the True One! And yet the people for the most part apprehend it not.

Say: Sanctify and purify the hearts, that they may discover a window giving onto the Most Great Ocean: thereafter neither the hosts of the world, nor the clamours of the champions of the nations, shall have the power to keep such souls back from Him Who is the King of Eternity. Do thou then beseech God graciously to confirm and assist them in such wise that they may soar up on the wings of longing unto God, the Supreme King, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

We, verily, have made mention of thee aforetime, and in this wondrous Tablet, that thou mayest be well assured of the grace of thy Lord, and mayest relate unto the people that which hath proceeded from His Most Holy, His All-Glorious, and His Most Exalted Pen. The Glory of God rest upon thee, and upon all those who have held fast unto the commandments of God, the Lord of all worlds.

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BH02608: A mention from Us to him who attained…

In the Name of the Kind Lord

A mention from Us to him who attained the presence of the Most Great Scene and won the meeting with God, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. He turned toward the Most Great Throne and traversed the path until he entered this mighty Prison. Blessed art thou for having attained the presence of the Countenance and heard the call of the Wronged One while He was in the hands of the oppressors. Return to thy place through God's might and power, then inform the people of what thou hast seen and heard from One All-Knowing, All-Wise.

We counsel the loved ones of God to show forth the greatest steadfastness, lest the utterances of the idolaters cause them to slip. No matter is greater than steadfastness, for it hath been observed that certain souls, after claiming faith and attaining the highest station of certitude, were cast down from the heights of heaven to the depths of hell by a mere doubt. The ones who have turned toward God must ever fix their gaze upon the horizon of steadfastness.

We console thy mother with God's mercy and His favors, and We make mention of her in this noble station. She hath been immersed in tribulations which none knoweth save the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. She must not grieve over what hath befallen her. We counsel her to manifest beautiful patience. This is not the first calamity that hath occurred in the path of God. How many a mother whose son was martyred for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds! She must show forth patience in the path of God. Verily He sufficeth her and will enrich her above all else. He is indeed the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Generous.

Today all must fix their gaze upon the horizon of God and, in whatsoever may come to pass, manifest complete contentment and submission. We testify that they have ascended unto God and entered the Most Exalted Station and the Most High Paradise. This is a testimony that all the treasures of the heavens and earth cannot equal. The world is not an abode to which one who is assured of God should cling or attach his heart. Its very foundation hath been and will be based on nothingness and evanescence. Ere long all the souls on earth shall depart. Blessed are they who have recognized the truth and been adorned with divine love. Such souls are accounted as letters of God's Book and abide eternally in the immortal Kingdom, enduring as God endureth.

Although they turned toward Us after the most great prohibition, We have forgiven them and admitted them to a station whose mention transcendeth every knowing mention. We have mentioned them before

and mention them now. There is no God but He, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Verily, unto God do we belong and unto Him do we return. The glory be upon you and upon those who have shown patience, seeking God's good-pleasure, and who have adorned themselves with the raiment of patience in the path of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

BH02792: A Book from Us to those who have turned…

He is the All-Powerful, the All-Compelling over what was and what shall be

A Book from Us to those who have turned to the horizon of the Cause and set their faces toward God, the Lord of Religions, that the call of the Desired One may attract them in such wise that neither the might of the world nor the conditions of those who have denied the Dayspring of Signs shall frighten them. Arise to promote the Cause of God in such manner that neither the cawing of the divines nor the doubts of any suspicious denier shall cause you to slip. Be united in God's Cause, for through it the banners of victory are raised upon the peaks and mountains.

By God the Truth! Were anyone to inhale the fragrance of the All-Merciful, longing and yearning would seize him in such wise that all the armies of the world, even were they to assail him with their swords, would fail to hold him back. Burn away the veils of idle fancy through the name of the Lord of all mankind and turn with your hearts toward the Dayspring of certitude in spirit and joy.

The clouds have veiled the face of heaven, and the howling of the winds has risen, while the Lord of Names, in the prison of Akka, summons all creation to the Mighty, the Bestower. We have kindled the fire of God at the midmost heart of creation—whosoever draws nigh unto it, detached from all else, shall be so set aflame that souls in every quarter shall be attracted by him. We have accepted abasement for your glory and tribulations for your deliverance. Ponder, O people of insight!

Rejoice with the Most Great Joy, for He speaks among you and gives you glad tidings of that which shall gladden hearts and cause bodies to soar. Your names have been mentioned before the Wronged One, and this Tablet has been revealed for you whereby the horizons have been illumined. Be thankful to God for this supreme bounty and hold fast to what We have sent down in Our Most Holy Book. Verily it is the water of life to those who have turned to God, the Lord of all men. Thus have We counseled you before and in this Book, as a grace from Us. He is the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

They who have cast the ordinances of God behind their backs—these have no portion in the Book. Shatter the idols of vain imaginings through My Name, the Self-Subsisting, then drink the choice sealed wine in defiance of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the beginning and the end. Differ not concerning God, but remember Him with the wisdom which the All-Merciful has sent down in the Scriptures and Tablets.

You are they who have attained the recognition of God while every ignorant one turned away. Know ye this station, then give thanks to Him with such thanksgiving as shall cause the hearts of all men to take wing. Glory be upon you and upon the handmaidens who have turned to the Most Great Light and believed in God, the One, the Chosen One.

BH02796: This is a Book from the Wronged One…

He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower

This is a Book from the Wronged One to those who desire to drink the Living Waters from the cups of the bounty of their Lord, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting, that the Call may attract them to the Supreme Horizon and strengthen them in what they have been commanded in the Preserved Tablet. We have heard your call when your letter arrived and We answer you from this Praiseworthy Station. Be at peace through God's grace and mercy and trust in Him in all conditions. There is no God but He, the Mighty, the Beloved.

Know then that what flows from the Most Exalted Pen is for the loved ones of God, the Lord of Names. Whoever holds fast to it is of Him and whoever turns away—God is quit of him, and the Tablet bears witness that he is far from God, the Lord of what was and what will be. This is a Day wherein the Sun has shone upon all contingent beings. Blessed is he who has attained its lights and manifestations, and woe to him who has turned away from it by following every rejected ignorant one. Joy to those who have attained the recognition of God and testified to that which God testified before the creation of all things—that there is no God but He, the Mighty, the Loving.

God willing, may you be joyous through the bounties of the Self-Sufficient, the Transcendent in all conditions. This is a Day wherein divine grace has encompassed all, and whatsoever flows from the Most Exalted Pen holds sway over all. However, the station of those souls who have turned to the Truth with perfect steadfastness and certitude is known and evident before God. These are they who have borne the Word of God and heard with attentive ears. All divine outpourings today are directed to such souls, and whoever remains distant from this most exalted, most glorious station has been and will be deprived of divine tablets and heavenly books. God willing, the loved ones of God in that land must be engaged in divine remembrance with perfect love and unity, turning away from all else.

Two letters from you arrived in the Most Great Prison and the fragrance of love was inhaled from them, and the names mentioned therein were noted. Praise be to God, all are mentioned before the Countenance and specially favored with divine bounties. This is a station that will endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endures. Rejoice and be among the thankful ones. And praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds.

BH02784: The thunder has pealed and the winds have risen…

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

The thunder has pealed and the winds have risen tempestuous, and the Cleaver of Dawn in this winter commands His Most Exalted Pen to give glad tidings to the people of creation of this springtime, whereby the trees of wisdom and utterance have put forth leaves. Say: From the clouds of passion the horizon of guidance has been darkened. Therefore beseech God, the Lord of all beings, to disperse them through His power. Verily He is the Mighty, the Unconstrained.

Say: We have kindled in the contingent world the fire of utterance, and it is not of those elements which existed among you and which ye have known aforetime. It is an element that cannot be mentioned by any mention, nor indicated by any indication, nor described by any description. From it have appeared all elements, after its sanctification from them. And it hath appeared from the stirrings of the fragrance of the love of your Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Blessed is he who draweth nigh unto it, detached from the world and all that is therein. And woe unto every misbeliever and doubter.

God beareth witness that there is no God but Him, and He Who speaketh in the Most Great Prison is verily the Creator of all things and the Originator of all names. He hath borne tribulations for the quickening of the world, and He is verily the Most Great Name which was hidden in the eternity of eternities.

Thy letter hath come before Our presence, and from it We perceived the fragrance of thy love for thy Lord, Who speaketh in the world:

> "Verily, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Transcendent, the Powerful, the Compelling."

Before the Throne was read thy praise of this Wronged One and thy condemnation of him who hath turned away and disbelieved in God, the Lord of all men. Grieve not at anything, and place thy trust in God in all matters. Then aid thy Lord both secretly and openly. Well is it with thy mouth for having drunk the choice wine of utterance, and with thy pen for having moved in remembrance of this Remembered One through Whom the horizons have been illumined.

Those who claim knowledge of their own accord—these have no portion in the days of God, nay, they are of those who have gone astray. Remind the people of what We have sent down unto thee, then gather them unto the Most Exalted Word whereby all things have proclaimed: "The Kingdom is God's, the One, the Mighty, the All-Knowing."

We have recognized thy arising to serve the Cause and thy praise in this Cause whereby the realm of possibility hath been illumined. Arise and stand firm in the Cause, then make mention of God with such remembrance as will attract the religions. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned with spirit and fragrance toward the horizon of revelation.

BH02839: We complain of those who have transgressed the bounds…

He is the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

We complain of those who have transgressed the bounds of God and His commandments and followed their own desires. Indeed they are among the heedless. We commanded them to wisdom and unity, but they differed in what they possessed. We beseech God to enable them to fulfill what they were commanded in His Clear Book.

It has been and is evident to that honored one that in most Tablets We have commanded the friends of God to wisdom, utterance, trustworthiness, truthfulness and that whereby the Cause of God is exalted. Nevertheless, certain matters have appeared which have caused the Cause of God to be abased among His servants. Today is a day when all must pass beyond their own desires and be moved by the breezes of

the will of the One True God. If an unseemly deed appears from someone, the ignorant and heedless people attribute it to the Truth. That honored one must engage in serving the Cause with perfect wisdom and utterance at all times, and strive with utmost endeavor to remove differences that arise between the friends.

Trustworthiness, wisdom and honesty are, of a truth, God's beauteous adornments for His creatures. These fair garments are a befitting vesture for every temple. Happy are those that comprehend, and well is it with them that acquire such virtues.

Some souls act according to their own desires and attribute this to the Truth. We seek refuge in God from deeds which He loves not and has not revealed in the Book. God willing, through your efforts the luminous lamp of unity will be lit and shine forth in that land. The harm of discord exceeds all reckoning—it is the cause of abasing God's Cause and extinguishing souls. Its example is like autumn winds, while unity is like spring breezes. Immature souls must at all times be nurtured with the hands of mercy and kindness until they reach maturity and become aware of what benefits and harms them.

We beseech God to aid you in serving His Cause and draw you near to Him in all conditions. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. We send Our greetings from this spot upon you and upon the Letter ʿAyn who was mentioned in the prison, and upon your sons and daughters from this near yet far station. The Glory be upon you and upon them.

BH02884: The Supreme Pen gives glad-tidings of divine bounties…

In the Name of the One Friend!

The Supreme Pen gives glad-tidings of divine bounties to the people of Baha and counsels all, that they may attain to that which the Beloved has purposed through God's advice, the Lord of Names. Contention, conflict and corruption have been and are condemned. The friends of God must regard creation with the eye of loving-kindness and draw all to the horizon of guidance through kind counsels and goodly deeds.

Many are those who have claimed allegiance to the Truth yet have caused the Cause of God to be compromised. Avoidance of such souls is necessary. And certain people who have not attained to the ultimate purpose in these divine days and have not drunk the choice wine of inner meanings from the cup of utterance become doubtful due to the deeds of the heedless and actions of the pretenders. Thus it was observed that some souls who had ascended to the heaven of faith remained veiled from the horizon of sublime oneness due to the words and deeds of false ones, despite having heard for years this verse:

> "Should all created things become unbelievers, No speck of dust would settle on the hem of His grandeur."

Some servants attribute to the Truth whatever they observe from those claiming to love Him. Evil is that which they do. In all ages there have been and will be the righteous and the wicked. Should one reflect upon the appearance of the Suns of Truth, it becomes clear and evident that in every age there have been and will be the truthful and the false. Take heed, O ye who possess insight!

Pure hearts, illumined eyes and sanctified souls must at all times gaze toward the horizon of the Cause, not toward the deeds and words of pretenders and liars. Beseech God to guide all and enable them to attain His good-pleasure—the good-pleasure of the Dawning-Place of verses—which is identical with His good-pleasure. Verily He is the Answerer, the Bestower, the Forgiving, the Generous.

This Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of divine Will as a token of grace and favor, that all the loved ones may become aware of that which God hath purposed and may avoid the evil of base souls. Let them not consider every speaker truthful nor count every claimant among the people of the Crimson Ark. Verily He is the Clarifier, the Speaker, the Truthful, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Trusted One.

BH03113: There can be no doubt that the Ancient Lord…

In the Name of Him Who guardeth over all names

There can be no doubt that the Ancient Lord created the people of the world for His own recognition, and the tradition "I was a hidden treasure" bears witness to this statement. Every insightful mystic testifies that the Ancient Being has ever been and will ever be sanctified above manifestation, appearance and the recognition of created things, and exalted above forms, temples and the comprehension of beings. None shall attain to His recognition save through His Dawning-Place of signs and Manifestation of evidences.

In every age and cycle when the Sun of inner meanings dawned from the horizon of divine will, all people arose in rejection and opposition, except whom thy Lord wished, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The cause and reason for people's rejection were the divines of the age, for the reins of the people were and are in their hands.

Observe how at the time of the appearance of the Sun of Truth from the horizon of Hijaz, how many divines, learned ones and leaders arose with utmost effort and striving to extinguish the Muhammadan Light—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him. Nay, the curse of God be upon the wrongdoing people!

Likewise before Him, consider Jesus son of Mary—after He manifested God's Cause, all Jewish divines denounced Him as an infidel, while some souls who were occupied with fishing attained the honor of faith. Similarly before Him, consider Moses.

It would be most regrettable if these days should pass and one such as yourself should not find their fragrance. Say: O God of Names and Creator of heaven! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Name to assist me in recognizing the Dawning-Place of Thy Cause and the Dayspring of Thy Revelation. Then ordain for me what shall profit me in the hereafter and in this world. Verily Thou art the Lord of all beings. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Since this Wronged One inhaled the fragrances of love and fairness from you, He therefore engaged in mentioning this letter. Verily the Cause is in His hands—He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

BH03152: Your circumstances, whether traveling or at home, are known…

In the name of the merciful Lord

Your circumstances, whether traveling or at home, are known and mentioned before the Throne. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. We complain of those who have created differences in the Cause of God, through whom the pure chalice of My recognition hath been sullied among My creatures, the sun of My sanctity hath been darkened, and the moon of My sovereignty hath been eclipsed. We created all for affection, fellowship, love and unity. We beseech God to assist all to achieve what He loves and is pleased with. He is verily the Mighty, the Powerful.

O Dhabih! Differences have been the cause of the dissipation of God's Cause, while unity and accord are the cause of its exaltation. Blessed is he who hath forsaken the former and held fast unto the latter in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. You must in all conditions be engaged in serving the Cause and be the cause of unity among souls.

The Supreme Pen hath at all times taught and commanded His loved ones to that which brings rest, ease and success, yet most are heedless of it. The horizon of guidance hath been darkened by the clouds of desire. The grief of this Wronged One hath not been from the oppression of oppressors, for whenever and at all times oppression against the Tree of the Cause occurred, it became the cause of its exaltation, as thou hast witnessed and dost witness. Rather, grief hath come from the deeds of some of the friends. This Wronged One beareth witness to this in this praiseworthy station.

O Dhabih! With utmost endeavor and diligence, be occupied with unifying hearts and bringing about accord among souls, that perchance the turbid winds may be stilled and the fragrance of love and purity may waft among the loved ones. We beseech God to assist thee in all conditions to serve His Cause and to grant thee that which gladdens thy heart and solaces thine eyes. He is verily the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The Youth hath presented himself before his Lord, and the Ancient Beauty hath turned toward him from this noble horizon. We shall send him to thee, if God willeth. He is verily the Bestower, the Bountiful, the All-Generous.

May the Glory be upon thee and upon thy family and those with thee who have believed in God, the Peerless, the All-Informed.

BH03077: May you, through the bestowals of the All-Merciful…

In the Name of the one true God

May you, through the bestowals of the All-Merciful and the outpourings of the Lord, attain success and be nourished from the table of detachment, which is the greatest of divine bounties. Your mention was made in the presence of the Wronged One and your cry was heard. God's grace hath ever surrounded and will continue to surround the name of Jamal and those connected with him.

Among the greatest bounties of God is that He enabled you to recognize the Dawning-Place of His verses and the Dayspring of His evidences, while most of mankind are deprived and forbidden from this most exalted station. Be thankful unto thy Lord, the Generous Bestower.

His honor Jamal, upon him be my glory, hath expressed satisfaction with you. Blessed art thou for having won his good-pleasure and fulfilled God's Covenant, the Lord of all worlds. We have accepted your deeds in the path of God and have mentioned you time and again in this Great Prison.

Regarding what you wrote about ridicule, be patient and do not grieve. He verily recompenseth the patient women and His patient servants. Whosoever hath uttered unseemly words regarding his honor Jamal hath spoken contrary to what God hath ordained. However, his honor Jamal must in all conditions observe and hold fast to the wisdom revealed in the divine Tablets, that none may find cause for objection.

Wisdom is among the commandments which God hath enjoined upon all in most of the Tablets. None may transgress it by a hair's breadth. Thus hath God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, decreed. Whoso followeth God's command, God will assist him through His grace and exalt him in truth. He is verily the Almighty, the Powerful.

The Wronged One hath desired naught for Himself and enjoineth His loved ones to that which God hath commanded Him in a preserved Tablet. Grieve not over anything. We have chosen for you what is greater than what you have chosen for yourselves, and ordained that which gladdeneth the hearts of them that know.

Rejoice in thy Lord's remembrance. He hath sent down for thee that whereby thy mention shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, beareth witness to this. Glory be upon thee and upon thy mother and thine aunt and her daughter, from One mighty and wise.

BH03257: In the Name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful!...

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful! The Most Exalted Pen at all times summons the people of the contingent world to the Most Exalted Horizon, that they may not be deprived of the grace of the Days of God and may not be forbidden from the breezes of the Morn of Revelation, which are the cause of resurrection and the life of them that dwell in the graves.

Your honor dwelt for a time beneath the shade of the Divine Lote-Tree, and observed the utterances of the Tree and its ways, and became aware of the compassion and bounty of God towards all. Now consider in what station of loftiness of wisdom and exaltation of mercy is God, and in what station are the people. We commanded all to love and fellowship, they arose in discord. We summoned them to wisdom, they failed to respond.

As you have heard, in some lands differences appeared among the friends, and likewise in some cities actions contrary to wisdom were manifest, such that the clamor of the ungodly and hypocrites was raised in certain known places which you yourself mentioned. The cause of the exile of the loved ones of God

from Iraq was their gathering together, and likewise the cause of exile from the Land of Mystery. Nevertheless, none heeds or has heeded that which is forbidden, save whom God willeth. Although exile became the cause of establishment and departure became the cause of the spread of the Cause of God, yet since outwardly harm from gatherings befalls the Tree itself, the friends of God must avoid it and cause their will to be extinguished in His will.

Blessed art thou for having appeared before the Throne by the leave of thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Bountiful. Grieve not at anything, for He brings together what was scattered and raises up what has passed away. Thy Lord is, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful. God willing, with utmost joy and delight speak in remembrance of the Dawning-Place of Revelation. He is with those who have fulfilled the Covenant of God and His Testament. There is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Convey My greetings to the faces of them that have believed in God and to those around thee, from the Wronged One, the Stranger. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have held fast to this Mighty Cord.

BH03264: In the Name of the one true God!...

In the Name of the one true God! The Beloved of the world, from the Most Great Prison, counseleth all with that which is the cause of the elevation of their souls and befitteth human beings. All must hearken with the ear of acceptance.

O friends! Goodly character, praiseworthy deeds, and human attributes have been and shall ever be the cause of exalting the Word of God and promoting His Cause. Therefore it is incumbent and obligatory upon every soul to hold fast today unto that which is righteous and to shun that which is forbidden. Many souls have claimed to believe, yet through their deeds the most pure and luminous hem of the Lord of destiny hath been sullied among men.

Convey My greetings to the friends and recite unto them that which hath flowed in this Tablet from the divine Pen, that they may become aware of that which is for their good and shun that which causeth harm to themselves and others.

The world hath been seized and encompassed by the dark and gloomy dust. The carpet of inner meaning and deeds hath been rolled up, and the carpet of words and utterances hath been spread out. Say: O loved ones! By the Sun of Truth, this is the Day of deeds. If today even an atom's weight of goodly action proceedeth from anyone, its reward shall endure for him throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Strive that today a deed may appear from you purely for the sake of God.

Unity and concord are beloved in the sight of the Lord of creation. Gather ye together in God's Law and be ye not of them that differ.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! We have made mention of thee that thou mayest mention the people with that which hath been sent down from the presence of the All-Knowing Educator. Give thou glad tidings to the loved ones of My remembrance of them, then bid them to that which they have been bidden by God, the Most Exalted, the All-Wise.

They that have borne hardships in the path of God—for them hath been ordained an exalted station. Blessed is he who hath shown patience, seeking the good-pleasure of God. We make mention of him in truth, and the Concourse on High make mention of him. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

And the glory be upon thee and upon them that have held fast to the cord of unity in the days of God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH03417: O thou who art wronged! We have heard how…

He is the All-Powerful, the Most High, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

O thou who art wronged! We have heard how thou hast praised God, and how thou hast called upon God, and how thou hast communed with God. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, and He is the All-Seeing, and He is the All-Informed. With Him is the knowledge of what hath been and what shall be.

Let not the oppression of the powerful grieve thee. Be patient even as thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, was patient. We were with thee and heard what thou didst speak concerning God, and We saw what befell thee in the path of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Loving.

Grief lieth not in what befalleth bodies, but in what befalleth spirits from those who speak according to their desires and claim what God hath not permitted them in His guarded Book. They are those who profess faith in God in the morning, yet in the evening deny the Lord of the seen and unseen.

Grieve not because of imprisonment. Know thou its station. God hath made it the Most Exalted Paradise for thee and for those with thee among the people of Baha, and a prison for those with thee who disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. He believed in God, then disbelieved and denied after having confessed. Thy Lord beareth witness to this in this praiseworthy station.

He will deliver thee and He will save thee, as a grace from His presence. He is verily the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

Adorn thyself, adorn thyself, O Beauty! Be patient, be patient. The ultimate victory belongeth to those who were patient in God and followed His forbidden path. Look not at the people and their oppression, but at the mercy of God which hath preceded all who are in existence.

Then act according to what We have commanded thee, and forget not what We caused thee to hear through the tongue of might and power when thou wert standing before the Throne, nor what We counseled thee therewith. This is verily the wisdom sent down in Our preserved Book.

None may speak concerning thee except with kindness. Thus hath the matter been decreed aforetime and in this blessed hour. Verily the glory be upon thee and upon those who love thee in God, the Revealer of this spread parchment.

BH03328: In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds!…

In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds! May you, God willing, be blessed with divine favors and drink again and again from the chalice of the recognition of the Beloved of all creation. Your call was heard and

the fragrance of your love was inhaled, and his honor the Name of God Mihdi mentioned your name before the Throne. Today you must be so enkindled with the fire of God's love that all the seas of the world would be powerless to extinguish it.

It is strange that during the recent upheaval some were observed to be disturbed, as though they had considered this world their homeland and had imagined it to be fixed and lasting. Wisdom has been enjoined upon all souls in the Book of God, that all may walk with perfect wisdom among the servants. Corruption, conflict and inflammatory matters are forbidden and unloved.

And if a soul arises to fulfill that which God has commanded, and no contrary deed appears from him, then if he becomes the target of the oppression of tyrants and the transgression of the rebellious, there is no doubt that this oppression and these trials have befallen him in the path of God. What station have they considered greater than this station, and what glory have they reckoned higher than this glory? Every soul shall taste of the cup of death, and if this occurs for the sake of God and his spirit and body are sacrificed in the path of the Beloved, surely this is most fitting, and every person of insight bears witness that this station is the most exalted of stations in the sight of God. God willing, all must act according to that which God has commanded them, and be content and thankful for whatever may befall them.

Say: O friends! Know your own worth. Soon shall all tongues make mention of you and all existence turn towards you. Verily He exalteth His Cause as He pleaseth. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful.

That which thou didst send hath reached Our presence. We have accepted it as a token of Our grace. Be thou grateful and be of them that are steadfast.

BH03527: The Most Exalted Pen proclaims: The whole world hath…

In the Name of God, the Powerful, the Mighty!

The Most Exalted Pen proclaims: The whole world hath been created for the knowledge of Him Who is the Ancient King, and brought from nothingness into being. Yet when the Dayspring of God's Day appeared and the horizon of His Manifestation was illumined, all became entangled in their selfish desires and remained veiled from, nay turned away from, the Lord of Names—save for a few souls who, through divine confirmation and heavenly grace, became free from idle fancies and vain imaginings, and turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon. Blessed are they, and again blessed are they! Soon shall the station of these souls become evident and manifest to all the world.

Thy letter was presented at the Divine Throne and attained the presence of the Wronged One of the horizons. All the souls mentioned therein have been blessed with the remembrance of God. God hath forgiven them as a token of His grace and ordained for them that which gladdeneth hearts and minds. God willing, may they be occupied at all times with the remembrance of the All-Merciful, detached and free from all else.

Today all must hold fast to the divine commandments revealed in the Most Holy Book and walk among the people with perfect wisdom. This is God's command. Blessed art thou and those who act accordingly. Any word spoken without wisdom is not and will not be acceptable at the Divine Throne. Know ye, O My

loved ones, that which hath been revealed in this Tablet and hold fast unto it, by the leave of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed.

One must be engaged in the remembrance of Truth with utmost joy, for His grace hath been and will be, God willing, with you. Previously a Tablet was specifically revealed and sent to thee from the heaven of the Divine Will. Verily, He loveth him who loveth Him and remembereth him who remembereth Him. He is, in truth, the Protector of the patient ones, of those who remember Him, and of the sincere ones.

The glory be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon all who have turned to the Intended One and upon every maidservant who hath turned to God, the One, the Peerless, the Most Exalted, the All-Wise.

BH03510: O My Tabib! In these days it is natural…

He is God, the Most Mighty, the Most Powerful

O My Tabib! In these days it is natural that selfish passions should have prevented some from observing justice and equity, and whatsoever hath been sent down in the Tablets concerning unity and harmony. Even so, what is the Pen of the Most High to say, and to whose behoof should the Tongue of Knowledge speak?

The ignorance of God's creatures hath darkened the resplendent horizon of knowledge; the heedlessness of the people hath veiled the radiant dawn of guidance. In most of the Divinely-revealed Tablets We have enjoined upon all wisdom, unity, laudable deeds and a praiseworthy character. Though all have read these, and become aware of the Divine precepts, yet have they remained far distant from the Straight Path, and given precedence rather to their own desires.

We have enjoined upon them unity; rather have they risen up in strife. We have summoned them unto wisdom; rather have they shown forth the reverse. In most of the Tablets they have been forbidden to direct themselves towards the Divine Court; this notwithstanding, each day a host arriveth and another host departeth. There is no power nor strength except in God!

Ye have heard of the developments in the Land of Ta', and the determination of some to commit a heinous act. We have commanded all souls to set the world in order; rather have they occupied themselves with sowing strife. Methinks they have regarded the Divine commands as of no account, and considered the Lordly precepts as mere fancies. They speak as passion moveth them, then attribute what they say unto the One True God. He, verily, is clear of those who have wrought mischief in the land after it had been set in order, and who speak that which hath been forbidden them in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds.

Please God, in training certain weak souls, and in promoting concord and union, thou must, so far as thou art able, exert an unremitting effort, that haply they may attain unto that which God hath purposed. The sorrow of this Wronged One is clear and manifest from this Tablet.

Verily, we are God's, and unto Him shall we return.

BH03542: Your numerous letters were considered in the Most Great…

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

Your numerous letters were considered in the Most Great Prison and your complaints were heard. However, God is witness and testament that this Wronged One has desired the good of all the world, and in all Tablets has mentioned that which leads to the upliftment of souls and the exaltation of being. Some have followed the commandments, while others have remained occupied with their own desires and deprived and veiled from that which was ordained by God.

If thou wouldst reflect a little and observe with a pure eye, thou wouldst attain certitude of the grace, generosity, bounty, kindness and mercy of God—a certitude which no doubt can seize nor uncertainty erase. Thou must exert utmost effort and striving to preserve that which hath been revealed unto thee, that it may endure for thee.

Be not grieved by the afflictions that have befallen thee, for greater ones have been visited upon this Most Great Wronged One. I swear by the Beloved of the worlds that every abasement suffered in the path of God is pure glory, and every hardship that appeareth will become the essence of ease. Be not saddened by any matter. With complete sincerity, be engaged in the remembrance of the Intended One at all times, and be detached and severed from all else.

Concerning Jamal, upon him be the Glory of God, thou hadst written: None should speak of him except in goodly terms, and that which hath appeared from him is in the hand of God, his Lord and the Lord of the worlds. Should He wish, He will accept him, and should He wish, He will reject him. He shall not be questioned about what He doeth. There is none other God but Him, the Powerful, the Mighty. The favor of God, both before and after, hath been with him. He, verily, giveth good reward unto them who follow the Command of God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The Glory be upon him and upon thee and upon those who have clung to the hem of God's pure and luminous garment.

BH03621: In the Name of the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing! God…

In the Name of the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing! God willing, may you gaze with the eye of the heart toward the most exalted horizon and hear with the ear of the spirit the call of the Beloved of all creation.

All people were awaiting the days of meeting, the appearance of the Dawning-Place of the Cause, the Lord of Names. But when the breeze of joy wafted and the Sun of manifestation rose from the horizon of the world, most of the people clung to their own vain imaginings and remained deprived of the Lord of all beings.

Today the outward ear and eye do not suffice, for most souls are accounted as deaf and dumb before God, though outwardly possessing both. Strive that you may receive your portion of God's infinite bounties. The world and all that is therein shall pass away, but there shall remain unto thee this mighty Tablet.

Reflect upon the time of the appearance of the Divine Messengers and the Emissaries of God—most people did not even count those Dawning-Places of Divine Unity and Holy Manifestations among the believers, let alone any station above that. They have lost indeed who denied God's manifestation and His sovereignty. Woe unto them for what they have earned in their vain life. God shall soon seize them with His wrath as He seized their like before. He is verily the Seizer, the Mighty, the Powerful. None should test his Lord.

Reflect upon God's manifestation and what hath appeared from Him—then shall you find yourself in a spirit of joy and fragrance and be assured through the grace of your Lord, the All-Bountiful.

We have enjoined upon all what is right and forbidden what is wrong. Blessed is he who hath taken hold of God's command and cast away all else—he is of the people of truth in a clear Book. Rend asunder the veils in the name of thy Lord and be of those who are firmly established.

This is a Tablet that all the treasures of the world cannot equal. Read it by night and by day—through it will God uncover what was hidden from thee. He is verily the All-Bounteous, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

BH03996: O friends of God! Praise be to God…

In the Name of God, the One, the Merciful!

O friends of God! Praise be to God that you have been illumined by the effulgent rays of the Sun of Truth and have turned your faces toward the Sanctuary of true understanding after the turning away of the peoples of creation. Today all souls are seen to be perishing and evanescent save those who have turned with radiant faces toward the Most Exalted Horizon. Give thanks to the Beloved of the world that you have attained to His recognition and were not prevented from the Ancient Beauty by the clamor of the nations. You have rent asunder the veils and, by God's might and power, have shattered the idol of vain imagination and reached the supreme heights which are the station of absolute certitude.

Today the clouds of vain desires of heedless souls have become an obstacle and prevented people from the Horizon of Divine Unity. Had they but known, they would have cast away all they possess and hastened with their hearts unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

You must all drink from the seas of joy and soar with the wings of gladness, for most of the people of the world remain veiled while you have turned toward the Friend and each of your names has been presented in the Most Holy Presence and has been favored with the glance of this Prisoner's loving-kindness, and from the Supreme Pen this most wondrous Tablet has been revealed. Blessed are you for having attained unto the days of God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the All-Glorious, the All-Knowing.

We have adorned the head of your letter with the crown of My mention, the Sovereign over all the worlds. From this spot We send Our greetings upon you and upon those women who have believed in God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Today all must act according to that which God hath commanded, so that the fragrance of pure deeds may attract souls to the direction of the Lord of the Beginning and the End. Verily, the glory be upon you and upon those who have called you to this luminous horizon.

BH04234: There is no doubt that His Name Jamal, upon…

In the Name of the One Friend

There is no doubt that His Name Jamal, upon him be the Glory of God, in what he did intended the victory of Truth and the exaltation of the Word of God. However, it occurred without wisdom, and all are today commanded to act with wisdom. Although he thought he was acting according to wisdom, he was mistaken. We have forgiven him out of Our grace, for He is verily the Ancient Bestower of Grace. None may object to him, for We are the Judge. We have mentioned him in various Tablets. This is truly a great station.

Blessed is the one who arises with strength to remove differences among the loved ones and establish love and affection between them. He is of those who have aided the Cause of his Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

No harm has been or is greater to the Cause of God than discord, for if numerous souls act without wisdom and openly and manifestly speak the Word of God among people, undoubtedly this matter will cause agitation and clamor among the people. However, this has not and does not harm the foundation of the Cause itself, though the souls acting thus have acted contrary to the Command of God by departing from wisdom and becoming the cause of the destruction of weak souls.

Through discord, harm befalls the very root of the Tree, and beyond this, opposition to God's Command occurs, along with the dispersion of united souls, the waste of the Cause among the servants, and the bewilderment of weak souls—all of these things come to pass.

O loved ones of the All-Merciful! Avoid discord, for through it the pure cup of mystical knowledge is sullied among all created things. Thus does My Most Exalted Pen counsel you from this manifest Prison.

BH04316: O people of Baha! Hearken unto the Call…

In His Name, the One Sanctified from Mention and Description

O people of Baha! Hearken unto the Call from the direction of the Most Great Glory—verily there is no God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

We have caused you to hear in all times that which We caused the Interlocutor to hear on Sinai and the Spirit when He was hastening in the wilderness of love. Ponder on this bounty which hath encompassed the worlds. This is a Call in yearning to hear which the hosts of Revelation and Inspiration have perished—to this doth your Lord, the Great, the All-Knowing, bear witness. Recognize ye this bounty, then give thanks unto your Lord, the Most Merciful, at all times.

Beware lest ye be frightened by what ye behold of the ranks. Be attracted by the wine of verses in the days of your Lord, the Mighty, the Generous. By God! The Interlocutor hath lamented at separation from it and the Spirit hath wept at what the fire of longing seized Him with—while ye behold the ocean of attainment before your faces. Come ye forth and arise, O people of Baha, with illumined hearts. Thus doth the Lord of Names command you, as He hath established Himself upon the throne with a sovereignty that hath encompassed those in the heavens and earth.

Thus hath the sun of bounty shone forth from the horizon of generosity as a favor from Us unto you, that ye may be among the thankful ones. By God! This is a day wherein if anyone misseth a command he shall not be able to arise to make up for it—thus hath the Command been sent down from the Pen of Revelation while the Ancient Beauty was in the prison of the ungodly.

Say: O people! Answer the Call of God in your midst. He giveth you through His bounty that which nothing ye behold today can equal. He is verily the Witness unto what He saith and He is verily the All-Informed, the All-Knowing. Thus have We sent down the Tablet and dispatched it unto thee that the verses of thy Lord might attract thee and make thee among those who stand firm in this manifest Cause.

BH04500: The Supreme Pen complaineth of those souls who wander…

In the name of the one true God

The Supreme Pen complaineth of those souls who wander in the wilderness of error and passion while counting themselves among the faithful and attributing themselves to the Truth. Many treacherous souls have appeared in the garment of trustworthiness. Ye must warn the friends in that land to shun such souls, not to consider every speaker truthful nor every traitor trustworthy.

All must today hold fast to the divine ordinances and act according to that which hath been sent down from the holy Kingdom in the Most Holy Book, and fix their gaze upon the supreme horizon rather than upon the horizons of heedless souls. Should anyone today fix his gaze upon aught save the Truth and that which hath appeared and will appear from Him, he will assuredly stumble due to the deeds of certain atheists who count themselves among the faithful, and remain deprived of the ocean of grace.

Be vigilant in all conditions regarding the Cause of God. In the path of the Friend ye have borne countless afflictions and trials. The reward for this hath not been and will never be lost. Be thou assured that He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Convey My greetings to all the friends in that land and remind them of that which hath been revealed in this Tablet, that all may become aware and distinguish between personal imaginings and divine inspiration. Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and upon whosoever is mindful of that which hath been sent down from the Pen of God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH04404: God willing, may you be enraptured by the remembrance…

He is the One Who abideth through the eternity of His own Self!

God willing, may you be enraptured by the remembrance of Truth and rejoicing in His mention. Keep the heart, which is the dawning-place of divine manifestation, sanctified and purified from aught else but Him, that the lights of the manifestation of the true Sovereign may appear therein.

The Truth, exalted be His station and His transcendent loftiness, hath ever been and shall ever be sanctified from ascent and descent. However, every place that is purified from the dust of self and the refuse of desire shall be blessed with the lights of His manifestation. One must strive with the utmost endeavor and effort to attain this exalted and most high station.

Blessed art thou for having turned to God, and blessed is thy father who ascended unto Him with a radiant countenance. Verily, he is the one whom We named with Our Most Truthful Name and whom We caused to enter the precincts of the Throne, and upon whom We shed the light of Our most beautiful names and Our most exalted attributes. We bear witness that he drank the choice sealed wine from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is he who visiteth him in the Land of Ha and thereby draweth near unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

In all conditions, keep thy gaze fixed upon the Truth and hold fast to the cord of His grace. The handmaid is mentioned before the Throne and is the recipient of divine favors. God willing, she must turn her face to the Most Exalted Horizon and be detached and free from aught else but Him.

Convey My loving greetings to her face and to thy aunt who desired to drink the water of life on this wondrous Day. Say to her: Tarry not, but follow My straight and manifest path. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH04550: This is a Book from the Wronged One, Who…

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

This is a Book from the Wronged One, Who hath been imprisoned for the sake of God, unto him who hath turned unto the Countenance and was among those who attained, inscribed in truth by the Pen of Revelation, that the utterance of the All-Merciful may attract him and cause him to speak forth this Name which hath been concealed from time immemorial in the treasuries of glory.

We have heard thy call and have turned toward thee from the precincts of Our Most Great Prison, and have remembered thee in this Book which hath been sent down from the heaven of grace and was in truth recorded by the Pen of Command.

Blessed art thou for having attained unto the days of God and believed in Him from Whom the idolaters mentioned in the Mother Book have turned aside. Drink thou the Kawthar of life despite those who dwell on earth, who have cast the Command of God behind their backs and have chosen for themselves the path of the Evil One. By God! Neither their wealth nor their children shall profit them. All shall perish through thy Lord’s decree, and might and power shall remain with him who hath taken the All-Merciful as his helper.

We have remembered thee before, and in this Tablet, that thy mention may endure in the Book. Verily, He hath power over all things.

Preserve thou this most exalted station and glorify thy Lord with the wisdom that hath been sent down in the Tablets. Grieve not over the world and its conditions. Rather, rejoice in this station which hath been praised in the Book.

Glory be upon thee and upon those who have cast away the world and have turned with radiant faces toward this Horizon which hath been illumined by the lights of the Countenance.

BH04403: God willing, drink ye of the wine of divine…

In the name of the All-Knowing Expositor

God willing, drink ye of the wine of divine will in such wise that ye may behold all the wills of the world as evanescent and non-existent beneath the shadow of God's will. How beloved is utter nothingness before absolute Being!

Consider how many afflictions and tribulations have befallen the Cause of God and His loved ones in this Most Great Revelation, successively and continuously, and that the purpose of bearing these hardships hath been the exaltation of God's Cause and the elevation of the manifestation of His divine will.

Now must the friends who have drunk from the Kawthar of the love of God arise with the utmost effort and endeavor to establish that which is the object of His purpose and to purify the people from their former idle fancies through the Kawthar of divine remembrance, that all may attain unto that which God hath willed.

Observe ye the paucity of people's understanding—some behold in the divine Tablets naught but paper and ink. Well was it said that the blind eye perceiveth naught of the sun save its heat. By the life of God! Were anyone to gaze with the eye of insight upon a single Tablet, he would witness rivers of life flowing and coursing through it, each drop thereof the quickener of all things. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the Clear, the Wise, the All-Informed.

With perfect trust and detachment must we deliver the people from the darkness of doubt and discord, that they may turn unto the Dawning-Place of God's Cause. Blessed are they that act! Say: All praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH04405: May you, through the grace of the Beloved…

In the name of the peerless Lord

May you, through the grace of the Beloved of all worlds, be detached from all else save God and be occupied with Him, and at all times and seasons be mindful of the divine commandments and act according to that which hath been revealed in the Book.

The Supreme Pen declareth: Division and discord have been and shall ever be the cause of the dissipation of the Cause of God. Indeed, certain souls who had accepted the Faith became hesitant and bewildered due to the discord that emerged in that land. Discord is a consuming fire that must be quenched by the

waters of wisdom and utterance. Blessed is the one who striveth to promote unity of hearts and fellowship among souls. His reward resteth with God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

People are so weak that they have failed to comprehend that the True One, exalted be His glory, hath been and is sanctified from the deeds of men—neither do their evil deeds harm Him, nor do their good deeds profit Him. How can souls who have failed to grasp this station comprehend the subtle divine questions?

One such as yourself must at all times remind the friends and companions through wisdom and utterance of God's all-embracing Word, that all may become united in the divine Cause and attain unto the station of a single being and essence. No deed remaineth hidden from the Truth. He shall reward those who have arisen to aid His Cause and have voiced His praise. He is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH04371: The Divine Tablets have been sent down like torrential…

In the Name of God, the Mighty, the Powerful

The Divine Tablets have been sent down like torrential rain from the heaven of God's will. All the peoples of the world were given glad tidings of the Days of God in the books and scriptures, yet when that Day appeared and the Most Great Luminary rose from the horizon of creation, all turned away from it except those souls who heard the divine call with the ear of the spirit and turned toward the All-Merciful.

Although today the clamor of the divines and the croaking of certain rulers has been raised high, and in their imagination they have striven their utmost to extinguish the divine light and quench the heavenly fire, yet their efforts have been frustrated, their deeds have been rendered void, and their hopes have been dashed. Soon shall they all raise the cry of "Alas!" The Cause of God has been and shall ever remain triumphant, and there is no escape for anyone.

How many souls who in the previous year were veiled and turned away, but in this year their petitions have reached the Most Holy Court and they have returned to the Truth. Verily, He is the Ever-Forgiving, the Merciful. However, the station of those souls who preceded them has been and shall ever be higher and more exalted in the sight of God.

Give praise to the Beloved of the world that repeatedly and successively thy mention hath been recorded from the Supreme Pen in the holy, luminous Tablets. By the Lord of Names! All that thou dost witness shall pass away, but this station shall endure. Preserve it through the name of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. The glory be upon thee and upon whomsoever hath turned unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH04710: In these days when the clamor of the ungodly…

In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds!

In these days when the clamor of the ungodly has risen from most directions and the idolatrous souls are, with the utmost diligence and effort, engaged in extinguishing the light of divine unity, the Most Exalted Pen calls out with the most loud voice and bestows upon the friends their portion and share from the chalices of remembrance and utterance.

God willing, may all attain unto that which God has intended, and he who attains shall not be frightened by the might of those on earth, nor shall he be made to stumble by the deceptions of the deceitful ones and the schemes of the transgressors. That honored one must in all circumstances be mindful of wisdom.

The sword of utterance has been and ever will be sharper than the sword of steel, and the fruit of reformation more delectable and pleasing than the fruits of the world. Therefore must the sincere ones occupy themselves with planting the trees of reformation. If the root of this tree becomes firmly established through the grace of the Lord of creation, the roots of corruption shall be lifted from the world.

You must, to the extent possible, remind the loved ones of God so that all may act according to that which they have been commanded, and all may become mines of love and affection and dawning-places of fellowship and unity.

We beseech God, exalted be He, to make you one who remembers Him with His remembrance and who speaks forth His praise in such wise that hearts are attracted thereby and servants arise from the slumber of passion and turn toward God, the Lord of Names.

Convey to all the friends in that land the greetings of this Wronged One and set them ablaze with the fire of divine remembrance. The glory be upon you and upon those with you.

BH04627: Today all the loved ones of God must be…

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing!

Today all the loved ones of God must be mindful of what benefits the Cause and reflect and deliberate upon matters that will lead to the exaltation of the Word of God. Most people, though human in form, are far removed from the human world, occupied with their own desires, while few have attained to the goal and are gazing toward the horizon of the Cause. Now these few souls must, with the utmost endeavor and diligence, engage in the reformation of heedless souls and the education of diverse peoples.

This is especially true if opposition and conflict arise between themselves, that is, among the friends. In such cases it is incumbent upon all to strive earnestly to resolve it. In most Tablets We have enjoined wisdom upon all, and naught else hath been or ever will be acceptable unto the Beloved. However, if a person who hath been blessed with divine favors and whose name hath been recorded in the Tablets by the Most Exalted Pen should manifest something contrary to wisdom, following him is not and hath never been permissible. Yet regarding such a one, nothing should be uttered except words of good, lest two harms occur. God willing, be mindful of the command of the All-Merciful at all times.

Be not grieved by the abasement and tribulations of these days. By the life of God! The days of your glory shall come, and all who dwell on earth shall speak in praise and glorification of the loved ones of God. Know ye the value of this most great, this most exalted station.

BH04680: Blessed be He Who raised Me up…

He is the Ever-Abiding, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Blessed be He Who raised Me up to the Cause when I was seated, and made Me speak forth His remembrance when I was silent, and manifested Me after I had concealed Myself. We testify that He is, verily, the One with power over whatsoever He willeth, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

And when We arose, We summoned all unto God. Thereupon the heaven was cleft asunder, and the earth was shaken, and the mountains moved, and the tongue of grandeur proclaimed: The Kingdom is God's, the One, the Peerless, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. And We caused the world to hear that which We were commanded, in such wise that neither the swords of the world nor the cawing of the hypocrites deterred Us. Exalted be God, the Lord of the Kingdom and the Realm!

Agitation hath seized the dwellers of the earth, save whom God willeth. Thus hath the matter been decreed, but most people understand not. The wine of revelation hath so intoxicated the sincere ones that they have sacrificed their souls for this Name through which existence hath been illumined. The world hath been set ablaze by the Word of the Ancient King, yet most of the people know not. Whoso hath heard and turned unto Him is, verily, recorded as one of the denizens of Paradise in My Preserved Tablet.

Well is it with you, O people of Baha, inasmuch as ye have hearkened unto the call of the Lord of Names and turned unto Him, when oppressive servants rose up against you. That which ye behold in the kingdom shall perish, while that which hath been ordained for you in the realm of might shall endure. Thus doth your Lord give you glad-tidings from the horizon of His Prison, that ye may render thanks unto Him and arise to serve His Cause and make mention of Him in such wise as to awaken them that slumber. Praise be to God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

BH04841: Those souls who in this Day have quaffed…

In the Name of the one true God

Those souls who in this Day have quaffed the sealed wine from the hand of the Self-Subsisting Sovereign must fix their gaze upon wisdom and hold fast to the cord of unity, for these two are the cause and means for the exaltation of the Cause of God. Likewise must they adorn themselves with the ornament of steadfastness, and this station is most great: after recognition of the Self of God, glorified be His majesty, steadfastness is the greatest and most mighty of all things. Blessed is he who attaineth unto it, and woe betide the doubters.

Many souls are observed to be like particles of air, agitated and set in motion by the slightest breeze. God willing, ye must occupy yourselves with service to the Cause and remind the people of the exalted stations of steadfastness, that they may attain to such a station that neither the learned nor the ignorant of the world can cast doubt upon those souls. This truly is a noble station. Know ye the value of this station and strive that some service in the path of God may be manifested from you. This truly is the great attainment.

We make mention of thee in the Most Great Prison that thou mayest rejoice thereby and give thanks to thy Ancient Lord. Be thou assured of God's grace and mercy. He maketh mention of whomsoever He willeth and ordaineth for him what He desireth. Thy Lord is verily the Almighty, the Powerful.

Then make mention of thy brother who is named Ahmad and give him the glad-tidings of My remembrance of him in this noble station. The glory be upon thee and upon him and upon those who have believed in God, the Singular, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH04676: The ocean of utterance from the fountainhead…

He is God, exalted is He above the description of all created things

The ocean of utterance from the fountainhead of the Pen of the Most Merciful hath appeared in the form of these words: Praise be to God that thou hast been and art sheltered beneath the canopy of divine care.

Although heedless souls have striven and continue to strive with utmost power to extinguish the divine light, ere long they shall all find themselves in manifest loss. No ocean can quench His fire, and no veil can shut out His light. Verily He hath power over whatsoever He willeth. Soon shall the letters of negation and all that they possess perish and be reduced to nothingness, while the letters of affirmation shall, through divine bounties, gain ascendancy over all directions.

I swear by the Most Exalted Horizon! If people were to become aware of even less than a needle's eye of the excellence of this Day, they would sacrifice themselves in the path of their Beloved that they might be mentioned before the Throne—how much more so if their mention were to flow from the Most Exalted Pen! Blessed art thou for having attained unto this most great station. Be thou thankful and numbered among such as remember Him.

That which hath been ordained for thee in the divine Kingdom shall endure forever, while all else shall perish. Thy Lord is verily the Expositor, the All-Knowing. In all conditions be mindful of wisdom, and with utmost joy and fragrance occupy thyself with the remembrance of the Beloved of all worlds. Thy Lord is the protector of whosoever turneth unto Him. He is verily the Almighty, the Powerful.

The Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee among them who have attained unto this luminous horizon.

BH05145: Your oppression has caused grief to those who circle…

In the Name of the one incomparable, all-knowing Lord

Your oppression has caused grief to those who circle round the Most Great Throne. I swear by the Luminary of the horizon of inner meanings that from this oppression there shall appear in creation signs of power and might. Verily thy Lord is the Expounder, the All-Knowing.

A soul that exhales a breath for the love of God hath had and shall have a mighty influence in the world—how much more the tribulations and afflictions that befall a soul in the path of God! Rejoice in what hath

befallen thee in the path of the Beloved, for its reward shall endure throughout the dominion of earth and heaven. He in Whose possession is the Preserved Tablet doth testify to this.

In all conditions ye must be guided by wisdom, for this is today the divine decree—hold fast to it in all circumstances. Ye must strive with the utmost endeavor to unite souls and bring hearts together. In every place where discord hath arisen between the friends, it hath caused the Cause to be wasted and extinguished the fire of God. We beseech God to aid all to achieve what He loveth and is pleased with.

Blessed art thou for having drunk the chalice of tribulation in the path of God, the Lord of all names, and the wine of understanding from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the Munificent, the Bestower, the All-Bountiful. The glory be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon all who act according to what hath been ordained by God, the Commander, the All-Informed.

BH04993: God willing, may you be blessed with divine bounties…

He is the Most Manfiest, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

God willing, may you be blessed with divine bounties and heavenly outpourings, and be focused on the Dawning-Place of God's names. Today it is incumbent upon all to fix their gaze upon the Truth and whatsoever proceeds from Him.

Although all souls were created by a single word, the radiance and effulgence of the Sun of Truth varies according to the capacity of each soul. This is why it hath been said aforetime: "Verily We created souls in diverse stages." Therefore one must look to the root of the Cause and to that which proceedeth from Him. In all conditions hold fast to the cord of grace and cling to the hem of bounty.

He is the Deliverer, He is the Protector, He is the Helper. There is none other God but Him, the Helper, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Today all the loved ones are commanded to wisdom, and in most divine Tablets they have been forbidden from corruption, conflict and contention. Blessed are they that act accordingly. Through God's grace, they who have turned to God must be dawning-places of loving-kindness and daysprings of mercy. They must heal the ignorant with the remedy of knowledge and wisdom, and quicken the heedless with the water of remembrance and utterance.

I swear by the Ancient Being that God, glorified and exalted be He, hath manifested such grace as none greater is possible. Blessed are they that comprehend. God willing, may you be occupied at all times with the remembrance of God—exalted be His glory and bounty—and speak forth His Name. Verily He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

BH05154: This is the month wherein was born the Most…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

This is the month wherein was born the Most Great Name, through Whom the limbs of the world did tremble and the Concourse on High rejoiced at His coming, and the dwellers of the cities of names cried

out in exultation and glorification and praise with joy and delight. By God! This is the month through which the months were illumined, and wherein appeared the Hidden Treasure and the Concealed Mystery, and wherein the call was raised in the highest voice throughout all creation: "The Kingdom belongeth to this Newborn One, through Whom the countenance of all creation did smile, and the trees swayed, and the seas surged, and the mountains took flight, and Paradise spoke forth, and the Rock cried out, and all things proclaimed: 'O concourse of creation! Hasten ye to the dawning-place of the countenance of your Lord, the Merciful, the Compassionate."'

This is the month wherein the gardens of Paradise were adorned with the lights of the countenance of their Lord, the All-Merciful, and the Dove cooed upon the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, and the hearts of them that are nigh were attracted, yet most of the people remain heedless. Blessed is he who hath recognized Him and known Him Who was promised in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Praised. And woe unto him who hath turned away from Him unto Whom the faces of the Concourse on High have turned, and at Whom every rejected misbeliever is thunderstruck.

When thou hast been favored with this Tablet, recite it in the most melodious of tunes and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my Lord, the All-Merciful, for having remembered me through this Tablet, through which the fragrance of the garment of Thy knowledge was diffused and the oceans of Thy grace were set in motion. I testify that Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He pleaseth. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH05012: Thy tribulations and sufferings are evident and manifest…

In the name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Thy tribulations and sufferings are evident and manifest to this wronged prisoner. However, whatsoever hath befallen that blessed leaf in the path of God is beloved, inasmuch as it is adorned with the Name of God and hath come to pass in His path.

I swear by the Sun of Truth which shineth from the horizon of imprisonment that were all the peoples of the earth to become aware of that which hath been sent down from the heaven of reality and hath been made manifest, they would, with bowed heads, turn toward the Most Great Horizon.

Your glory and exaltation will not be altered or changed by the words of the male and female deniers and the gestures of the male and female unbelievers. Be not grieved by worldly events, but with utmost joy and delight occupy thyself with the mention of the Beloved of all creation.

Whosoever is with you is of you. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the knowledge of God and hath drunk the choice wine of your love in His manifest and straight path.

Convey my greetings to the steadfast women of that land. The handmaidens of God who associate with you are all remembered before the Divine Throne. Upon them be the Glory of God, the Lord of all worlds.

We have personally commended Rafi', and divine confirmations will encompass circumstances as required. He is verily the Mighty, the Powerful.

Glory be upon thee and upon those women who have believed in God and followed that which they were commanded in His gracious Book.

BH05140: The glances of divine favors have been and will…

In the name of the Goal of the world

The glances of divine favors have been and will be, God willing, directed to thee from the Dawning-Place of the verses of the Lord.

It behooveth such souls as thyself to endeavor, through the power of God and the might and ascendancy of the eternal Sovereign, to rend asunder the veils of idle fancy and to lead men to the station where "Put out the lamp, for the morn hath appeared."

There is no doubt that the Truth is one and the path leading to Him is one. Consider how, after the ascension of the Countenance of Muhammad and the Beauty of Ahmad, the Islamic people are witnessed to be so divided and divergent. It is as though they have not drunk from the Kawthar of oneness and have remained deprived of the Salsabil of detachment. Know ye this much, that the cause of Islam's weakness hath been its division. Many are the deluded souls who have become the cause of their own loss and the loss of other servants.

Thou must, with the living waters that flow from the fountainhead of the Pen of the All-Merciful, wash away the idle fancies that have been imprinted upon the breasts and hearts of men, and summon all to the straight path and the mighty announcement that speaketh, so that all may speak with one name and walk upon one path. This is the most great triumph and the cause of salvation for the people of the world. God is sufficient as a witness.

BH05365: At all times hath the Pen of the Most…

He is the One speaking from the horizon of utterance

At all times hath the Pen of the Most Merciful commanded the birds soaring in the heaven of divine knowledge to act with wisdom, lest any action arise that might become a cause of veiling the weak ones. Likewise He has commanded love and unity, for discord has ever been and will ever be the cause of corruption and the waste of God's Cause.

Some souls accepted and obeyed the divine commandments, while others transgressed, such that in every land actions contrary to God's command have arisen, becoming the cause of the cawing of crows and braying of asses. The friends of God must gird up their loins to serve and become the cause of fellowship and unity of hearts and souls, and in all conditions be mindful of wisdom. I beseech God to aid all to do what He loves and is pleased with.

Your letter was presented before the Throne and what was mentioned therein was observed. God willing, may you ever be and forever remain adorned with the ornament of divine love and illumined by the lights of His countenance.

Blessed art thou for having turned to God and heeded His call when the divines who took idols as lords besides God turned away from Him—verily they are among the lowly ones. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained this sacred, mighty and wondrous station.

BH05343: Blessed is He Who hath sent down the Word…

He is the Caller in all conditions

Blessed is He Who hath sent down the Word and through it hath distinguished between all created things. He is verily the All-Distinguishing, the All-Wise. He hath made it the Wine of Life for all who dwell within the realm of possibility, and the Kawthar of immortality for all who are in the heavens and on earth. Whoso hath attained unto it hath attained unto that which his Lord, the Gracious, did desire, and whoso hath shown pride, he is truly among the lost. The Tongue of the All-Merciful beareth witness to this from this luminous horizon.

Say: This is the Day wherein the Evidence hath appeared and the Way hath been made clear, wherein the proof hath been perfected and the bounty completed. Blessed is he who hath turned towards it, and woe unto the heedless among the idolaters.

Whoso imagineth that he can outrun God's Cause—say: Nay, by His own Self! He is verily the Almighty over what He willeth. His power hath preceded all worlds. He doeth what He pleaseth in His dominion. He giveth and withholdeth. He is truly the Almighty, the Powerful. Vain have been the strivings of those who have disbelieved—soon shall they find themselves in grievous torment.

We render thanks unto God at all times and are patient in what hath befallen Us on this straight Path. We judge between people as We please and summon them unto that which shall profit them in the world to come and in this world. He is verily the All-Witnessing, the All-Knowing.

Be thou mindful of My Name and speak forth this Remembrance through which every wise command hath been made manifest.

BH05780: 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 hath ever been sanctified beyond mention and utterance, and exalted above all description and explanation. The mystics have confessed their powerlessness to ascend unto the heaven of His knowledge, and the sincere ones their inability to attain unto the comprehension of His essence. He hath ever been the One Who uniteth His Own Essence with His Essence, and describeth His Own Self by His Self, for whatsoever else besides Him hath been created by His word. How can that which knoweth not save through Him know Him, and how can that which is described not save by Him describe Him? Exalted be His dominion and exalted be His power!

When He was established upon the throne of His name, the All-Merciful, He described Himself through manifest signs and brilliant words, and commanded all to describe Him by that which flowed from His

Most Exalted Pen. He accepted their mention and praise as a bounty from Him. Verily He is the Overseer, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Blessed is he who remaineth steadfast in His love and drinketh the wine of faith from this ocean, every drop of which proclaimeth that there is none other God but Me, the Speaker, the All-Informed. Know thou the value of these days and turn in all conditions unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Thus hath the Tongue of Revelation spoken, that the verses of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Most Lauded, might attract thee.

BH05927: Whosoever in this Day hath attained unto the Kawthar…

In the Name of God, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing!

Whosoever in this Day hath attained unto the Kawthar of the knowledge of the Beloved of all creation is reckoned among the inmates of Paradise before the Divine Throne. Most of the women of the world, though they ardently yearned for the appearance of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, attained not unto the Day of God and found not His fragrance. Their idle fancies have kept them back from the Dayspring of certitude.

Thy letter hath been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and the glances of His loving-kindness have been directed toward thee from the prison. Know thou the value of this station and be occupied with the remembrance of God.

Were the men and women who have turned unto Him to become aware of the sublimity of this most exalted and glorious station, they would manifest themselves in such wise that neither the sorrows and tribulations of the world would take hold of them, nor would the opposition and denial of them that dwell on earth hold them back from their Lord.

Blessed art thou for having drunk the choice wine of knowledge and for having believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed. We send Our greetings from this Spot unto thee and unto My handmaidens in that place, who have entered the stronghold of the providence of God, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Nuru'llah and him who hath been named Zuhuru'llah, that they may rejoice in My gracious remembrance. Upon them both, and upon her who hath been named Kawkab, and upon every maidservant who hath believed in God, the Lord of all worlds, be the Glory.

BH06245: We behold the mountains soaring by reason…

He is the One Who speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance

We behold the mountains soaring by reason of the verses of their Lord, the Most Exalted, and the trees stirred by the breaths of God, yet the people remain wrapped in heedlessness and veils. The pillars of the world have trembled from the fear of God, the Lord of all nations, yet most of the people remain in doubt and schism. All things have been attracted by the call of the Lord of Names—blessed is he who hath heard and turned unto Him, and woe unto every denying infidel!

We make mention of all people at all times, yet none remember save those who have cast away vain imaginings and turned toward God, the Lord of Lords. Blessed is he who hath attained on this day to the lights of Our Name, the Self-Subsisting, and who hath been stirred by the breaths of revelation and risen from among the dead. And blessed is he who hath been born anew through the verses of his Lord, the Lord of all beings, and soared in this atmosphere wherefrom the wings of birds are barred.

Rejoice thou in the Tablet of God and its effect, for it shall endure for thee as long as God, the Lord of days, endureth. The glory from Us be upon the people of Baha who have held fast to the Crimson Ark and whom the censure of every denier and deceiver hath not kept from the Path.

BH06286: The glances of divine favor have ever been…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing!

The glances of divine favor have ever been and shall ever be directed towards those who are related (to the Cause), and this special favor must be preserved through the Most Great Name, that it may be protected from the evil of the treacherous and the thieves. Under all conditions fix thy gaze upon the Truth and hold fast unto Him, for He is the Giver of all things and the Taker of all things.

All are commanded today to observe wisdom, and this firm divine decree hath been revealed in most of the Tablets, for lack of wisdom hath been and shall be the cause of commotion among the people and the perturbation of souls. God, exalted and glorified be He, hath willed to guide all people to the horizon of His Cause through wisdom and utterance. He is verily the Almighty, the Powerful.

We beseech God to assist thee and make thee a servant of His Cause among His servants, and to grant thee the good of this world and the next. Verily there is no God but Him. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

The Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who make mention of God in the watches of the night and at the ends of the day, at dawn and at eventide.

BH06078: O Asad! God willing, through the grace…

In the Name of the One God

O Asad! God willing, through the grace of the All-Merciful, mayest thou gaze with perfect assurance toward the horizon of the manifestation of the Divine Will, in such wise that neither the oppression of the oppressors nor the turning away of the idolaters shall deter thee. Thou art among those souls who are mentioned before the Divine Throne.

Ere long the world and whatsoever is witnessed therein shall perish, while that which hath been ordained in the Kingdom of divine favors for the faithful and the sincere shall endure. Know thou the value of this everlasting bounty and with the utmost joy and fragrance, might and assurance, occupy thyself with the remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds. Whatsoever hath befallen His loved ones in the path of God is recorded with Him, and its reward hath been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen.

Be thou so steadfast in the Cause of God that neither the clamor of the foxes nor the howling of swine shall deter thee. Place thy trust in the bounty of thy Lord in such wise that through thee the hearts of them that are troubled may find assurance. We have mentioned thee before as a token of Our grace, and in this Tablet that the wine of the choice nectar of utterance may intoxicate thee and draw thee nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH06072: May you be blessed, through God's special favors…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

May you be blessed, through God's special favors, and adorned with the ornament of His love which is, in truth, the cause and purpose of creation. Your letter reached the Wronged One in this Most Great Prison, and from it was inhaled the fragrance of faith and the sweet-scenting breeze of divine knowledge. Whatever is witnessed in the world will return to nothingness, but those souls who have turned to the horizon of the Manifestation and attained the recognition of God—their reward has not been and will never be erased from the Book of God. We beseech God to assist you in all conditions. Verily He is the Protector of whosoever turns unto Him, and He is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the ocean of Thy grace surged and the sun of loving-kindness and favors shone forth in Thy days, to make me among the women who have remained faithful to Thy Covenant and have held fast to the handle of Thy bounty. Then grant me, from Thy presence, goodly offspring who will remember Thee amongst Thy creatures and arise to serve Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

BH06135: In most Tablets We have enjoined wisdom upon…

In the Name of the One God

In most Tablets We have enjoined wisdom upon the loved ones of God. Nevertheless, some have transgressed therefrom and have clung to their own desires, attributing them to the Truth. That honored one must, God willing, exert utmost effort according to his capacity in rendering assistance to God's Cause, which is the teaching of His Cause, so that those who have held back may gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon and those who have turned to God may act according to that which He has willed.

Two matters are essential today: first, the attention of God's loved ones to the wisdom revealed in the Book, and second, their unity and accord, for from discord great harm ensues. We beseech God to assist you in serving the Cause and to grant you the good of this world and the next. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

You are he who was mentioned before the Throne aforetime and afterwards, and unto whom was directed the gaze of God, the Lord of the worlds. Be thankful to Him in all conditions and hold fast to the assistance of His Cause. Verily that which He ordains for you will endure through the perpetuity of the Kingdom and the dominion, and all else will perish. Thus doth the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, apprise thee.

The glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH06071: God willing, through divine confirmations in this spiritual day…

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing

God willing, through divine confirmations in this spiritual day, may you drink from the choice wine of inner meanings and be engaged in the remembrance of the Purpose of the world. Every deed that is performed today purely for the sake of God by those who drink the choice wine of mystical knowledge of the Lord of all possibilities will endure eternally in both the earthly and heavenly kingdoms.

It is incumbent upon every soul today to arise to remember God and serve His Cause. Blessed is the soul that has attained, blessed is the eye that has been solaced, and blessed is the ear that has heard the Call of God, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

The world and all that is therein is not worthy of mention, for soon it shall perish and come to naught. What is worthy of mention is service to the Cause of God, for His Cause and His remembrance shall endure. Blessed are they who act!

Your letter was presented before the Wronged One, and the fragrances of divine love were wafted from it. Blessed art thou for having attained the recognition of God and turned toward the Dayspring of Revelation and been mentioned by His Most Exalted Pen. Know thou the value of this bounty and be of the thankful ones. This is of the enduring favor We have ordained for thee. Preserve it through this Name that holds sway over the worlds.

BH06456: God willing, through the favors of the immortal Sovereign…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

God willing, through the favors of the immortal Sovereign, may you be adorned with the ornament of the knowledge of the Lord of all possibilities, and drink from the Kawthar of utterance which flows from the Pen of the Most Merciful.

All creation has been brought into being specifically for the knowledge of God; nevertheless, all have turned away from the eternal stations for the sake of this ephemeral world and remained deprived of their ultimate purpose. We beseech God to aid all to achieve what He loves and is pleased with.

Your letter reached the Wronged One of all horizons in the Most Great Prison, and the fragrances of love were inhaled from it. We beseech God to assist you in serving His Cause and to make you among those whom the affairs of the world have not prevented from turning to His Most Great Name, and to ordain for you the reward of attaining His presence, and to bestow upon you that which shall endure as long as His earthly and heavenly kingdoms endure. Verily He is the Powerful, the Supreme, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Rejoice in that thou hast been mentioned before the Wronged One, and this Mighty, Impregnable Tablet hath been revealed for thee. Verily He remembereth him who remembereth Him, and aideth those who have turned towards the Horizon of His Cause, the Luminous, the Brilliant.

BH06655: Those servants who have believed in God, the Protector…

He is the Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Glorious

Those servants who have believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, have attained unto the presence of the Throne, and the Ancient Beauty hath turned toward them in the Most Great Prison when He spoke the verses of God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Blessed are they for having attained His presence and heard that which God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, hath spoken.

Say: Verily this is the Manifestation of God in all things, as every created thing doth testify, did ye but know. Not a single thing escapeth His knowledge, nor can aught that hath been created by His command "Be!" elude Him.

We have indeed perceived the fragrance of thy love and heard thy call, and We have answered thee with this sealed Book which telleth of the Most Great Book. Verily this is the Preserved Tablet which proclaimeth throughout the world that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Loving.

Be thou steadfast in the Cause, then thank thy Lord for having sent down unto thee that which cannot be equaled by the treasures of the unseen and the visible. Convey My glorification unto My loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of this praiseworthy station.

Glory be upon thee and upon those who have quaffed the choice wine of revelation from this cup wherefrom have drunk honored servants.

BH06698: The Supreme Pen hath at all times enjoined upon…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

The Supreme Pen hath at all times enjoined upon all to manifest love, fellowship, affection, unity, wisdom and utterance. Blessed are they who, truly detached from all else but God, are gazing unto the Supreme Horizon and who consort with all men in a spirit of friendliness. In one of the Tablets it hath been revealed:

> "Glory is not his who loves his homeland, but glory is his who loves the world."

Thus hath spoken the Wronged One in this mighty prison. Previous acquaintance with that honored one existed. God willing, through divine grace in this spiritual dawn you should drink of the choice wine of inner meanings and offer it to those who thirst in the wilderness of mystic knowledge, and arise to serve the Cause in such wise that the traces thereof shall endure throughout the kingdom of creation and the realm of glory, as long as they both shall last. Blessed is he who hath attained unto this most exalted station and hath uttered that which the Divine Lote-Tree hath uttered: Verily there is none other God but

Him, the Mighty, the Transcendent, the Most High, the All-Knowing. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH06498: Exalted is He Who hath shone forth upon…

He is the One manifest with the sovereignty of names from the horizon of heaven.

Exalted is He Who hath shone forth upon the Greatest Scene and hath spoken that whereby the mountains were crushed and the moon was cleft asunder. He, verily, is the hidden Mystery within the Tablets of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

He summoneth the peoples unto the Most Great Name and announceth unto them that which hath been ordained for them by God, the Lord of all worlds. He who hath found the fragrance of the Garment and turned with his heart toward the sanctified Kingdom is assuredly among those who are nigh unto God. All things bear witness to his turning unto God, the Sovereign of creation. How glorious is this station, lofty and sublime!

Blessed is he who hath heard My call, entered My paradise, held fast unto My cord and clung to My luminous hem. When the Lord of Names appeared, the dawning-places of hatred lamented. Say: Cast aside what ye possess, then hasten unto the Most Great Joy and be not of the doubtful. We have desired good for you. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves thereof. Turn ye unto Him through My Name, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

This is a Tablet sent down in truth, and We have sent it unto thee that thou mayest arise to render praise and glory amidst the concourse of creation, with the wisdom that hath been sent down in the Tablets of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH06476: O maidservant of God! God willing, through the grace…

In the name of the loving Beloved

O maidservant of God! God willing, through the grace of the Absolute Creator, thou shalt abide beneath the shade of the divine Lote-Tree and drink at all times from the pure waters of the All-Merciful stream.

Most of the men of the world, night and day, hope and long that perchance they may hear once from the Manifestation of verses and the Dawning-Place of evidences the words “O My servant,” while thou, through God’s infinite bounty, hast been honored with the address “O My handmaid.” Know thou the greatness of this bounty and be ever thankful to the Beloved of all existence. How many queens of the world died in longing and attained not to this most exalted station.

Strive thou to remain steadfast in the love of God and to be occupied with His remembrance at all times. Every soul who is mentioned today by the Supreme Pen is accounted before God as one of His best created beings, and besides this none was or is worthy of mention. To this beareth witness the Lord of all worlds.

And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH06406: Although the events of the time and manifestations…

In the Name of the Merciful Lord!

Although the events of the time and manifestations of tests have darkened hearts, yet pure hearts and sanctified souls who have drunk from the wine of certitude and the Kawthar of assurance in the Days of God are not prevented by the clamor of people from the fragrances of the days of the All-Merciful. They have ever been and continue to be enkindled with divine love.

And if the friends of Truth had acted according to the loving counsels of God, surely all would have turned toward the court of oneness and no sedition would have arisen. But what was destined came to pass.

God willing, may that leaf hold fast in all conditions to the divine Lote-Tree and remember His remembrance. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to aid all to do what He loves and is pleased with. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

Convey greetings from this Wronged One to the maidservants who have turned toward God, that the mention of God may attract them and draw them nigh unto the station that is mighty and inaccessible.

The Glory be upon you and upon those whom God has manifested through you, for the duration of the Kingdom of your Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful.

BH06671: The horizon of inner meanings hath shone forth through…

He is the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Great

The horizon of inner meanings hath shone forth through this Luminary whereby the horizons were illumined, and the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken: “The Kingdom belongeth to the One, the All-Informed!” Through it God hath distinguished between His servants, and His Most Great Name was established upon His mighty throne.

How many verses were sent down in truth, and how many evidences appeared through grace, yet most of the people remained asleep, such that they were not awakened by the Cry, nor were they stirred by the Call that was raised amongst creation. They are assuredly among the lost. Soon shall they know what they have wrought in the days of God, and they shall bewail their souls, finding neither helper nor protector.

We summoned them to the supreme Paradise and showed them Our most exalted horizon, yet they turned away from all that God, the Lord of the worlds, had brought. Grieve thou not at anything. Rather, rejoice in that thou hast been mentioned before the Throne and this clear Book hath been sent down unto thee.

When thou attainest unto it, arise, then turn thy face toward God and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the worlds!”

BH06758: Thy letter reached the Most Great Prison and was…

In the Name of the One Incomparable God!

Thy letter reached the Most Great Prison and was honored to come before the Wronged One of the horizons. The waves of the ocean of utterance from the Pen of the All-Merciful appeared in the form of these words:

We have heard thy call and that wherewith thou didst cry unto God, the Lord of the worlds. We have adorned the head of thy letter with Our mention of thee. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Thou shouldst be occupied day and night with the remembrance of the True One, and gladden those who seek the Yemen of His knowledge.

And as for those whom thou didst mention among the loved ones of God in thy letter, verily We make mention of them as a grace from Our presence, that they may give thanks unto their Lord, the Mighty, the Wondrous. All are remembered before the Throne and are adorned with the ornament of favor. God willing, they should turn with perfect unity and harmony toward the horizon of the appearance of the Luminary of the horizons.

Unity hath ever been and shall continue to be beloved in the sight of God. Blessed is he who hath attained thereunto; he is of them who have aided the Cause of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Convey My greetings unto the faces of them who have believed, and unto him who was named ʿAli-Akbar, and unto My handmaiden who hath attained unto the recognition of God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH06762: The divine Call is raised at all times…

In the Name of the peerless Lord

The divine Call is raised at all times, and the horizon of the Revelation is illumined with the lights of His countenance. Blessed are they who have heard His call with the ear of the soul and beheld His horizon with the most pure vision.

Say: O ye who drink deep of the wine of inner meanings, and O ye who circle round the eternal Ka’bih! In all circumstances keep your eyes fixed upon wisdom and be intent upon the betterment of the world. Until you find thirst, bestow not the Kawthar of divine knowledge; until you observe the quest, grant not the gems of inner meanings. The world is and ever shall be transient and fleeting. Strive ye that in this fleeting world ye may attain unto everlasting stations. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Bestowing, the Generous.

Had the loved ones of God acted according to that which God desired, the entire earth would have been witnessed as a single patch of Paradise. Some of the friends accepted the divine counsel, while others remained veiled therefrom. He, verily, is the Counselor, the Manifest, the All-Knowing.

God willing, may ye ever repose beneath the shade of divine favor and be blessed with His bounties. And the glory be upon you.

BH07048: Be thou at all times engaged and gladdened…

In the name of the one God!

Be thou at all times engaged and gladdened in the remembrance of the Goal of all the worlds. Look not unto those who claim to believe, but fix thy gaze upon the horizon of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. He will verily protect thee with truth and ordain for thee that which shall profit thee in this world and the next. He is indeed the Forgiving, the Generous.

Some heedless souls attribute themselves to truth, yet are deprived of divine attributes and heavenly characteristics. It is necessary to avoid such souls. I swear by God's Most Great Name, if the existing souls who claim to love God were to act according to what hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen, all who are on earth would perceive the greatness, power, sanctity and holiness of the Dayspring of His Cause. Woe unto those whose deeds deny their words!

That honored one should with perfect assurance be occupied at all times with the remembrance of God. Verily, He is the Protector of those who remember Him. And the glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

BH07083: Thou hast been mentioned in the presence…

In the Name of the One God

Thou hast been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and the fragrances of thy love have been inhaled. God willing, through the grace of the sovereign Who knoweth no decline, thou shalt drink from the pure wine incomparable, and at all times remain turned toward the horizon of the revelation of the All-Merciful.

How many souls claimed to love God, yet when the Morn of His Revelation dawned and the Most Great Light rose above the horizon of the world, all remained veiled save those who, with utmost joy and radiance, turned toward the Source of the revelation of divine commandments. The Sun of Truth hath risen while most of the people remain afflicted with the sleep of heedlessness.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the fountains of Thy wisdom gushed forth amongst Thy creatures, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, speaking Thy praise and remembrance, and standing firm in Thy service in such wise that neither the clamor of the divines nor the commotion of the wicked may deter me. Then ordain for me, O my God, that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Giving, the All-Wise.

BH07183: Your letter hath come before the Wronged One…

He is the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Your letter hath come before the Wronged One, and from it We perceived the fragrance of thy sincerity towards God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. We have answered thee with this Tablet that thou mayest rejoice and arise to serve the Cause of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

Know thou the value of these days and glorify thy Lord with praise, through Whom every decreed matter hath been made manifest. God willing, may all the loved ones of the All-Merciful be engaged in the remembrance of the Truth with the utmost joy and delight.

The call of the friends was heard and their turning to the Divine Countenance was witnessed. We beseech God to draw them ever closer to Him and to assist them to be steadfast in His Cause. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Convey My greetings to the friends in that land. This is a Day wherein all must cling to the hem of Truth and, with perfect detachment and sincerity, give voice to His remembrance. Strive that perchance in this transient world ye may attain unto everlasting stations.

All are mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One and are beheld in the Most Great Prison. The glory from God, the Generous Bestower, be upon you.

BH06902: Since your return until now, apparently no news has…

In the name of the one incomparable Friend!

Since your return until now, apparently no news has reached us from you, until this time when Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli arrived. In the letter from his honor Ha, upon whom be the Glory of God, which was with him, mention was made of you. We beseech God to protect you and ordain for you that which will bring joy to your eyes and gladden your heart, and bestow upon you wondrous joy. You have been and are remembered before the Wronged One.

The prison-land, as before, is sometimes disturbed due to changes in governors and sometimes tranquil. We thank God in all conditions.

God willing, through the grace of the Lord of Names, you will be occupied with the mention of God in the gathering of composition, and at all times drink from the wine of unity and the Kawthar of detachment.

We send greetings to you from the prison, and to those who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained to the days of God, the One, the Mighty, the Powerful.

BH06975: God willing, mayest thou at all times be turned…

In the name of the One True God, the Kind

God willing, mayest thou at all times be turned toward the Sun of the horizon of Revelation and drink from the Kawthar of purity. Praise be to God, thou art mentioned before the Divine Throne and art specially favored with the bounties of the True One.

Grieve not for him who ascended oppressed unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Soon shall the world and all that is therein pass away, and there shall endure that which hath been ordained for him in the Perspicuous Book. Blessed is he in that he bore tribulations and adversities in the path of God and aided His Cause to the extent of his ability. Unto this thy Lord, Who presideth over all who are in the heavens and on earth, doth testify. Blessed is he who visiteth him and seeketh his intercession with God, the Goal of them that know.

That leaf must gaze toward the realm of oneness with the utmost joy and gladness. Successive trials have befallen you. God is aware and cognizant of all things. Soon shall appear that which He desireth and He shall decree whatsoever He willeth. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful.

The glory be upon thee and upon those women who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

BH07212: We have enjoined wisdom upon Our servants lest there…

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

We have enjoined wisdom upon Our servants lest there occur that which would disturb the hearts of humanity. We have removed the law of contention, for verily I am the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Just, the All-Wise. Whoso followeth My commandments, he is of the people of My Kingdom, and whoso turneth away from them, he is among the most lost.

Say: O people! Hold fast to the Most Great Cord of God, for verily it is His Cause which hath shone forth from this luminous horizon. Think not that those who are heedless of God are living. By My life! They are among the dead. Their wretchedness hath overcome them and their souls have prompted them to that which will lead them back to the flames.

We have remembered thee in this prison that thou mayest remember thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. Verily he who speaketh for the sake of God and holdeth fast to wisdom, his words will influence the hearts of the heedless.

O My loved ones! Remind My servants with spirit and fragrance that haply they may turn to the Most Exalted Horizon and detach themselves from every doubtful world. Thus have We sent down the Book and dispatched it unto thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Munificent, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

BH07075: A remembrance from the One Who remembers unto every…

In His Name, the One Who has dominion over all who are on earth and in heaven!

A remembrance from the One Who remembers unto every one who has arisen to assist the Cause of God, that he may inhale the fragrance of the All-Merciful from this perspicuous Tablet.

By God! He who is drawn to the verses of his Lord will, out of his longing for God, the Mighty, the Praised One, abandon all creation. Blessed is he who, in these days, has drawn nigh unto the Dawning-Place of

revelation and inspiration, and has attained the ocean of reunion at the spot wherein this Great Sea has been imprisoned.

Say: O people! Beware lest the Book of the Prison prevent you from this Book which has been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen and round which circle the inmates of the highest Paradise morn and eve. And beware lest the ornaments and luxuries of the world withhold you from this station whereunto the hearts of the Prophets and Messengers have turned. Cast away all that the people possess, then with detached hearts turn towards the Dayspring of the Light of Oneness, and take the chalices of salvation in the name of Him Who is the Guardian over all worlds.

Thus have We sent down the verses as a token of Our grace unto everyone possessed of keen hearing.

BH07229: Though the Most Exalted Pen dwells in the Most…

In the name of the one true God!

Though the Most Exalted Pen dwells in the Most Great Prison, at all times it summons the friends to the divine horizon of revelation and the dawning-place of the All-Merciful's generosity. Blessed is the ear that attains to hearing it, blessed is the eye that is illumined by its horizon, and blessed is the heart that is adorned with His love.

We have desired for you an exalted station in the Book. Blessed be your father who in the earliest days attained recognition of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing. The heart that today becomes the treasury of the pearls of divine love is accounted before God as the Lord of hearts.

Today veils of idle fancy have prevented the people from recognizing the Lord of all beings. Soon will the hand of divine power rend asunder the veils, and all shall find themselves to be losers and remorseful, except for those souls who transcended contingent existence on the pathway of the love of the All-Merciful and held fast unto Him. By My life! They are among the triumphant and they are among those drawn nigh.

The glory be upon you and upon those whom veils have not kept back from this straight path.

BH07251: A book from this Wronged One for those who…

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

A book from this Wronged One for those who believe in God, the Help-in-Peril, the Self-Subsisting

We have sent down verses in such wise that no pen can reckon them, nor can any tablet contain them, yet the people understand not. The lights have shone forth and the horizons have been illumined, yet the people know not. They have cast behind their backs the Most Great Sea, hastening instead toward the dust—verily, they perceive not.

Be thou steadfast in the Cause and remind the people of this Cause whereby every atom hath testified that the Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Be thou in such wise that

neither the affairs of the world shall prevent thee nor the signs of the nations shall sadden thee. Thus doth the Lord of Eternity command thee from this forbidden station.

Grieve thou not for thy brother. By My life! He is in a praiseworthy station. We have adorned him with the garment of forgiveness and exalted him in truth. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Loving.

Remember thou My loved ones on My behalf and give them the glad tidings of My remembrance which hath preceded both the witness and the witnessed.

BH07273: The Beloved of the world, in this Most Great…

In the Name of the Peerless Lord!

The Beloved of the world, in this Most Great Prison, makes mention of His loved ones, that they may rejoice in His bounty and attain unto the supreme gladness. Two most great matters have been and shall ever be: first, the recognition of the Ancient Being, and second, adherence to that which hath dawned from the horizon of His Command. Blessed is he who hath recognized the purpose of God and attained unto that which He hath ordained in His mighty Tablet.

This is a Day the like of which hath not been mentioned in the Book. Whatsoever pure word and holy deed proceedeth from anyone shall endure and be recorded in the Book of God. O ye who soar in the atmosphere of divine recognition! Make a mighty effort that ye may attain unto that which hath been mentioned. Whatsoever hath occurred in the past, its remedy in this Day is easy and simple, but that which is missed by anyone today shall be impossible to remedy. Say: Hearken unto that which your Lord, the All-Glorious, the Most Exalted, counseleth you.

BH11812: Today We have arisen speaking in remembrance of God…

He is the Ever-Abiding, the Everlasting, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

Today We have arisen speaking in remembrance of God, the Lord of all worlds. And when the verses were revealed, a gazelle approached the Throne and sat before the Countenance in front of the Throne with manifest humility, and it was listening to the verses of God as though illumined by the lights of its Lord's utterance, the All-Subduing, the All-Knowing.

How many learned men have been barred from the direction of the Known One, while this animal hath approached the All-Merciful and hearkeneth to that which no created thing between the heavens and earth can equal. Verily bounty is in God's hand—He giveth to whomsoever He willeth and withholdeth from whomsoever He willeth. Within His grasp is the kingdom of might and power. He, verily, is the Ruler, the Giver, the Generous, the Ancient of Days.

Thus have We recounted unto thee what We witnessed, that thou mayest be convinced that all things are drawn to the breezes of Revelation save those who have turned away and are among the most lost. These are but worthless rabble whose station God hath ordained to be below that of animals, as doth testify to this the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

Rejoice thou in this Tablet, then render thanks unto thy Lord, the Kind, the Merciful.

BH07819: A Tablet from Us to him who hath turned…

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

A Tablet from Us to him who hath turned unto God and entered the Spot wherein the Tree uttereth its call and wherein the Faithful Spirit proclaimeth: “God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment, hath come!” O Muhammad! Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to enter this Station, round which circle the Concourse on High. This, verily, is a noble station. Bear thou witness unto that whereunto God hath testified, then act according to that which thou hast been bidden by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

O Muhammad! Thou hast attained unto divine favors and reached the sacred station of nearness. Preserve this station from the dust of the vain imaginings of the idolatrous souls. Convey My greetings to all the people of that land who have turned unto the Dayspring of Revelation, and who have drunk from the cup of steadfastness. Say: Blessed are ye for having turned unto Him, and heard, and believed, and fulfilled God’s Covenant, the Lord of all worlds. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH07734: Your letter has been crowned with the crown…

He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful

Your letter has been crowned with the crown of the mention of your Lord’s tender mercy, the Compassionate. He hath witnessed thy turning to God, the Lord of all worlds. Preserve thou the testimony of God—it is better for thee than aught else to which the name of thing can be applied. He is verily the All-Giving, the All-Knowing.

God willing, may you be occupied at all times with the mention of the Beloved of the worlds in a spirit of joy and delight. Today there is no greater service than to arise in the love of God and strive to unite and bring harmony among the friends in that land.

We have recognized thy burning in separation—grieve not at this, for verily thou didst attain unto the presence in the first dawning of the Most Great Light from the horizon of Iraq. Be thou thankful and numbered among the patient ones.

He who was named Muhammad hath been mentioned before the Throne. Convey unto him Our greetings and give him the glad-tidings of this wondrous remembrance.

The glory be upon thee and upon thy wife and thy children. Ye are all mentioned before the Throne and are the achievers of the heavenly table that hath been sent down from this glorious station.

BH07854: Your call hath been heard and Thy letter was…

In the Name of the Peerless Lord!

Your call hath been heard and Thy letter was observed. Verily thy Lord turneth hardship into comfort and difficulty into ease. He is, verily, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Give thanks unto God for having been mentioned before the Throne and for His Glorious and Wondrous Pen having turned toward thee. We have commanded all to wisdom and unity, that all may fix their gaze upon that which God hath willed.

There is no doubt that the divine commandments have ever been the cause of salvation for all peoples. Blessed is the one who hath pondered the divine ordinances and acted upon them. By My life! They are the fountainheads of grace and the dawning-places of justice amongst the servants. He with Whom is the Final Word beareth witness unto this.

God willing, divine benevolence shall embrace all. Be thou assured and be of the thankful ones. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee among such as have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

BH07467: Praise be to God that through the bounty…

In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds!

Praise be to God that through the bounty of the Sovereign of existence ye have attained, and are gazing upon the ocean of grace and bounty. Two matters have ever been and shall continue to be beloved in the sight of God: first, steadfastness, and second, wisdom. In all the Tablets We have enjoined wisdom and forbidden the people from creating mischief and corruption, lest that appear which would trouble hearts and minds. Nevertheless, in most lands some have transgressed beyond wisdom and deemed it to be a means of assisting the Cause. This hath been a source of error for them. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We beseech God to assist thee and those who have believed, and to ordain for thee the good of this world and the next. Verily He is the Potent over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most High, the Most Great. God willing, on this spiritual day thou shalt drink again and again, time after time, from the luminous Kawthar from the divine Hand of bounty. The glory be upon you.

BH07534: God willing, may you abide beneath the shade…

In the Name of the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing!

God willing, may you abide beneath the shade of the Divine Lote-Tree and be illumined by the lights of the Countenance of the All-Merciful. The eye of God's loving-kindness hath been and will continue to be upon you.

Although this most glorious and exalted station is now concealed, yet days will come forth from non-existence into being when the fruits of goodly deeds shall become manifest and evident as the sun in those days. In all conditions you must be mindful of wisdom and speak in remembrance of God. Verily, He exalteth whomsoever He willeth through His Own sovereign might. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Mighty.

We beseech God to aid thee to serve His Cause, to strengthen thee in that which will make thy remembrance endure in the kingdom of His Cause and creation, and to ordain for thee that which will

exalt His remembrance among His servants. He is the Protector of whosoever turneth unto Him. There is none other God but Him, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

May the glory rest upon you and upon those with you who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

BH07598: Praise be to the Purpose of the world Who…

In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds!

Praise be to the Purpose of the world Who favored you with His wondrous grace and adorned you with an ornament that will endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven shall last.

Be thou thankful unto thy Lord, then recognize the station of thy father. Verily he hath a station with God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Then remember thy brother whom God hath exalted through a sovereignty from His presence and named him with His wondrous name.

Thy letter hath been presented before the Throne and We have heard that wherewith thou didst commune with God. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer. Thy call was heard and thy letter was observed.

God willing, thou shalt ever be speaking in praise and glorification of God and remain steadfast in His Cause. The Supreme Pen counsels all His loved ones to the Most Great Steadfastness, and this station hath been and is the most great of all stations with God.

And glory be upon thee and upon thy father and upon those women who have believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

BH08019: In this Day it is incumbent and obligatory upon…

In the Name of the One True God

In this Day it is incumbent and obligatory upon all to hold fast to the cord of divine wisdom and to draw the people, through loving counsels, to the court of oneness. O friends of God! I counsel you to pure deeds and praiseworthy conduct. Know this much: this fleeting world has never been, nor will ever be, worthy of either grief or joy.

God willing, may you, through His grace, achieve such deeds as will cause their mention to endure eternally in the immortal Kingdom. Be not grieved at separation, for He is verily the Ordainer, the All-Knowing, the All-Bountiful. The call of the handmaiden of God was heard. Give her the glad-tidings of the wondrous remembrances of God and the lights of divine utterance. Gladden Asadu'llah with the sweet fragrances of the Best-Beloved of the worlds. Blessed is he for having believed in the early days of his life in God, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Verily We have heard your call and have answered you through this exalted Tablet.

BH08359: The verses were sent down when the signs appeared…

He is sanctified above all that hath been and shall be!

The verses were sent down when the signs appeared and the Spirit speaketh between the world and giveth glad-tidings unto the nations of the Most Great Name, whereby all who are in the heavens and earth were illumined.

Blessed is the ignorant one who hath turned toward the horizon of the Cause, and woe unto the learned one who hath turned away from God, the Lord of the worlds. He who hath recognized God and the Dawning-Place of His Cause is accounted among the learned ones, though he be the most ignorant of men; and he who hath turned away is reckoned among the ignorant, though he produce all the knowledge of the first and the last.

Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen remind thee that thou mayest remember thy Lord with manifest humility. Beware lest anything sadden thee or the veils of those who have cast guidance behind their backs and followed the desires of every heedless and remote one prevent thee.

Verily the glory be upon the people of Baha who have held fast unto the Crimson Ark and drawn nigh unto God, the One, the All-Informed.

BH08098: God willing, may you ever be and continue…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the One with power and might

God willing, may you ever be and continue to be blessed through divine favors and illumined by the light of His countenance. Strive in these days, when the Most Great Luminary is shining from the horizon of the world, that you may attain His good-pleasure and act according to what He has commanded. Blessed art thou and blessed is thy father who attained the presence of God, drank from the Kawthar of immortality, and ascended unto God, the Lord of Names. We testify that he is among those who have attained. The world has never had, nor has it now, any worth. Under all conditions hold fast unto God and fix your gaze upon the horizon of His grace. Verily He takes and He gives, and He is indeed the Forgiving, the Generous. The glory be upon you and upon those who have turned toward God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Generous.

BH08319: The buzzing of flies hath risen high when…

He is the Herald in the world in His Name, the All-Merciful

The buzzing of flies hath risen high when the All-Bestower came with mighty sovereignty, and all who dwell in creation were shaken when the Most Exalted Word of God appeared in this manifest Temple.

Say: O concourse of unbelievers! Die in your wrath! By God, the Preserved Tablet and the Hidden Book have appeared, and He doth speak in the Most Great Prison: “There is none other God but Me, the Forgiving, the Generous.” The hosts of earth did not prevent Him, nor the might of those who were heedless of God’s Cause, the Lord of the worlds.

He summoneth all to the supreme horizon and the uttermost abode. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Wise. The conditions of the world do not frustrate Him, nor the gathering of nations. By His sovereignty He doeth what He willeth. He, verily, is the Self-Sufficient, the Bountiful, the Mighty, the Powerful.

When thou attainest unto the Tablet of God, give thanks to Him and say: “Praise be to Thee, O Lord of the mystic knowers!”

BH08469: Here is a tablet revealed by Us for him…

He is manifest from the horizon of utterance

Here is a tablet revealed by Us for him who desires to drink from the Kawthar of life in the days of the All-Merciful, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of the Lord of the worlds and be of those who are at peace.

O ʿAli-Akbar! Blessed is thy father who believed in God when every ignorant one turned away from Him. Beware lest anything prevent thee from the remembrance of God. Hold fast unto that which thou art commanded in the Book and cling to His mighty cord.

We have adorned the horizon of the world with the Most Great Name, whereupon all things proclaimed:

> “He Who is the Lord of Names hath come with a sovereignty that the hosts of evil ones and the might of the oppressors could not withhold.”

He alone speaketh at the midmost heart of creation, saying:

> “O people of creation! Turn ye toward the Countenance with illumined hearts. He hath appeared from the most exalted horizon after the passing away of all things, and He is in truth the One promised in the scriptures of God, the Most High, the All-Glorious.”

BH08107: O handmaiden of God! Divine Tablets have been revealed…

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

O handmaiden of God! Divine Tablets have been revealed especially for thee in most of the years when this Wronged One of the horizons was imprisoned in the Most Great Prison. Thou shouldst appreciate the value of this bounty and preserve it with thy sight and soul, and act in accordance with that which beseemeth this blessed Day. God willing, mayest thou be ever enkindled with the fire of the love of God and illumined by the lights of His countenance. Soon shall the carpet of the world be rolled up, and all that is visible therein shall vanish into nothingness. Thou shouldst speak forth the remembrance of God with the utmost eagerness and longing, for He is the lasting bounty. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto it and remained steadfast therein. And glory be upon thee and upon thy daughters who have turned unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH08355: He is the One with power over whatsoever He…

He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth! The horizon of bounty hath dawned, yet the peoples have turned away therefrom, having followed every carved idol.

The call hath been raised from the most exalted horizon: “Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.” The evidence hath appeared and the cry hath gone forth and the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken amongst creation: “The appointed time hath come and the Promised One hath appeared.”

The Kingdom circleth round the Throne, yet most of the people understand not. The ocean surgeth and the fragrance wafteth—blessed is he who hath drunk and found, and woe unto every heedless one who is rejected.

Take hold of the hem of grace and say:

> “O my God! I beseech Thee by the Source of Thy signs and the Dawning-Place of Thy clear tokens to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy remembrance and praise. Verily Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Beloved.”

BH08097: May you ever remain, and to eternity continue…

In the Name of the God of Mercy!

May you ever remain, and to eternity continue to be, firm in your attachment to the Dawning-Place of God’s Cause and the Dayspring of His Divine Revelation. The world and all that is therein are ever-passing, and that which shall endure and last is faith in God and deeds performed in accordance with His commandments. Strive thou to remain steadfast in the path of His Cause and to become detached and freed from all else but Him. Most people, through satanic imaginings, remain deprived of the horizon of divine unity, following their own desires while supposing they follow the truth. Soon shall they face the consequences of their deeds. Thou shouldst, with the utmost joy and gladness, be occupied with the remembrance of the Lord of Revelation. Glory be upon those who have stood firm in the Cause and followed God’s mighty and unshakeable Command.

BH08178: At all times hath God, exalted and glorified be…

In the Name of the One God!

At all times hath God, exalted and glorified be He, made mention and doth continue to make mention of His loved ones. This is among His great favors, for verily every word that hath issued from the mouth of the Divine Will and been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen shall endure and remain forever. Rejoice ye in the loving-kindness and bounty of God. He, verily, is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. It is binding and incumbent upon every soul to adorn himself with such virtues and deeds as would cause people to turn towards and draw nigh unto the Source, and through which all may inhale from him the sweet fragrance of sincerity. The world is transient, but that which hath been ordained for the loved ones of God shall

endure and remain forever. Thus have We imparted unto thee that thou mayest remind the people of that which hath been sent down from the heaven of thy Lord's Will, the Speaking One, the Mighty, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

BH08271: In the Name of the Educator of the World!…

In the Name of the Educator of the World! We have heard thy call and hearkened unto the lamentation of thy heart in separation from the Best-Beloved of all worlds. All creation hath been brought into being for the knowledge of the Ancient King. Blessed are they who have attained unto this most exalted station.

O thou who seekest reunion with the peerless Beloved! The people of error, He saith, have become a barrier between God and His creatures. The transgressions of the aggressors and the oppression of the tyrannical have held back the servants from the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Grieve thou not at this, for He ordaineth what He willeth for whomsoever He pleaseth, as a token of His grace. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Bountiful. And He recordeth for the sincere ones the reward of those who have attained His presence. He, verily, is the Bestower, the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing.

It behooveth every soul to acknowledge that which thou hast acknowledged in thy letter. We have forgiven thee, delivered thee, and made thee to be of those who remember. Rejoice thou in what hath been sent down unto thee from My Most Exalted Pen, and be thou of the thankful ones.

BH08094: God willing, may you be occupied at all times…

In the name of the Beloved of all horizons!

God willing, may you be occupied at all times with the remembrance of God and drink from the Kawthar of divine knowledge. Know thou the value of these days. Strive that thou mayest attain unto that which will cause thy mention to endure in the divine Kingdom.

Muhammad-Qablih-Hasan attained the presence of the Most Great Horizon and his deeds were adorned with the ornament of divine acceptance. Blessed is he and happy is he, inasmuch as he hath been honored with this supreme testimony which hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen.

All the deeds of the world are dependent upon the acceptance of the Ancient King, and this station was and shall ever be the most exalted of all stations. Blessed is he who hath attained unto this mighty station.

Give thanks unto God for having enabled thy brother to attain His presence and hearken unto that which the Tongue of Grandeur and Glory uttereth from His mighty and impregnable station.

BH08413: This is a Book sent down in truth…

He is the Glorious, the Most Glorious!

This is a Book sent down in truth, and from it wafts the fragrance of the Garment to the people of holiness, and the breath of the All-Merciful to all who dwell in the realm of possibility. Verily it is God's

proof unto all who are in the heavens and on earth, could ye but perceive it. Were ye to look with My eye, ye would behold it as the Dawning-Place of My most excellent names and the Manifestation of My most exalted attributes. All that ye have heard concerning the Day of Resurrection and its conditions—thus doth inform you One Who possesseth a protecting Tablet.

Hold fast unto the cord of steadfastness in the path of God and cling to His luminous hem. Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear ye the All-Merciful, and commit not that which would cause the clamor of nations to be raised. Do that which I have commanded you in My wondrous Tablet.

We have forbidden all from the promptings of self and passion, and have enjoined upon them that which shall profit them in the world to come and in this world. To this testifieth that which hath been sent down in the Books of God, the Help in Peril, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

BH08214: Your mention hath been made in the Most Great…

In the Name of the One Beloved!

Your mention hath been made in the Most Great Prison, and the glance of divine favor hath been directed toward those who seek the Kaaba of their Goal.

Whosoever in this Day hath turned unto the Dawning-Place of divine verses and the Manifestation of the evidences of the All-Merciful, he is accounted before God as the most exalted of all creation. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto this sublime and impregnable station.

This is the Most Great Day, and the highest horizon hath been adorned and illumined with the lights of the countenance of the Lord of Names. Yet the people remain heedless thereof, occupied with their own idle fancies.

Praise be to the Ancient Beauty that thou hast attained unto His recognition and perceived this most great favor. Preserve it and be thou of them that render thanks.

We beseech God to assist thee to serve His Cause and to aid thee at all times to remember and praise Him. Verily He is the Almighty, the Exalted, the Most High, the Great.

BH08081: We have heard your call and recognized your turning…

He is God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

We have heard your call and recognized your turning to the Face. We have remembered you in this Tablet which hath shone forth from the horizon of the favor of this Wronged One, the Exile, Who is imprisoned in this fortress for the sake of God, the Lord of all worlds. We thank Him for what hath befallen Us. To this beareth witness My joy and My gladness, then My patience and My fortitude, and this mighty, impregnable Book. Blessed is he who hath recognized this Day and turned unto God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

Whosoever today attaineth unto the recognition of God is accounted among the assured ones in the Book. Blessed is he who hath inhaled the fragrance of the Beloved and hath voiced His praise amidst His

servants and His creation—he is of them that have attained. All the loved ones of God must occupy themselves in unison with the mention of the Divine Word. The glory be upon thee and upon every steadfast and assured one.

BH08452: Thy call was heard and thy turning toward…

He is the Most Holy, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Thy call was heard and thy turning toward the Most Holy Court was evident and known before God. We have accepted thy deed in the path of God. Be thou thankful and among those who praise. Blessed are those souls who today move by the will of God and walk in the path of His good-pleasure.

Although those souls who turned toward the Most Holy Court without permission attained the presence, yet the Supreme Pen hath paused in their mention. We have pardoned them as a bounty from Us. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Generous.

Thy deed was more acceptable before God, for today all must be occupied with service to the Cause and hold fast to the divine commandments. Blessed are they that act! And hereafter whosoever shall turn without permission, verily he is of the heedless.

And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH08008: In the Name of the Beloved of the World!…

In the Name of the Beloved of the World! Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the recognition of the Purpose of all created things, and art honored in His days by the sweet savors of the All-Merciful. Thy mention hath been made before the Throne, and thy call hath been heard, and its fruits shall assuredly become manifest. He, verily, is the Ordainer, the Bountiful. He ordaineth for thee that which shall profit thee in this world and the world to come. Naught is hidden from His knowledge. He, verily, is the Ordainer, the All-Informed.

The people are in need of a counselor and remembrancer. It behooveth one such as thee to counsel the heedless souls, that perchance they may detach themselves from their vain desires and turn their gaze toward the horizon of guidance.

I swear by the Educator of the seen and the unseen! If those souls who claim adherence to the Truth were to act according to what God hath willed, thou wouldst now behold the entire earth as a single patch of the Most Exalted Paradise.

The glory of God rest upon thee and upon those who are with thee.

BH08302: The fragrance of the garment of Revelation hath perfumed…

In the Name of the Beloved of the worlds

The fragrance of the garment of Revelation hath perfumed the world, yet most of the people are afflicted with such a cold that they remain deprived of inhaling its sweet-scenting aroma. How many among men

arose to oppose and contend at the time of the dawning of the Sun of Beauty, and were thus forbidden from the ocean of the All-Merciful's mercy and the clouds of the All-Glorious One's bounty.

And certain handmaidens attained unto the recognition of the Lord of Names and fixed their gaze upon the most exalted horizon. I swear by the Sun of inner meanings that the mention of these handmaidens in the divine Tablets […] and shall endure forever, while those men shall become lost and perish and shall return to the lowest depths of the fire. Bounty and grace have ever been within God's mighty grasp—He bestoweth them upon whomsoever He willeth. Rejoice thou in the Tablet of thy Lord and glorify the praise of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH08076: He is the Most Inaccessible, the Most Great…

He is the Most Inaccessible, the Most Great, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! We have made mention of those who have turned towards the Countenance and have held fast unto the Most Firm Handle, and We make mention of them in this Great Prison. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the remembrance of the All-Merciful and whose name hath been set down by His Most Inaccessible, Most Holy, All-Knowing, All-Informed Pen.

They who have been given insight by God are such as would not exchange it for the treasures of the heavens and earth, could ye but know it. Were ye to know what hath been ordained for you, ye would soar on the wings of longing, and such joy would seize you that no harm from anyone on earth could sadden you. He, verily, is the Expositor, the All-Knowing.

Be ye united in the Cause of God and differ not in anything. This is a clear counsel. Thus have We commanded you and taught you in diverse Tablets and in this glorious and wondrous Tablet. Be ye stars of guidance and steadfastness in this heaven, that through your lights those who are on earth may be illumined. This behooveth whosoever hath turned towards the horizon of God, the Dawning-Place, the Luminous.

BH08150: After recognition of the Manifestation of Divine Revelation…

In the Name of the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

After recognition of the Manifestation of Divine Revelation and the Dawning-Place of the Divine Inspiration, Who is the Sovereign of beliefs, all must act according to that which hath been sent down in the Book, for it is the Sovereign of deeds. Say: O friends! The touchstone in your midst distinguisheth the truthful from the false. Mere claims were not and are not sufficient.

God willing, the deficient and imperfect souls must become perfect through the loving counsels of those who seek the Ka'bih of their heart's desire, and they must not transgress the divine commandments. They must still the fire of self and passion with the water of God's remembrance, and with perfect certitude and assurance turn their gaze toward the horizon of guidance. I beseech God to assist His servants in that which He loveth and is pleased with, to make known to them that which will profit them in the world to come and in this world, and to strengthen them in this Remembrance through which the greatest idol

hath lamented and the hearts of the sincere ones have been made glad. Say: All praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH08346: He is the One Who standeth through His own…

He is the One Who standeth through His own Name, the Self-Subsisting! The Bell hath pealed out in the name of the Lord of Paradise, and the Law hath come from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

He, verily, is the One promised in the Torah and mentioned in the Qur'an and the Gospel. He hath promised all peoples the Most Great Law, and He hath appeared in truth with a manifest balance.

Among the people are those who have accepted Him through a power from Us, and among them are those who have cast Him away, following their own imaginings. Say: Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of this most great favor. Turn unto Him, and be not of the fearful.

He, verily, is the sanctuary of peace for all who are in the heavens and on earth, and the dawning-place of bounty for every small one and great.

Behold ye the Dayspring of Revelation and hold fast unto that which hath been sent down from God, the Lord of all worlds. Read ye the verses of God by night and by day; verily they will draw you unto a glorious station.

BH09052: This is a mention from the Wronged One unto…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

This is a mention from the Wronged One unto him who hath inhaled the fragrance of His robe and hath turned unto God, the Lord of the worlds. We beseech God to assist Us and you in remembering and praising Him. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Wise. Drink thou at all times from the choice wine of certitude, the seal whereof hath been broken by the finger of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. God willing, may you ever abide beneath the shade of the providence of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, and become so enkindled with the fire of the love of God that you may cause others to be set ablaze thereby. Should anyone reflect upon the world and whatsoever hath appeared and will appear therein, he would clearly behold its evanescence and would cleave unto the cord of that which endureth. Glory be upon thee and upon him who hath believed in God, the Peerless, the All-Informed.

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BH08700: We make mention of My handmaiden who has turned…

He is the Mighty, the Holy, the Inaccessible

We make mention of My handmaiden who has turned towards God and drunk the choice wine of divine knowledge when most of the people of the realm of possibilities turned away from it. Be thou thankful

unto thy Lord for this bounty which hath shone forth from the horizon of the Tablet and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all beings.

God willing, may you be occupied at all times with the remembrance of the True One, gazing toward His horizon and turning unto His countenance. Ask thou of God, exalted be His glory, for steadfastness, for this has been and shall ever be of the highest station with God.

Blessed art thou and blessed is every handmaiden who hath believed in God, the Lord of the Throne and of the earth, and the Lord of the seen and the unseen, and the Lord of this mighty and wondrous station. Moreover, blessed is thy daughter who hath attained unto this glorious station.

BH08698: We make mention of those who have believed…

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

We make mention of those who have believed in God and followed what they were commanded in the Book. Blessed is the servant who has turned to God and the handmaiden who has attained unto this Day wherein the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken: “There is none other God but I, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.” O My handmaiden! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison, then thank thy Lord for having acquainted thee with the Dawning-Place of His Cause and for having made mention of thee while He was among the wicked. Praise God in all conditions and hold fast unto the Sure Handle, lest the intimations of those who have disbelieved in the Lord of Lords cause thee to slip. We give glad tidings unto those who have turned to the Countenance and [attained?] that which none knoweth save the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Thus have We made mention of thee as a favor from Our presence. When thou hast attained unto it, render thanks and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all mankind!”

BH08939: We behold the mountains humbled and shattered through…

He is the Speaker in the Kingdom of Sanctity!

We behold the mountains humbled and shattered through the fear of God, yet the people rejoice in what they possess and are of the heedless ones. The overwhelming calamity stalks behind them while they play with their idle fancies and remain among the negligent. Death approaches them at all times while they are unaware of it—verily they are among those who perish.

Blessed art thou for having attained unto the recognition of God—this is of His bounty toward thee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Leave the people and what they possess, and take what thou art commanded in a mighty Book, from whose horizon hath shone forth the Sun of the commandments of thy Lord. By My life! It is indeed the water of life for all who are in the heavens and on earth. Through it God quickeneth whomsoever He willeth of His creation. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH08795: A mention from Us to him who hath believed…

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

A mention from Us to him who hath believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed, that he may rejoice within himself and arise to remember his Lord and act according to that which hath been commanded from the presence of One All-Knowing, All-Wise. O Mustafa! Rejoice within thyself inasmuch as the Lord of all beings remembereth thee in this exalted and glorious station. Grieve not over anything but put thy trust in God. Verily, He aideth whomsoever He willeth through His sovereignty. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We have heard thy call and have answered thee through this Tablet whereby the fragrance of God hath been wafted between the heavens and the earth. Preserve this most exalted station even as thou wouldst preserve thine eyes and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of them that have recognized Thee!

BH08631: Thy name was mentioned before the Wronged One…

In the name of the Desire of the world

Thy name was mentioned before the Wronged One and the gaze of favor was directed towards thee. Today the handmaidens of God must remain steadfast in the Cause of God with perfect sincerity, unity, sanctity and detachment, and be engaged in His remembrance. Praise be to God, thou hast been blessed with His grace and honored with faith in God. How many men remained deprived of the ocean of recognition of the Self-Sufficient, Exalted One, while thou wert enabled to attain thereto.

If thou shouldst spend thy entire life offering thanks to the Ancient Lord in all the languages of the peoples of the world, thou wouldst not fulfill its due. Therefore give thanks to thy Lord for this bounty and be of those handmaidens who have believed and acted according to what they were commanded in the Book of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

BH08754: Thou shouldst with thy tongue, spirit and heart render…

In the name of the Peerless Friend

Thou shouldst with thy tongue, spirit and heart render thanks unto the Best-Beloved of the worlds, inasmuch as He hath manifested through thee one who, by leave of the Best-Beloved of the world, turned towards the horizon of revelation and, arriving at the seat of the Throne in this Most Great Prison, hearkened unto the voice of the Wronged One, and drank the water of knowledge from the hands of the bounty of the Lord of all beings, and hath been and is, night and day, engaged in service.

The favor that hath been shown him is this: that his services have been accepted. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this manifest grace. Verily, the glory be upon thy son, O handmaid of God, and upon those whose deeds have been accepted before God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling.

BH08787: A mention from Us to her who hath believed…

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

A mention from Us to her who hath believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed. We hear the call of those who have turned to the Countenance, and We behold those women who have believed in God, the

Mighty, the Praiseworthy. O handmaiden of God! The True One, exalted be His station, hath at all times made mention of His loved ones and continueth to do so, for His grace is abundant and His generosity transcendeth the description of all who dwell in the realm of possibility. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto the sweetness of the divine remembrance and hath, with complete detachment and sanctity, spoken His praise and glory. A goodly station befitteth a goodly word. God willing, thou shalt occupy thyself with the remembrance of the Lord of all beings with complete sincerity. Verily, He is with those women who remember their Lord at eventide and at dawn. There is no God but Him, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

BH08752: That which was mentioned in thy letter attained…

In the name of the peerless Lord.

That which was mentioned in thy letter attained the presence of the Wronged One. God's loving-kindness hath been with you from the beginning. Be not grieved by the conflicts of this transient world. Verily He extendeth sustenance unto whomsoever He willeth. God willing, this difficulty shall be transformed into ease. Grieve not over anything, but place thy trust in God, the Lord of all worlds.

His honor Sulayman Khan hath gone to the regions of India and thus far two letters from him have reached the Most Holy Court and been answered. Be not downhearted. Affairs have proceeded and continue to proceed according to the requirements of divine wisdom. The world hath had and hath no value.

We convey greetings to all the souls mentioned in thy letter. We beseech God to assist them to remember and praise Him, and to ordain for them that which shall profit them. Verily He is the Protector of the patient ones.

BH09017: Your letter written in the Most Great Prison reached…

In the Name of the Peerless Lord!

Your letter written in the Most Great Prison reached the Wronged One, and its beginning was adorned with the crown of the utterance of the Lord of all creation. Praise be to God that thou hast been illumined with the lights of faith. Strive thou to remain firm, steadfast and unwavering in this Cause which hath thrown most of the peoples into agitation, for it hath been observed that certain souls, despite their claims of faith, certitude, assurance and knowledge, have been deprived of the Lord of Names through mere desire. We beseech God to assist thee in His love and good-pleasure, to draw thee nigh unto Him in all conditions, and to cause thee to speak His praise amongst His creatures. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful. The glory be upon thee and upon thy handmaiden whom thou didst mention in thy letter. Verily thy Lord is the All-Remembering, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH09013: This is a Book sent down from the Intended…

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

This is a Book sent down from the Intended One to him who hath believed in God, the Lord of all worlds, that the wine of utterance may so intoxicate him that he will arise to proclaim the Most Great Name amidst all peoples, that perchance they who slumber upon the couch of idle fancies may be awakened and be numbered among the heedless.

It behooveth every soul to teach the Cause of God with wisdom and utterance, even as hath been revealed in most of the Tablets. Blessed are they who act! Rejoice ye in the appearance of God and His sovereignty in such wise that the cawing of the idolaters shall not grieve you.

We make mention of you at all times as a token of grace from Us, for We are verily the All-Remembering, the All-Informed. Were ye to taste the sweetness of your Lord's remembrance, ye would find yourselves in manifest detachment. Thus hath spoken the Lord of all worlds that ye may rejoice and be numbered with the thankful ones.

And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH08868: 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, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who speaketh is verily the Dayspring of His Cause, in both the past and the future, and He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. May God willing, mayest thou be enabled to inhale the fragrances of the Days of God and be adorned with the ornament of the most great steadfastness. Steadfastness hath ever been regarded as one of the most exalted matters in the sight of God, for it hath been observed that certain souls, after claiming to have faith and ascending to the heaven of recognition, were debarred from the Eternal God by the croaking of a crow, and turned away from the Truth. After recognition of the Truth, seek thou steadfastness, for there hath been and is no station more exalted than this. And God speaketh the truth and guideth to the Way.

BH08812: Glorified is He Who hath come with the Truth…

He is the One dawning from the horizon of the world with His Most Great Name

Glorified is He Who hath come with the Truth with such a proof as hath rendered powerless all who are in the heavens and on earth, and Who hath summoned all to His manifest and extended Path. He hath desired naught for Himself, but rather desired to draw all nigh unto the praiseworthy station. Verily, he who hath found the fragrance of the Garment hath turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon in such wise that the might of kings hath failed to deter him.

Hold fast, O My loved ones, unto My commandments whereby every inscribed tablet hath been adorned. Take hold of God's principles with the power bestowed by Us, and follow not the ways of every rejected ignorant one. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken on this night when clouds have veiled the face of heaven, and the Lord of Names speaketh that whereby all existence hath been stirred. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the lights of God, the King, the Mighty, the Beloved.

BH08899: The clouds of idle fancies have darkened the horizon…

In the Name of the Peerless Friend

The clouds of idle fancies have darkened the horizon of guidance, yet these clouds are naught but the vain imaginings of heedless souls. God shall soon disperse them through the truth. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

O friends! May you be, God willing, enkindled with the fire of the utterance of the All-Merciful with such enkindlement that neither the oppression of the divines, nor the clamor of the ignorant, nor the braying of the wicked, nor the croaking of the evil ones shall extinguish it.

Praise be to the Ancient Beauty that thou hast attained unto His recognition and art adorned with His remembrance. This is from God's greatest bounty. Be thou thankful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!

We have enjoined wisdom upon all. They must, God willing, become adorned with divine qualities and summon the heedless servants to the court of oneness through the all-compelling wisdom of the Lord.

May the glory rest upon thee and upon those who have believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

BH09221: Hearken unto the Call from the direction…

He is the Speaker after the extinction of all things.

Hearken unto the Call from the direction of the Prison: Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Be thou enkindled with the fire of the love of God in such wise that neither doubts nor intimations shall prevent thee. He walketh and moveth above the world—to this testifieth every knowing and informed one.

God willing, ye must soar in the atmosphere of certitude on the wings of detachment, and in all times be occupied with the remembrance of the All-Merciful with such steadfastness that its effect shall become manifest in the world of creation. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath drunk the choice wine of steadfastness from the hands of the bounty of his Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous.

We have mentioned thee before and in this wondrous Tablet. Be grateful to God for this exalted and mighty favor.

BH09574: The voice of the Most Exalted Pen is raised…

In the name of God, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing!

The voice of the Most Exalted Pen is raised at all times, and the tongue of Grandeur speaks forth in every moment, and the Sun of the Beauty of the Beloved is ever-dawning from the horizon of glory. Blessed is the eye that hath seen and the ear that hath heard.

Strange it is that some souls have not been awakened by the blast of the trumpet, and have not caught the fragrance of the divine Robe. Gird up the loins of endeavor and occupy thyself with service to the Cause, that perchance those who slumber may lift their heads from the couch of heedlessness through the breezes of the divine morn, and shine forth like the morning star amidst mankind.

This is the counsel of the Lord of eternity that flows and spreads from the Pen of the Most Great Name. Blessed are they that attain!

BH09569: Thy letter hath arrived at the Most Exalted Throne…

In the name of Him Who is the Goal of all the worlds!

Thy letter hath arrived at the Most Exalted Throne, and whatsoever thou didst present in Arabic and Persian was heard. May thou, God willing, ever illumine hearts with the remembrance of the Beloved. The reward of attaining His presence hath been recorded for thee by the Most Exalted Pen.

Be thou thankful for this most great bounty, and with utmost joy and gladness speak forth in remembrance of the Dawning-Place of Revelation. Be thou not saddened by outward upheavals. Verily He shall gather together those who have believed in God, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting.

Convey the Most Wondrous, Most Exalted greetings to the handmaidens of God who were mentioned in thy letter, and gladden them with the remembrance of God.

BH09344: A remembrance from Our presence unto him who hath…

He is the Sanctified above all that hath been and shall be

A remembrance from Our presence unto him who hath turned unto the Countenance and believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed. Thou hast attained unto the days of God and heard that which was raised from the Ultimate Tree which speaketh amongst mankind and calleth all unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Be thou steadfast in the Cause in such wise that neither the might of the powerful nor the cawing of the divines who lay claim to knowledge and deny the All-Knowing One when He appeared with manifest sovereignty shall veil thee. the ungodly in most cities and regions have arisen in hypocrisy and opposition, as attesteth He with Whom is the Preserved Book. God shall soon erase their names and purify the earth of their presence. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful.

BH09274: The leaves of the blessed Tree must, with complete…

In the name of the Lord of all worlds!

The leaves of the blessed Tree must, with complete certitude and assurance, hold fast to the root of the Tree, lest they be made to fall by the blowing of the winds of the doubts and idle fancies of heedless souls.

All in the world, both female and male, were awaiting the days of the Manifestation, yet when the divine Day appeared and the Most Great Orb rose from the horizon of bounty, all became occupied with their

own vain imaginings and turned away from the Truth, exalted and mighty be He—save those souls who rent asunder the veils of glory and turned toward the horizon of the Cause of the beloved and eternal One.

God willing, thou shalt at all times be occupied with the remembrance of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, and be detached and severed from all else. And the glory be upon thee and upon those handmaidens who have believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

BH09659: O youth! Thy letter was presented before the Countenance…

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful

O youth! Thy letter was presented before the Countenance and was beheld. Praise be to God that in thy early days thou didst turn to the true Kaaba and didst attain to His recognition. Verily, all grace is in the hands of God—He bestoweth it upon whomsoever He willeth of His creation. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

How many souls, despite their yearning and desire, failed to attain to the recognition of their Lord at the end of their days, while thou, through divine grace and favor, hast in the beginning of thy life attained to this most great bounty. God willing, thou shalt abide protected and dwelling beneath the divine Lote-Tree, ever mindful.

And the Glory be upon thee.

BH09261: We make mention of him who has turned…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great!

We make mention of him who has turned to God, that his remembrance may endure among the worlds.

Say: Glory is not for those who have turned to their own selves, but rather for those who have turned to the affairs of those who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

Be unto others as ye are unto yourselves. Thus doth the Lord of the worlds command you.

Be ye united in God's Cause and in His love, and differ not in any matter. Thus doth God teach you as a token of His grace. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Generous.

Through your unity will God's Cause be made manifest among His servants, and through your steadfastness will the feet of the wavering ones be made firm. Put your trust in God, then aid Him through remembrance and utterance, that perchance they who slumber on the couch of idle fancies may be awakened and be numbered among the heedless ones.

BH09462: The Ancient Beauty hath turned His countenance from His…

He is the One Powerful over whatsoever He willeth!

The Ancient Beauty hath turned His countenance from His Most Great Prison toward those who have drunk the choice wine of life in the name of the Lord of Religions—He Who proclaimeth throughout all possibility:

> "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the Unconstrained."

Let those who have drawn nigh rejoice with the most great joy, and let the sincere ones be set ablaze in such wise that neither the denial of the divines nor the objection of the learned shall quench them. They shall speak forth at all times amidst the peoples of all religions with wisdom and utterance, and shall remind humanity of this Promised One through Whom the countenance of the Intended One hath appeared and the horizons have been illumined. Rejoice ye in God and His sovereignty, despite those who disbelieved when the Promise came and the proof appeared. Give thanks unto God for having sent down unto thee this Remembrance whereby hearts have been illumined and eyes have been solaced.

BH09276: O maidservant of God! God willing, through divine bounties…

In the name of the Beloved of the world

O maidservant of God! God willing, through divine bounties and heavenly outpourings, mayest thou in all conditions drink from the most pure wine of remembrance and knowledge, and with utmost joy and attraction utter praise of the Beloved of all horizons.

The days pass like lightning. It behooveth every soul in these numbered days to acquire lofty and eternal stations. The True One, exalted be His grandeur, hath manifested Himself purely out of His grace and bounty and hath taught the way of salvation. Blessed is the soul that hath attained His recognition with perfect certitude and assurance and hath held fast to His commandments.

The Glory be upon thee and upon those handmaids who have won this sealed wine.

BH09297: By the name of Him Who is the Lord…

By the name of Him Who is the Lord of earth and heaven!

O My handmaid! God willing, thou wilt become detached from creation and its conditions, and wilt ever remain focused on God and His verses. How many men, after their anticipation, failed to attain the Most Exalted Horizon, and how many women who, by the Most Glorious Name, drank from the chalice of recognition!

Bounty and generosity have ever been within God's mighty grasp. He bestoweth upon whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He desireth. He is the One Who doeth as He pleaseth. None besides Him hath ever had, nor shall ever have, any share in this station.

Rejoice thou in thy Lord's mention, then preserve it lest every treacherous thief become aware of it. Verily thy Lord is the All-Wise, the All-Knowing.

BH09570: Your letter reached this Prisoner in the Most Great…

In the Name of the One Friend!

Your letter reached this Prisoner in the Most Great Prison, and thou hadst sought permission to attain Our presence. This matter hath been forbidden in the Book of God.

Praise be to God, thou hast drunk the wine of inner meanings from the cup of divine favor. Know thou the value of this bounty, for its like hath not been witnessed in creation.

The heedless ones, the ignorant, and the oppressors have come between God and His loved ones, yet God hath been and will ever be with His friends. Be thou assured and be of the thankful ones.

Convey My greetings to thy wife and gladden her with the mention of her Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. The favor of God sufficeth her. It behooveth her to thank her Lord morning and evening.

BH09328: God, exalted and glorified be He, doth mention His…

In the Name of the Peerless Lord!

God, exalted and glorified be He, doth mention His servants and handmaidens, by day and by night, through the Supreme Pen. Blessed are they who have turned towards the horizon of God's Cause and in whose hearts are reflected the effulgences of the light of the divine countenance. The hearts of the servants are mirrors of God—they must at all times be cleansed and sanctified with the burnishing of His knowledge. And His knowledge is to acknowledge His Manifestation and to confess that which hath proceeded from Him. I counsel all servants and handmaidens to guard themselves against false pretenders, for We have previously announced that the cawing of the crows shall be raised. Verily, He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH09580: God's loving-kindness hath ever been and shall ever be…

In the Name of the One God!

God's loving-kindness hath ever been and shall ever be vouchsafed unto His friends. He is the Creator and the Provider, the Helper and the Companion, and He is the Succorer. From time immemorial His grace hath been directed toward His male and female servants, and if outwardly the manifestations of His bounty have at times remained concealed, this hath been due to a wisdom that none but God knoweth or shall ever know.

Be not sorrowful, and lament not your separation. The cry of "O My people! O My people!" is raised from the Most Exalted Horizon—a bounty with which all the earth cannot compare. Be thankful and remain patient.

BH09506: Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God, O…

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

Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God, O Illuminator of the world and Educator of the nations! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name, through which the Dove hath warbled and the Divine Lote-Tree hath spoken, to protect me beneath the shade of the Tree of Thy oneness and to confirm me in that which Thou hast decreed in Thy Books and Thy Tablets. O Lord! Praise be to Thee for having remembered me by Thy Most Exalted Pen and caused me to hear Thy Call in my early days when I was in the hands of the wicked ones. I beseech Thee, O Creator of the heavens and Fashioner of all things, not to deprive me of that which is with Thee nor to keep me far from the ocean of Thy nearness. Thou art He Who, through Thy Self-Subsistence, hath been powerful, and, through Thy sovereignty, all-pervading. There is none other God but Thee, the Most High, the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Generous.

BH09575: Thy call was heard and the fragrances of thy…

In the Name of Him Who is the Goal of the World!

Thy call was heard and the fragrances of thy love were inhaled. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Ye must remain steadfast in the love of God with utmost firmness, and become vocal in His remembrance which is in truth the lamp of hearts and the purifier of minds and souls. The grace of God hath encompassed and will continue to encompass His devoted handmaidens. Fix not your gaze upon these fleeting days, nor be ye saddened by whatsoever befalleth you therein. Rather, fix your gaze upon that which hath been ordained in the Kingdom for His devoted men and women. The evanescence of the world is evident and the permanence of what is with God is clear and manifest. Blessed is he who hath turned away from the former and held fast unto the latter—he is truly among those who are brought near.

BH09298: O My maidservant! The best among the women…

In the Name of the Lord of all worlds!

O My maidservant! The best among the women of the world today is she who hath turned unto the Truth and drunk from the cup of divine recognition. For instance, thou art today, in the sight of God, greater, more distinguished and more exalted than all the queens of the world.

Worth and station are determined through turning unto God. All lineage, ancestry, nobility and rank are established through faith in God. If today a person from among the nobles of the world, whose ancestors back to Adam were all renowned for their glory and eminence, should hesitate in the Cause of God, that person would be considered before the Truth as the most abject of servants and the most despised of people.

Blessed are they who know, women and men!

BH09364: Glorified be He Who hath manifested Himself of His…

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

Glorified be He Who hath manifested Himself of His own choosing. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. These are the Days of Ha whereon We have commanded all to be generous unto themselves and unto those who have turned towards this most Sublime Vision, so that they may make mention of Him therein and comprehend their station; for they betoken this Name, through which laws have been established for all that is visible and invisible.

Verily, We have designated these days to come before the Fast. This is naught but Our bounty unto you. We, verily, are omnipotent over all that hath been and all that shall be. Happy the man who doeth what God hath ordained, and woe betide the heedless and the outcast.

Verily We revealed verses and send them down unto you in this holy, this glorified Day, that thou mayest render thanks unto your Lord and mention Him with such a remembrance as to arouse every unbeliever from his heedlessness.

BH09833: A mention from Us to those who are…

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

A mention from Us to those who are in the world, that they may turn unto God, the Lord of eternity, and bear witness unto that whereunto God hath testified concerning His Own Self before the existence of all things: that there is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. God willing, through the grace of God mayest thou attain unto such a station wherein the words of the idolaters and the signs of the deniers and the clamor of the mischief-makers shall not prevent thee from the Dayspring of God's Cause. Blessed is he who is firm and steadfast in the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds. The world is seen to be transient and non-existent. God willing, may all attain unto that which shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. He, verily, is the Expositor, the All-Knowing.

BH09992: The petition was presented before the Throne and was…

In the name of the one incomparable Friend!

The petition was presented before the Throne and was adorned with the lights of His countenance. The call of all was heard and the forgiveness of the All-Merciful encompassed everyone. However, all must act according to what hath been revealed in the Book and be content and thankful with whatsoever God—glorified be His grandeur—hath ordained.

At the beginning of the petition an answer was revealed from the Pen of the King of Oneness, that all may know that the petitions of the servants are heard and, through abundant grace, answers are revealed.

Remember all the friends and others and the handmaidens of God in that land to the Wronged One of the horizons and convey His greetings.

BH09934: The atoms have testified to the Revealer of verses…

In His Name Who is sanctified above all mention and description!

The atoms have testified to the Revealer of verses, yet the people speak that which hath caused the hearts of the chosen ones to burn and the tears of the near ones to flow. By the life of God! They are in manifest loss. The ocean of knowledge hath surged and the luminary of wisdom hath shone forth, yet the people remain in evident veils. They have forsaken their God and followed their own desires. Woe unto them from the torment of a mighty day!

They were created to hearken unto the call of God, yet when it was raised in truth they turned upon their heels—they are indeed among the slumberers. Blessed is he who hath followed the command of his Lord and hath attained unto this Day wherein the Beloved of the world proclaimeth: There is none other God besides Me, the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH09838: Glorified is He Who hath sent down the verses…

He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth.

Glorified is He Who hath sent down the verses and made manifest the clear evidences for people who know. Verily, those who have attained today, they are honored servants upon whom the Concourse on High pray and whom the Tongue of Grandeur doth mention in this praiseworthy station.

Blessed art thou, O my handmaiden, for having believed in God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Guard thou the pearls of the love of God lest they be stolen by every rejected traitor. Thus doth thy Lord command thee as a token of His grace upon thee. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Forgiving.

Blessed is every handmaiden who hath believed in God, and woe unto whomsoever hath turned away from this forbidden station.

BH10007: Your letter was illumined before the Divine Presence through…

In the Name of the All-Merciful God!

Your letter was illumined before the Divine Presence through the people of the household, your call was heard, and mention was made of you before His countenance. Rejoice thou in this great bounty!

Be not grieved by worldly conditions and their vicissitudes. Praise be to God, you have attained unto the infinite outpourings of God and have turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon. There has not been and is not any station greater than this.

Now you must strive to follow God’s commandments. Be not saddened by hardship. Verily He ordaineth whatsoever He willeth for whomsoever He willeth. He is indeed the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

May the Glory rest upon you and upon your sons and your daughter, from One Who is Mighty, All-Knowing.

BH09908: Thy petition attained the Most Great Horizon and its…

In the Name of the All-Merciful God!

Thy petition attained the Most Great Horizon and its beginning was adorned with the crown of the remembrance of the Lord of all creation. Be thou grateful and be among those who remember.

It is incumbent upon all the loved ones today to hold fast to the cord of divine commandments, so that the heedless among the servants may turn to the Truth through their character, deeds and utterances.

They who are related to the Name of Generosity are remembered before the Throne. Convey My greetings to all of them and remind them of God's loving-kindness.

God willing, mayest thou speak forth at all times with complete sincerity in praise and glorification of the Lord of all beings. Verily, He is with those who have turned towards Him and remembers them in a perspicuous Book.

BH10127: The days of fasting have arrived wherein those servants…

In the Name of Him Who hath been promised in the Books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

The days of fasting have arrived wherein those servants who circle round Thy throne and have attained Thy presence have fasted. Say: O God of names and creator of heaven and earth! I beg of Thee by Thy Name, the All-Glorious, to accept the fast of those who have fasted for love of Thee and for the sake of Thy good-pleasure and have carried out what Thou hast bidden them in Thy Books and Tablets. I beseech Thee by them to assist me in the promotion of Thy Cause and to make me steadfast in Thy love, that my footsteps may not slip on account of the clamor of Thy creatures. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. No God is there but Thee, the Quickener, the All-Powerful, the Most Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

BH09910: The horsemen in the arena of meanings and utterance…

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

The horsemen in the arena of meanings and utterance must in this day be occupied with service to the Cause of the Beloved of the worlds. I say in truth: whosoever in this day becometh the cause of unity and harmony among the loved ones of God—he is recorded as one of the helpers in the perspicuous Book. Shun ye that which ye have been forbidden, then act according to that which ye have been commanded in the glorious Tablet.

Two petitions from thee reached the Most Holy Court and were honored to come before the gaze of the Wronged One of the horizons. God willing, thou shalt at all times drink of the most pure wine and fix thy gaze upon the Most Great Scene, detached from all the worlds.

Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH09901: The Wronged One beareth witness in the Most Great…

He is the Protector of what was and what shall be

The Wronged One beareth witness in the Most Great Prison that I am God's and He is mine, and I have accepted tribulations to manifest that which I was commanded by God, the Lord of Names. Unto this doth testify the Hidden Mystery Who proclaimeth: There is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. God willing, be ye occupied at all times with the remembrance of God. We counsel all the friends to show forth supreme steadfastness, for this station taketh precedence and this Cause is most mighty. Blessed is he who holdeth fast unto it, for he is of the people of this glorious station. Praise be unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH09751: Verily the Divine Lote-Tree calls out from the crimson…

He is the One Who has dominion over all names

Verily the Divine Lote-Tree calls out from the crimson spot, summoning all unto God, the Lord of Names. To this all things bear witness, yet the people do not understand. They deny the proof of God after it has shone forth from the horizon of utterance like the sun rising from the horizon of heaven. Yet they perceive not.

Blessed art thou for having attained unto the recognition of the Intended One when He came with manifest sovereignty. Hold fast unto the Most Great Cord and cling to the hem of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the Beloved.

Despair not of God's spirit and mercy. He is with those who have turned towards His Countenance and followed what was sent down in the preserved Tablet.

BH09741: Today obedience to the Command of God is binding…

In the name of the merciful Lord

Today obedience to the Command of God is binding and obligatory upon all. All must, through divine grace, be adorned with the ornament of His ordinances. That which hath been sent down from the heaven of God's Will hath been and shall ever be the cause and means of the progress of the people of the world and the salvation of all therein. Blessed are they who have attained unto the love of God and that which He hath revealed in the Book.

All men and women are remembered in the presence of God, and His glance of favor is fixed upon those who act. They must be so enkindled with the fire of His love that none shall be able to quench its flame.

Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this wondrous Tablet.

BH09836: Thy mention hath been made before Our Face…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great!

Thy mention hath been made before Our Face, and thou hast attained unto the recognition of the Lord of Revelation. Thou didst seek steadfastness from God, exalted and mighty be He. I swear by the Sun of Truth that this station is the most exalted of stations. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath taught

thee this lofty station. God willing, ye shall drink from the chalice of steadfastness and be occupied with His remembrance and praise.

The bounty of God hath reached such a degree that in the Most Great Prison, despite the trials that have descended, His Pen hath ceaselessly been engaged in remembrance of His loved ones.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of them that have known Thee!

From this station We send Our greetings upon thee, thy mother and thy sister, and We give you the glad-tidings of God's mercy which hath preceded all created things.

BH09889: 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 that He Who speaketh is the Dayspring of Revelation, the inscribed Book, the frequented Fane, the outstretched Parchment, the hidden Treasure, and the concealed Mystery.

Through Him hath the world been adorned and every nation been moved to proclaim that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Bountiful. But for Him none would have attained to the knowledge of God or comprehended the loftiness of His unity and the sublimity of His singleness.

Blessed is he who hath cast away the world and turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon with a heart sanctified from all mention of created things and purified from the idle fancies of them who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH09909: Your petition was adorned in the Most Great Prison…

In the Name of the Peerless Lord:

Your petition was adorned in the Most Great Prison with the lights of the countenance of the Ancient King, and from it was heard the praise and glorification of the Lord of Names.

Blessed is the state of the one who is possessed today of the most great steadfastness and is occupied with the remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds. Blessed is he, again blessed is he! God willing, may you ever be speaking His praise.

The world has been and will ever be transient, and that which endureth are the good deeds of the loved ones which have been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Preserved Tablet.

In all circumstances look ye to wisdom and hold fast to the divine commandments. He, verily, is the One Who commandeth, the All-Knowing.

BH10215: O handmaidens of God! May you ever be…

In the Name of the One Friend!

O handmaidens of God! May you ever be and continue to be blessed with divine favors. What you submitted in your petition was heard. Let not earthly conditions sadden you two. That which will delight the eyes has been ordained for you both and for your father. Beseech God that all handmaidens may attain unto what God has willed and act according to that which is beloved. You must engage in the remembrance of God with utmost joy and gladness, for His favor has encompassed you all and will continue to do so, God willing. Verily, He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH10393: The breathings of divine revelation have encompassed the world…

In the Name of the One Peerless Lord of all horizons!

The breathings of divine revelation have encompassed the world and the fragrance of His raiment hath pervaded all things. Yet some have attained while others remain deprived, for they have clung to the vain imaginings of their leaders. Say: This Day hath been named the Day of God in the divine Books—know ye its value, and while time remaineth, deprive not yourselves of the outpourings of this blessed Day. Strive that ye may drink of the crystal clear waters of the recognition of His sacred Being and receive your portion of the choice sealed Wine. He, verily, is the Ordainer, the Bestower, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH10205: O Javad! Thy petition hath reached the Most Holy…

In the Name of the One God

O Javad! Thy petition hath reached the Most Holy Court, and from the Dayspring of the Light of Divine Unity the answer hath been revealed. Be thou thankful and numbered among the grateful. In all conditions thou shouldst occupy thyself with the remembrance of the Best-Beloved of the worlds and speak forth the blessed and goodly Word that hath been sent down from the Pen of the Divine Command. Today pure intention, goodly deeds, and praiseworthy character are essential, that all may attain unto the station of “Enter thou among My servants and enter thou My paradise.” Remember thou thy wife and those in thy household on behalf of the Wronged One, the Stranger.

BH10208: O friends! The Euphrates of the All-Merciful’s grace…

In the Name of Him Who is the Goal of all the worlds!

O friends! The Euphrates of the All-Merciful’s grace is flowing, and the Ocean of Life is manifest and evident. Through the blessedness of the Most Great Name, drink ye thereof at all times and offer it freely to all mankind, that all who dwell on earth may abandon the turbid pools of fancy and idle imaginings and turn instead to the Ocean of Life. Today is and shall ever be the springtime of goodly deeds. Beseech ye God that He may enable all to attain unto that which He hath ordained and keep them steadfast upon the straight path. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Kind, the Compassionate.

BH10635: In the Name of the peerless Lord, the Supreme…

In the Name of the peerless Lord, the Supreme Pen commands all to attain the station of sanctification and detachment, and to pure deeds and praiseworthy conduct.

Thou hast entered into the Most Great Presence and hast heard the call of the Wronged One of the horizons. God willing, thou shouldst gaze upon the horizon of guidance, sanctified from all that is with the peoples. Verily He commandeth you to that which is praiseworthy, verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

As for those souls, both men and women, that were mentioned in thy petition—God willing, may they all remain steadfast upon the straight path and hold fast unto His cord.

BH10520: Praise be to God that thou hast attained recognition…

In the Name of the One Friend

Praise be to God that thou hast attained recognition of His Being from the ocean of divine bounty and hast turned thyself to the true Ka'bah. After this most great attainment, all the friends must fix their gaze upon and act according to that which God hath commanded them in the Book. Supplicate and beseech the True One, by day and by night, that He may cause all to remain steadfast in His Cause and enable them to act according to that which hath been revealed in the Book. He, verily, is the Commander, the Rememberer, the All-Knowing.

BH10863: Your letter is before Me and that which was…

In the Name of the One Bountiful God!

Your letter is before Me and that which was mentioned therein hath been heard. God willing, thou shalt at all times hearken unto the call of the All-Merciful and discover its sweetness.

I swear by the Educator of all beings that should one discover its sweetness, he would find himself detached from the world and all who dwell therein.

Blessed art thou for having heard the call of God, turned thy face towards His countenance, and been counted among those who have responded.

BH10784: O maidservant of God! Thy letter was seen…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great.

O maidservant of God! Thy letter was seen and from the Supreme Pen the answer to it hath been revealed. Those souls who have today turned towards the Dawning-Place of Revelation and have attained unto the hearing of the divine Call—the end of such souls hath been and shall be good, and they are honored and distinguished by divine forgiveness. Thus doth My Supreme Pen testify in this exalted Tablet.

BH11286: We have witnessed your letter and read it…

He is the Most Holy

We have witnessed your letter and read it, and We answer you from My Most Exalted Pen with this remembrance which all the treasures of earth and heaven cannot equal. Read it with joy and fragrance, then give thanks to your Lord, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing, the Bestower, the Responsive.

BH01005: May my soul be a sacrifice for Thy imprisonment…

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

May my soul be a sacrifice for Thy imprisonment, O Thou Who art wronged in the land of Ta, and may my whole being be a sacrifice for your steadfastness, O ye through whom the pillars of misbelief were shaken, the lands of infidelity were made to tremble, the heaven of vain imaginings was cleft asunder, the sun of idle fancies was darkened, and the moons of idols were eclipsed—they who cast the command of God behind their backs and followed what their own desires bade them. Verily they are the heedless ones, verily they are the ignorant ones, verily they are the deniers, verily they are the bewildered ones. Were We to say they are but breaths, We would find them understanding nothing, nor are they aware. And were We to say they are asleep, We would find them running in the valley of base desires.

The hearts of the discerning have been bewildered by their deeds and actions, their deceits and stratagems. At one time thou seest them adorning their temples with the ornament of faith and their heads with the crowns of certitude, and at another thou findest them denying the All-Merciful and following what Satan whispers in their breasts. I know not by what path they walk, to what direction they turn, to what horizon they gaze, in what atmosphere they soar, toward what goal they advance, in what valley they tread, or in what land they graze.

Where are they who were not deterred by the tales of the world nor the vain imaginings of the nations, who were not frightened by the might of kings nor the clamor of subjects? And where are they whom the croaking [of the ravens] did not sadden and who remained faithful to the Covenant? Where are they who appear like firm mountains in the Cause of God, the Revealer of verses?

Indeed, this poem of Rumi is most fitting for these days: “My heart is wearied by these feeble-natured people.” Glory be to God! Certain souls are seen to be like chaff blown by the wind, like motes scattered in the air. After all the trials they have endured, and after having, in their own estimation, rent asunder the veils of vain imaginings, they are seen clinging to even greater illusions than before. In their claims they profess all the degrees of faith, certitude, steadfastness, insight, detachment, asceticism and piety, while in reality they are observed to be more unstable than a withered leaf. In truth, such souls were and are worshippers of desire.

Consider the state of the one who brought forth “K” and “R”. I swear by the Sun of Truth that he addressed such petitions to the Most Holy Court that this servant is bewildered at their mention. In these petitions he claimed all manner of faith, submissiveness, humility and steadfastness, yet he possessed not

the steadfastness of a blade of straw. At sunrise he believed in God, our Lord, the All-Merciful, and by morning he had denied Him.

In any case, this servant clings to the hem of His generosity and holds fast to the cord of His grace, that He may protect His servants, for most of them have been and are the prey of desire. When the tempestuous winds of passion begin to blow, they sweep all away save whom God willeth. How strange are those souls who have forsaken and continue to forsake the Truth for naught. We beseech God to assist all to be steadfast, for verily He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Your numerous letters, each of which was a polish for hearts and spirits, reached this evanescent servant, and all were presented at the Greatest Scene and the Seat of the Throne of the Lord of Power. These brilliant words have risen from the Dawning-Place of verses. The gaze of favor hath ever been directed towards you, and the divine Tablets bear witness to His infinite bounties. However, you must in all conditions keep your gaze fixed upon the divine commandments and call all to follow that which hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen. Until the entire world is illumined by the rays of light of the divine commandments, they have borne hardships and tribulations for the sake of God, and in truth, in this regard they have followed the example of the Truth Himself.

However, it would be fitting that Ismi-Jamal should act in such wise that none could find cause to speak thereof, for the command of wisdom hath been firmly set down in the Tablets, and God, exalted be His glory, hath made it the very foundation. This evanescent servant testifieth and beareth witness that the divine favors bestowed upon you have been and are beyond reckoning. However, God willing, you must in all conditions keep your gaze fixed upon wisdom. God, exalted be His glory, this servant, the holy Branches, the people of the pavilion of sinlessness, and those who circle round the throne of grandeur—all bear witness that whatsoever you have done hath been for the triumph of God's Cause. However, in accordance with the wisdom mentioned in the Tablets of the Supreme Pen, there hath been a pause at this station. I hope that henceforth you will adorn the people with the ornament of wisdom and keep your gaze fixed upon it.

Your imprisonment and the tribulations you have suffered have caused grief to all, but be not disheartened. God will soon deliver you in truth and will exalt what you have wrought in His path. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

One day your mention was made before the Throne, and He commanded: Write to My Name: Verily, We shall fulfill what We have promised thee if thou fulfill what We have commanded thee. He, verily, is the All-Seeing, the All-Observing.

Another submission of this ephemeral one is that you should treat people with the utmost fellowship and kindness so that the odors of discord may be eliminated, for discord's harm affects the very root of the Cause. This matter has caused sorrow to the Blessed Heart, and the harm of no deed has equalled or will equal the harm of discord. the ungodly are waiting to find a pretext to engage in deriding and mocking the loved ones of God. I beseech the True One, exalted and mighty is He, to assist you in all conditions to teach the Cause and to promulgate what hath been revealed in the Tablets.

His Holiness the Most Great Branch and His Holiness the Greater Branch—may my spirit and being be sacrificed for the dust of their footsteps—convey their greetings, as do the people of the pavilion of grandeur and the other friends and servants, both resident and visiting. Verily the Most Glorious Glory be upon you and upon those who were imprisoned with you.

BH04540: Your honor's call was heard and the fragrances…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

Your honor's call was heard and the fragrances of the love of the Goal of all the worlds were inhaled from the letter that was sent. All who dwell on earth today have been tested by the blessed Word that has dawned from the horizon of the merciful Will. Some, following their desires, remained veiled from the Lord of all beings, while others turned with utmost longing and yearning toward the divine horizon of manifestation.

Blessed is the soul whom the veils of the world did not prevent from the Lord of Names and who was illumined by the lights dawning from the most exalted horizon. This is a sovereignty that shall not be seized by extinction but shall endure and persist through the eternity of the most beautiful Names and most exalted attributes. Praise be to the Beloved of the world Who confirmed your honor in this greatest gift and mightiest bounty. Preserve this station through His Name, the Protector over the worlds. Say:

O my God! I beseech Thee by the Light that hath shone forth from the horizon of Thy Will and by which the people of Thy Kingdom and Thy Dominion were illumined, to make me one who soareth in the atmosphere of Thy love and is set ablaze with the heat of Thy Word in such wise that the people of Thy realm may be enkindled thereby, that all may turn to the horizon of Thy oneness and may acknowledge Thy singleness.

O my Lord! I have turned, by Thy power, to the heaven of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Then assign me a seat of truth in the vicinity of Thy greatest mercy. Verily Thou art the Lord of the Throne and the dust. There is none other God but Thee, the Powerful, the Bestower, the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH05051: A mention from the Wronged One to him who…

He is the One Who has dominion over what was and what shall be.

A mention from the Wronged One to him who desires to drink of the choice sealed wine, the seal of which was broken by the fingers of the power of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is he who has cast away the world and turned towards the Most Great Name, which God has made the Dawning-Place of His Revelation and the Dayspring of His Cause to all who are in the kingdoms of the unseen and the visible.

Thy mention hath been made in the presence of this Prisoner, and there hath been revealed for thee that which hath caused the fragrance of the garment to be diffused. Blessed is he who hath found and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Educator of existence!" We beseech God to assist thee in that which He loveth

and is pleased with, and to strengthen thee in that which shall establish thy remembrance in His preserved Book. Arise to serve the Cause and give the glad-tidings unto the people of the Light which hath shone forth and appeared from the horizon of His Name, the Powerful over what was and what shall be. This is a day wherein any deed that appeareth from anyone, purely for the sake of God, shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Strive ye, God willing, to drink from the living waters and become intoxicated with this true wine, that ye may arise in the assemblage of the world to make mention of the Lord of all beings. The glory be upon thee and upon thy family and upon those who have turned towards God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH05702: This wronged prisoner, throughout all nights and days, summons…

He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful

This wronged prisoner, throughout all nights and days, summons the servants and handmaidens of God to the most exalted horizon and the most glorious station. Some souls, having been attracted by the Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful, have turned toward the Source of Revelation, while others remain in the graves of ignorance and unawareness. Although all testify to the transience of the world and whatsoever is therein, nevertheless they have become so beguiled by ephemeral means that they have, on account of these, shut their eyes to the enduring divine bounties and the sublime, transcendent stations. How excellent is the state of that soul whom the conditions of the world have not deprived of the breezes of the days of the Manifestation.

I swear by the Sun of the horizon of immortality that such a one is, in the sight of God, greater than whatsoever hath been created in the kingdom of creation. That honored lady must, through divine favors and heavenly bestowals, hold fast to the cord of the Cause in such wise that all the peoples of the world shall be powerless to prevent it. God willing, may you be engaged, morn and eve, in the remembrance of the Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, and drink, at every moment, from the Kawthar of oneness and the Salsabil of detachment. The Glory be upon you and upon those women who have believed in God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH05723: All men and women were awaiting the Manifestation…

He is God, exalted be His glory and grandeur.

All men and women were awaiting the Manifestation of divine Revelation and watching for the dawning of the celestial Light. But when the true Dawn appeared and the Most Great Luminary rose from the horizon of the world, some turned away from the Dayspring of divine Oneness due to their veils of self and clung to their own desires. He Who today calls the entire world to truth and, with utmost loving-kindness and compassion, summons those lost in the valley of error to the horizon of guidance—Him they have, with utter tyranny and aggression, imprisoned in this city which is the most desolate of earth's cities. However, this imprisonment shall cause the exaltation of God's Cause and the upliftment of His blessed primal Word, for God is the All-Compelling and that which He has willed shall surely encompass the whole world. That honored lady must occupy herself with the remembrance of the Beloved of all creation with the utmost joy and delight, for that which shall endure is the remembrance and deed that

appears purely for the sake of God. May she ever be illumined with the lights of faith and adorned with the ornament of the love of God.

BH05639: Praise be to God, from among the wondrous bounties…

In the Name of God, the Peerless One

Praise be to God, from among the wondrous bounties of God, the spiritual sustenance is being sent down in every moment from the heaven of His Will. But blessed is the soul that attains unto it.

Today all deeds and stations depend upon the recognition of God and acceptance of Him. For example, if today a handmaiden among the handmaidens of the world attains to the recognition of God and acknowledges His unity and oneness, she is regarded before God as greater and more distinguished than all the queens of the world who have not been honored with the grace of faith. Noble birth and exalted lineage are praiseworthy when adorned with the love of God; otherwise, if one does not attain to this most exalted station, one has not been and will never be mentioned in the presence of God.

Give thanks to the Ancient Lord that thou hast turned to the Dawning-Place of His Cause and drunk the water of His love. Guard this station as thou wouldst guard thine eye, for it will accompany thee in all the worlds, while all else, even if it be all the treasures of the world, will perish and come to naught. Therefore give thanks unto thy Lord for this supreme bounty and say:

> "Praise be to Thee, O God of all worlds and Goal of the hearts of them that are near unto Thee!"

BH06521: In the Holy Books of God, mention was made…

He is the Most Exalted, the Most High

In the Holy Books of God, mention was made of the Day of Manifestation, and all peoples awaited that Day. Yet when the Dawning-Place of divine commandments and the Manifestation of God's revelation illumined the world's horizons, the people remained deprived of the light of nearness and reunion, save those souls who detached themselves from the world and all who dwell therein and turned their faces toward the All-Merciful.

Faith in God was not and is not mere claims—this is why He tested all through the touchstone of the Most Great Name's appearance, that the righteous might be distinguished from the wicked and the pure-hearted from the evil-doers. How lofty is the station of that soul who was not kept back from the Lord of Names and Attributes by the veils and allusions of the peoples of the earth, and who held fast to God's straight path.

Thou must render thanks in all conditions to the Object of all creation, Who enabled thee to succeed and guided thee to the clear path. His mercy hath preceded all created things and His grace hath encompassed the worlds. God willing, mayest thou speak with the utmost joy and delight in praise of the one true God and fix thy gaze upon the horizon of His loving-kindness.

BH00449: Praise be to God Who hath shone forth…

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

Praise be to God Who hath shone forth from His most exalted horizon with the Sun of His Most Glorious Name, by less than a needle's eye; whereupon the peoples were thunderstruck, the heavens were rolled up, the sun of names was darkened, and the moon of fancy was eclipsed in the kingdom of creation. Exalted be God, Creator of the heavens and Originator of all things, through Whom the Most Great Trump was sounded and the Balance was set up among mankind, and through Whose decreed destiny the letter Kaf was renewed, whereby the new creation appeared and that which was recorded in the Tablets and Books was made manifest. Then did He reveal Himself according to a measured degree, whereupon all created things were set in motion, all contingent beings were attracted, another heaven was raised up, and the intoxication of the wine of yearning seized all existence. How great His Cause and His sovereignty! How mighty His penetrating influence and His power, through Whose most sweet call the names hastened to their named ones, words to their meanings, lights to their dawning-point, verses to their source, utterances to their Book, and knowledge to its ocean!

We testify that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been sanctified above whatsoever is mentioned in creation and will ever be holy beyond the praise of all within the kingdom of names. The essence of understanding hath been bewildered in comprehending His Being, and the reality of utterance hath fallen short of attaining the heaven of His praise. He is the Almighty, before the waves of Whose ocean of power might itself hath confessed its weakness, and before Whose manifestation of grandeur and sovereignty all names have acknowledged their impotence. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, the Most Glorious, the All-Wise.

And afterwards, there hath reached the servant thy letter from which emanated the fragrance of thy love for Our Goal and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and the earth. Blessed is the pen that moveth in His remembrance and praise, and blessed the eye that turneth toward the horizon of His Cause, and the heart that turneth to the heaven of His Revelation, and the breast that is dilated through His love, and the temple that is adorned with the raiment of steadfastness in His days, and the foot that standeth firm in His Cause in such wise that neither the oppression of the tyrannical nor the hints of the world can cause it to slip, and the spirit that soareth on the wings of love in the atmosphere wherein moveth naught save the breezes of the morn of His Revelation.

Exalted is this most mighty, most glorious station and this most sublime, most transcendent rank! When I read it and learned what was therein contained, I turned toward the Throne and laid it before the Beloved. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which the tongues of creation and the pens of the worlds are powerless to describe. We praise Him and say in all conditions: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Goal of them that know!"

This evanescent servant hath at all times beseeched and continueth to beseech God—exalted be His glory—that He may strengthen those who drink the choice wine of the All-Glorious and gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon to serve His Cause in the manner that hath been sent down from the heaven of His Will and enjoined upon all. Today it is incumbent and binding upon this servant and all other friends to fix

their gaze upon the horizon of the Cause and to act in accordance with whatsoever hath been revealed in the divine Tablets from the Supreme Pen. For if anyone today should act upon all good deeds but fail to attain the good-pleasure of God, those deeds will yield no fruit whatsoever.

For example, all have been commanded to teach the Cause, yet this momentous matter hath been made conditional upon wisdom, lest the clamor of the people be raised and become a cause of distress to the weak among the servants. Now if someone should speak among the people such words as would cause an immediate uproar, this would not be acceptable in the sight of God. His mercy hath preceded His servants and His bounty encompasseth the worlds. One must educate the immature through wisdom and utterance and according to their capacity until they reach maturity. Before the martyrdom of Badi'—upon him be the Glory of God—a number were commanded to speak openly and without concealment among the people. Thus did certain souls become so enkindled with the fire of God's commanding Word that they spoke of Him with the utmost power, might and steadfastness until they quaffed the cup of martyrdom—upon them be the Glory of God and the glory of all who are in the heavens and the earth.

And some were so taken by the sweetness of the Word that they sacrificed their lives by their own hand. However, after the martyrdom of Badi'—upon him be the Glory of God—the decree of wisdom was sent down from the heaven of God's Will. Now all are commanded to observe it. We beseech God to aid the loved ones to accomplish that which He loveth and with which He is well-pleased.

As regards what was written concerning Mulla Muhammad-Taqi, upon him be the Glory of God, mention of him was made in the presence of the Throne. These are the words that shone forth from the horizon of the utterance of our Lord, the All-Merciful: Grieve not for him who hath ascended unto God. He is, verily, in the Most Exalted Companion. We have indeed sanctified him, exalted him, and caused him to enter the pavilion of the grace of his Lord, the Holy, the Mighty, the Generous. By the life of God! He who hath believed in God in this Most Great Revelation shall not be lost through death; verily he liveth, abiding in the Kingdom of God, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Blessed is he who hath ascended unto God and from whom the Concourse on High perceived the fragrance of this Raiment through which the sweet savors of God have been wafted amongst the worlds. We console him who is named ʿAbbas and those who are with him through these verses whereby all things have been attracted and the hearts of them that are nigh unto God have taken wing. This is not a day of mourning. Rejoice in that wherewith the All-Merciful maketh mention of thee in this glorious and gracious station.

As to what thou didst write concerning the people of Jadhba and which indicated the steadfastness of God's loved ones, it is known that whosoever today hath drunk of the wine of divine knowledge hath not and will not pay attention to the world and its peoples, much less to the vain imaginings of men and the clamor of those who have denied God, the Lord of all worlds.

I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to set ablaze all the friends in that land with the fire of His love in such wise that souls that lie dead, buried in the graves of heedlessness and desire, may arise through their burning love and its sweet savors and arise to serve the Cause of God. O my beloved, O my master! Observe how, although the gates of the outpourings of the mercy of the All-Merciful are opened before the face of all, and the world-illumining Sun of His Revelation is manifest and visible above the horizon of

grace, yet the people remain heedless, occupied with their own vain imaginings, and deprived and forbidden from this supreme bounty and these infinite favors.

This servant marvels at what intoxication hath seized the servants, that even after the Great Cry and the Most Great Trump and the Most Mighty Blast and the melodies of the leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree, they still remain unaware and have not awakened from the slumber of heedlessness. One is bewildered as to what the souls who today forbid themselves from hearing the divine call and this Most Great, divine Revelation could be holding fast to or clinging unto. All atoms testify that the like of this Most Great Revelation hath never appeared in the world; nevertheless, most people cling to the imaginings of the doubtful ones and hold fast to the hem of the suspicious. We beseech God to make all to recognize His Self that pervadeth the worlds.

As to your mention that His Honor Q.A. arrived from the land of Kh. and related that the people there are aflame with the fire of divine love and joyous from the fragrances of the heavenly Tablets—blessed are they, for they are among those who have attained a goodly end. Upon them be the glory of God, His favors, grace and mercy. The world will soon perish and vanish, and what endures for the friends of God is the service that today manifests from them purely for His sake. Blessed are the tongues that speak His praise and remembrance, and the souls who arise to teach His Cause with the wisdom which the All-Merciful has revealed in the Sacred Books and Tablets.

However, His Honor should beseech God to make all who circle the divine House of His Cause steadfast and firm, for in the blessed Tablets revealed before, when the Seat of the Throne was in Iraq and the Land of Mystery, He foretold that the croaking of the falsifiers, fabricators and satans would be raised. Likewise, from the first arrival in this Prison until now, these matters have been continuously revealed from the Supreme Pen. We beseech God to protect His loved ones from the spears of the liars, the arrows of the deceivers, and the doubts of the suspicious ones. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

As commanded, I should convey to Your Honor not to forget the counsels given in person. You must conduct yourself with the utmost kindness and compassion, and call the people with wisdom, lest anyone act unwisely and cause disturbance among the weak ones. This matter is most essential. In the previous year, many acted unwisely and caused an uproar among the ungodly. By the life of God, had the friends acted according to what God ordained, you would surely have witnessed the earth transformed. Your Honor especially must be very careful lest any word emerge from you without wisdom and cause tumult. We must all, God willing, in all conditions fix our gaze on the horizon of His good-pleasure and speak that which He has commanded. I hope that through the grace and favor of the Beloved of all creation, Your Honor will be assisted in carrying out that which He loves and is pleased with.

Regarding those souls who have ascended to the Supreme Companion—this was mentioned in the Divine Presence, and from the Tongue of Grandeur, the seas of bounty and forgiveness flowed forth concerning them. Blessed are they for having attained the recognition of God in their lives, and their mention was revealed from the Supreme Pen after their passing.

Every soul shall taste of death—now what station could be greater than for one to attain the love and recognition of God and ascend to Him in His love? Soon the worth of such souls and their stations shall

become manifest. Verily He recompenses those who fulfilled His Covenant and remained steadfast in His Cause after the denial of those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds.

What they wrote concerning the Tablets of God that were given to some—this is acceptable, and excellent is what you have done with them. And regarding the other gentlemen who were mentioned in Your Honor's letter—mention of each of them was made in the Most Holy Court, and the Sun of Favors shone upon all, and He mentioned them all in such wise that it shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endure. Blessed are they, again blessed are they.

Regarding what they had written that his honor Sahibkar, upon him be the Glory of God, had requested that I kiss the blessed feet on his behalf—a detailed visitation was performed, and He Himself suffices as witness to that. This evanescent one's entreaty is that you convey greetings to all the gentlemen and friends of that region on behalf of this servant, and say on behalf of this servant: By God, the Truth, this is the Day of remembrance and praise, and this is the Day of joy and gladness, and this is the Day of deeds and unity, and this is the Day of wisdom and utterance, for today whatever one loses, he shall never be able to make up for it. I hope that all will be engaged in service to the Cause with perfect fellowship and unity. Verily, glory be upon those who hold fast to wisdom and utterance, and follow that which they have been commanded in His Holy, Most Holy, Mighty, Wondrous Book. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant, 11 Jamadi'ul-Avval 1293

BH01299: Praise be to God Who is unique, but not…

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

Praise be to God Who is unique, but not through the uniqueness known to creation; Who is one, but not through the oneness perceived by contingent beings; Who is supreme, but not through the supremacy spoken of by the people of creation; and Who is sanctified, but not through the sanctification uttered by the Concourse of Creation. We bear witness that there is none other God but Him, and none knoweth Him save Him, and none mentioneth Him save Him, for whatsoever the people of earth utter is bounded by the limitations of creation. Far exalted is the Truth above being approached by the birds of knowledge or being ascended to by the attributes of those in the realm of possibility. He hath created all things through the Will which He hath brought into being in the realm of possibility through the essence of possibility itself. He, verily, is the Sanctified, the Exalted, the Holy, the Mighty, the Help in Peril.

And then, the servant hath attained unto your letter, whose words wafted like a gentle breeze over the gardens of hearts and minds, whereby spirits and intellects were renewed, for they told of your love for our Beloved and the Beloved of all worlds, and of your arising to make mention of God, our Goal and the Goal of them that know. Exalted is He Who strengthened you, exalted is He Who caused you to speak, exalted is He Who enkindled you, exalted is He Who taught you, exalted is He Who caused you to know, and exalted is He Who made you one who speaketh, who remembereth, and who praiseth His beautiful praise at morn and eventide.

This servant was honored to receive the letter of that beloved one. God the One is witness that boundless joy was attained from its arrival, though grief had encompassed this servant due to the sorrows that had befallen those beloved ones. However, since whatever hath occurred hath been for the sake of God, we must fix our gaze upon the Kingdom of submission and contentment. What befell his eminence, the embodied spirit, Nabil-ibn-Nabil, upon him be the Most Glorious Baha of God, hath grieved all. Yet a hundred thousand blessings upon them who, in their earliest days, drank from the cup of tribulations and tasted from the chalice of trials. May my soul be a sacrifice for His love. We beseech the True One, glorified and mighty be He, that through His all-pervading power and conquering might He may protect those beloved ones and their kin.

Counsel all the friends to observe wisdom, for this day they are commanded to do so, and this matter hath been revealed in God's Tablets from the Pen of the Divine Unity, as some become grieved and disturbed by the authority of those in apparent power. The True One hath regarded and continues to regard all with the eye of His encompassing mercy, and this is but one of the fruits of wisdom, while a hundred thousand wisdoms lie hidden and concealed in the wisdom He hath commanded all to observe. None knoweth them save Him. Though in the past year some lack of wisdom occurred in certain lands—we beseech God to assist all to do what He loveth and is pleased with—yet some of those who acted considered their actions to be wisdom. Their judgment returneth unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Convey greetings from this servant to all the friends in that land, especially to his eminence K.D., upon him be the glory of God. Though they are not present, their mention hath been and continues to be in the Most Holy Court.

Likewise, regarding his eminence Mulla ʿAbdu'r-Razzaq, upon him be the glory of God—in the letter he wrote to his eminence Ism-i-Jud, he had requested certain Tablets for certain ones. All have been sent down from the heaven of favor and dispatched. God willing, they will be honored by them. Furthermore, all that was sent—the rice and crown—has arrived. That honored one has indeed endured and continues to endure many hardships. From the land of Rasht, petitions from both relatives and others have reached the Most Holy Court, and answers to all have been revealed and dispatched. God willing, may all remain steadfast in the Cause of God through the fragrances of divine verses and the breezes of the Lord's days, with such steadfastness as has not been witnessed before and shall not be witnessed hereafter. Convey sublime and glorious greetings from this evanescent one to Jinab-i-Abu-Turab and his brothers who were mentioned in your letter.

Another matter: due to the abundance of correspondence, there was no opportunity to write anything to your honored brother, upon him be the eternal glory of God. God willing, I hope to be forgiven. Two Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablets have been revealed from the heaven of favor specifically for you and him and have been sent. Another matter: I have not written anything to Jinab-i-Ism-i-Jud, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], as permission for his presence at the Most Holy Court has been granted and was previously dispatched. Upon you and upon him and upon those who have believed be the glory of God and His mercy, and the light of God and His kindness. The servant. 11 Jamadi'ul-Avval 1293.

BH00762: Praise be unto God Who is One in His…

He is the Most Mighty, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Wondrous, the Most Holy, the All-Glorious

Praise be unto God Who is One in His eternity, singular in His grandeur and greatness, sanctified above whatsoever is mentioned in the kingdom of names, and exalted beyond that which the people of creation utter. Verily, He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Wise. And praise be unto God Who hath chosen servants for His Cause and made them possessors of utterance and wisdom, that they may guide the people unto His Most Great Path and acquaint them with that which hath been revealed in His firm Book, that all may follow that which they have been commanded and forsake that which they have been forbidden. We testify that they are the dawning-places of wisdom and utterance unto all who dwell in the realm of possibility, and the daysprings of knowledge unto the followers of all religions. Upon them be the glory of the All-Merciful at all times, and the glory of the heavens and the earth.

My spirit be a sacrifice for your love! The servant hath been honored by your first letter, from which was diffused the fragrance of the love of the Lord of nations and the King of causes, and your latter letter, through which the heart was gladdened and the eyes were consoled. I read it and was seized with such joy as cannot be reckoned by mortal man. I presented it at the Most Great Vista and laid before God, the Lord of destiny, that which was contained therein. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which tongue and pen are powerless to describe. Exalted, exalted is His loving-kindness! Exalted, exalted is His bounty! Exalted, exalted is His mercy! Exalted, exalted is His favor which hath been directed towards you from this Most Pure Spot!

God willing, through the favors of the Lord of the worlds, may you be occupied at all times, through both outward and inward confirmations, with the mention of God's Cause and the exaltation of His blessed and goodly Word, and may you repair the damage that hath been wrought by certain souls. By thy life! The heart is well-nigh melted and the very foundations are ready to crumble by reason of that which hath befallen the Dawning-Place of the Cause and the Beloved of the world at the hands of those who claim belief in God yet perpetrate that which causeth the Concourse on High to lament. We beseech God to preserve their tongues from speaking through idle fancy, to draw them nigh unto the Most Sublime Horizon, and to aid them in that which shall profit them in this world and the world to come.

Observe how in all the Tablets all have been forbidden from corruption, bloodshed, and that which causeth tumult amongst men, and have been commanded to act with loving-kindness, love, wisdom and utterance. Nevertheless, they have transgressed the straight path of wisdom and have engaged in that which was forbidden them while neglecting that which was enjoined upon them, imagining that they were arising to aid the Cause. Even as in the land of Ta, they intended a heinous act, as you are aware. Glory be to God! Despite having witnessed how such abhorrent acts, forbidden in the divine Books, have ever been the cause of people's aversion, the loss of the Cause, and the perturbation of souls, this is a day wherein all must hold fast unto the divine commandments and act in accordance with that which He hath ordained.

His Holiness had mentioned in a previous letter regarding Jinab-i-Aqa Jamal, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, that he had arisen to serve the Cause of God with perfect steadfastness and firmness. Although in truth this matter did not cause harm to the Cause, but rather in one respect caused its exaltation, and his purpose was to assist the Cause, yet since all are commanded in the Divine Tablets to observe wisdom, this matter occurred outside the bounds of wisdom and caused delay in the manifestations of the Cause. Therefore the Supreme Pen has withheld acceptance of it.

Today all must fix their gaze upon the Cause of God and act according to what He has commanded. If all good deeds were to proceed from someone yet not be adorned with the ornament of divine acceptance, it would be absolute nothingness and sheer non-existence, and no fruit would appear from those good deeds—how much more so with matters that cause harm to the Cause and the aversion of people and lead to sedition and corruption. We seek refuge in God, again we seek refuge in God! Most strange it is that souls who for numbered years have circled round the Throne and have heard with their own ears the divine utterances—from each letter of which surge forth oceans of loving-kindness and oceans of mercy and seas of favors—have nevertheless issued rulings harmful to people according to their own desires. His Holiness must certainly strive with the utmost endeavor and effort to acquaint people with the divine commands and heavenly ordinances, so that all may arise to support the Cause of the Lord of creation with the virtues of love, kindness, fellowship and affection, and may fix their gaze upon what hath been revealed in the Tablets of God and accept from no one that which is contrary to wisdom.

And further, regarding the request to have certain divine books copied, especially for Jinab-i-ʿA.B., upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory—God willing these will reach him. And concerning what you had written about always having been focused on "Glory belongeth unto God and unto His Messenger and unto the believers" and "glory be to him who is content," this was most acceptable in the presence of the Throne, and He said: "He hath spoken that which beseemeth him; verily he is among the triumphant." A Tablet hath been revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will especially for His Holiness and hath been sent. And mention of that honored one hath always been and continues to be made in the presence of the Throne and before the Branches of God—may the spirit of all worlds be sacrificed for them. Although outwardly they have departed, yet inwardly they are present and attending. It is hoped that at all times the breezes of your mention may waft, and that you will write of your own news regarding what hath occurred.

As to the rose water that was mentioned as being unsuitable, therefore its sending was prevented—when this was presented before the Throne, they said: "Well was it done."

And if they wish to know the details of this land, praise be to God all are safe and circumambulating. However, due to the multitude of gatherings, it has nearly reached the point where the cawing of the cawers will be raised. Now forty-five souls besides the immigrants have gathered in this land—a few with permission and the rest have come without permission, despite explicit prohibitions having been revealed in most tablets that no one should come without permission. They have set aside the divine ordinances and act according to their own desires. Even in one of the tablets revealed to Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin, upon him be the Glory of God, this blessed word shone forth from the horizon of the All-Merciful Will:

> "Whosoever turns toward My direction without My permission is not of Me."

Despite this firm decree, some have shown audacity and acted according to their own inclinations. It is very clear and evident that whenever harm has befallen the Tree of the Cause, the gathering of the loved ones has been the reason and cause. Just as your honor has heard the details of the Land of Mystery (Adrianople) and Iraq, you should with utmost effort, in whatever city you enter, convey these matters so that perhaps the loved ones of God may attain to what God has willed and be content with God's good-pleasure.

And regarding the other souls that were mentioned who are residing in the land, expressions of favor and kindness from the Dayspring of the Cause have been manifested toward all. We beseech God to assist them and aid them in maintaining fellowship and unity and in acting according to what has been revealed in the Book. All who circle round the Throne from the people of the divine tabernacle of infallibility convey their most excellent, impregnable and most glorious greetings to your honor, and likewise all the residents, one and all, express their pure devotion and holy greetings, sanctified above mention and description, to your presence.

The Most Glorious Glory be upon your honor and upon the people of Baha.

The servant 66 [of God], 14 Jamadiyu'l-Avval 1293

BH01409: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

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

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who speaketh is indeed the One Who conversed with Moses from the Burning Bush, and the Speaker on the night of the Ascension through the Hidden Mystery, and the Desired One unto Whom the Spirit ascended. He is verily the Preserved Book and the Guarded Tablet of God, the Hidden Treasure and the Concealed Mystery, and the Symbol which the Kaf and Nun have not comprehended. This is a Word which God hath made a mercy, a light and a glory from His presence unto those who have turned towards His Frequented House, and a fire and vengeance unto those who have disbelieved in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Praise be to God Who hath manifested what was promised and sent down from the heaven of bounty that which caused the dwellers of the graves to be stirred up. Among them are those who have arisen and hastened to the Living Waters, and among them are those who turned away, retreated, and associated partners with God, the One, the Mighty, the Forgiving.

Praise be to God Who hath spoken through the Manifestation of His Cause and the Dayspring of His Revelation, Who hath called all to His presence and to the Kawthar of His reunion, and hath made His presence identical with His Own presence, that the promise might be fulfilled concerning that which He revealed to His Beloved. God is He Who raised up the heavens without pillars that ye can see, and subjected the sun and the moon, each moving for an appointed term. He ordereth all things and expoundeth the signs that men may be assured of the meeting with their Lord. And that which was mentioned aforetime might be fulfilled:

> "Await ye the advent of Him Who conversed with Moses from the Tree upon the Mount."

Blessed is he who hath found the fragrance of God's utterance and turned unto Him, and woe unto him who hath turned away and is among the dwellers of the graves.

And after: the servant hath been honoured with the presence of him who hath attained unto the Most Pure Outlook, and who was named ʿAli-yi-Akbar before—upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of Destiny—who turned his face and hastened until he entered the Luminous Spot, the station wherein the Sadratu'l-Muntaha proclaimeth: There is none other God but Him, the All-Powerful, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Beloved. From him I heard mention made of you—of your turning unto God, your advancing, your directing of your steps, your praise, your uprising, your sincerity towards God your Lord, and your steadfastness in His Cause; a Cause whereat every strong one hath been shaken, every learned one confounded, every knower thunderstruck, every swimmer in the seas of devotion bewildered, every forward one driven back, and every one who had turned thereto made to retreat.

And I desired to write unto you that which might bear witness to my sincerity towards you in God. Therefore have I, according to my measure and my poverty, loosed the reins of my pen, that perchance God may bring about through it that which shall rejoice your heart and the hearts of them that have turned unto God and severed themselves from all beside Him. Though for one such as I it beseemeth not to make mention of so much as an atom within the realm, how much less of those who have been adorned with the ornament of oneness, and have acknowledged God, the One, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! Yet the servant, in every condition, clingeth to the hem of His bounty and holdeth fast unto the cord of His loving-kindness, beseeching that He may accept from me and from His servants whatsoever I do, and they do, in His path; and that He may cause my remembrance and their remembrance to be spoken of amongst His creatures. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Tender, the Merciful.

God willing, may ye ever be illumined by the effulgences of the Sun of Truth and remain focused upon and oriented towards the divine horizon of Revelation. Today, after the recognition of God, the greatest of all deeds is steadfastness. Your honor, having partaken of the Kawthar of utterance, must call all to this most exalted and sublime station. The people are weak and in need of remembrance. God willing, ye should strive with the utmost determination to raise up the blessed Word, that all the people of that land might be enkindled with the fire of the love of God and engage, in perfect unity and harmony, in the remembrance of the true Sovereign.

Consider my small effort as significant, for this evanescent servant is occupied day and night with the recording of divine verses, to such extent that he findeth no opportunity to burden the masters and friends with his letters. From all I have ever hoped for and continue to hope for forgiveness, and His honor Mulla ʿAli-Akbar, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory, will mention the details. I request that ye convey greetings on behalf of this servant to the loved ones of God in that land who are enkindled with the fire of the love of God and are gazing toward His direction, and say to them that this is the Day of remembrance and praise, the Day of service and obedience, for any deed that appeareth today purely for the sake of God hath no equal or likeness, as attesteth that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Tablets. Glory be upon you, upon your brother, and upon those who are with you, from God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

The servant 14 Jamadiyu'l-Avval 1293

The items sent have arrived

BH00388: Praise be to God Who revealed Himself to all…

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

Praise be to God Who revealed Himself to all created things through the Point that was sanctified above all directions and points, the Point wherein naught is seen save God, the Revealer of verses.

It speaks in all things: "There is none other God but Him, the One Who rules over all who are in earth and heaven." It is the Point that hath adorned the Tablets in the kingdom of creation and embellished the realm of names and attributes. It spoke of that Point, in the station of Names, through the point beneath the letter B from which emerged the letter H. And the Imam Kazim spoke of it, saying: "Praise be to God Who made the Book of Being through the Mystery of Separation with the ornament of the Point from which emerged the letter H with the A, without extension or division." And verily he meant by the Point the letter B, which when joined with H manifested the Most Great Name, whereby the limbs of nations trembled and all in the world were shaken, and all in the heavens and earth were thunderstruck save whom God willed, the Manifestor of clear signs.

And verily He is the One Who spoke to Moses from the Tree on Sinai and speaks from His most glorious horizon, manifest and resplendent: "Verily, there is no God but Me, the One sanctified above all mention and allusion." Blessed is he who speaks and acts according to what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an through His exalted Word: "Say: God; then leave them to their vain discourse."

This is the Day wherein names are not mentioned, for He Who hath appeared with truth speaks naught but of God, as the Point of the Bayan informed, saying: "Verily He is the One Who speaks in all things: 'I am God, there is none other God but Me, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting."' This is the Day of which God informed His Beloved One who was honored with the Night Ascension, saying—and His Word is the truth: "Whose is the Kingdom this Day? God's, the One, the All-Compelling!"

Verily, he who hath found the fragrance of the Bayan hath detached himself from all possibility and clung to God alone, and hath testified to that which the Tongue of Grandeur testified before and after. And he who remained heedless and clung to idle fancies hath been veiled from the hidden treasure and the concealed mystery, and circles around the names that were created by the Kaf and the Nun. By God! The names have returned to their Source and Creator, Who, when He willeth a thing, need but say unto it: "Be!" and it is.

Praise be to God Who hath fulfilled His promise through the appearance of the Promised One, whereby traces were effaced, fruits fell, names were thunderstruck, leaves turned yellow, mountains crumbled, heaven was cleft asunder, suns were darkened, moons were eclipsed, and the earth and all its powers were shaken.

Exalted be His majesty, glorified His power, and magnified His sovereignty, Who hath caused all things to speak in praise of this most wondrous, most holy, most sublime, promised Day. Yet most people

understand not. Among them are those who cling to vain imaginings and take them as lords beside God, and among them are those who cast these aside and speak at all times:

> "God, God! I have believed in Thee, detached from all names and from whatsoever hath appeared in creation."

We bear witness that such a one hath attained unto true unity and the pure water of detachment, and hath recognized the Purpose when He revealed Himself to all in the kingdom of earth and heaven.

O beloved of my heart! The sweet fragrance of your love and the gentle breezes of your affection have stirred me upon beholding your letter time and again. I took up the pen to express what lies in my heart of love for the loved ones of God and His chosen ones, but it cries out saying:

> "This is an arena wherein one such as I cannot venture, for this is a station before which tongues have confessed their powerlessness to describe and pens their inability to praise."

Yet, while acknowledging my inadequacy and powerlessness, I mention according to my capacity and lowliness, and I beseech God to inspire me with what befits His loved ones and is worthy of His chosen ones.

Verily, He is the Inspirer, the Teacher, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

When I was blessed with your letter and learned of its contents, I turned toward the ultimate goal and the most exalted horizon, and presented it before the Throne. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which caused the sun of loving-kindness and favor to shine forth. He spoke, and His word is the truth:

> "O Ali! Praise be to God that thou hast been illumined by the lights of the dawn of His Revelation and hast turned toward the Goal of all worlds, and art mentioned in His presence. Be not grieved by worldly events. Whatsoever divine and consummate wisdom requireth will be made manifest. Verily, He will assist you with the means of the heavens and the earth. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Powerful."

However, the Supreme Pen counseleth thee and the other friends to observe wisdom and that which God hath revealed in the Book. Today it is necessary and obligatory to follow the divine ordinances, and among the greatest of ordinances is wisdom. All are commanded to observe it, and its details have been revealed in Tablets both Arabic and Persian. They must study these and act accordingly. They must appear among people in such wise that all may perceive from them the fragrance of divine attributes, and they must act upon that which will cause the exaltation of the Cause and its sanctification.

> "O Ali! Had souls who accepted the Faith abandoned their own desires and acted according to the Will of God, most of humanity would now be endowed with the recognition of the Truth. For instance, in most Tablets We commanded all to observe wisdom, yet they acted otherwise. Likewise, the Supreme Pen repeatedly and emphatically forbade the servants from turning toward the Most Holy Court; nevertheless, they were heedless of God's command. Whatsoever the Tongue of God uttereth is and shall be pure good. Blessed is he who hath cast away his desires and held fast unto the Will of God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting."

The friends of Truth must at all times hold fast to the cord of wisdom, for in the Divine Book this mighty command hath been repeatedly revealed. Most men have for years been nurtured in vain imaginings, and to rend these asunder all at once is most difficult. The mercy of God, exalted be His glory, hath preceded all; therefore must those souls who have quaffed the wine of inner meaning and attained the Kawthar of divine knowledge treat, with the utmost kindness and compassion, the ailments of the heedless ones with suitable remedies, that their eyes may be cleansed from the film of vain imaginings and their hearts freed from the diseases of idle fancies. Souls like your honor must convey the divine ordinances unto all, that all may become informed thereof and act in accordance with that which God hath willed.

Today certain followers of the Bayan who fancy they have rent asunder the veils and attained their ultimate goal have balked at the blessed words "Verily I am God" which have issued forth from the Dayspring of Revelation, nay rather, because of these words they have turned away. Consider now how far they have strayed from the straight path of truth and how deprived they are of their goal, and this despite prior warnings, as in the Tutunjiyyih Sermon where He saith: "Await ye the speaking of Moses from the Tree on Sinai." And the Primal Point—may the life of all else be a sacrifice for Him—hath said: "He speaketh in all things saying ʿI am God."' Yet still they are immersed in the seas of doubt and soar in the atmosphere of idle fancy—how much more the various sects who have not yet understood the Day of God!

For on that Day no name among all names is mentioned save His glory, exalted be He. From the highest ranks to the lowliest station thereof, whether it be the mention of Prophethood, Guardianship, the Chiefs, the Nobles, or the Pillars—all these were but to summon mankind unto the Truth. And now, after the appearance of the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Secret, should anyone fix his gaze upon or hold fast to aught else, he is assuredly deprived of the lofty station of unity and the most exalted rank of divine oneness. On the Day of Resurrection, they who were called by all these names shall be supplicants for this wondrous grace, for the banner "The Kingdom is God's, the One, the All-Compelling" shall be raised aloft, and the standard "Verily I am God" shall be planted at the most exalted station in the midmost heart of the world.

By the Sun of the horizon of utterance! The people of the world are heedless. Were they to become aware of even less than a needle's eye of that which hath appeared, shone forth, risen and been made manifest, they would pass beyond all else but God and would cry out: "Here am I! Here am I! O Thou God of all worlds!" Indeed, not every soul is worthy of this spiritual Kawthar. They have not yet understood the meaning of "Seal of the Prophets" as revealed in the Qur'an, for it is clear and evident that after the ending of Prophethood, both implicitly and explicitly, the appearance of God is mentioned and recorded in the Divine Book. To fully expound this station is beyond the power, reckoning and comprehension of this servant and others like him. It is better that I conclude this utterance with these blessed words:

One day, amongst the companions, both resident and pilgrim, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these words:

> "This is the Day which hath been announced in His saying, exalted be He: ʿThe Day when thy Lord shall come.' Those who are possessed of insight can perceive that if, in this Day, any soul

> should cling to or seek after any one of the Names, he would be accounted among the idolaters."

More than this I am not permitted to say. The point is that if one who has attained to the highest degree of certitude and assurance were to mention such utterances to a seeker at the very beginning, that soul would surely perish and would never attain unto eternal life. One must speak according to the station and rank of the hearer, that he may become capable of hearing the divine melody. The wine of mystic knowledge must be given to each soul according to his capacity and measure. Time and again hath this word been heard from the Tongue of Grandeur: that they who quaff the wine of inner meanings and utterance must strive for the education of all the peoples of the world. This station is most exalted, nay, higher than every height and more sublime than every sublimity. Blessed is he who hath attained unto this most glorious, most holy, most impregnable, most great, most exalted station.

I entreat you to ever remember and gladden this evanescent servant through the outpourings of your pen, and convey sublime greetings on behalf of this ephemeral one to the enkindled souls of that land. Tell them that today is the day of steadfastness and the day of service. Strive that ye may achieve that which shall endure throughout the eternity of God. Steadfastness is among the most mighty of all things, for it hath been observed that one who counted himself among the faithful and soared in the atmosphere of certitude was debarred from the truth, exalted and glorified be He, by the mere cawing of a crow. Your honor must, God willing, invite the people with utmost effort and diligence to steadfastness, for all that was foretold regarding the cawing of the cawers and the claims of the false ones, and whatsoever hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen, shall assuredly come to pass.

Recite ye the Suriy-i-Ra'is, and likewise the Tablet to the King of Paris which is part of the blessed Suriy-i-Haykal, and also the Tablet of Fu'ad which was revealed specifically for one of the friends. This Tablet was revealed when Fu'ad Pasha, who was the Foreign Minister of Turkey, had returned to his post and had caused the recent upheaval and the exile from the Land of Mystery to Akka. There were two who were chiefs of all after the Sultan: one Fu'ad Pasha and one Ali Pasha. Sometimes one would be Grand Vizier and the other Foreign Minister, and sometimes vice versa. In that Tablet He saith, exalted be His grandeur:

> "Soon will We dismiss the one who was like unto him and will lay hold on their chief who ruleth the land, and I am the Mighty, the Compelling."

Likewise, observe in the Most Holy Book concerning the Point between the two seas, which referreth to Constantinople, for on one side is the White Sea and on the other the Black Sea.

In brief, all that hath streamed from the Supreme Pen hath come to pass, and the other prophecies contained in the Tablets shall all be fulfilled. We testify that He is the All-Knowing, the Powerful, the Hearer, the Seer, the All-Informed. Therefore must the loved ones of God keep in mind whatsoever hath been revealed in the Tablets, lest they deprive themselves of infinite bounties through a single cawing. We beseech God to aid all His loved ones to achieve that which He hath willed, that all may occupy themselves, with complete humility and submissiveness, with detachment, sanctity and purity, with goodly deeds and praiseworthy character, in glorifying God, exalted be His glory, and teaching His Cause.

May the Glory rest upon you and upon those who have adorned themselves with the robe of steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the Wise.

The servant, 12 Jamadiyu'th-Thani 1293

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BH00217: He is the Most Holy, the Most Great…

Section 1: "He is the Most Holy, the Most Great…"

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Most High, the Most Glorious!

Praise be to God Who hath manifested that which was hidden and revealed that which was treasured up, through which the mysteries of what hath been and what shall be were made clear. He, verily, is the One of Whom the Point of the Bayan gave glad tidings in what the All-Merciful revealed unto Him. He spoke, and His Word is the truth:

> "I have written an essence in His remembrance, which is that He cannot be indicated by My indication, nor by what is mentioned in the Bayan. Yea, by His glory, that Word is, in the sight of God, greater than the worship of all that is on earth, inasmuch as the essence of all worship leadeth unto that. Therefore, as thou hast known God, know Him Who God shall make manifest, for He is more glorious and more exalted than to be known through any save Him or to be referred to by the indication of His creatures. I am, verily, the first servant who hath believed in Him and in His verses, and I have taken from the virgin gardens of the paradise of His knowledge the gardens of His words. Yea, by His glory, He is the Truth, there is none other God but Him; all are upheld by His command."

I testify that He, exalted and mighty be He, hath spoken the truth and informed all of Him Who hath ever been sanctified beyond mention and utterance, and exalted above the comprehension of all who dwell within the realm of contingent being. Yea, by His grandeur, every beauteous praise is ashamed to be attributed to Him, and every exalted name blusheth to draw nigh unto the court of His glory. Blessed is he who hath pondered His verses and hath taken from the gardens of His utterance the virgin fruits of His knowledge. He verily witnesseth to that whereunto God hath testified in His Book, and ascendeth unto a station which neither the books of the world nor the intimations of the nations can obscure. He speaketh that which the Spirit hath spoken: There is no God but He, the Dominant, the Self-Subsisting.

Glorified be He Who hath manifested through His sovereignty that which He promised us in His Book. He spoke, and His Word is the truth: "The Kingdom on that Day shall be God's." Minds are perplexed concerning those who have doubted the Day of God and that which hath appeared therein. Yea, by His glory, He hath forewarned of them, speaking the truth: "Are they not in doubt as to the meeting with their Lord? Lo! He encompasseth all things!"

Glorified be He! The Most Exalted Pen hath not moved to make mention of the Most Mighty, Most Holy, Most Glorious Manifestation save to refer to Divinity, Lordship and the like. And although the Point of the Bayan, exalted and mighty be He, hath spoken as mentioned before—namely, that "He cannot be indicated by My indication, nor by what is mentioned in the Bayan"—yet the transgressors have sought to adduce proof thereby concerning God, the Lord of all that hath been and shall be. Perdition and misery be upon them! They have turned aside and objected to God, and have denied the Day which they were promised in His perspicuous Book—the Day whereon mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds. We testify that they are in evident smoke, and their hearts have been enveloped by the clouds of idle fancy inasmuch as they have turned away from God, the True King, the Certain.

This is a Day wherein none should be mentioned save God, and the covenant of this Day was taken from the Prophets, the truthful ones, the martyrs and the righteous in the Qur'an and in the holy Books of old. Yet most people understand not, nor do they perceive. Blessed is he who is adorned this Day with the lights of certitude, turning away from those who are in doubt concerning this blessed, mighty, and inevitable Day.

This is a petition from this servant, known as ʿAbdu'l-Hadir before the Throne, to those who drink from the choice wine of inner meanings in the Days of God, that all may, through God's might and power, enter the impregnable fortress of steadfastness and certitude, remain protected from the arrows of the people of conjecture, doubt and fancy, and with the utmost love and unity engage in teaching the Cause of God. It is written in Persian that all may understand the purpose of this evanescent servant.

In all the holy Books mention is made of the Day of God and the appearance of Truth, as some of which has been cited. Should anyone reflect upon what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an, he would become aware of the greatness of this blessed Day. Among the verses revealed from the heaven of Will concerning the meeting with God, He says, glorified and exalted be He:

> "It is God Who hath raised the heavens without pillars thou canst behold; then mounted His throne, and imposed laws on the sun and moon: each travels to its appointed goal. He ordereth all things. He maketh His signs clear, that ye may believe with certainty in the meeting with your Lord."

Despite this decisive blessed verse and other verses, most people remain veiled and are seen wandering in the wilderness of doubt and uncertainty. Some of the veiled ones among the Babis have objected as to why the Ancient Beauty—may the spirit of all in the kingdom of Command and Creation be sacrificed for Him—has claimed Divinity. The baseness of these people has reached such a point that the pen is ashamed to mention what they have said.

In the Book of Isaiah it states that the everlasting God shall come. In the Qur'an it states: "Whose is the Kingdom this Day? God's, the One, the All-Compelling!" And likewise: "And thy Lord shall come with angels rank on rank." And the Primal Point—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him—states: "Verily He speaks in all things: ʿThere is no God but Me, the Dominant, the Self-Subsisting."' Yet these deluded souls have not attained unto a drop from the ocean of utterance and speak that which no ignorant one has ever spoken.

This servant is bewildered and amazed at how they have interpreted and understood the utterances of the Exalted One, for in some passages He speaks "Verily I am God, there is no God but Me." This much is submitted to these gentlemen: that the veiled ones of the Bayan have regressed to the first step, nay lower than that, for the people of the Qur'an accept and believe in the cry "Verily I am God" that was manifested from the Sinaitic Tree. Yet these ignorant people have denied and rejected this blessed word from the Truth Himself. Woe unto them, then woe unto them! Nay, the essence of woe itself seeks refuge in God from their woe and from their ignorance and hatred.

Today the people of God are souls who have consumed doubt and uncertainty with the fire of certitude and are assured of the Day of God and His meeting. Blessed are they, then blessed are they! By God the Truth, Paradise itself yearns to meet them and circles round them. The Tongue of God has foretold of these doubtful heedless souls, saying:

> "What! Are they in doubt as to the meeting with their Lord?"

Should one possessed of an illumined heart reflect upon these exalted verses revealed from the heaven of Divine Will, he would become aware of the loftiness of this blessed Day and the baseness of the heedless and wayward souls, and would thank God, glorified be His majesty, with both outer and inner tongue for having enabled him to attain this most exalted station, which is the station of certitude in the meeting with God.

Today the veiled ones among the people of the Bayan are seen to be more heedless than all other peoples. That Countenance of the Divine Purpose, of Whom the Point of the Bayan said "He cannot be indicated by any indication, nor by what is mentioned in the Bayan"—Him they measure against their own fancies, understanding and knowledge. Their own realities curse them, yet they hear not, and all things dissociate themselves from them, yet they perceive not. To that most glorious, most exalted, most impregnable, most holy station—before Whose sacred threshold certitude itself is abashed to be mentioned—what attributions they have made and what differences they have created!

Hearken unto what the Dove of the All-Merciful warbled upon the branches of the Lote-Tree of the Bayan. His word, exalted and mighty is He:

> "By Him Who is single in majesty and grandeur, Who brought forth all things from nothing after His own pattern—certitude itself is abashed to be certain of Him or to prostrate before Him, and evidence is abashed to point to Him [or to any other]. Dost thou think thou canst know Him, or prove His existence through aught else than Him? Know then with the most decisive certainty and the most conclusive, determined command that He, exalted be His glory, mighty be His might, hallowed be His holiness, magnified be His grandeur, and glorified be His attributes, maketh all things to know Him through His own Self. Who then can know Him through aught else?"

And likewise they all gave glad-tidings of this most wondrous, most impregnable, most holy, most exalted Revelation, saying—His word, exalted be His glory:

> “He is the One through Whom, when the Tongue of His eternal holiness speaketh, He createth in a word whatsoever He willeth of prophet, saint, truthful one or pure one. For all that hath been created are signs from His presence and ambassadors from His court. All have declared that there is no God but God and have awaited the One Who would remind you of God’s presence. For ye were not created save to attain His presence. He is the One Who createth all things by His command. Beware, beware on the day of His manifestation lest thou be veiled by the Unity of the Bayan, for that Unity was created by Him. Beware, beware lest thou be veiled by the words revealed in the Bayan, for they are His own words in the temple of His previous Manifestation. He is the Sun of Truth, the Point of Oneness, the Countenance of Lordship, the Essence of Divinity, and the Being of Eternity. Were He to take His seat upon the dust, the very atoms of dust would proclaim ‘This is the throne whereon the All-Merciful is seated!’ If clay should thus glory in being the place of His throne, how then should the possessors of thought glory in God, the One, the Subduer, and seek tidings of God, the One, the Manifester?”

O ye possessors of illumined hearts! Consider and reflect upon these wondrous and exalted words. He saith that with but a single word from His utterance He createth whatsoever He willeth, whether Prophets, Saints, and the like. He declareth that all have borne and do bear witness to His Divinity, and explicitly affirmeth that all were created for His meeting. Then He warneth lest any soul should be debarred or veiled from the Hidden Treasure and the Concealed Mystery by reason of a single point of the Bayan or aught that hath been revealed therein. And He hath expounded this theme to such an extent as to declare that should that Countenance of the Desired One take His seat upon the dust, the very atoms thereof would testify that this is the Throne whereon the All-Merciful hath been established. Yet despite this, the worms of the earth have hesitated concerning the mention of His Lordship and the like, and have clung to their own vain imaginings regarding certain passages of the Bayan, turning away from the Truth, though they have not understood even a single letter thereof, even as the followers of the Qur’an remained deprived of its meanings.

Section 2: “And if any soul this day be not…”

And if any soul this day be not assured of this exalted Truth and His meeting, he is deprived of the Kawthar of certitude and is recorded among the doubtful in God’s Book. I beseech Him—exalted be His glory, His sovereignty, the splendor of His manifestation and His grandeur—not to withhold His friends from the lofty station of certitude. Verily He hath power over all things. I hope, God willing, that His divine favors may encompass all. How excellent is that which hath been said:

Though we have spoken much, yet without The grace of God we are as naught. Without the grace of God and His chosen ones, The angel’s page is black, though pure his tongue.

That which is incumbent and obligatory upon all this day is fellowship and unity, for discord hath ever been and shall continue to be the cause of the dissipation of God’s Cause, even as hath been revealed in most of the Tablets from the Supreme Pen. Blessed is he who hath found the sweetness of God’s utterance and is numbered among the doers.

With utter nothingness, powerlessness and supplication, I entreat all to conduct themselves with one another in perfect love and harmony. Let them not seek to initiate any matter or utter any word that might cause discord. Had certain souls not become the cause of discord heretofore, most of the heedless ones would have turned to the horizon of the Cause. All must fix their gaze upon that which hath been sent down from the heaven of God's Will, and should they fail to comprehend any of the divine verses or differ in their interpretation, they must inquire of the Source of the Cause. Verily He knoweth what He hath revealed in truth, but the people know not. For instance, when someone asked about the blessed Surih of the Temple and other revealed Surihs containing certain addresses, what was their object, He said:

> "Verily the Addresser and the one addressed are one and the same, and it is My Self, the One Who dominateth the worlds."

After this clear, brilliant and manifest statement, it behooveth no one to interpret, expound, or speak contrary to that which God, the Lord of the worlds, hath decreed.

God willing, all must give utterance to that which is the Will of God, and strive with the utmost endeavor in matters that lead to the exaltation of His Cause. People are observed to be heedless and asleep. Those who have drunk of the choice wine of inner meanings must awaken these souls through the divine fragrances. I hope that this word will be accepted by all and that they will act upon it. Whenever the odor of discord is perceived, such grief encompasses this servant that pen and utterance fail to describe it. We beseech God to aid all to do what He loves and is pleased with. The world has never had, nor has it now, any worth, and no one is free from its afflictions and trials except those souls who are occupied with the service of God's Cause. If outwardly any tribulation befalls them, it is the essence of mercy, for it comes upon them in the path of God—this is a station which all those near to God and sincere ones have sought and continue to seek. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, for aid to walk in the path of His good-pleasure and to be detached from all else save Him.

Rejoice, O loved ones of God and His chosen ones! By God, He has ordained for you what He has not ordained for any others. Read what hath been sent down in the Book that ye may be among those who are informed. Soon shall appear what He has promised you in His perspicuous Book. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of sanctification that all the wondrous and sublime favors which He has promised to His loved ones shall be made manifest, even as ye have all witnessed how everything that was revealed by the Divine Pen concerning the transgressors and oppressors has come to pass. Some of these this servant shall mention here, that ye may be convinced that He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen, and that He is indeed the Powerful One Whom the Pharaohs could not prevent from accomplishing what He purposed. He doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

Among these is what was revealed in the Surih of Fu'ad at the beginning of imprisonment. His words, exalted be His glory:

> "Soon will We dismiss the one who was like him and will lay hold on their prince who ruleth the land, and I am the Mighty, the Compelling."

What was revealed in this blessed verse came to pass, as most have heard that after the one like him was seized, God, the Mighty, the Powerful, seized the prince. And He seized this prince in such a manner that all souls were astonished. God, the Most High, the Most Great, spoke the truth.

In the blessed Surih of Ra'is, in which He addresses him by the name of Ra'is, He saith—exalted be His glory: "O Ra'is! Thou hast committed that which hath caused Muhammad, the Apostle of God, to lament in the Most Sublime Paradise, and the world hath made thee so heedless that thou hast turned away from the Face through Whose brightness the Concourse on High hath been illumined. Soon shalt thou find thyself in manifest loss." Until His words—glorified and exalted be He: "Thinkest thou that thou hast the power to quench the fire which God hath kindled in the horizons? Nay, by His own Self, the True One! Wert thou of them that comprehend. Rather, by what thou hast done its flame and heat have been increased.

Soon will it encompass the earth and all that dwell therein. Thus hath the decree been issued, and none from all who are in the heavens and earth can withstand it. Soon will the Land of Mystery and what is beside it be changed, and what had been in the grasp of the King will pass out of his hands, and upheavals shall appear, and lamentation will arise, and corruption will become manifest in the lands, and affairs will be disrupted by reason of that which hath befallen these captives at the hands of the hosts of oppression. The dominion will be altered, and so severe will conditions become that the very sands on the desolate hills will moan, and the trees on the mountain will weep, and blood will flow from all things, and thou shalt behold the people in sore disturbance."

And likewise in the Most Holy Book He saith—exalted be His grandeur: "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 thee, 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 thy 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." The meaning of the "Spot that art situate on the shores of the two seas" is Constantinople, which is situated between the Black Sea and the Mediterranean Sea. Blessed is he who pondereth the verses of God and is of them that are assured.

Should this evanescent servant desire to mention the mysteries of what was and what is to come, which have been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will, verily these pages would not suffice. Many books and volumes would need to be written. The purpose is that the loved ones of God should not fix their gaze upon the varying conditions of these numbered days, but rather should be focused on and assured of what the Lord, exalted be His glory, hath ordained for them in His infinite worlds. And with the utmost joy and eagerness they should arise to serve His Cause. God willing, it is hoped that through the endeavors of His chosen ones, the banner of differences in all cities will be furled, and the banner of love and unity will be unfurled.

In brief, know ye your worth and waste not your time. The Lord of Days is manifest, and any deed performed therein for God's sake shall be the lord of deeds. Blessed is he who hath made his desire to be

extinguished in God's desire, and who hath acted according to what was commanded in His mighty and wise Book.

And after Mulla Muhammad-ʿAli-i-Dahji arrived and all the petitions of the friends which they had submitted to the Most Holy Court were received and presented before the Throne, from the Dawning-Place of Divine bounty expressions of favor were manifested towards all. Blessed is he whose letter attained the presence of the Most Great Vision and whose mention was made before God, the Mighty, the Wise. However, due to God's consummate wisdom, no response to the petitions was outwardly sent. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The essential purpose is the mention of assured, devoted, content and well-pleasing souls that occurs at the Most Holy Court. Praise be to God that the authors of the petitions have attained to this most impregnable, most holy, most exalted, most glorious station.

They must with utmost joy and gladness occupy themselves with the praise and glorification of the Beloved of the world and the Goal of all nations. God willing, appropriate expressions of favor have been and will be shown to each one. Soon will God exalt those who have believed and make them mighty in the earth, and He will abase those who were proud. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Powerful, and His Cause is the Truth. Were the veil to be lifted by less than a needle's eye, all would soar on the wings of certitude in the atmosphere of longing, would pass beyond self and others, and would act with utmost joy in accordance with what He has commanded.

Another matter: Jinab-i-Rafi' has undergone many hardships. According to the command, he should engage in some occupation in that land. Whosoever succeeds in rendering him assistance is beloved before the Throne.

Glorified art Thou, O my God and the God of all things, my Adored One and the Adored One of earth and heaven! Thou knowest and seest that in my heart there is naught save love for Thee and for Thy loved ones, purely for Thy sake. I beseech Thee by the Ancient King Who is established upon the Most Great Throne that Thou assist them in Thy love and good-pleasure, that they may pray for me in Thy days as I pray for them through Thy bounty and favor. Then answer us, O our God and our Goal, in what we seek through Thy grace and loving-kindness. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The servant, in Rajab 1293

BH03448: The waves of the sea of utterance have become…

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

The waves of the sea of utterance have become manifest from the Pen of the All-Merciful in the form of these words: Thy letter was presented before the Throne and the essence of love was evident therefrom, and the fragrance of affection was manifest from it. Well is it with thee for having drunk the choice wine of steadfastness from the cup of thy Lord's grace, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

In most of the Tablets mention hath been made of the cawing of the crows and the clamor of the deluded ones, in the days when the Seat of the Divine Throne was in Zawra (Baghdad), and likewise in the Land of

Mystery (Adrianople) and the Most Great Prison. We informed the people of that which later came to pass and will yet come to pass.

The people of Baha must today be so steadfast and firm in the Cause of God that they should regard all else as non-existent and count it as nothing. All matters have been set forth in detail in the Tablets, such that no excuse remaineth for anyone. Nevertheless, certain souls speak vain words which are but the dregs of the worthless utterances of the dervishes of old, and they glory therein. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of divine unity that such souls have never understood unity, nor have they inhaled the fragrance of the utterance of the All-Merciful.

However, thou shouldst not be saddened, for such vain imaginings have always existed in the world and will continue to exist, especially in this Revelation wherein countless such things will appear. God protect us and the company of the sincere ones from these people. God willing, may you ever be engaged in mentioning the Truth with the utmost joy and fragrance.

Convey to the loved ones in that land an exalted greeting from the Wronged One, that all may be occupied with serving the Cause and may strive and endeavor that perchance the heedless servants may drink from the Kawthar of the mercy of the Lord of the worlds and attain to the fruit of their existence. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon them.

BH04830: Thy letter which thou didst send in the name…

In the name of the Educator of the world!

Thy letter which thou didst send in the name of Allah-Mihdi was received. And concerning what thou didst mention that the harm inflicted by heedless souls who wander in the wilderness of immorality and who speak according to their desires is greater than the harm of the idolaters—We testify that thou hast spoken the truth, inasmuch as the fabricated utterances of those heedless souls have been and will continue to be the cause of the delay in the appearance of the divine verses of triumph. With such nonsensical utterances no obligation remains for the people.

By the Most Great Name! If those souls who claim to be of this Cause had acted according to what God hath commanded them, all the earth would now be beheld as a piece of Paradise. Ask thou God to protect His loved ones from the evil of these people and to make their hearts as blocks of iron in His irresistible and wise Cause.

Today steadfastness, after the recognition of the Dawning-Place of God's Cause, is accounted as the most great of deeds, for the cawing of the ravens will be raised in every city and land, even as We previously informed all. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The Pen loveth to make mention of thee at all times. Rejoice thou in this mighty station. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to all the kindred, both male and female, and to all other loved ones of God. Verily the glory be upon you and upon them.

BH04987: We have manifested the Cause of God to all…

He is the One dawning from the horizon of might

We have manifested the Cause of God to all who are in the kingdoms of command and creation, and made clear His straight path. Among the people are those whom love of the world has prevented from turning to the Lord of Names, and among them are those who have turned to the Most Exalted Horizon, detached from the worlds. He who has turned to the One to Whom the world turns has prospered, and he who has turned away from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, has lost.

Your letter has come before the Wronged One, and We have read it and found it purified from the mention of any but Me, and adorned with the name of Him through Whom the heavens of religions were cleft asunder, the lands of knowledge were split, and the stars of idle fancies were scattered. Verily your Lord is the Mighty, the Powerful.

We have answered you with this letter that you might find in it that which will cool your eyes and gladden your heart. By My life! There has been ordained for you that which is not equaled by anything created on earth. Verily your Lord is the Expositor, the All-Wise.

Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! Thou seest Thy loved ones among the ungodly from among Thy creation and the transgressors from among Thy servants. I beseech Thee by Thy Name which Thou hast made the cause of the life of the world and the greatest means for the salvation of the nations, that Thou protect us through Thy power and sovereignty and might and dominion. Then set right, O my God, all our affairs and ordain for us what is best for us. I testify that Thou knowest better than we what benefits us, and that Thou art the Mighty, the Exalted, the Most High, the Most Great.

BH01233: Praise befitteth and beseemeth that Desired One Who, through…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the All-Compelling, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious

Praise befitteth and beseemeth that Desired One Who, through one blessed Word shining forth from the Dayspring of Divine utterance, hath caused the earth to be changed, the mountains to be crushed, the heaven to be cleft asunder, them that lie in the graves to be raised up, and the seas to overflow. On the one hand, the attraction of the resurrection seized all hearts, and on the other, the intoxication of the wine of recognition so encompassed the souls of them that had turned unto Him that they became unaware of themselves and all else. For the first existence was utterly annihilated in absolute nothingness, that an existence other than this existence might emerge from the realm of the invisible and attain to the exalted station of “Verily, we are God’s, and verily, unto Him shall we return.” Therefore, whatsoever hath appeared of heedlessness toward outward matters and worldly attachments was and is of no consequence. The Most Truthful One hath said: “The Day whereon man shall flee from his brother.”

God the One is My witness that from the moment this evanescent servant attained unto the wine of inner meaning, the fragrances of longing and desire and the sweet-scented breezes of attraction and ecstasy did so powerfully prevail that pen and tongue are powerless to describe them. How many were the days when, in the wilderness of separation, he was consumed by the fire of remoteness, and how many were

the nights when, aflame with yearning, he beheld himself like unto a fish writhing upon the sand, until the hand of grace, wholly unmerited, drew this evanescent atom to the eternal realm. A world other than this world was witnessed, and utterances sanctified from letters and words were heard. And after recovering from that first intoxication and being honored with the second sobriety, this servant deemed it binding and necessary to make good whatsoever had outwardly been missed by him. For all are commanded to teach God's Cause, that all people may be sanctified from the idolatry of associating partners with God and may acknowledge and confess the oneness of God. And in this station the command "to begin with them that are nearest" must be observed.

Therefore I submit to that honored brother that which Luqman submitted to his master: In the early dawn, when the breeze of divine favor was wafting, Luqman, kindled by the fire of the love of the All-Merciful, would raise his head from the pillow of rest and, finding his master in the embrace of comfort and sleep, would approach his bedside with utmost courtesy and say: "O master, arise! The gates of trade are open and the Concourse on High and the sanctified souls are engaged in commerce. O master, arise and deprive not thyself of this trade, for eternal pearls are being offered for sale and precious everlasting things are at hand." And when he would find his master showing laziness, he would return to his place and become immersed and lost in contemplation of the wondrous handiwork of God and the mysteries of divine wisdom. And when he would observe that dawn was approaching, he would again turn to his master and say: "O master, arise, for the time draweth to a close. I fear the market-place may close while thou art still asleep. Arise and let not the time slip away, that perchance thou mayest not remain deprived of the outpourings of the All-Merciful in these last hours of the night."

Now doth this servant submit: O brother, strive that in these divine days thou mayest acquire infinite bounties and be blessed with eternal favors. By the True One Himself, whatsoever is lost by any soul in this day shall be difficult to recover. Both you must raise your hands in supplication and this servant shall lift his hands in hope that perchance we may be illumined by the effulgent rays of the Sun of Truth and remain steadfast in His Cause with complete firmness. Behold the people as dead and turn to the Ever-Living One. Had the people of the earth attained unto a drop from the ocean of life, they would surely have hearkened to the divine call and witnessed the light of His countenance. Remember what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an:

> "They have ears with which they hear not, and hearts with which they understand not,"

unto the end of His exalted Word.

And it is most evident that the mention which befitteth this most exalted and glorious station cannot flow from the pen of this servant, for the ocean of divine utterance is sanctified and exalted above the expressions of this evanescent one, since it hath neither shore nor end. Therefore, I conclude by saying: There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist you and strengthen you in His remembrance and praise, and to protect you from the imaginings of every imaginer and the whisperings of every tempter who believeth not in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

And another entreaty: Convey on behalf of this evanescent one greetings and salutations to all the kindred, both brothers and sisters and relations, and remind them with utmost love and kindness that perchance they may be adorned with the ornament of recognition and certitude and may turn unto the Dawning-Place of the Cause of the All-Merciful.

BH01147: Exalted is God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting, Who hath…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Exalted is God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting, Who hath adorned the world with the Most Great Name, whereby He hath distinguished between the nations, and revealed that which lay hidden in hearts and concealed in breasts, and through which the dwellers of the grave have arisen and the decree of resurrection hath been made manifest. Blessed is he who hath awakened on the Day of God, concerning which the All-Merciful hath given tidings in the Qur'an, saying—and His Word is the truth—"The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds." We bear witness that the Day hath truly appeared, wherein the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Secret do speak: "Verily, there is none other God besides Me, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting." They who have heeded the Call and turned to the Supreme Horizon are, before God, the Lord of Names, numbered among the people of Baha, while they who have turned away are but worthless creatures whose names the Pen of God, Creator of the heavens, hath refused to record. We testify that they are among the most lost in the mighty Book.

Thereafter, the Servant hath heard what befell you in the path of God, and how the fire of tyranny and hatred was kindled in those parts by the swine who have adorned themselves with turbans and robes. Woe unto them! And again, woe unto them! By God's life, their commerce hath yielded no profit, and they have lost both in this world and in the next. Soon shall they behold themselves in the abyss and shall find no helper nor supporter. Do they imagine they can extinguish the fire kindled by the hand of Power and Might? Do they suppose they can put out the light which God hath caused to shine forth from the Supreme Horizon? Nay, by His very Self, the True One! They are impotent, they are the lost, they are the deniers, they are the transgressors. God shall, through His authority, soon cast them down and exalt those who have believed in God and His signs, who have acknowledged His oneness and confessed His singleness. Verily, there is none other God but Him. His is the creation and the command. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

God willing, drink ye and give others to drink, at all times, of the choice wine of divine knowledge. Consider ye the consummate wisdom of God, for as hath been witnessed and continues to be seen, whatsoever the enemies of God deemed would abase His loved ones hath become the very source of their glory. Thus did certain heedless souls, imagining they could conceal the Divine Light and extinguish the Fire of His Cause, consign the Ancient Beauty to the Most Great Prison. Observe ye now how many consummate wisdoms lay hidden in this matter: that which they deemed would abase the Truth became the source of glory, and what they considered hardship proved to be the essence of ease. This is why He saith that tribulations and trials are as water for the tree of His Cause. Blessed is he who pondereth that which hath appeared from the horizon of God's Will, the Lord of the worlds.

By the Sun of the horizon of utterance! Every death that hath occurred in the path of God hath been the cause of life to the world, and every destruction wrought in the way of the Friend shall be the cause of the world's construction. God willing, ye should, through divine grace and heavenly favors, be joyous at all times and occupied with service to His Cause. Convey to all the beloved in that land the greetings of this evanescent servant. Had this servant found the opportunity, he would have written a detailed letter to each of those who are adorned with the ornament of recognition. However, owing to the profusion of divine verses that must be penned, no opportunity hath been found; therefore he seeketh pardon from all.

And I beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, that He may adorn all with the raiment of steadfastness and that they may be of those who reckon all save God as nonexistent and void, in such wise that neither the cawing of the crows nor the clamor of the prevaricators may deter them from the straight path, and that they may all attain to the lofty station of "Say: God; then leave them to plunge in vain discourse and trifling." For it hath been observed and continues to be seen that some of the weak ones have been deprived of the True One, glorified be His grandeur, by reason of the golden calf. God protect us and you from the evil of every deceitful detractor.

Certain letters of this servant were presented to the Land of Ta, and it was specifically written that copies thereof should be sent to that land, that perchance they might cause the souls who have accepted the Faith to remain steadfast. Today steadfastness is among the greatest of all things in the sight of God. Blessed is he who is adorned with this holy and luminous raiment. Whenever the fragrance of discord is detected, this servant findeth himself bewildered, for this is a day wherein the True One Himself hath appeared from the horizon of manifestation, resplendent and evident, and the effulgences of His revelation have illumined the whole world. Yet despite this, why should accepting souls occupy themselves with mention of this one and that? We beseech God to preserve His loved ones from the evil of every deceiver and the craftiness of every schemer, to enable them to speak His praise and to aid them to serve His Cause. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Responding One.

Today all the friends must strive and endeavor that perchance some service may proceed from them that shall endure and persist. I convey greetings to his honor, thy father, upon him be the glory of God. Praise be to God, he hath attained unto divine favors, and thy letter was presented in detail before the Throne, and the Sun of grace hath risen from the horizon of utterance. God willing, may he ever be and continue to be the recipient of divine favors.

BH01477: Praise be to God Who hath revealed Himself unto…

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

Praise be to God Who hath revealed Himself unto all things through His Name that was sanctified from all words and names. He, verily, is the Most Great Trump, when it was blown amidst the nations, all hearts and souls were shaken, save whom God, the Creator of heaven, did will. He, verily, is the Greatest Sign unto all creation and the Ark of God in the kingdom of creation. Whoso holdeth fast unto it hath attained salvation, and whoso turneth away from it is of them who have disbelieved and transgressed and been deprived of that which was created for them in the hereafter and in this world. Praise be to God Who

hath aided whom He willeth unto the Most Sublime Horizon, and brought him nigh unto the Ultimate End, and given him to drink of the Kawthar of immortality from the hand of bounty.

He, verily, is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth. Neither the hosts of the world nor the might of nations can prevent Him. He is the One to Whose sovereignty every possessor of knowledge hath testified, and to Whose grandeur and majesty every possessor of power hath submitted, and before Whose loftiness and glory every possessor of greatness hath bowed down, and every possessor of exaltation before His manifestation and majesty. I testify that He hath ever been sanctified beyond all else and glorified above all others, and will continue to be as He hath ever been. There is none other God but Him, the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below.

Thereafter, this evanescent servant hath received your letter from which wafted the fragrance of your love for the Lord of the worlds and the Object of them that are endued with insight, and I understood what was contained therein regarding your being set ablaze with the fire of love and affection, and your turning unto God, the Lord of creation, on the Day of the Mutual Summons. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to give you to drink, at all times, from the Kawthar of everlasting life and to make you among those on whom no fear shall come, nor shall they grieve.

It is submitted that Mulla Muhammad-ʿAli arrived and this servant was honored with the trace of the Supreme Pen. Praise be to God that through the infinite bounties and the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of Oneness you have turned your face toward the Beloved of the worlds and the Object of all who dwell within the realm of possibility, and you have drunk from the ocean of recognition from which most people are deprived today. Through divine grace, two honors are present and evident in your person, for you are of the light and have attained unto the Light before Whose dawning radiant suns and shining moons were eclipsed. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, that you may, in all divine worlds, circle round the Sun of Truth and attain unto His service. He, verily, is the Hearing, the Answering.

Regarding what you wrote about conveying expressions of sincerity on your behalf to the service of the Branches of the Divine Lote-Tree—may my spirit and being be sacrificed for the dust of their feet—this was done according to your request, and countless favors and bounties were manifested by each one toward you. Well is it with you! And concerning what you wrote about Mashhadi Sadiq, that he had become sanctified from delusion and turned toward the known Sovereign—I beseech God to keep him steadfast in this most exalted and sublime station. Previously, a Tablet was specifically revealed for him from the heaven of grace, along with some other Tablets, which were sent. God willing, may all attain unto the utterance of the All-Merciful and become enkindled with the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree—an enkindlement that the doubts and imaginings of the people of uncertainty and suspicion shall be powerless to extinguish. Blessed is he who is assured of God's Manifestation and of meeting Him in His days. As for those who doubt, they are the lost, they are the ruined, they are the ungodly.

Another submission is that whatever was sent with Mulla Muhammad-ʿAli has arrived, and previously it was written to Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin—upon him be the glory of God—to begin transcribing the verses of God, and likewise some here were also told and are engaged in transcription. However, since no designated swift-penned scribe can be found here, if it takes somewhat longer there is no harm. The people of the pavilion of chastity have said that this servant should convey their greetings to your

honored ladies. God willing, they are occupied beneath the divine shade with wondrous mention and praise.

The glory be upon you and upon those who are with you among the loved ones of God, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

The servant 27 Rajab 1293

BH06676: The Divine Lote-Tree hath called aloud amidst all beings…

He is the Everlasting, the Eternal, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

The Divine Lote-Tree hath called aloud amidst all beings:

> "Verily, there is none other God besides Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

Among the people are those who have hearkened, and those who have turned away. He who hath hearkened is assuredly among those who have attained, as recorded in a glorious Tablet.

Thou hast been mentioned in the presence of the Throne, and the Wronged One of the horizons doth make mention of thee through this most wondrous, most sweet Tablet which hath streamed forth from the Most Exalted Pen. Verily, He remembereth him who remembereth Him, and turneth unto him who hath turned unto Him. He is, in truth, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

Be thou occupied at all times with the remembrance of the Beloved of all creation. Every remembrance and utterance shall pass away, save that remembrance which ariseth in the heart for God's sake and floweth from the tongue. Such remembrance is as a lamp in the true home that is designated as the divine habitat.

Rejoice thou in the Book of thy Lord. Verily, it shall abide with thee in all conditions and shall bear witness for thee in all the worlds of God, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty. The glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath attained unto this exalted station.

BH06901: Among the latest news from the Prison Land…

In the Name of the one God!

Among the latest news from the Prison Land is that his honor ʿAli-Qabli-Naqi, upon him be the glory of God, journeyed from India to Egypt and from there proceeded to the Most Transcendent Scene, residing for a time in the Most Great Prison. Although outwardly, due to prison conditions, things did not pass pleasantly for him, yet inwardly, praise and thanks be to God, he was blessed with the outpourings of the All-Merciful and attained that which is the ultimate goal—the presence of the Beloved of the worlds. This is truly a grace which serves as a luminous crown atop all deeds.

Although at present, while this bounty exists, its value remains hidden from the people of the world, yet ere long the loftiness of this station and its exalted nature shall become manifest.

Convey greetings from this Wronged One to all the relatives—that is, those relatives who have turned to the Truth and drunk from the cup of recognition. Verily, the glory from God, the Lord of the worlds, be upon you and upon them.

BH08875: 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 and that He Who speaketh is the Most Great Sign among all created things and the Manifestation of God unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Whoso hath attained unto His days hath attained unto the knowledge of Him Who is the Dawning-Place of His Cause, Who proclaimeth throughout the world that there is none other God but Him, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the recognition of the True One and hast been blessed with His eternal bounty which, in its primary degree, is His love. I swear by the Sun of Revelation which shineth from the horizon of Sinai that even if thou shouldst offer thanks throughout the duration of the kingdom of earth and heaven, thou couldst not adequately express thy gratitude for this supreme grace. Know thou the value of this bounty and occupy thyself with the praise and glorification of God. Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Desired One and attained unto this mighty outpouring.

BH03697: The Supreme Pen proclaims: All souls have been created…

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

The Supreme Pen proclaims: All souls have been created for the knowledge of God, and throughout all nights and days they waited expectantly for the days of His manifestation. Yet when the lights of the dawn of God's Day shone forth from the horizon of His Will, all remained veiled, nay, turned away, except those who held fast to the cord of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Each soul clung to vain imaginings and thus remained deprived of the Lord of all beings.

For instance, knowledge appeared specifically for the recognition of the Known One; nevertheless, the learned of the age have, because of it, remained debarred from the Truth—exalted be His glory and His mighty sovereignty—and are veiled from the Day of God and His presence. In all divine Books and heavenly Scriptures, the people were given glad tidings of the dawning-place of divine revelation and the dayspring of His verses. Yet when the horizon of the world was illumined and made resplendent with the lights of the Sun of the manifestation of the Most Great Name, all arose in denial and rejection. But ere long will they who turned away behold themselves in manifest loss.

Blessed are those souls who in the Day of His manifestation attained unto the knowledge of God and arose to serve Him. Such souls are accounted before God as stars in a wondrous heaven. Blessed are they, then blessed are they!

Your letter was seen in the Most Great Prison and your call was heard. God willing, you will at all times remain steadfast in the remembrance of God and will at every moment drink from the choice wine of recognition.

We make mention of all the loved ones of God in this blessed leaf, that all may rejoice in His special favors and engage in serving His Cause in perfect love and unity. Thus have We remembered you and those who have turned to God in that place, and him who wrote your letter. Verily your Lord is the Rememberer, the Rewarder, the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH06031: Today is the Sovereign of days, and all peoples…

He is the Dawning One from the horizon of ‘He doeth what He willeth.’

Today is the Sovereign of days, and all peoples have been promised this blessed Day in the divine Books. Yet when it dawned from the horizon of God’s Will, all remained occupied with their own doubts and fancies in the wilderness of uncertainty and suspicion, and thus were veiled from it. Even as God, exalted be His glory, had forewarned concerning the doubting and heedless souls, His word is supreme: “Ah! they are in doubt concerning the meeting with their Lord!”

Whoso in this luminous Day hath quaffed from the Kawthar of divine knowledge hath attained unto the presence of God and is accounted among the people of certitude in the Perspicuous Book, and shall be adorned with the ornament of acceptance throughout all the divine worlds. Praise be to God that that leaf hath attained unto this most exalted, most glorious station. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this great bounty.

Thy letter was presented before the Wronged One in the Most Great Prison, and from it wafted the fragrance of love and longing. Be thou patient in separation, for He shall record for thee the reward of attainment unto His presence, shall aid thee through His grace, and shall ordain for thee that whereby thy mention shall endure throughout the kingdom of God, the Mighty, the Wise.

BH06448: We have answered you and mentioned you time…

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

We have answered you and mentioned you time and again, and now We mention you once more that you may be assured of God’s care, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting. Your letter was seen in the Most Great Presence and the fragrance of your love wafted from it. God willing, you have been and will ever be the recipient of God’s special favors.

Blessed are you, then blessed are you, for having turned in your early days to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, and for having attained that which most of the servants have been deprived of. This indeed is a noble station. The glances of divine favors have been and will be directed toward you.

As to what you mentioned regarding medical science—excellent is what you have done. He will assist you—be assured and be of the thankful ones. Divine outpourings and heavenly confirmations from the Eternal One have encompassed and continue to encompass you.

God willing, you will succeed in learning the language mentioned and will translate the verses of God into that language, so that the people of the West may become informed of the Dayspring of Divine

Revelation and what hath been sent down from His presence. Glory be upon you and upon those with you.

BH00624: In the name of God, the Most Holy…

In the name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Praise be to God Who hath revealed Himself unto all created things through the light that hath shone forth, risen, gleamed and flashed from the horizon of the heaven of His prevailing Will. Thereupon did the Names tremble, all things were drawn forth, and the Dove cooed upon the Ultimate Tree. Verily, there is none other God but Him Who is established upon the Most Great Throne. He, verily, is the Lord of eternity and the Sovereign of nations. He, verily, is the Dawning-Place of God's revelation, the Treasury of God's knowledge, and the Dayspring of God's wisdom. Through Him was the heaven of religions cleft asunder, the earth of idle fancies rent apart, the mountains of vain imaginings swept away, and the sun of knowledge shone forth through His Name, the Self-Subsisting.

Exalted be the Possessor of all that was and shall be, Who through a single word caused all who are in the heavens and on earth to swoon away, save those who have cast away all else and held fast to the Sure Handle. These are among the people of Baha between earth and heaven, who dwell in the Crimson Ark. The Concourse on High and the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise who circle round the Throne every morn and eve pray for them. Praise be to God Who hath made the Word itself the Most Great Trump and the Mightiest Bugle, whereby He hath distinguished between all created things and united those who have detached themselves from all directions, turning toward the Most Sublime Horizon and the Most Exalted, Most Resplendent Station.

These are honored servants and upright men who speak not until He hath spoken and who act by His command, whom the blame of the blamer cannot turn aside from the Cause of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Thereafter, this servant hath been honored to receive your letters time and again, and hath found in every word thereof evidence of your arising to serve God and your steadfastness in His love, after the feet of the learned had slipped, the hearts of the mystics were troubled, and the skin of the divines crept with fear. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist you, protect you, and grant you at all times the water of everlasting life, and to make you one who speaks forth His Name amidst all possibilities. Verily, He is the Almighty over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Mighty, the Beloved.

This evanescent servant submits that he was repeatedly blessed to see your handwriting and had prepared one petition at the time of the return of the honored beloved, Mulla ʿAli-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God. That petition was lost, meaning it was submerged in the seas of papers, writings and books gathered in this evanescent servant's place, and until now this servant has not had the opportunity to search for and find it. Therefore, he has newly undertaken to submit this petition. This servant's occupation has reached such a point that he has not a moment's rest. We beseech God to assist me in

this most great service. Were it not for God's grace and favor, I would surely be among the impotent ones.

As to what you wrote concerning his honor the revered Aqa Mirza Siyyid ʿAbdu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, that he intended to present a petition to the Most Holy Court but at that moment a sneeze occurred and for that reason he desisted—the details were presented to the Most Holy Court, that is, the exact words which you wrote from his tongue were presented before His countenance. He spoke, and His word is the truth:

> "Verily, he is the one who is mentioned in the prison and is under the gaze of his Lord, the Protector, the Forgiving, the Generous. We read his letter before he wrote a single letter. Verily his Lord, the All-Knowing, is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. There hath been inscribed upon the tablet of his heart, by the Pen of Divine craftsmanship, the remembrance of God and His love. We have witnessed this and We were among those who read it. Glad-tidings be unto him for having heard the Call and responded to his Lord on a day whereon all in the worlds were thunderstruck save whom God, the Almighty, the Powerful, willed."

As for the sneeze, in the Most Holy Court such matters are not considered, and the execution of good deeds has never been and is not contingent upon a sneeze or the lack thereof. However, since he acted with wisdom in view, there was and is no harm in it. We have accepted it from him as a token of Our grace and We ordain for him what We desire and We pray for his supreme steadfastness in this most grievous and momentous Cause. Say: Be thou assured of God's grace and mercy, for verily He is the Protector of the sincere ones.

As to what you wrote regarding the distinguished Leaf, upon her be the Glory of God, especially a Tablet was previously revealed in her name from the heaven of divine bounty and was sent, and likewise in these days a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was newly revealed in her name and was sent in the care of his honor Dahji. Her petition was also presented at the Most Holy Court and was accepted. How blessed is she, how fortunate is she! Similarly, a Tablet was also specifically revealed for your honor and the Leaf, your wife, upon her be the Glory of God, and four unnamed Tablets and another Tablet which was in the name of one of the loved ones were sent in the company of the honored beloved, his honor Mulla ʿAli-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, to be delivered to your honor. We beseech God to honor you with meeting with and visiting these Tablets.

The petition of his honor the son, upon him be the Glory of God, was presented at the Most Holy Court. In truth, he had presented it with the utmost love, attraction, eagerness and longing. The Ancient Beauty, after hearing it, expressed countless tokens of favor and a Tablet was also specifically revealed and sent for him. We beseech God to assist him and aid him and to make in his breath a healing and a mighty influence for curing the ills of hearts and souls, and likewise to make him a translator that he may translate the verses of God. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Giver, the Munificent, the Ordainer, the Protector, the Mighty, the Wise.

With regard to what you had previously written, that someone among the mathematical scholars had inquired of His Holiness concerning the celestial spheres, planets, their movements and influences—this was presented at the Most Holy Court. He—exalted be His mention—said:

> "O Ha before Sin! If people were not heedless and would turn to the Dawning-Place of divine knowledge with such questions and beyond, verily all hidden knowledge would become manifest and visible. The grace of God is such that He does not cause any soul to despair, but souls have become veils unto themselves and soar on the wings of idle fancies. How many scholars in the Land of Mystery [Adrianople], this land [Akka], and during the sojourn in Iraq asked questions about various branches of knowledge. Answers to all descended from the heaven of divine knowledge in such wise that none could raise objections, yet none of those souls attained the ocean of inner meanings. How many philosophers inquired about the sayings of ancient philosophers, yet after the dawning of the Sun of Wisdom and their acknowledgment of it, remained veiled. By God! My Most Exalted Pen desires only to speak of that which the Point of the Bayan foretold—verily there is no God but Me, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting."

However, during the days in Iraq, a Tablet was revealed from the heaven of God's Will concerning these matters. This servant will present what is remembered from it. Among other things, in that Tablet nineteen planets were mentioned, and He stated that the full account had not yet been given. What was mentioned therein about the heavens and celestial spheres was different from what people commonly describe. In any case, He commanded the Most Great Branch—may my spirit and being be sacrificed for the most precious dust of His footsteps—to write a commentary on these matters.[AB00023] God willing, it will be sent later, but as He is currently occupied, it has been delayed. The treatise which was previously written concerning the civic governance[AB00004] is with Mulla ʿAli-Akbar—you will observe it.

God the One is witness that if this servant were to be continuously engaged in mentioning you without interruption or delay, neither pen nor heart would find rest from longing and yearning. It is known that the water of remembrance does not extinguish the fire of love, but rather increases its heat. As for what you mentioned in the Tablet of Ridvan which ascended to God, by your life, by your life, there has been revealed for it from the heaven of your Lord's grace that which will never be erased from the book of possibility. Verily our Lord is the Mighty, the Bestower.

To Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Fadlu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, I send countless greetings. God willing, may they be engaged at all times in the remembrance and praise of God with the utmost joy and fragrance. The people of the prison, God willing, do not forget one another. We beseech God to strengthen him and strengthen me in all conditions. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. All the people of the prison send their greetings to them. The Two Most Great Branches—may my spirit and the spirit of all in the worlds be sacrificed for their most pure footsteps—remember you with most wondrous, greatest, most exalted greetings, as do the members of the divine pavilion of infallibility and the Afnan of the divine Lote-Tree—all send their greetings to you. May glory and spirit and remembrance and praise be upon you and those with you.

The servant, 7 Sha'ban 1293

BH06595: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

In the name of the one true God

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been mighty to accomplish whatsoever He hath willed, and shall everlastingly remain supreme over whatsoever He pleaseth. No hosts can withhold Him from His dominion, nor kings from His sovereignty. He doeth as He willeth and ordaineth as He pleaseth.

O handmaid of God! Thy mention hath been made in the Most Great Prison, and this blessed Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of divine favor that thou mayest be engaged in His remembrance and remain steadfast in the path of His love.

In this day, each of the handmaidens of God who hath drunk from the cup of divine knowledge and hath turned toward the horizon of His Revelation is recorded before God among the denizens of the most exalted Paradise.

Strive thou that the pearls of the love of God may remain preserved within the shell of thy heart, and that the hands of thieves and traitors may be cut off and forbidden from them. This is God's counsel unto His handmaidens.

Grieve not over anything, but place thy trust in all matters in God, the Lord of all worlds. Verily, He ordaineth for thee whatsoever He hath decreed in His perspicuous Book.

BH09351: A mention from Our presence unto him who hath…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

A mention from Our presence unto him who hath attained unto the splendors of the Countenance and placed his trust in God, the Single, the All-Informed. By God! He who hath inhaled the fragrance of the days of God, the lamentations of them that have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds, shall not sadden him. He ariseth amidst mankind and speaketh through the Most Great Name with wisdom and utterance in such wise that the clamor of the heedless shall not silence him.

Blessed is he who hath attained and drunk, and woe unto him who hath turned away and followed his desires—he is assuredly among the abased ones. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for having remembered thee before the Throne and for the Ancient Beauty having turned toward thee from the direction of His mighty Prison. Hold fast unto that which hath been sent down of the laws from the presence of God, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH00240: The Point hath testified that there is none other…

Section 1: "The Point hath testified that there is none…"

He is God, exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Power!

The Point hath testified that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Verily it hath appeared and spoken of the Point which was honored with the Most Great Name, and through it God detailed the knowledge of what hath been and what will be and that which none among the worlds hath discovered. Through it the heaven of Will was raised up and the spheres of Purpose revolved and every wise command was made manifest. I testify that every eloquent tongue is mute in its mention, and every keen eye is prevented from beholding it, and every accomplished scholar is powerless to know it, and every brilliant mind is veiled from comprehending it. Glorified be He Who created it and made it the beginning of Books and their end, and the source of sciences and their mysteries. I testify that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been One, Single, Alone, Self-Subsisting, and will ever continue to be as He hath been. There is none other God but Him, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Then verily this servant at this time doth testify to his shortcoming and heedlessness, and doth confess his sins and errors, for he delayed in responding to the trace of your honored ink which was the dawning-place of love and unity and the source of kindness and affection. But since the servant doth acknowledge what hath passed from him, pardon from your honor is befitting. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, He is the Bestower, the Forgiving, the Generous. My soul be a sacrifice for your love! In truth this servant is ashamed of what hath occurred, for some time hath passed since he was honored with your letter, and there was delay in responding. Although confession of shortcoming and heedlessness hath been made, yet the multitude of successive occupations and continuous affairs hath been the cause and reason. Many travelers of every kind have attained the Most Holy Court, and this servant hath been occupied for some time with writing responses to the petitions of souls who had submitted them to the Most Holy Court. In any case, if there hath been any failing, pardon is hoped for, and in the words of the poet: The rest of life I stand ready to make amends.

When you mentioned the words of the illustrious Sajjad, upon him be the Glory of God, they were presented before the Throne. He spoke: “O Zaynu’l-Muqarrabin! By My life, your goodness ascends unto Us and Our grace descends unto you. Thus has the Beloved testified in His praiseworthy station.” Then, exalted be His grandeur, He said: “O Zayn! We complain to thee of those whom vain imaginings have deluded to the point where they speak without God’s leave. We testify that they are the children of delusion. They write what beseemeth them not, they blow upon ashes, yet they perceive it not. They are like unto a water-skin filled with air. They hasten through the wilderness of error, abject.”

The True One, exalted and glorified be He, with perfect bounty and favor hath invited the people to the horizon of guidance, and with the fingers of power and bestowal hath lit the brilliant torches, radiant lights, and illuminating lamps, that all might recognize and find the path of God. Yet some commanding souls, unwittingly following their own desires, are engaged in undermining the Cause of God, counting themselves among the mature and perfect ones. The cawing of the crows, which was revealed in numerous Tablets and about which We gave warning, is in these days raised from certain quarters. Although these are days wherein fellowship, unity, love and accord are beloved, those heedless souls have again become the cause of differences. Say: We seek refuge with the All-Merciful from the evil of those who claim relationship with Him yet do that from which even Satan would disassociate himself. They are indeed among the most lost in the perspicuous Book.

Your honor should remain vigilant in all conditions and exert utmost effort in educating souls and remaining steadfast in the Cause of God. Today, from whomsoever the fragrance of self is detected, that one is the cause and source of discord. Ask thou God to assist them in that which He loveth and pleaseth, and to make them know themselves lest they transgress their stations and ranks. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

By the True One Himself! This servant, who is as nothing, is bewildered at God's grace and favor, for it is observed that despite knowledge of certain ones' realities, behaviors and utterances, nevertheless from the Most Holy Court wondrous and sublime Tablets are sent to those souls that perchance they might become aware. Yet they understand not, neither do they become mindful.

Regarding that person from N and J about whom you wrote that he had arrived there and you had counseled him—when this matter was presented before the Most Holy Court, He said:

> "O Zayn! The effulgences of the Sun of divine bounty have shone upon and encompassed all, and the True One, glorified and exalted be He, hath not deprived anyone of the outpourings of the ocean of bounty. Yet some are heedless, and their carnal desires have become a barrier, thus they remain deprived of the lights of the Sun of Truth. Write to that person that his not being granted a meeting was not due to lack of favor, but rather out of mercy and ultimate kindness, that thou might become aware and speak according to what God hath willed. Say: Hold fast to the cord of thy Lord's favor and say: 'O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name which no one hath truly known, to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise and enable me to do what Thou lovest and pleasest. Then I ask Thee to forgive my sins, for I have clung to the hem of Thy Name, the Forgiving, the Generous.' Would that people might become aware of God's bounty, mercy, kindness and favor! Whatever appears is pure bounty, yet most are heedless of it."

Concerning what was written about Aqa Muhammad-Taqi, this was submitted. He, exalted and mighty be His glory, says:

> "Blessed is he in that he followed God's command and attained this lofty deed. Would that other people had acted as he acted. Although in these days the excellence of good deeds is not apparent as it should be, yet verily it shall be made manifest. Verily He is the protector of whosoever acts in His path and follows what was commanded in the perspicuous Book. The greetings of the Wronged One be upon him and upon those who are there among thy Lord's loved ones, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing."

As commanded, they have forgiven the rights to whatever claims they have. Blessed is he, for his is a goodly station. Whosoever serves the friends in that land today is and shall be beloved in the presence of the Divine Countenance. God has ever directed His favors toward those souls. The details of this land are concealed. For a long time nothing has been presented before the Throne. In these days they wrote from the direction of Ha that some funds had become available. From the Most Holy Court it was commanded that these be sent to that land. God willing, they will arrive soon.

Regarding what you wrote about the books, it is known that no neglect has occurred or will occur in your regard.

Concerning what you wrote about the souls present in that land from among the travelers who, after hearing the verses of God, returned with the utmost joy and delight—this was submitted to the Most Holy Court. Thus did the Tongue of Grandeur speak:

> "Praise be to Him Who enabled them to hear His verses and assisted them to act according to His good-pleasure."

Regarding the books of Aqa Mirza ʿAbdu'llah, upon him be the glory of God, you wrote that they have begun. God willing they will be completed, and if possible they should be bound there, but the binding must be of good quality.

Concerning what you wrote about Jinab-i-Safi, upon him be the glory of God, that his letter had arrived and this servant had not submitted a response—this matter seems very unlikely to this servant, for whenever his missive was received, a response was submitted. Perhaps it did not arrive. In any case, I hope to be forgiven. He himself is aware of this servant's many occupations, thus it is possible the oversight was from this servant. Praise be to God that mention of him and his relatives has been and continues to be made in the Most Holy Court.

Regarding what you wrote about Hasan-Ali Khan-i-Amu, this was submitted to the Most Holy Court. Thus did the Tongue of Grandeur speak in the Kingdom of Utterance:

> "O thou who hast turned! Mention was made of thee before the Throne, and He mentioneth thee from this place which hath at times been named the Most Great Prison, at others the Most Sublime Vision, at times the Most Exalted Paradise, and at times the Luminous Spot wherein speaketh the Furthermost Tree. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. And it hath other names which none can reckon save God, the Counter, the All-Knowing. Give thanks unto God for having attained unto hearing the shrill voice of His Most Exalted Pen and for having turned unto Him when every ungrateful infidel turned away. We made mention of thee when We heard thy call and answered thee when thou didst call upon thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. This is a bounty that shall endure as long as the kingdom and the realm endure, after all who are in the world have perished. Thus doth the Tongue of Revelation inform thee that thou mayest be of the thankful. Trust in Him, then stand firm in the Cause lest the whisperings of every sneaking whisperer and the bellowing of every remote calf cause thee to slip. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the blessing of recognition in the days of their Lord, the All-Merciful. We bear witness that they are among those who have attained in a mighty tablet."

The one true God is witness that this servant at all times beholds himself in manifest burning, inasmuch as today all devoted souls must arise to serve the Cause of God, even as hath been recorded and set down in the divine Tablets. Nevertheless, some have remained heedless of the divine Day and are occupied with spreading their own vain imaginings. Their purpose and aim remaineth unknown. What a

pity that in such days as these one should be preoccupied with self and be debarred from that which God hath willed—let alone the state of those who turn away and join partners with God.

Section 2: "Among other things, last year at one time…"

Among other things, last year at one time this evanescent servant turned towards the Divine Throne, and after attaining the Most Great Presence, the station of the Lord of Power, I beheld a book cast upon the ground. Then did the Face of the Intended One turn toward me and say: "Take it up and read it, and respond to it as commanded." This servant picked up that sealed letter and returned to his quarters. After opening it and reading it repeatedly, "then I recalled what the All-Merciful had revealed in the Qur'an when He said, and His word is the truth: 'Every man's fate We have fastened on his own neck: on the Day of Judgment We shall bring out for him a scroll, which he will see spread open."' This verse was read repeatedly, for it was observed that the book of that vile soul's deeds flowed from his own pen and hand and was made manifest on the Day of Judgment, while he himself remained utterly unaware.

In any case, that letter was from Siyyid-i-Yusif-i-Sidihi, who had written in what he imagined to be the style of verses. This servant wrote a detailed reply to him, as was previously mentioned to your honor that it would be sent. Since no further command was issued from the Most Holy Court, its dispatch was delayed. It was observed that that heedless and veiled one had not attained unto a drop from the ocean of the All-Merciful's knowledge, nor had he inhaled the fragrance of the garment of utterance. He spoke from base desire, turning away from God, the Lord of Names. Among other things, these sublime and resplendent words, which were revealed from the dawning-place of the All-Merciful's will and the dayspring of the All-Glorious's purpose in the Most Great Prison, were written in reply to him. He says, exalted be His might and His grandeur, and glorified be His verses and His evidences:

"I know not what to mention unto the people of the world in these days wherein justice hath been cast away and tyranny hath been raised up, wherein every group hath clung to the hem of idle fancies and every people hath taken hold of the ropes of the learned's vain imaginings like unto cattle. They have forsaken the most exalted horizon and have taken that which their base desires have commanded them. They turn a deaf ear to hearkening unto the Most Exalted Word and dispute with God, the Lord of Names. They have turned away from the Most Great Ocean in that they have followed every deaf and dumb one, and among them is he who hath sent the croaking of the raven unto the Mighty, the Bestower, and hath offered the buzzing of the fly unto God, the Lord of lords, and among them is he who hath sent a putrid stench unto the Paradise wherefrom wafteth what hath perfumed the earth and heaven, and among them is he who hath sent tar unto the ocean of wisdom and utterance, and brackish water unto the fountain of truth and explanation. They know not their return and their abode, nor do they recognize their destination and their dwelling-place.

"Are they aware of what they write? Do they comprehend what they say? Nay, by the Lord of what was and what shall be! They have stretched forth their necks in hypocrisy and violated the Covenant and Testament. Among them are those who imagine that verses must end with All-Knowing' or All-Wise' or with an alif at their end, or with the addition of waw and nun to similar words, supposing these to be words which the All-Merciful has revealed in their hearts. Nay, by God! Rather has Satan inspired their hearts. They who have denied the proof and openly shown their rejection and enmity shall soon join their

friends in the fire—and what an evil dwelling place it is!—except they repent and return unto God, the One, the Unconstrained. Shame upon the one who casts aside certain truth and follows obvious delusion.

> "Say: Sully not the pure chalice of recognition, and say not that which the All-Merciful has not permitted you. By God's life! This is the Day in which the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, has come, more manifest than the sun at high noon. O people of error! Abandon what you possess and turn to God, the Lord of the beginning and the end. Purify your vision and turn to the Most Great Prospect; then shall you see the Light shining amidst the world's darkness and prevailing over all peoples. Hearken to what should be heard, and listen not to the braying of every ignorant one. Know that God commands you to submit and counsels you to be humble. Beware lest you cast upon the ocean of utterance the allusions of contingent beings or what the followers of religions have spoken. Sanctify your hearts from the veils of allusions and your souls from the shrouds of references. Strive that from you may appear that which will spread the sweet fragrance of amity and diffuse the musk of unity. By God! The knowledge of the world profits you not today, nor will the treasures of earth and heaven enrich you. Reflect upon the world and what has occurred therein. It shows you its evanescence and tells you its tales, not through mention and narrative but through witnessing and revelation. Where are the Caesars and their adorned palaces? Where are the Pharaohs and their lofty pyramids? Where are the Chosroes and their golden raiments? Where are their upraised standards and their spread banners? Take heed, O ye that slumber! Awaken, O ye that sleep!"
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> "Consider how heedless the people are. Like Siyyid Yusuf and his like, they make claims to truth while remaining heedless and turning away from the exalted Truth. Shame upon them, and degradation, punishment and grief be upon them! By His mighty and exalted word: People are weak and immature, having drunk the milk of heedlessness from the breast of desire, afflicted with the chronic diseases of ignorance and foolishness. They are utterly remote from the station of humanity and its virtues. Blessed is the physician who heals the sick through My blessed and beloved Name."

This servant is bewildered and contemplative as to whether to present responses to your honor's statements or mention the events of this transient world. This servant is like a leaf moved in every direction by the winds of His will, carried to every quarter. At times some have objected to the mention of divinity, though all are promised it, and at times they are occupied with what their desires teach them. By Thy life! They are in manifest error.

A petition specifically for all the beloved ones was submitted some time ago and is with Mulla Muhammad-ʿAli Dahji, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah]. God willing it will reach the luminous gaze. From the references in that petition, the deeds and objections of certain ignorant ones will become evident. We beseech God to remove them from all that He abhors and draw them near to what He loves.

Concerning what was written about the wife, when presented at the Most Holy Court, He spoke—and His word is the truth:

> "O Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin! Commit thy affair unto God, the Evident Truth. He will cause to flow for thee whatsoever He willeth of matters and will ordain for thee that which is best for thee. Rejoice thou in this and be of the thankful ones."

Regarding the mother of the wife of Jinab-i-Ismu'llah and the mother of Jinab-i-Nasir, should anyone bring them, there is no objection to it. God hath given permission for this.

As to what was written concerning Khalil having written to Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Hasan that he should turn towards this direction—permission from the Most Holy Court has not yet been granted. It is not known with what thought Jinab-i-Khalil wrote this. Well is it with Jinab-i-Muhammad-Qabl-Hasan, for he hath committed his affair unto God, the Mighty, the Wise, and hath not been moved by what was written to him. Thus should every sincere and steadfast seeker behave. This servant conveyeth limitless greetings to him.

Regarding what was again asked about the Most Great Festival, and what was written that your honor had taken Friday as the second day and the following Friday as the ninth day—your action is correct and all should follow you in what you have done. For according to this reckoning the first day of the Festival begins on Thursday afternoon when the Throne was established in Ridvan. And what was written that the afternoon of the first day and the second day are counted as one day—this is because work is not permitted therein, and this pertains to the outward aspect of the matter. In any case, the first day of the Festival is the afternoon of the day when the Ancient Beauty entered Ridvan, and that day is included in the count.

The letter inquiring about the meanings of verses will also be sent next week, God willing, with the Tablets.

Furthermore, this servant presenteth pure devotion and utter nothingness and the Most Glorious, Most Holy, Most Exalted Greeting to all the gentlemen and friends of that land, whether they be the captives of God or [travelers unto] God who have arrived in that land. I beseech your honor's favors to convey these. And likewise this servant concludeth his words with mention of Jinab-i-Ismu'llah-i-Asdaq—upon him be all the most glorious glory and most resplendent light. And I testify that he is indeed the one mentioned before the Throne. Upon him be the mercy of God, the Forgiving, the Generous. And glory be upon you.

The servant, 3 Ramadan 1293

Your honor's mention and praise were presented in the pure presence of the Branches of the Divine Lote-Tree—may my spirit be a sacrifice unto the dust of their feet—and they remember and greet your honor with the gems of salutations shining forth from the horizon of the Cause.

BH00644: The Most Holy testifies that He has ever been…

He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power

The Most Holy testifies that He has ever been sanctified beyond all sanctification and beyond every mention uttered by the tongues of creation, and the Most Pure affirms that He has ever been, and will ever be, purified from whatsoever the contingent beings may express. He is the One before Whom Unity

itself is ashamed to claim association, and the Single One before Whose court the very essence of Uniqueness blushes to be mentioned. Exalted, exalted is He above all mention and praise, and exalted, exalted is He above the attributes of all names. I testify that He was and is sanctified, purified, and exalted above whatsoever can be designated by any name, and shall remain as He has ever been. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Help in Peril.

My spirit be a sacrifice for your love. The servant has been blessed by the fragrant breezes of the roses of your utterance and has heard the nightingale of praise warbling upon the twigs of the Sadratu'l-Muntaha of your heart. From each of your remembrances I have detected the fragrance of the love of our Beloved and your Beloved. We beseech Him to cause us to ascend at all times to the heaven of greatness, power and glory. He is verily the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Chosen One.

Your letter dated the 3rd of Shawwal illumined the heart with the lights of joy and delight. Praise be to God, and we thank Him for this, and we beseech Him not to withhold from my heart your remembrance and your utterance. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty.

Regarding the books of Aqa Mirza ʿAbdu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, you had written that whatever is completed should be sent. However, they themselves have provided a list, and accordingly have requested one Persian book. Here also Jinab-i-Jud, upon him be the Glory of God, was told and they have written, and the book of prayers is much beloved if its correct version can be found.

Concerning Jinab-i-Sa'id, what you had written was submitted to the Most Holy Court. They said: We beseech God to assist him and those in Iraq to observe wisdom, harmony and unity, and to confirm them in that which befits the days of their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Furthermore, mention of the ascension of the sister of Mihman, upon them both be the Glory of God, was submitted to the Most Holy Court. The blessed tongue spoke these words: Upon her be the Glory of God, His remembrance and His praise. We testify that she turned to God, heard His call and responded with a clear mention, and attained the Day of God and was assured of His presence while most men were in doubt concerning this mighty, exalted station. We have mentioned her with these words that the people of Paradise and those who have believed in God, the Lord of the worlds, might remember her thereby. We testify that she bore every tribulation and affliction in the path of God—with Him is the knowledge of all things in a preserved Book—and that she has ascended and soared to a station where the gloating of enemies cannot reach her, and dwells in the proximity of her Lord's mercy, the Forgiving, the Generous. We console Mihman and mention her as a grace from Us and a mercy from Our presence, that she might thank her Lord, the Giver, the Mighty, the Exalted. End.

The mention of the souls of the emigrants that you had written was presented at the Holy Court. Blessed be they! In truth, your honor is the cause of blessings to the world, for it was observed that for every soul you have mentioned, divine favor was manifested towards them, even if they were among the most sinful of creation, without any concealment. This station is most exalted. At times it was heard from the Beloved's tongue: "We mention what he mentioned in his book," and such utterances were heard repeatedly: "Blessed art thou, then blessed art thou, then blessed art thou, and blessed is he who loves thee in God."

Regarding what you wrote about Aqa Hasan from the people of Dahj, what your honor wrote was in accordance with God's command, for without permission there has been and will be no fruit, save for whom God willeth. The petition of Aqa Siyyid ʿAli-Akbar, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, also arrived and attained the Most Holy Court. His letter had come before as well, and the Name of God, upon him be all of His most glorious splendor, sent his reply. In these days, the souls who have accepted the Faith should be occupied with service to the Cause. In this land, the teaching of God's Cause has been forbidden; therefore, if the loved ones of God engage in teaching the Cause in Iran with perfect wisdom and with the utmost joy and fragrance, it has been and will be beloved. Convey greetings on behalf of this servant to Aqa Hasan, upon him be the glory of God. We beseech God that His friends may ever succeed in serving the Cause and following God's command.

Multiple letters from Nazir, upon him be the glory of God, have arrived here. Praise be to God, he is well. I hope that he will always be assisted and confirmed in God's Cause. If anyone is traveling to those parts, convey greetings on behalf of this servant to him and to the friends of God in that land.

Regarding what you mentioned about Jinab-i-Ustad Husayn, travel to this land has not been and is not advisable. If he remains occupied there with Aqa Nasru'llah in the utmost joy and fragrance, it would be most beloved. He was mentioned at the Most Holy Court. Praise be to God, he has attained God's favors. Convey greetings to him on behalf of this servant as well.

Regarding what was written about Jinab-i-Sasun, upon him be the glory of God, several months ago Jinab-i-Muhammad Mustafa, upon him be God's Most Glorious Glory, sent a letter to the Most Holy Court, and that letter came before the blessed gaze. They said:

> "Indeed he is from Sasun. God has praised him with the mystery of what was revealed in the Books of old,"

to the end of His exalted Words. The details are that Muhammad Mustafa had written a letter to this servant with a page between its leaves, and the aforementioned gentleman did not know whose page it was. After it was presented to the Most Holy Presence, They said this writing was from Sasun, and some verses were revealed from the blessed tongue concerning him. Likewise, mention of him was revealed in a Tablet to one of the emigrants of Iraq. We beseech God to assist him in serving His Cause and to confirm him in that by which his mention shall endure throughout the duration of the earthly and heavenly kingdoms. This much I submit, that mention of him has repeatedly been heard from the blessed tongue. Blessed is he.

Regarding what you wrote about Haji Muhammad-Baqir from the people of N-J, it was presented. This is what was revealed in response:

He is the All-Knowing Expositor

There has appeared before Our presence a letter from one whom God has loved and made to be among the successful ones in a mighty Book. Therein was thy mention, wherefore have We made mention of thee, and the Most Exalted Pen hath moved at thy name in this manifest Prison. Rejoice thou at My mention of thee, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. He verily forgiveth

whomsoever He willeth in truth, even as He forgave thee through His grace. He is indeed the All-Bountiful, the Generous. We counsel thee to be steadfast in this Cause, for through it the feet of them that have attained have slipped. Turn not unto the world and its affairs.

In all matters place thy trust in God, the Single One, the All-Informed. Wert thou to know the station of My mention of thee, such joy would seize thee that neither the turning away of the servants nor the utterances of the deniers would grieve thee. Hold thou fast unto the handle of grace, detached from those who have denied the Day of Judgment. We make mention of those who have believed, and We send Our greetings upon their faces from this far-distant spot. We give glad tidings unto her who hath believed in God through this Remembrance, which nothing created on earth can equal. To this testifieth every knowing, discerning one. The glory be upon thee and upon her and upon those who are with you, from God, the Single One, the All-Informed.

As for what thou didst write concerning Mashhadi ʿAli, it was presented. The word of forgiveness was revealed concerning him, however coming to this land is not permitted. He verily loveth the obedient ones.

Concerning thy mention of Aqa Muhammad Isma'il, it was presented before the Most Holy Court and divine favors encompassed his condition.

Regarding what thou didst write about Jinab-i-Aqa Habibullah, it was presented, and the newborn was also mentioned by the name Jamil in the Most Holy Court.

This servant beseeches thy favors to convey this evanescent one's greetings to all the friends in that land. This servant is ashamed before all that he does not submit individual petitions. God is witness and knoweth that the failure to submit petitions is due to the abundance of occupation and the writing of verses. It is hoped that all will forgive. Verily our Lord is the Pardoning, the Forgiving. And glory be upon thy presence and upon them, throughout the duration of the Kingdom and the Realm of Might.

The servant, 7 Dhi'l-Qa'dih 1293

BH01227: Praise be to God, Who is sanctified beyond all…

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

Praise be to God, Who is sanctified beyond all names and exalted above whatsoever the people of creation make mention of, and transcendent beyond whatsoever the dwellers of the cities of eternity might describe. Exalted is He, unto Whose loftiness and elevation every exalted one hath testified, unto Whose inaccessibility and majesty every one possessed of grandeur hath borne witness, unto Whose sovereign might and power every possessor of strength hath attested, unto Whose holy sanctity every sanctified one hath testified, and unto Whose sublime transcendence every one possessed of abstraction hath borne witness. This is in that station wherein His sovereignty is established upon the throne of names and the sun of His manifestation shineth forth upon the world of creation.

Otherwise, how far, how far is that station wherein the very reality of all mention is powerless to soar in the atmosphere of His remembrance, and the very essence of all description lieth wingless and cast down

in the desert of His attributes. How remote are names from that Presence wherein praise is abashed to be attributed to His court, and transcendence is ashamed to fall within the realm of His indication. Exalted, immeasurably exalted, is He above whatsoever those who remember might mention of Him, or those who describe might attribute to Him, or those who profess His unity might affirm of Him, or those who know might comprehend of Him. He hath spoken with the tongue of His grandeur in the kingdom of His Own Self—glorified and exalted be He above what they describe.

My soul be a sacrifice for your love. The brief exalted letter, wherein were folded and concealed infinite worlds of love and affection, and which was sent by way of Hadba, reached this servant. I was honored to behold it. Praise be to God that you are blessed with health and that the sun of the love of God shineth bright and resplendent from the horizon of your luminous heart.

Although the veils of the heedless and the allusions of the ignorant form a barrier, praise be to the Beloved of all horizons that the piercing glances of the steadfast and upright souls have burned away the veils of light, and the effulgences and revelations of the Sun of Manifestation have encompassed the world, to such extent that any sightless one, should he so desire, may behold the brilliant lights of the horizon of Revelation without any veil or barrier. Should any soul remain deprived this day, it is due to his own veiling and lack of search, in that he hath not wished to receive sustenance from the infinite ocean of divine bounties. Otherwise, this Most Great Revelation hath appeared in such wise that not the least occasion for hesitation remaineth for the peoples of the world.

In any case, were this servant to attempt to make mention of these stations, this letter might not arrive, as the travelers are about to depart this very moment. You had written that two petitions from this servant had arrived. Let that beloved one know that whenever anyone has been departing, this servant has taken the trouble [to write]; there was no negligence whatsoever in this matter. Thus far, this servant has submitted more than ten petitions. I know not whether they have failed to reach that beloved one or if something else has occurred.

The circumstances of the Most Great Prison remain as before—outwardly, to all appearances, calm, but inwardly, as God hath said, in a state of upheaval and revolution. Likewise, travelers continuously, successively, and repeatedly arrive from all directions each day without permission. This servant is ashamed to mention this. I know not how they interpret all these firm and decisive verses that have been sent down from the heaven of God's Command forbidding this matter. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to grant us success and remind us not to treat God's Cause as a plaything and to be among His servants who act according to His command.

One of the emanations of the inner turmoil of this land was that two sons of Jinab-i-Ustad Baqir-i-Najjar—upon him and upon them be the glory of God—ascended to the Most Exalted Horizon due to the explosion of the steam-powered mill they had set up for grinding flour. At that time, once again a great commotion arose. In truth, the commotion which had been foretold upon first arrival at the Most Great Prison, and which manifested after several years, was renewed in that same manner on that day.

This servant became certain that the Ancient Beauty had continually stated that the turmoil of this land had not yet subsided and its inner state was still in motion. This was God's promise and it came to pass.

After the incident occurred, it was repeatedly heard that the agitation of this land had not yet subsided. It became clear that more was yet to manifest, even though at present perfect ease and comfort is evident for the loved ones in the prison-city, and the officials show the utmost friendship and affection. Nevertheless, He states that it has not yet subsided. Verily He is the All-Knowing of what has appeared and what shall appear, and He is indeed the Triumphant, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Omnipotent.

I beseech your honor to convey to all the friends and nobles of that land, as well as all those connected to your honor, on behalf of this evanescent servant, sublime [and glorious] greetings and expressions of pure sincerity. Glory be upon your honor, upon those with you, and upon those who have believed in God, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. The servant. 9 Dhi'l-Qa'dih 1293.

BH05002: O Muhammad-ʿAli! Great is the blessedness awaiting thee, inasmuch…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O Muhammad-ʿAli! Great is the blessedness awaiting thee, inasmuch as thou hast adorned thine heart with the ornament of the love of thy Lord, the All-Glorious, the All-Praised. He that hath attained this station in this day, all good shall be his.

Pay thou no heed to the humiliation to which the loved ones of God have in this Day been subjected.

This humiliation is the pride and glory of all temporal honor and worldly elevation. What greater honor can be imagined than the honor conferred by the Tongue of the Ancient of Days when He calleth to remembrance His loved ones in His Most Great Prison? The day is approaching when the intervening clouds will have been completely dissipated, when the light of the words, "All honor belongeth unto God and unto them that love Him," will have appeared, as manifest as the sun, above the horizon of the Will of the Almighty.

All men, be they high or low, have sought and are still seeking so great an honor.

All, however, have, as soon as the Sun of Truth shed its radiance upon the world, have deprived of its benefits, and have been shut out as by a veil from its glory, except them that have clung to the cord of the unfailing providence of the one true God, and have with complete detachment from all else but Him turned their faces towards His holy court.

Render thanks unto Him Who is the Desire of all worlds for having invested thee with such high honor. Ere long the world and all that is therein shall be as a thing forgotten, and all honor shall belong to the loved ones of thy Lord, the All-Glorious, the Most Bountiful.

BH01787: Praise be to God Who hath illumined the world…

Section 1: "He is the Most Powerful, the Most High…"

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

Praise be to God Who hath illumined the world through the light that shone forth from the horizon of His Most Great Name, whereupon the nations were shaken—among them were those who died and returned to nothingness, those who fell thunderstruck upon the dusty earth, and those whom the light drew unto the Supreme Horizon, the Blessed Spot wherein the Lote-Tree of the Utmost Boundary proclaimeth that there is none other God but the Lord of the First and the Last.

And praise be to God Who hath adorned all things with the ornament of the Point appearing beneath the letter B and hath composed them with the letter H, whereupon the Dove cooed and the Cock of Paradise crowed and the Dove of Utterance warbled upon the branch of eternity that there is none other God but Him, and that He is verily the Hidden Treasure and the Concealed Name whereby the Sacred Texts and Tablets have been adorned, and He is verily the Fire of God unto whoso turneth away and transgresseth, and the Light of God unto whoso draweth nigh and is guided, and through Him God distinguisheth between the righteous and the wicked, and through Him the Hands of Bounty have circulated the Kawthar of immortality. Blessed is he who casteth away vain desire and drinketh therefrom in the name of his Lord, the Most Glorious, and woe unto him who denieth and disbelieveth in God, the Lord of Names and Creator of earth and heaven.

Thereafter, the servant received your letter which was adorned with the remembrance and praise of God, and perfumed with the fragrance that wafted from the garment of your sincerity towards His sovereignty and presence. We beseech God to draw you near unto Him at all times and cause you to speak that which will attract the followers of all religions. He is verily the Omnipotent, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Helper.

Your letter was received. Praise be to God, the fragrance of love for the Beloved of the worlds emanated therefrom, and what was mentioned concerning the acceptance, harmony and unity of the friends brought the utmost joy, for today all have been created for the knowledge of God and unity and harmony in His Cause. Blessed are they, for theirs is a goodly return. And concerning the tribulations that were mentioned, though outwardly they caused grief and sorrow, yet as they were borne for the sake of God, they were and shall ever be light upon light. The world is transient, as is evident in its constant change and transformation, and this very change is a tablet whereon its evanescence hath been inscribed by the Pen of Power.

O blessed are they who possess insight! Ere long shall the carpet of tyranny be rolled up as it was before, and the carpet bearing the fruits of the deeds of the sincere ones shall be spread forth. By the life of God! Were this station to be elaborated, all the hearts of the people of the world would circle round the loved ones circling round the Truth. We beseech God to open the eyes and cause them to be gladdened by beholding that which hath dawned, shone forth, gleamed and flashed from the Horizon of which the Sovereign of horizons was to all creation.

O spiritual brother! The heedless and ignorant have been prevented from the immortal divine Kingdom. The spiritual physicians must, through measures of wisdom and utterance, educate them and, with the utmost love and kindness, give them to drink of the Kawthar of inner meanings. This Kawthar appeareth with different manifestations in every station—in one station it is wine, a delight to those who drink; in another station it is milk whose taste changeth not; in another station it is water that never becomes stale; and in another station it is purified honey. These four stations were revealed aforetime, but from

the Pen of our Lord, the Most Glorious, they have been revealed according to the number of the Greatest Name. Glad tidings to them that drink! Blessed are they that drink! Happy are they that drink!

And regarding what had been written about turning towards the land of Za [Yazd], associating with the friends of that land, and inviting certain capable souls to the divine direction—this matter was and is most pleasing. Blessed is thy heart for having intended to serve God, blessed are thy feet for having hastened to the land of Za to teach God's Cause, blessed is thy tongue for having spoken in remembrance of God, and blessed is thy face for having turned toward the loved ones purely for the sake of God. And blessed are those souls who have drunk from the Kawthar of love and recognition and turned toward the horizon of the All-Merciful.

Some who have taken gods for themselves other than God have not been and are not aware of the foundation of the Cause, and through the vain imaginings of heedless souls remain afflicted and bewildered in the valley of error. If they were to become aware of the detailed circumstances of the one whom they have taken as their object of worship, by the Sun of the horizon of sanctity, they would flee a hundred thousand leagues and cry out "Would that I had not taken so and so as a friend!" and raise their voices in lamentation. Beseech ye God that He may, God willing, quicken all the dead through the living waters of knowledge and utterance in this Day which is the Lord of Days.

Blessed are those souls who, through mention of thee, have shattered the idol of fancy with the arm of certitude and have joined themselves to the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Upon them be the glory of God and His mercy. God willing, may they remain firm and steadfast, for most people are observed to be like dried delicate leaves, moved by every wind. Where are the pure hearts? Where are the attentive ears? Where are the penetrating eyes? For if today a soul were to reflect upon that which hath appeared from the Dayspring of God's Command, he would observe all the world to be as nothing and would hold fast to the Most Firm Handle in such wise that none would be able to detach him.

As to what was written about certain friends considering the recent disturbance in that land to have been caused by thy presence—thy presence was never the cause of that disturbance; rather, it was caused by something else. Our Lord, the Powerful, the Manifest, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, beareth witness to this. All the people of that land among the friends of God should rejoice in thy deeds. The names of the souls and handmaidens who accepted the Faith, which were mentioned in thy letter, were presented at the Most Holy Court. Blessed are they, inasmuch as their names were mentioned in the Spot which God hath made the Seat of His Throne, the Dawning-Place of His Revelation, and the Dayspring of His Manifestation and sovereignty amongst all worlds.

All have attained divine favors, for there is nothing greater than for a soul to be mentioned before the Throne. Were they to become aware of the greatness and nobility of this station, they would surely perish from joy and delight. A Tablet hath been revealed from the heaven of divine Will specifically for all the friends of that land, and through a bounty the oppressed ones of that land have been honored in that Tablet with that which, by God, nothing in creation can equal. We thank our Lord, the All-Merciful, for the gift which hath appeared and shone forth from the horizon of His grace, the All-Encompassing, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

As to your question concerning the ascendancy of the Cause of God, verily it hath an appointed time in the Book of God. However, these days have been and are more excellent, inasmuch as the tyranny of the oppressors and the denial of the divines and the objections and protests of the ignorant serve as a sieve—that which is pure enters in while impurities are prevented from entry. We must appreciate the value of these days. The love, fellowship and spiritual knowledge of these days possess another sweetness and another spirit. In the days of the ascendancy of the Cause and its outward dominion, every rejected soul will claim belief, even as is witnessed in these days when the fragrance of glory hath wafted over certain lands and some of the deceitful and dishonest have claimed love and faith while acting upon their selfish desires and speaking thereof, to such extent that they have regarded the divine commandments as child's play and have spoken that which God hath not permitted.

We beseech God to assist all to do that which He loveth and which pleaseth Him. All must observe and act according to that which hath been revealed in the divine Tablets. Whosoever speaketh contrary to this is not of the Truth. He is quit of those who spread corruption in the earth and who consume the wealth of the people and who commit that which hath been forbidden in the Scriptures and Tablets.

Section 2: "However, you must not be saddened…"

However, you must not be saddened by the abasement of these days. This very abasement shall become glory. Soon will the Cause of God prevail over all. None can frustrate His Purpose and none can prevent His Judgment. He doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty and ordaineth what He pleaseth through His power. Were one to observe carefully today, he would perceive the Sun of the Cause at its zenith, despite all rulers being opposed, all divines turning away, all kings outwardly united against it, all news flowing continuously by land and sea, and all ranks arrayed in opposition. Yet God, exalted be His glory, though alone in the Most Great Prison, hath manifested Himself in such wise as cannot be surpassed. Exalted, exalted be His dominion! Exalted, exalted be His power! Exalted, exalted be His grandeur! Had the friends of God acted in accordance with that which they were commanded, you would now witness most lands adorned with the banners of faith and recognition. We beseech God to assist His loved ones to accomplish that which they have been commanded.

As to what you had written regarding whether sacrificing one's life in the love of God is more beloved than teaching His Cause with wisdom and utterance—by the life of God, the latter is better. For after the martyrdom of Badi'—upon him be all the most glorious glory—all were commanded to exercise wisdom. Those like yourself must engage in teaching the Cause with the utmost wisdom, that perchance those who have strayed may find the divine path of truth and attain to the holy station of nearness, which is the goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Martyrdom in the path of the Beloved is considered among the most excellent of deeds—in truth it has had and will have no peer or likeness.

However, if it should occur of itself, it is beloved. All matters depend upon acceptance by the Truth, and the Truth has commanded all to exercise wisdom. If one acts with wisdom and no corruption or reprehensible deeds that would harm the Cause of God issue from him, and then he drinks the cup of martyrdom through the arising of tribulation—this station has been and is the most exalted of stations, and in truth this station is the king of stations. Neither can utterance describe it nor the pen record it. It is strange that certain souls become disturbed and shaken at such times. The essential thing is that one

should act according to what God has commanded. After attaining to this station, whatever occurs has been and will be beloved.

You and all the friends must hold fast to the cord of wisdom in all conditions, for most are weak—at the mere rising of clamor they are seen to become disturbed, fearful and veiled. “His mercy hath preceded all created things.”

As to what you wrote concerning the poetry of Shaykh Baha’i, this servant testifies that the mysteries now revealed between heaven and earth, which you have come to know, were not known or understood by a hundred thousand like the late Shaykh and far beyond that number. As you have observed, what imaginings the eminent divines have embodied regarding the appearance of the Qa’im, and how many delicate pages they have blackened with the mention of vain conjectures that neither nourish nor profit! They have written numerous books about this matter yet have not understood a single word of it. Strange that some among the people of the Bayan, like the owl that dwells in the land of Qaf, are still veiled by the utterances of old imaginings and dwell in the grave of ignorance and unknowing.

They must engage in teaching the Cause with perfect joy and fragrance, wisdom and utterance, as indeed praise be to God they have done. Know this much: your turning toward the land of Za and your mention there have been accepted before the Throne. This suffices you, by the Lord of the worlds. Strive that the loved ones of God may act and speak in accordance with praiseworthy character, goodly deeds and pure words. I beseech the True One, exalted be His grandeur, to assist you in all conditions. You are among those souls who have been and are mentioned before the Throne, and a Tablet has been sent down from the heaven of favor specifically for you, and likewise a Tablet specifically for the honored mother—upon her be the glory of God. God willing, they will attain to visiting them.

As to what was written about the hardship of the loved ones of God—yes, the entire world and especially the right and the loved ones of the right have been created for this, and this is a matter to which all the Messengers and all the Books bear witness. Nevertheless, the heedless and ignorant people have, through manifest tyranny, imprisoned the Self of Truth in this mighty fortress. Assuredly, in this imprisonment and in the appearance of hardship and tribulations lie hidden the consummate divine wisdom. All divine favors, celestial powers, and lordly riches are directed towards the loved ones of God, though due to the absence of outward means they have not yet been made manifest. Soon they shall be made manifest.

In the blessed and exalted Tablets that have been sent down from the heaven of the Lord’s Will, the cause and reason for the straitened circumstances of the loved ones have been mentioned, therefore there is no need for this servant to elaborate. However, this much I will say: the good of all lies in this poverty and hardship. If the loved ones were to become aware of what has been ordained especially for them, by God, they would pay no attention to the world and its hardships, intensity, and tribulations. It is but a passing shadow; its carpet shall be rolled up, and there shall remain what God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, has ordained for them. And this outward hardship shall, God willing, be transformed into ease, and severe tribulation into tranquility. Verily, He is the Ordainer, the All-Knowing.

Convey greetings from this evanescent servant to all the loved ones of God and say: Today is the day wherein you must, with the utmost joy and gladness, and in spite of all the world, drink repeatedly from the cups of the love of the Ancient King and be occupied with the remembrance of God. Know ye the value of these days, and like the nightingales of the garden of inner meanings, sing with perfect yearning and longing in this divine springtime. And in every gathering and assembly where the divine mention is circulated, forget not this evanescent servant. The glory be upon you and upon the loved ones of God in that place.

BH00363: Praise be to God Who is one…

Section 1: "Praise be to God Who is one…"

In the Name of God, the Speaker, the All-Healing, the Glorious

Praise be to God Who is one in the sovereignty of His oneness and single in the dominion of His singleness, Who is sanctified above the most exalted mention of all contingent beings and holy beyond the most glorious description of all created things, and exalted above every pure mention and every essence of description. The near ones have acknowledged their shortcoming in that which beseemeth His sovereignty, and the sincere ones have confessed their powerlessness in that which befitteth the court of His glory. He hath ever been single and alone, and will forever continue to be even as He hath always been. Through His prevailing Will, He hath established the edifice of His Cause upon the foundation of exposition and the elements of explanation, and hath created for it guardians and protectors to preserve it from every heedless betrayer and ignorant speaker—they who transgress not what God hath revealed in the Book and who speak naught except that which He hath permitted them in the final abode.

I bear witness that they are the Hands of His Cause amidst all creation and the Lamps of His guidance between earth and heaven. They are they who stand at His gate and drive away such as are unworthy to enter His court. There is no God but Him, the Ruler, the Commander, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Grief hath seized me to such a degree that it cannot be described in words, when I behold the Dayspring of Thy Name, the All-Merciful, confined in the prison of contingent being. By Thy might! Hearts should be transformed into blood, tears should flow from the eyes of Thy chosen ones, livers should be consumed with fire, and its flames should appear from the veins of Thy loved ones. How could it be otherwise, when the Hidden Treasure and the Concealed Mystery hath been wronged among the rebellious ones of Thy creation and the insolent ones among Thy creatures?

I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, by the Most Great Name, which when read to the mountains, they were humbled, and to the rocks, they were cleft asunder, and to the seas, they surged, and to the graves, they were opened, and to the stars, they were scattered, and to the hearts, they were attracted, and to the necks, they were bowed, and to the idols, they were shattered—to rend asunder the veils that have prevented eyes from turning toward Thy most exalted horizon and beholding Thy most glorious vision. O Lord! Aid Thy creation and Thy creatures to stand firm in Thy love and to follow what hath been sent down in Thy Tablets. Strengthen their hearts to remember Thee in Thy days, then cause them to hear, at all times, Thy most sweet call which hath been raised betwixt earth and heaven, lest they be troubled by

the doings of the Pharaohs and the gestures of the tyrants who have become renowned among Thy servants for knowledge, grace, wisdom and justice.

I testify concerning them, O my God, even as Thou hast testified in Thy Book, that they are the ignorant ones, they are the oppressors, they are the heedless ones, they are the deniers, they are the rejecters, they are the ungodly, and they are the ones who turn aside. Through them the blood of Thy chosen ones was shed, the hearts of Thy loved ones were consumed, the breasts of Thy messengers were constricted, the crystal waters of Thy knowledge were muddied, and the hem of Thy robe was soiled. O Lord! Forsake them through Thy sovereignty and power, then seize them through the King of Thy punishment and might, although I am certain that the stars of their glory have set and the planets of their exaltation have declined, even as I have seen how Thy Most Exalted Pen hath brought them low in Thy Tablets, and the hands of Thy justice have stripped them of what Thou hadst bestowed upon them through Thy bounty.

They wallow in their vain imaginings and think themselves knowing, they turn away from their Creator yet fancy themselves drawing nigh. Nay, verily, nay! Far be it, far be it! They are a people through whom the veil of sanctity hath been rent asunder, and through whom the countenance of humanity hath been altered. I beseech Thee, O Creator of the heavens, by the sovereignty of the Names, to protect Thy loved ones from these people and to make known to Thy servants what lieth within their hearts and breasts, and what their mouths utter, that they may become aware of their schemes and avoid their evil. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Inspirer, the All-Knowing.

Then I beseech Thee, O Cleaver of the dawn and Sender of the winds, to make known to some of Thy loved ones their station and condition, lest they transgress what hath been ordained in Thy Book and decreed in Thy Tablets, that they may know themselves and speak what beseemeth them. Then grant them the sweetness of the cup of servitude in Thy path, and the delight of poverty at the manifestation of Thy wealth, and of powerlessness at the appearance of Thy might. By Thy glory, O my God! If they were to drink of this pure wine, they would hold fast to the cord of servitude, free from all investigation. And I, O my God, beseech Thee not to withhold me from this sweet flowing fountain, nor to turn me away from this path. Then I beseech Thee to reveal to all servants the nobility of this most exalted station and the excellence of this most sublime summit. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Supreme, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

May my soul be a sacrifice for your steadfastness! This servant attained to the perusal of your letter which was addressed to His Holiness, Ismu'llah Mihdi—upon him be all the most glorious Glory of God. On one hand it brought boundless joy, for the sweet fragrance of the love of the Beloved of the worlds wafted from it. On the other hand it caused infinite sadness, for it was observed that some of the loved ones of God utter words which in themselves prevent the manifestation of divine assistance and cause discord among the people, and in truth lead to the frustration of God's Cause among all else.

Today those who claim relationship with the Truth must be set ablaze with the fire of the Divine Word and speak such utterances among people as would attract their hearts and souls, so that all may turn to the horizon of certitude through the light of utterance and the fire of the love of the All-Merciful. They must not speak words that extinguish souls and disturb hearts. From the unprofitable and useless utterances which some unconsciously make, no obligation remains for anyone.

I swear by the Sun of the horizon of inner meanings that if the loved ones of God had acted according to what hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, all would have turned to the Most Glorious Horizon or returned to the fire. Strange it is that some who consider themselves soaring in the atmosphere of divine knowledge have not yet attained to even the outer meaning of the divine words, nay rather, have not even inhaled their fragrance. For example, at the beginning of Ridvan He says, exalted and glorified be His Word: "We have manifested Ourselves through all names unto all things." The purpose of this blessed word is that all things today have attained to the manifestation of the Lord of Names.

Similar and even loftier utterances have been revealed in the divine scriptures, tablets and books, and their meanings and purposes have been explained in Persian and Arabic in numerous tablets from the Pen of Command. Blessed is he who hath recognized the intention of God and hath held fast unto it, detached from every barking one who knoweth not what he saith and every braying one who comprehendeth not what he uttereth. After the rending of veils and clouds and the shattering of the idols of vain imaginings, they have begun speaking ancient words anew.

Section 2: "On one occasion this servant was present…"

On one occasion this servant was present in the Most Holy Court and the Countenance of the Beloved turned toward me and spoke in Persian saying:

> "Once We went to certain lands for hunting until We reached a place where We observed a dervish preparing food. We asked him what he was doing. He stated 'I am cooking God, I am cooking with God, I am cooking for God.' We observed how far that poor one was from the stream of the knowledge of the Lord of the Worlds. Then We paused and spoke to him with utmost kindness and counsel until the rays of the Sun of Truth dawned from the horizon of his heart. He arose in apology, and he had a companion who walked naked among the people uttering the same words, and both attained to the lights of the dawn of inner meanings to such extent that the next day they ran barefoot alongside the mount, even though that land had many thorns, and they would not accept the offer to ride."

I beseech God, exalted and mighty be He, to protect His loved ones from the evil of harmful utterances, that all may speak that which God hath permitted and engage in service to His Cause. In the Most Holy Book and most of the Tablets He hath clearly and with perfect proofs set forth the obligations of His loved ones. His Word, mighty be His grandeur: "The Revelations have ended…" Similarly, in a Tablet revealed from the heaven of the All-Merciful's Will addressed to Nabil-i-ʿAli of Qa'in, He has fully expounded the obligations of the people. Likewise, during the days when Baghdad was the seat of the All-Merciful's throne, He warned the friends in numerous Tablets about the braying of calves, birds of darkness, croaking of ravens and the like. Similarly, in Constantinople and this land, these utterances were revealed in certain Tablets, and assuredly these matters will occur in most cities. We beseech God to assist His loved ones to remain steadfast in His Cause and to act in accordance with what they have been commanded in His Book.

There are some who are observed to be occupied with the mention of God and are speaking and remembering His praise to the utmost possible degree, yet they make that very mention and praise a

snare for people. After they have captured the hearts of the weak, they cling to certain divine verses, both Persian and Arabic, that have been sent down from the heaven of God's Will, interpreting these verses according to their own desires and thereby establishing a station for themselves, becoming the cause of people's deviation and discord.

Today, should anyone be designated by all the Most Beautiful Names, yet utter a word other than pure servitude, he would be accounted before God as one of the lost. Do they not reflect that if a new claimant to truth should appear each day, all divine ordinances and heavenly commands would be suspended and delayed? We hope that some of the friends who speak according to their desires will show mercy upon themselves and others and not allow God's Cause to be lost among the people.

In the Most Holy Book He says, exalted and mighty be His Word:

> "Let not your deeds be as snares wherewith to trap the object of your aspiration."

That is, do not make your deeds a trap to achieve your own desires, as is now observed among various sects where some appear with the utmost piety, remembrance and deeds, while their purpose is to achieve the desires they have concealed in their hearts. God protect us and you! Indeed, the sorrows that come from the friends have a more severe effect than what has appeared and appears from the idolators. We beseech God to protect His loved ones from both groups.

Today, each of the friends of God who are spread throughout His lands should be as a lamp for the guidance of the people, should walk among the servants with perfect wisdom, and should speak of the divine knowledge that has been revealed in the Book, so that all may be sustained by the living waters and may recognize the Dawning-Place of the Cause. After the martyrdom of the Most Great Branch, upon him be the most glorious of all glory, strife, contention and matters that cause the agitation of the heedless have been forbidden. The details of wisdom and the propagation of the Cause have been revealed fully in the Tablets and are available in most lands. I beseech God to assist all and enable them to attain His good-pleasure, which is the greatest of all deeds.

Every day a new call is raised and a commotion appears. In the previous year, two persons appeared in Rasht claiming truth, and a number of the beloved, who possessed no knowledge of the fundamental nature of the Cause, gathered around those two souls and became the source of dissension, until such time as a petition was submitted to the Most Holy Threshold, whereupon, following the issuance of the divine response, they returned unto the Most Exalted Horizon. God hath forgiven them as a token of His grace. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Bountiful, and His Self is the Truth. Should they find the sweetness of the Kawthar of servitude and become aware of this most exalted station, they would cling to it with such tenacity that all the peoples of the world would be powerless to separate them from it. However, they are heedless of the root of the Cause and unaware of the majesty of God and His sovereignty. If, today, any one of the loved ones should utter a word that is contrary to the good-pleasure of God, the people of Baha should counsel him, that perchance through their loving admonition he might become aware. Otherwise, none should draw nigh unto him. This is what our All-Knowing Lord hath decreed in His mighty Book.

To each of the Afnan, upon them be all the most glorious splendor of God, I convey expressions of utter nothingness and complete effacement, and the Most Sublime, Most Holy, Most Glorious salutation. To his honor Shaykh Sadiq, upon him be the glory of God, I convey salutations and say that God willing, they may be enkindled at all times with the fire of God and illumine the peoples of the world with the lights of the utterance of God. Likewise, I have been and am mindful of and send greetings to the other gentlemen and friends. Glory be upon you and those who are with you.

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BH00418: Praise be to God Who has dawned forth…

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

Praise be to God Who has dawned forth with the sovereignty of Names upon all created things, whereupon all beings were attracted, all possibilities were set in motion, the free were uplifted, the trees swayed, the flowers smiled, the seas were stirred, and the stones spoke forth.

Verily, there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, Who has ever been sanctified above what is mentioned in creation and Who will ever be exalted above what the peoples of earth and heaven utter. He has encompassed all things through His Name, the All-Subduing over all who are in the heavens and earths.

And praise be to God Who has concealed the faults of His servants while being seated upon the throne of His Name, the Concealer.

Exalted be the Unconstrained One through Whom the greatest veil was rent asunder and from the highest horizon shone forth the Sun of His Most Glorious Beauty, whereupon the face of heaven beamed with joy, the furthest limit drew near, and the Divine Lote-Tree spoke forth: “Verily, there is no God but Him.” Verily, He is the Self-Subsisting One Whom the veils of creation have not hindered nor the conditions of the Cause obscured. He doeth what He willeth in His dominion. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The letter from your honor reached this evanescent servant, and as it expressed your love for the Beloved of all worlds, it brought boundless joy and limitless delight. God willing, may you ever be engaged in the praise and glorification of the Lord of all creation, and occupied with fostering love among the friends. After reading the letter, it was observed that your honor, like the noble recording angels, had written numerous tablets mentioning certain souls. However, according to previous accounts, the recording angels are charged with recording both good and evil deeds, while your honor has recorded only the misdeeds of each one. This matter caused great astonishment.

O my brother, what I say, I say for God’s sake. If the True One, exalted be His glory, were to deal with this evanescent servant and other friends with justice, and were to bring forth the balance of justice, none would find refuge or escape. However, as these are the days of the Most Great Manifestation, He has dealt and continues to deal with all through His greatest bounty. In truth, were anyone to observe with

the eye of fairness, they would see their very existence, being, mention and praise as a grievous error, let alone their unworthy and rejected deeds and words. Therefore, this servant and your honor must hold fast to the cord of God's favor and beseech Him with utmost humility and supplication to protect all the friends from the promptings of self and passion, and to direct them to the highest horizon.

It is known that all created things are prone to error and ever shall be, but today, as the Sun of generosity is shining and the ocean of mercy is surging, God's gaze is fixed upon the goodly deeds of souls who have turned to Him. This is naught but His grace and generosity toward His servants, and His mercy and bounty toward His loved ones.

One day, Jesus son of Mary—may my spirit be sacrificed for Him—was walking with several of His disciples when they came upon a dead dog. They expressed disgust, saying they detected a foul odor. That Source of compassion and mercy said, "How white are its teeth!" Observe now how He concealed the fault—may my spirit be sacrificed for His loving-kindness. This was solely to teach His companions that all should fix their gaze upon the good deeds of others and conceal one another's faults. We bear witness that He is verily the All-Knowing, the Wise Teacher.

Perfect infallibility has been and shall ever be confined to God, exalted be His glory. None has had or shall have a share of this most pure fountain, and assuredly all but God have been and shall ever be prone to error.

As to the esteemed Mirza Muhammad Husayn, the physician, upon him be the Glory of God, concerning whom mention was made, this servant now relates one of his good deeds, which was thus: At a time when all the people of Iraq had risen in opposition and protest, and were occupied in the streets and bazaars with beating and abusing the friends of God, some of the friends along with the aforementioned physician were taken to the seat of government. At that time, he conversed with an interpreter of one of the foreign powers. After some dispute, the interpreter said, "Who are you to speak to me in such a manner face to face?" The honored physician replied, "And who are you?" He answered, "I am the government's interpreter." The honored physician then declared, "And I am the interpreter of the people!" Indeed, in that gathering where all the opponents from among the notables of the realm were present, and likewise the rulers were assembled, he nonetheless spoke with perfect steadfastness, strength and power. This incident shall never be effaced from the tablet of the world, for he spoke for the exaltation of the Word of God, and neither the might of the state nor the clamor of the people could deter him from the love of God.

And afterward, you have surely heard how they took him and the friends as captives from Iraq and sent them to Mosul. Now the divine gaze is fixed upon this deed of his, which transcends all deeds, for which there descended from the Kingdom of Grace that which you have heard and seen specifically for him.

In brief, I state this much: Do not imagine that even an atom of anyone's deeds remains concealed. I swear by the Day-star of the horizon of utterance that all the deeds, actions and words of people are evident and manifest in the Most Holy Court. This is the Day wherein all secrets shall be searched out, and it is the Day concerning which He says: "If it be the weight of a mustard seed and though it be in a rock, or in the heavens, or in the earth, God will bring it forth." And likewise He says: "Every man's fate

We have fastened on his neck: on the Day of Judgment We shall bring out for him a scroll, which he will see spread open." No matter has been or shall be hidden, but since the Sun of grace is shining and the ocean of bounty is surging, He therefore regards with utmost kindness and mercy His loved ones who have borne hardships in His path and migrated from land to land due to the oppression of the ungodly. "God blots out or confirms what He pleases, and with Him is the Mother of the Book."

Reflect upon the essence of this Revelation. God has done and will do whatsoever He willeth. If today He should bar an entire world from the ocean of nearness, and establish an ignorant one upon the throne of proximity, none has been or shall be entitled to object. These matters are found in former traditions which state:

> "Whoso says why' or wherefore' has indeed denied God and His verses."

And if a soul should be mindful of this station and comprehend it, he would pass beyond self and others in the path of God, and would observe himself in perfect contentment and submission. The goodness of one's end remains hidden, none knoweth it save God, the Single, the All-Informed.

Concerning what you mentioned about Nabil, from the first appearance of the Most Great Luminary from the horizon of the world, he hearkened unto the Call of God and arose to serve His Cause. Thus, after the Word was exalted and the Cry was raised, he, all alone, turned from the Land of Ta to the Land of Kha, summoning all people to the Truth. What tribulations and hardships descended upon him! Nevertheless, night and day, in both prose and verse, he continued to extol the praises of the Truth and promote His Cause. Such a person will surely be the object of God's loving providence, and the rain-clouds of His generosity will assuredly encompass him. Despite such evident services and arduous deeds which he bore in the path of the Beloved of the worlds, should any error proceed from him, divine forgiveness will surely embrace him. The intention he harbored regarding Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli was indeed an error, for in all divine Tablets and heavenly Books, contention, disputation, sedition, corruption and the shedding of blood have been forbidden. He himself acknowledged his error, for after becoming aware of his mistake, he expressed remorse and sought forgiveness. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

All the beloved are commanded today to associate with one another in fellowship, unity, humility and lowliness. Blessed is he who acteth according to that which he is bidden, and woe unto the heedless. I present one word that hath shone forth from the Dayspring of the Divine mouth, that all may become aware of God's all-encompassing grace. His word, exalted be His glory, is: "Glory is not his who loveth his country, but glory is his who loveth the world." Behold now how His all-embracing mercy hath encompassed all. And in another instance He saith, exalted be His glory: "Blessed is he who ariseth for the service of all mankind."

In the Most Holy Book, all have been given permission to associate with the various peoples of the world in the utmost joy and radiance for the purpose of delivering God's Word, for if they were to avoid them, none would become aware of the Cause of God or attain unto the supreme horizon.

O brother, what shall I say? Beseech ye God to bestow attentive ears upon mankind and grant them illumined hearts, that all may taste the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful. Most people are heedless, wandering in the wilderness of ignorance, and even those who, by their own admission, have

drunk the wine of inner meanings from the hand of divine bounty have not attained, as they should, to obedience to divine commands. Thus in most Tablets, they have forbidden turning towards the Most Great Prison, and this matter hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen to such an extent that none can reckon it. Nevertheless, most have turned and continue to turn without permission. Had we acted according to that which hath proceeded from the Pen of the Ancient of Days, we would surely have beheld all the world oriented towards the horizon of the Cause.

We must supplicate night and day, beseeching God to enable all to be obedient. Were the people of the contingent world to become aware of what hath appeared in these days, all would sacrifice their lives and possessions and arise to serve the Cause. But what profit is there when all are veiled by their own imaginings and cling to the idols of their desires? We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist mankind to recognize Him and not to deprive them of His days. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

And regarding what you wrote about Khan, his praiseworthy attributes have not been and are not hidden. What bounty could be greater than that, praise be to God, they have turned with perfect steadfastness and assurance to the Dawning-Place of Divine Revelation? However, it is incumbent upon the loved ones to conduct themselves in such a way as not to cause his sadness. God does not suffer the work of the doers to perish. This evanescent servant's counsel to you is that you strive to the extent possible to harmonize hearts and unite souls, so that no one may detect the slightest scent of discord among the loved ones, and all may be seen united upon God's all-encompassing Word.

A Tablet has been specifically revealed and sent to you—God willing, you will attain to its perusal. Likewise, the three Tablets that were requested have been revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will out of pure bounty and grace, for in the days when the Seat of the Throne was in the Land of Mystery, a Tablet was revealed from the heaven of favor whose purport was this: should all who dwell on earth beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, for sublime and wondrous Tablets, tablets would be revealed from the heaven of grace specifically for each one. May my soul be a sacrifice for His bounty!

O my brother! Today is the day when we must all turn to ourselves and arise to perform good and pleasing deeds through divine grace. Let us close our eyes to others' faults. Today is the day of deeds. Ask God that He may enable all to conform to His good-pleasure, that all may arise and succeed, in utmost sanctity and detachment, to perform such deeds as will cause the elevation of His Cause. Verily He guides whom He pleases to His straight path.

I convey greetings to all the friends and remember them all before the Throne. We beseech God to enable us and them to do what befits these days wherein the Tree exclaims: "There is no God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise." And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH00435: Praise be to God Who hath revealed Himself unto…

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

Praise be to God Who hath revealed Himself unto all who are in creation through the manifestation of His Most Exalted Pen, and hath deposited within the realities of all things the sign of His unity, that none should be veiled from the Sovereign of Names Who hath appeared through His Most Great and Most

Glorious Name, and that no soul should be debarred from beholding the Light that shineth from the horizon of eternity. Whereupon the Manifestations of unity in the realm of divinity were attracted, and the realities of detachment in the realm of might hastened forth, and the essences of oneness in the kingdom of heaven were stirred, and the embodiments of limitation in the world of man were thunderstruck—among them were those who were thunderstruck and recovered, and those who were thunderstruck and returned to nothingness. Exalted is the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens, through Whom agitation seized the dwellers of the cities of names, and transformation appeared in that Beginning which is itself the ultimate End.

Praise be to God Who hath manifested Himself unto all created things through His Name which He hath sanctified above all names and attributes. Thereupon the essential realities were exalted, and the inherent qualities shone forth, and the pure substances were confounded, and the eternal realities turned towards Him, and the divine identities drew nigh. Verily, He is as He is—He cannot be described by unity, for the manifestations of this name were created by His command and brought into being by the movement of His Pen; nor can He be characterized by holiness, for the dawning-places of this name were realized through the outpourings of the ocean of His bounty and are moved by Him; nor can He be known by sanctity, for the daysprings of this name are but servants at the gate of the city of His Cause and prostrate themselves at the dawning of the lights of His glory. Exalted, exalted is He above being known through aught else but Himself or being described by any other than Him.

All that is bounded by the limits of creation is created within His dominion and is as nothing before the manifestations of His sovereignty and power. When He desired to make Himself known, He created all things through His pervading Will and all beings through His all-encompassing Purpose, and called all to the Dayspring of His signs and the Dawning-Place of His evidences. Among them were those who hastened and turned towards Him, those who drew back and returned, and those who drew near and then withdrew. Blessed is he who hath drunk the choice wine of steadfastness in the days of God and remained firm in the Cause in such wise that the manifestations of denial, who waxed proud and clung to idols, could not hinder him.

We bear witness that there is none other God but Him. From time immemorial the court of His holiness hath been sanctified above all likenesses and similitudes, and the heaven of His nearness hath been exalted above all peers and utterances. There is none other God but Him, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

My spirit be a sacrifice for your love! The servant hath been blessed by the words that shone forth from the horizon of your heart, which is adorned with the ornament of love for our Beloved and the Beloved of the world, our Goal and the Goal of all nations, and found therein what a loved one findeth from his beloved. I have thanked God for this, and beseech Him to honor us continually with your sublime letters, for through them hearts are gladdened and eyes are consoled. Yet the servant is perplexed by those who rise at one moment and fall at another—in the morning they claim faith in God, and in the evening they deny the Lord of Names, as if they were yellowed, withered leaves moved by their own desires. By the life of God! They are a people who neither understand nor perceive. We beseech God to preserve all from

the whisperings of Satan and draw them nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

The letter from your honor which was addressed to His Holiness the Name of God—upon him be all the most glorious Glory of God—reached me and I was privileged to peruse it. Regarding what you had written about Mirza Ahmad-i-Kirmani, this servant deemed it necessary to present a detailed account so that your honor and other friends who have drunk from the Kawthar of the knowledge of divine grace from the hands of the All-Merciful may become informed and remain protected from the mischief and denial of the corruptors and atheists. In God do I place my trust and from Him do I seek assistance in all conditions.

Several years ago, on one of those days when His Holiness Amin—upon him be the Glory of God—was present before the Blessed Beauty, He addressed him saying that a foul and repugnant odor was being perceived from the direction of the land of Kaf and Ra (Kirman). From this sun of utterance which dawned from the dawning-place of the Mouth of the Will of the Lord of Religions, this servant understood that some contrary matter must appear from that land, yet I remained perplexed as to what would manifest and through whom it would arise.

Likewise, in the Most Holy Book, verses of the same import were revealed from the heaven of Will. His exalted Word states:

> "O Land of Kaf and Ra! We, verily, see in thee what is not pleasing to God, and We observe from thee that which none besides God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, can perceive. And We find that which secretly passes through thee. With Us is the knowledge of all things recorded in a clear Tablet."

Should one meditate upon these verses revealed from the heaven of Divine Unity, one would observe how the knowledge of God encompasses all things—not an atom's weight in the heavens or on earth escapes His knowledge. He is verily the Expositor, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. From these verses and blessed utterance it can be understood that besides the aforementioned unknown and imaginary person, other souls must also appear from that land. However, the Supreme Pen gives glad-tidings to that land, saying: Be not grieved by these unknown souls, for soon there shall appear within thee souls who will recognize the truth, who will sacrifice all who are in the world in His path of love, who will speak of Him and arise to serve Him. He is verily the Informed One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

In any case, after some time two petitions arrived consecutively from Mirza Ahmad, one from the direction of Ha and another from a different direction. In his petitions he had expressed limitless humility and contrition. He had also written a letter to this servant. Subsequently, a Tablet was revealed concerning him from the horizon of the Pen of Divine Providence. They commanded:

> "Send this Tablet and write your own reply to him as well, mentioning in your letter the account of the foul odor that was perceived from that land, and likewise the verses from the Most Holy Book."

From this statement this servant understood that some contrary matter must appear from him, yet great perplexity overtook this servant, for this person had expressed utmost servitude and submission in his petitions both before and after, and had likewise shown perfect sincerity and love toward this servant who is absolute nothingness. The blessed Tablet was, outwardly, indicative of bounty and favor, yet this servant, in compliance with the divine command, penned a response thereto and mentioned the aforementioned matters therein.

After its arrival, he paid no heed to it. When his honor Ismullah M.H. went to the land of K.R., he claimed that some previously revealed tablets addressed to others had been revealed specifically for him. Among these was a Persian passage revealed in the Land of Mystery, wherein all the addresses in that tablet were to Ahmad. He claimed "This Ahmad is me." Then when his honor Ismullah made certain statements, he submitted "What if I too become great under the shadow of Truth?" Later when his honor Dhabih, upon him be the Glory of God, arrived in that land and saw this servant's letter, he told him "You are the one intended by these statements." A complete estrangement occurred between them to such an extent that his honor Dhabih avoided and shunned him. His honor Dhabih wrote the details to this servant. After rejecting his honor Dhabih, he appeared in a different light, as you have written. However, he is not steadfast on any path. Every soul acts according to its own manner and returns to its origin.

Now observe how inconstant, faithless and unstable some souls are. Shame upon those who believed then disbelieved, drew near then withdrew. These are servants who incline with every wind and are moved by every fancy, supposing themselves to be guided. Nay, by the Lord of the Throne and earth! They worship their desires but know it not. Strange that after beholding the ocean of meanings and its waves, and witnessing the Sun of utterance and its effulgence, one should be deprived thereof and cling to vain desire which is utter nothingness. Indeed not every eye is capable of beholding the true Sun, nor is every soul worthy of immersion in the ocean of meanings. Every kind seeks its own kind, and every branch will return to its root.

In previous tablets the Supreme Pen forewarned all of the cawing of the ravens. These ravens are of two kinds: One kind claims belief at first then arises in complete rejection; the other kind makes claims and speaks without divine permission. These are tidings that have flowed from the divine Pen and will surely come to pass. If his honor Amin has reached your presence, inquire from him the details of what was submitted, for in those days both this servant and he were bewildered as to what would emerge from the land of K.R. By God the Truth, the heart nearly melted, for in these days the like of which has never appeared in creation, when all atoms proclaim that there is no God but Him, such souls who know not whence they came or whither they go cling to their own fancies, remain deprived of the Dayspring of certitude and the clear Book, and busy themselves with corruption and opposition. Fie upon them and upon those who hear their words, follow their desires, are moved by their passions and what their devils command them. These are dried leaves moved by the winds of passion.

This servant is astonished by those who, through heeding the foolish utterances of imaginary beings, remain deprived of the path of Divine unity. As to the baseness, degradation and paucity of understanding of mankind, this suffices—that for years they were worshippers of idols and even now exist upon the earth yet remain unaware; they worship the calf and perceive not; they follow Baal and

know not; they bow before Al-Lat and comprehend not; they cleave to false gods and remember not. I swear by the Sun of Revelation that if people would reflect even less than that upon what hath been manifested and what hath dawned from the horizon of the world, they would pass beyond all else but God and turn towards that luminous horizon which is sanctified above mention and utterance. We beseech God to purify and sanctify the earth from the breaths of malicious souls and from the dark dust of vain imaginings. Verily He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Generous.

The request is that you convey greetings to the loved ones of that land on behalf of this evanescent one and say: O loved ones of the All-Merciful! It behooveth you to be as firmly-fixed mountains, as bright lamps, as shining lights, as fruit-bearing trees, as life-giving springs, and as penetrating vision in the Cause of God, the Lord of creation. Be ye in such wise in God's path that the hosts of the world terrify you not, nor the gathering of nations, that the intimations of the learned grieve you not, nor the mentions of the mystics veil you. Hold fast to the firm and mighty cord.

In brief, whatsoever hath been revealed in the divine Tablets concerning steadfastness and its stations—the purpose is that all the loved ones throughout the horizons should become the very essence of steadfastness, and from all of them this most exalted station and most glorious rank should become manifest. Now it is observed that certain souls are like grass of the earth—a slight breeze scattereth them and their roots. We beseech God to protect His loved ones, to grant them the wine of steadfastness, and to adorn them with this most holy, most impregnable, most luminous ornament.

BH00460: Praise be to God! Through the grace…

He is God, exalted be His glory, majesty and grandeur

Praise be to God! Through the grace of the Lord of Destiny, some days ago Mulla Ali-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God, was moved by the divine verses to journey in that direction, and now Aba Badi', upon him be the glory of God, is preparing to depart. Therefore, this evanescent servant is once again troubling you with this petition. The previous travelers have not yet departed. Mulla Muhammad-Ali has arrived with several souls. We beseech God to assist these messengers and emigrants in that which will today cause the exaltation of the Word of God, that in every city and land they enter they may become the cause of the awakening of souls and the unity and fellowship of hearts, and that people may truly find from them the fragrance of divine attributes.

Each must be a breath of life unto the bodies of men and drops from the ocean of God's love for the inhabitants of all lands. Verily such souls have always been and are few, as hath been aforetime declared—they are like the red elixir, and the red elixir is rare to find. The former tradition which states "the sincere are in grave danger" bears witness to this statement. However, since the grace of this day is without peer or likeness, this servant hopes that all the loved ones and friends of God may attain to that which is intended and neither act nor speak contrary to that which God desires. May all be enkindled with the fire of His remembrance and gaze toward the horizon of His Cause.

Although this servant submitted a detailed letter with Mulla ʿAli-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God, yet whenever anyone prepares to depart, the heart's longing compels one to intrude again and again.

The petitions that were sent with Mulla Muhammad-ʿAli arrived. God willing, the reply will be sent with him personally.

One day it was stated that Jinab-i-Nazir, upon him be the glory of God, must make amends for the damages caused by his companion, for he had been at the Sacred Threshold for several years and We had never sent him anywhere to teach God's Cause. You were the cause of taking him specifically for development and cultivation, and apparently destruction and ruin resulted. It is most strange that certain souls, despite divine counsels, heavenly exhortations and manifest loving-kindness and favor, should conduct themselves in such a manner as to cause grief to devoted hearts or the extinction of enkindled souls. However, the loved ones of God must fix their gaze upon the horizon of His Cause and what appears from Him, not upon what appears from others, for infallibility is an ornament reserved for God alone, while error, mistake and forgetfulness have been and are the lot of all others. The friends must overlook one another's faults, be mindful of God's forgiveness, and pray for each other. Verily He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Convey greetings from this evanescent one to all the friends and masters in those parts. God willing, may all be set ablaze with the fire of divine love, adorned with the garment of steadfastness, and illumined by the lights of the countenance of the All-Merciful.

The letter of the spiritual friend Mulla Mustafa written in reply to this evanescent one's letter was received and caused joy and delight. We beseech God to assist him to arise to serve Him, to aid His Cause, and to mention Him among His creatures, and to make him among those who said "God is our Lord" and then remained steadfast. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

And that same blessed handwriting was submitted before His presence. He was graciously pleased to manifest loving-kindness, and said: "Happy is he therewith; yea, wholesome is it for him."

After the completion of the petition, the affection of this servant's heart constrained him once again to occupy the fragrant remembrance of that Most Exalted One with words which, in truth, are the reflecting mirror of the being of this lowly one; and to lay before Him, on this occasion, the reply to the letters of Jinab-i-Mulla Muhammad-Ali—for they have said, "In delay are perils." Wherefore it is submitted: diverse letters from Jinab A. B. N., upon him be the glory of God, have reached this servant. Praise be to God! Like unto Khalil, he hath shattered the idols of vain imaginings and turned his face toward the horizon of certitude. Joyful tidings unto him for that which he hath attained: the pure wine of meanings and utterance in the days of the All-Merciful. He hath beheld the rays of the lights of the dawn of Revelation, and hath turned toward Him.

I beseech God to grant him success in all conditions, and to ordain for him that whereby the eyes of them that know may be refreshed. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

His letters were all presented before the Most Holy Court. However, after the passage about the mare, the Beloved of the World smiled and spoke, and His word is truth: "Verily he has spoken truthfully." And after ten minutes the Countenance of the Intended One turned to the servant and said: "It should be

returned to its owner." Give him the glad tidings that his letter caused the Ancient Beauty to smile. Blessed is he, again blessed is he.

The multiple letters which you wrote from your first arrival in that land until the end all reached this servant. Praise be to God that in all conditions you are occupied with the remembrance and praise of the Truth. Regarding those souls who in these days have turned towards the Most Holy Court, exalted Tablets have been revealed from the heaven of mighty oneness and sent—deliver them, but in all conditions, as commanded, be mindful of wisdom. For in accordance with divine grace and what was revealed at the beginning of this Revelation, mention of every soul that has been or will be made before His presence causes a Tablet to be revealed from the heaven of Will. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Powerful.

This evanescent servant submits that if some friends have not outwardly been blessed with a Tablet, they should not be saddened by this, for the entire world was created so that they might be mentioned in the Most Holy Court. As the Point of the Bayan—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him—has said: all exist so that they might be mentioned once in His presence. And now, praise be to God, through God's infinite grace all the loved ones are mentioned in His presence. Were they to become aware of the fruits of this matter alone, such joy and delight would seize them all that they would transcend all who are in the kingdom and with a hundred thousand tongues give thanks to the Exalted Truth.

Every deed in this Day is mighty, for this is the Day of which God gave tidings aforetime in His exalted Word: "The Kingdom on that Day shall be God's" and likewise in another place: "Whose is the Kingdom this Day? God's, the One, the All-Compelling." For today is the Day of God's manifestation and the Day wherein "the earth shall be shaken with a terrible shaking, and thy Lord shall come and the angels rank on rank," and this is the Day of which He says: "The Day of Sorting Out! And what will explain to thee what is the Day of Sorting Out? Woe on that Day to the rejecters!" And in ten places the Supreme Pen repeatedly declares: "Woe on that Day to the rejecters!"

Present to the beloved, that is Mulla Mustafa, upon him be the Glory of God, on behalf of this servant, that despite the greatness of this Day and despite its being mentioned explicitly and without interpretation in all the divine Books from time immemorial until the Qur'an, this most impregnable, most holy, most great Day, yet none has perceived it. The people of the Qur'an, who in truth are nourished at the breast of ignorance, have not attained maturity—nay, would that in their infancy they had been nourished with the milk of fairness. But strange it is that the people of the Bayan, despite their claims of knowledge and certitude, have turned away from the words "Verily I am God" and have chosen to dwell in the lowest depths of hellfire. I know not how they interpret the words of Truth which say "The Day mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds," and then He says "Woe on that Day to the deniers who deny the Day of Judgment! And none denies it except every sinful transgressor." Likewise He says in the well-known sermon "Await ye the speaking of Moses from the Tree upon the Mount."

Were the verses of previous Books to be mentioned, this letter would become a voluminous tome. In brief, this evanescent servant bears witness that none has inhaled the fragrance of the paradise of inner meanings which lies concealed in the Qur'an by the command of the All-Merciful, save those who in this Day have detached themselves from all else but God and have responded to all they heard from the Tree

which hath encompassed the worlds. God willing, they and you and the other friends must endeavor with complete determination to educate the immature through wisdom and utterance. At this moment this servant is bewildered at what he was mentioning and where it led, for such mentions were not intended in this letter, yet the sun of the word "I have known God through the changing of determined resolves" thus shed its rays. The Command is in God's hands—He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

Furthermore, the petition of Aqa Mirza ʿAbdu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, and his wife and son attained the Most Holy Court, and from the heaven of the Divine Will a most mighty Tablet was specifically revealed and sent for each one. And in the Tablet to his wife, mention was made by the Supreme Pen of pure progeny. God willing, they have and will attain unto this. Likewise they have written to this servant. I beseech and hope from the Truth that He may assist them in matters that will cause their mention in the infinite divine worlds.

And regarding what you wrote about Haji Mirza Shafi' and his son—what was done is acceptable, but it increaseth naught save loss for the wrongdoers. And since in this Day mercy hath encompassed all and it is the Day when "the earth shall be changed into another earth," perchance the earth of heedless souls may, through the rains of divine mercy, yield the ears of wisdom and knowledge.

And regarding the passage of the Tablet of His Holiness the Most Great Branch—may my spirit be a sacrifice for the dust of His most precious footsteps—you wrote that it would be desirable to have it in Persian. After that Tablet, He wrote a special treatise in the Persian tongue for the people of Iran who have not yet attained to the Kawthar of recognition. It is most beneficial, and His purpose in that treatise was to prevent people from following the ignorant and to observe matters with their own eyes and ears. And in truth, if properly considered, that blessed treatise has been and is beneficial for all humanity, even though outwardly no mention is made therein of the wondrous, radiant, and resplendent new matters. Yet every person of discernment can inhale from its inner meaning the fragrance of the Divine days, and every person of insight can observe the lights of the spiritual Sun. That treatise is in the possession of the emigrants. God willing, it will reach your attention. The intention was that a copy should first be sent to your presence, but due to the press of duties and the absence of scribes, it was delayed.

And regarding what you wrote about a house being purchased—God willing it is blessed. We beseech God to exalt His remembrance therein in truth. Verily, He is the Guardian of those who remember Him. It is most desirable that in every land a place be designated so that it may become a means of comfort for visitors. God willing, may the pen of that spiritual beloved one always remember the friends and the sincere ones. The Glory be upon you and upon those who are there, from God, our Lord and your Lord.

BH00543: Praise be to God Who is glorified with such…

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

Praise be to God Who is glorified with such majesty that before it hath bowed the majesty of the mighty ones, the dominion of the great ones, the power of the strong ones, the authority of princes, the necks of pharaohs among men of creation, and the rulers who show pride before God, Creator of heaven!

And praise be to God Who is unified with such oneness that before its dawning the highest unity of beings and the most glorious singularity of all possible things vanish into nothingness.

The truly unified one is he who acknowledgeth his nothingness and the nothingness of his unification at the dawning of the Sun of Unity from the Most Exalted Horizon. The true mystic is he who confesseth his powerlessness and the powerlessness of his mystical knowledge to attain unto the station whence appeared the light of mystical knowledge from God, the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below. Verily, he who hath not attained unto this confession is among the most ignorant of the ignorant, even though he be learned in all the sciences of the world.

Blessed is he who today, at the appearance of the Most Great Name, the Most Glorious, hath attained unto the greatest steadfastness and held fast unto the Sure Handle which hath appeared and shone forth among the servants by the command of God, Creator of all things.

I magnify and give peace unto those whose feet have not slipped because of the intimations of the learned, whose hearts have not been troubled by the veils of the mystics, whose eyes have not been prevented from beholding the Most Glorious Horizon, and whose ears have not been kept from hearkening unto the Call of God which hath been raised betwixt earth and heaven. I testify that these are the true believers, these are the sincere ones, these are the near ones, these are the successful ones, these are the mindful ones, and these are they who have held fast unto the Crimson Ark. Upon them be the glory of God in the hereafter and in the former life.

Thereafter, this servant hath been honored to receive thy noble letters time and again, and from them I learned of thy mention of the Lord of all beings and thy rising to serve God, the Lord of the visible and invisible. When I became acquainted with them and their contents, I turned and drew nigh until I entered the Most Exalted Paradise, the seat of the throne of our Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious, and I presented all that thou hadst mentioned and related from beginning to end. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which I am unable to mention, nay rather, all the pens of the world and tongues of the nations are powerless to describe it. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, He is the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing, the All-Informed.

Your noble missives from past and present have arrived. Were I to say they brought fresh joy and boundless delight, I would be stating the obvious, and find myself abashed. As for this servant's condition, he is occupied with writing day and night, and finds not even enough opportunity to gladden or sadden the true friends and those who drink of the spiritual wine with any mention. Therefore, at all times I cling to the cord of grace and universal forgiveness, so that if I do not trouble some with mention of myself, they may not interpret it as lack of love, but rather adorn my negligence and shortcoming with the ornament of forgiveness.

In truth, in these days the pen is ashamed and the paper is mortified by what it must record, for it is observed that souls who for years claimed the highest stations of mystical knowledge and certitude were barred by a mere croak from the melodies of the Dove of the Cause, and by a single bray were deprived of the warbling of the Doves of the Bayan. In such case, what can the pen write, what can the tongue utter, and what can the tablet bear? In most of the divine Tablets, from the Pen of the Lord's Will, the

stations of steadfastness and the loftiness of its rank were revealed. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of inner meanings that this evanescent servant had imagined that after the divine loved ones heard and hearkened to the verses that flowed from the Supreme Pen concerning steadfastness and its stations, none would slip, and neither the knowledge of the learned, nor the mysticism of the mystics, nor the eloquence of men of letters, nor ancient tales and latter-day stories would deprive them from the straight path which today is manifest and evident through the Most Great Name.

Nevertheless, it is observed that some friends, through satanic whisperings, remained far from the ultimate goal and the furthermost Lote-Tree. In such case, there is no inclination for this servant to occupy himself with mention that might serve to remind the servants. By God's life! The dried grass of the earth is observed to be more steadfast than such beings. A person whose numerous petitions reached the Most Holy Court, and in all those petitions expressed servitude, evanescence and nothingness, and likewise to this servant who is utter nothingness—nevertheless, after your honor's arrival in the land of Kirman, he observed that his verbal ornamentations had no luster and no station was forthcoming for him. Therefore, after believing, he turned away and clung to Satan, that perchance he might obtain some leadership from that quarter. Say: By the very breath of the All-Merciful, he neither fattens nor enriches you, O heedless, remote and rejected one!

And according to what was mentioned, he deceived Siyyid Abdul-Baqi of Kashan. Wonder of all wonders! Yet the wonder lies not in the calf and its lowing, but rather in those who follow it with evident delusion. At the time of the dawning of the Sun of the horizons from Iraq and the establishment of the Throne in the Land of Mystery and arrival in the Most Great Prison, the Supreme Pen continually informed the people about the croaking of the croakers, the claims of the claimants, the whisperings of satans, and the deceptions of the doubtful ones. Nevertheless, at the caw of the crow of the fig tree they passed beyond the Perspicuous Book and slipped from the straight path.

One day, when the horizons of Zawra were illumined by the Most Great Light in the dawn of divine days, He said to this servant: When the Son of Imran returned from Sinai and saw the people worshipping the calf, he said:

> "O my people! I dwelt among you for years, and every day I appeared with compelling divine commands and with manifest signs and clear evidences. Nevertheless, I observed you lingering in the valleys of doubt and uncertainty. How is it that after me you have passed by the Most Exalted Horizon at the lowing of a calf—that is, at the voice of a mere calf—and have clung to it?"

Such is the condition of these people.

In any case, should you meet the aforementioned Mir, remind him, that perchance he may drink from the cup of steadfastness and regard all save the Friend as non-existent and null. This too was due to his previous love. Verily, He is the Manifestation of Proof and the Guide to the Way.

It behooveth your honor to engage with the utmost diligence and effort in reminding souls, that perchance they may remain protected from the tempestuous winds of the selfish desires of the idolatrous souls. Most astonishing of all is the discord that hath arisen in that land. Your honor is well

aware that harm from discord between the loved ones of God reverteth to the root of the Blessed Tree itself. It is more harmful than any harm and more grievous than any grievousness. At all times they must strive with the utmost endeavor to unite and harmonize souls. This discord hath caused some of God's loved ones to become objects of people's ridicule, and the harm of this matter hath been and is beyond measure. Where are the detached ones? Where are the fair-minded? Where are those who behold the glory of God, detached from their own glory, who move by God's will, detached from their own wills? And where are those who speak for God's sake, who walk in His path, and who act in ways that exalt His Cause, pure in motive? These are indeed among the triumphant, the strivers, the steadfast, the unified, and the sincere ones.

God willing, we hope that henceforth they will be seen as an unbroken circle, regarding the good of all as the good of each and the good of each as the good of all. This servant knoweth not what to say. Where are the souls that bow down before the face of God? Where are the hearts that are humble before God's command? Whoso truly attaineth unto the fragrance of these days, naught but humility and submissiveness will be manifest from him, for exaltation of station and loftiness of rank have been and shall be manifested through humility before God. From the first mention until this moment, observe how every exaltation hath appeared through humility and every loftiness through submissiveness. Say: Recognize this, O people of vision! Say: Recognize this, O people of understanding!

The loved ones must observe one another with the eye of affection and deal with each other according to the conditions of love. In all circumstances they must be mindful of divine ordinances, for that which is good for all hath been sent down from the heaven of God's Will. We beseech God to assist all to do that which He loveth and approveth.

His honor Aqa Jamal, upon him be 96 [Baha], arose for a mighty cause, supposing it to be in support of the truth. There is no doubt that from this matter no harm will come to the root of the Tree; rather, it will cause the elevation of God's Cause amongst the people. Nevertheless, since it was contrary to the wisdom revealed in the Tablets, the Most Exalted Pen hesitated to accept it, for all are commanded today to observe wisdom, and no blame attacheth to those souls who did not follow in this matter. However, they must not utter unseemly words about such a soul. In these matters they must be silent and patient, for the Cause is in God's hands—He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth. From time immemorial until eternity, the greatest bounty and salvation of peoples hath been in following the divine commands. To this testifieth every atom and, beyond them, every seeing tongue. But harm afflicteth the very root of the Tree. Say: O loved ones of God and His chosen ones, avoid it! Say: O friends of God and His cherished ones, avoid it! Hold fast unto unity—this is better for you, did ye but know it. In all conditions they must be vigilant over the Cause of God.

And convey to all who drink from the cup of steadfastness, on behalf of this evanescent servant, the Most Glorious and Most Exalted Greeting. And whenever those who are united and in harmony gather together and the cups of the wine of the knowledge of the All-Merciful are passed round, let them pour a drop upon the earth in remembrance of this unknown one. Glory be upon you and upon them throughout the everlasting dominion of God, the Lord of all the worlds.

BH00626: Praise be to God Who has strengthened His loved…

In the Name of Him Who is Sacred, Exalted, Inaccessible, Forgiving, and Generous

Praise be to God Who has strengthened His loved ones through tribulation and elevated their station through the manifestation of trials in the kingdom of creation, that He might test those who claim belief and who confess with their tongues His singleness and oneness. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Helper. And praise be to God Who has made His firm Cause the supreme touchstone whereby He distinguishes between the pure in heart and the wicked, according to His exalted Word: "Do men think when they say ʻWe believe' they shall be let alone and not be put to proof?" Nay, nay! This is a Day wherein the secrets of hearts are tried and that which is hidden in the breasts is revealed, even as was revealed to the Beloved of the Ascension: "Though it be of the weight of a grain of mustard seed, and though it be in a rock, or in the heavens, or in the earth, God will bring it forth." This is a Day wherein the faces of the idolaters are blackened and the faces of those who have turned to the horizon of certitude in the days of the All-Merciful are made white.

And praise be to God Who has caused the Most Great Trump to appear and has breathed into it through My Most Glorious Name. Thereupon, those who dwell in the cities of names and the people of the kingdom of creation were thunderstruck. Some remained unconscious, while others, having recovered, turned toward the Lord of the Day of Separation. Blessed is he who has today held fast to God and has not broken the Covenant. He is indeed of the people of this Horizon which God has made the Sovereign of horizons and the Dawning-Place of all splendors.

Praise be to God, to Whom the essence of unity bears witness by being sanctified from it, and the reality of glorification by being exalted above it. He is indeed the One Who cannot be mentioned by numbers nor counted among quantities. He is unified in His Own Self with a unity unknown to His servants, and is sanctified in His Own Being with a sanctification that the people of all lands shall never attain.

When He desired to distinguish between the nations, He spoke between the worlds through His Most Great Name. Thereupon the lights were drawn to their source, the signs to their dawning-place, the evidences to their fountainhead, the evil ones to their abode and destination, and the wicked to their origin. Thereby appeared the greatest distinction among mankind. Some turned to God, detached from all else, hastened to the horizon of unity, and drank from the hands of their Lord's bounty the water of sanctification. Others turned away from the All-Merciful and faced toward Satan by virtue of what they had previously earned. And still others acknowledged God and then denied Him, retreating until they reached their origin in the abyss of wrath—a station which God has deprived of the breezes of His days and the fragrances of His garment. We testify that such a one is a yellowed, dried leaf moved by the wind however it wills. There is no God but Him, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

Praise be to God Who has adorned the heads of His chosen ones with the crown of hardship and tribulation, and has embellished their temples with the ornament of trials in the path of His Name that is sanctified above all names. He has made the prison a prisoner for those who have denied God, the Lord of the Throne and earth and of the supreme Paradise, while making it the most exalted Paradise for the people of Baha who have remained firm upon the Crimson Ark with such steadfastness that neither the

allusions of the limiting ones nor the arguments of the followers of blind imitation could cause them to slip. By God's life! They are servants whom calamities cannot prevent from God, the Revealer of verses.

The Concourse on High and the denizens of the Kingdom of eternity pray for them. My soul be a sacrifice for their steadfastness! They are the ones through whom the horizon of certitude has been illumined, the countenance of faith has beamed with joy, and assurance has appeared in all existence. By God! They are the steadfast ones whom neither slumber nor sleep overtakes, nor are they veiled by any barrier or measure. Their feet are like iron and their tongues are as swords wherewith they vindicate God amidst the concourse of creation. Upon them be the glory of God in the first and the last. There is no God but He, the One, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Bestower.

And now, O loved ones of the All-Merciful! By God, your imprisonment hath grieved Me, your tribulations have weakened Me, and the burning of your hearts hath consumed Me. All this hath, from one perspective, saddened Me, yet from another, that which hath befallen you hath brought Me joy—a joy which no earthly happiness can match—for adversity hath touched you in His path, and tribulation hath seized you for His love and remembrance. He who is adorned with the ornament of justice speaketh and saith:

> "Would that I had been with the loved ones of God, and that there had befallen me what hath befallen them in the love of God, the Creator of earth and heaven!"

I address you in Persian that all the friends of God may hear the petition of this evanescent servant and not be saddened by what hath befallen them in the path of the Beloved of the worlds. Blessed is the state of one who is today adorned with the coloring of God. God, exalted be His glory and magnified be His grandeur, hath chosen imprisonment, and whosoever is afflicted thereby must in truth give thanks to the true Ordainer, for it hath befallen him for the sake of God what befell the very Self of God. This form of imprisonment is today more beloved than all that hath been created on earth and is truly sanctified above all the forms with which people are afflicted.

For instance, the mystics are today veiled from the Purpose of the worlds by their mysticism, and likewise the learned are deprived of the Known One by their learning, and some are heedless of the Creator of earth and heaven due to names, wandering in the wilderness of error and delusion. Give thanks to the Beloved of the world that ye have drunk from the cup of tribulations in His path and quaffed from the chalice of trials. Blessed are ye, again blessed are ye! Yours is a goodly reward from God, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Through your sorrows joy appeareth in the world, and through your grief surgeth the ocean of gladness amidst the peoples.

Nevertheless, I beseech God, exalted and mighty be He, to aid this servant and you to preserve what He hath bestowed, that we may all walk with utmost eagerness and yearning in the path of harmony and unity, and hold fast to the firm cord of divine wisdom that hath been sent down in the heavenly tablets. Let us implore with complete humility that He may keep these servants firm and steadfast in His love and Cause, for this is the Day whereon secrets are tried, and the commanding self is aflame, as we have seen and heard that certain souls who considered themselves to be of the Kingdom of certitude and were outwardly adorned with the ornament of faith, and who in their own estimation had attained the highest

degree of knowledge and displayed the utmost humility and submissiveness in their petitions to the Most Holy Court, and likewise in their letters to this servant—nevertheless, due to a vain imagination, transgressed the firm commandment of God and became occupied with their own desires.

May God protect us and you from the evil of such people and from their deceit and craftiness. These matters have been mentioned so that all the friends who are gazing toward the All-Merciful may not fall prey to the snares of certain crafty souls. Verily He is the Protector, He is the Guide, and He is the Forgiving, the Generous.

O imprisoned brother, that is, his honor Aqa Abdul-Baqi! God willing, may you ever be manifest with steadfastness and be adorned with trials in the path of Truth. Your letter arrived and brought the utmost joy, and all that was written therein became known, and the names that were sent arrived. Your mention and that of the other prisoners is continually remembered before the Throne. Blessed are you for having attained to this most exalted, most impregnable, most holy, most mighty, wondrous and invincible station. Convey on behalf of this evanescent servant sublime greetings to all the friends and say: Blessed are you for having attained the wine of tribulation in the path of God, the Lord of Names; and blessed are you for having turned to the Face in the Kingdom of Creation; then blessed are you for having outstripped all creation in recognizing God, the King of the Kingdom of eternity, and for being with His Name, Jamal, morning and evening. By the Truth itself, were I to repeat the word ʻblessedʼ unto the end that hath no end, it would still be little compared to the enkindling of your hearts in the love of God, our Lord and the Lord of the heavens and earths. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant

And concerning what you wrote about his honor Aqa Siyyid Hasan, the special deputy of the Most Holy Branch—may my spirit be a sacrifice for the dust of His footsteps—that he had sent a dagger: it arrived. Convey greetings on behalf of this evanescent servant to him and to Muhammad Beg who were mentioned in your letter. God willing, may all attain to divine bounties and remain steadfast in His Cause. Today steadfastness is beloved. Consider Mir Abdul-Baqi: he attained the honor of faith and dwelt beneath the shadow of the Countenance, then through the buzzing of a fly became deprived of the cooing of the Dove. We beseech God to grant him success in returning and to preserve His loved ones from the evil of those who have denied God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. Let all the friends in the Land of Ta study this letter, and likewise send a copy thereof to the Land of Kaf, and convey greetings on my behalf to the friends in that land. Upon them be the glory of God, and upon them be the fragrances of God and His mercy which hath preceded all worlds. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH00645: Praise be to God Who hath strengthened His Afnan…

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

Praise be to God Who hath strengthened His Afnan with such might as can be altered neither by the cawing of the divines, nor the clamor of princes, nor the braying of the ignorant, nor the croaking of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of Names. And praise be to God Who hath aided His chosen ones with such aid as shall not pass away throughout the dominion of earth and heaven—they through whom

the suns of faith have shone forth and the horizons of certitude have been illumined, through whom the sign of unity appeared in creation and the token of detachment amidst all peoples, through whom every unifier became unified, every submissive one submitted, every prostrate one prostrated, every learned one learned, every knower knew, every rememberer remembered, every speaker spoke, and every glorifier glorified his Lord, the Creator of earth and heaven.

And praise be to God Who hath favored all created things with the manifestation of His Most Great, Most Exalted Name, whereupon all names were transformed, the hearts of the wretched were disturbed, the hearts of the near ones were assured, the Concourse on High rejoiced, and the dwellers of the cities of eternity were gladdened. Glorified be He Who hath distinguished between all things through His Most Exalted Word, whereby He hath taken the essences of existence and left behind the accidents at the stations of allusions and limitations. Verily, He is the One Worshipped, the Educator of the seen and unseen. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Loving.

May my spirit be sacrificed for you! What can this heedless servant mention that would be worthy of your hearing, and what can this ignorant one present that would merit the attention of that Beloved One? For mere nothingness to show a trace of existence is a grievous sin, and for utter non-existence to claim being is a great error. I seek forgiveness from God for what I have said and say, have mentioned and mention, have described and describe, and for how I have moved and move, have spoken and speak, have acted and act. For in truth, when this servant observes himself with fairness, he has not seen and does not see himself worthy of anything, and all words and mentions are seen as evanescent and non-existent before the rising of the sun of meanings, and all lofty attributes and exalted names stand perplexed in their own station, ever beseeching and hoping that the True One, exalted be His glory, will not remove from them the garment of acceptance. Indeed Unity itself, despite its lofty station and exalted rank, declares:

O my Lord! Thou art He Who chose me, distinguished me, elevated me, empowered me, and magnified me to a station where Thou didst speak through me and caused all things to speak in remembrance of me. But by Thy glory, O Beloved of the world and Goal of the nations, I ever cling to the hem of the robe of Thy bounty and grace, lest Thou shouldst withhold from me this most exalted station and this most resplendent, lofty rank. For shouldst Thou abase me, cast me out, and elevate mine adversary in my stead, Thou art indeed able to do this and powerful over it, and none can prevent Thee from exercising Thy sovereignty and will. I have testified and do testify at all times that nothing can prevent Thee from exercising Thy power, might, authority and choice.

Here is something that occurs to me to mention, and the true purpose is to prove the nothingness and effacement of this ephemeral one and engagement in remembrance of that Beloved. In this case there would be no harm in elaboration and detail. Once the Ancient Beauty journeyed to the land of Taff [Karbila], and in those days the Cause was very well concealed, such that no one had any knowledge of it. In that land a group had gathered who occupied themselves day and night with expressions of divine unity, counting themselves among the believers. However, their concept of unity was in reality the source of misbelief and the origin of multiplicity.

Were this servant to explain this matter in detail, the discourse would exceed moderation. In any case, these souls did not turn to the Most Holy Court—that is, they did not attain the honor of His presence. However, Jinab-i-Ismu'llah Haji Siyyid Javad (may the Most Glorious Beauty of God rest upon him), who resided in that land, would continuously attain His presence and was also part of that group. Yet endless love for the Beloved of the worlds was evident from him, such that despite that group's prohibition, he was not deterred and would attain His presence most of the time. Finally, one day He said: "O Javad! Despite these people claiming to love and counting themselves among this company, how is it they have not observed the customary courtesies and have not inquired after Us?"

Then the Euphrates of utterance flowed from the Source of divine wisdom in such wise that the hearing ear perceived the glorification and sanctification of God, exalted be His glory, from all things. Until one day Jinab-i-Ismu'llah brought with him a person known as Shaykh Sultan. The Ancient Beauty said: "O Shaykh! This unity with whose mention you occupy yourselves night and day, and because of which you consider yourselves rich and independent—if God, exalted be His grandeur, were to erase this unity or roll up its carpet and place it under the throne, what then would you have and with what remembrance would you occupy yourselves?" And at this point such utterances were revealed from the Dayspring of divine knowledge that both Jinab-i-Ismu'llah and the aforementioned Shaykh were set ablaze by the heat of His words.

In brief, after some time that entire group attained to true unity. In the words of the author of the Mathnavi: "The withered fish fell into the sea, the lost caravan found the path of guidance."

In this case, the mention and thought of this servant and the highest stations of the Bayan in these days have been and will be utter nothingness. The people are heedless and ignorant, unaware of the greatness of the Cause, roaming in the valley of ignorance and perceiving not, hastening in the wilderness of error and knowing not, walking in the desert of wrath and understanding not. Observe ye the person whose name is Ahmad. Despite having submitted several petitions to the Most Holy Court and likewise to this servant, and despite his show of faith, certitude, knowledge and steadfastness, the tempestuous winds of vain desire returned him to the lowest depths of the fire. Now the station of steadfastness that hath been revealed in the Tablets of God becomes evident. In numerous passages this verse hath been revealed from the Divine Pen:

> "Verily this Day is great, great, and the Cause is great, great."

I swear by the Sun of Beauty that hath risen from the horizon of glory that were a soul to truly comprehend the loftiness of this Revelation and that which hath been manifested in its days, he would regard the world and all therein as non-existent and as naught, and all the world would be powerless to prevent him. How many base and worthless souls are observed who have yet to distinguish between the croak of the raven and the cooing of the dove! We beseech God to open their eyes and draw them nigh unto Him through His grace upon them. Verily He hath ever been self-sufficient in His sufficiency and independent of those who believed then disbelieved, who turned towards Him then turned away, through His exalted Word uttered aforetime: "O ye people! Ye are poor in your need of God, and God is the Self-Sufficient, the All-Praised." I conclude with "There is no power nor strength save in God."

Regarding the sum mentioned, according to His command that amount should reach Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty, in Hadba' that he may distribute it among the captives of that land. The sooner this matter is accomplished, the more beloved it is in the sight of God and His loved ones. Other details of affairs will be mentioned by Ismu'llah Mihdi, upon him be the Most Glorious of all Glory. This servant is ashamed before all the friends due to excessive writing, for he hath not and will never be able to make mention of them as befitteth. From all he hopeth for pardon.

This servant hath submitted a letter to Ismu'llah Ha', upon him be the Glory of God, which will come to your notice. It would be very good if a copy thereof, after thorough correction, be sent to the land of Sh and Y, for some people are weak and have no understanding of matters—at the mere hearing of a croak they are seen to waver. Where are the mighty hearts? Where are the powerful souls? Where are the steadfast feet? Where are the firm and well-grounded souls? Where is he who said "Say: God—then leave them to their vain discourse"? "Verily we are God's and unto Him shall we return." It would also be well-pleasing if a copy of this petition be sent to those regions, that perchance the people may take heed.

BH00713: I call God to witness—and His angels, His Prophets…

He is God—exalted be His station, the All-Glorious, the All-Powerful, the Most Great.

I call God to witness—and His angels, His Prophets, His chosen ones, His saints, His loved ones, His well-wishers, and His dear companions—that the revelation of verses from God, the Lord of Names and Attributes, hath reached such a degree that the sincere are powerless to number them, and the writers unable to set them down. They descend at morn and at eventide, in the watches of the night and at the ends of the day. And I, with my own infirmity and the infirmity of all beneath me in committing them to writing—how can I busy myself with aught else, or contend with the loved ones of God by words of mine which neither avail nor bear fruit? By the life of God! My heart hath yearned to make mention of the loved ones of God; yet I find no leisure to speak of them in a remembrance that would truly reflect my state and befit my lowly self. Wherefore, in every condition, I beg of them forgiveness, that God, out of His grace, may forgive them likewise. Verily He is the Pardoning, the All-Forgiving.

At all times my heart, my tongue, and my pen long to commemorate the friends and the noble ones; yet this frail servant is occupied with such a matter that he findeth not the opportunity, even to hearken unto his own remembrance, to set down a single word. Therefore, should delay occur in reply, or an interruption ensue, forgiveness is hoped for.

Thy letters have arrived one after another; and, as they were adorned with the ornament of the mention of the Lord of Names, great joy and expansion were vouchsafed. Yet from the circumstances that have befallen thee, deep sorrow appeared. Nevertheless, if in truth one consider it, whatsoever befalleth for the sake of God, in the Cause of God, in the path of God, and for the good-pleasure of God, is, and ever shall be, an abiding bounty; for no deed hath been, nor is, without recompense and requital, and the reward of goodly acts is recorded in the Book of God, and shall endure throughout the continuance of His Kingdom and His dominion. Therefore shouldst thou not be grieved by the things that have come upon thee.

Your petitions were presented in the Most Holy Court, and this is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke forth:

O Ali-Akbar! When thou didst stand before the Throne in that luminous Presence, the Kingdom of divine utterance enjoined upon thee wisdom, that in all thine affairs thou shouldst have regard unto it, and that every soul should act, without sedition or clamour, in accordance with that which hath been made manifest from the Source of the Divine Will, that the servants may attain unto that which He hath purposed.

Wisdom is a substance, attracting by its very essence the remote to the seat of nearness, and drawing the stranger to his homeland. They whose hearts are set upon the vanities of the world and who are beguiled by transitory stations shall never be awakened nor roused from the sleep of heedlessness save by means known unto God alone. The wisdom mentioned in the Books and Tablets hath ever been, and shall remain, the very foundation of this Foundation. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Should the hand of power draw aside the veil from this station, and that which is with God be made manifest, all would bear witness that whatsoever hath flowed from the Supreme Pen is indeed the well-beloved and the guide unto the desired goal. Thy letter hath been read in the presence of the Countenance, and We have answered thee with these words, through which the Sun of the knowledge of thy Lord hath shone forth. Blessed is the people that knoweth! None attaineth unto it save the sincere. End.

Concerning what you wrote about teaching the Cause, we beseech God to confirm you in this mighty matter. O My beloved! The heart of this evanescent one is aflame like a blazing fire, for we observe that the Truth is manifest, the Kingdom of utterance is resplendent, and the Day of God is witnessed; yet souls who purely for the sake of God remind people and call them to the truth are as rare as the philosopher's stone. How many lands have remained without cultivation and tillage, how many lands were tilled and cultivated but remained without water, and how many lands whose harvest time has come but there was no harvester to harvest them! Yet through the wonders of divine favors and the manifestations of the compassion of the All-Merciful, there is hope that souls will appear with heavenly characteristics and engage in teaching the Cause of God and educating all who dwell on earth.

That which causes and effects the attraction of hearts and purification of souls has been detachment from all save God. Blessed is the soul who becomes intoxicated with the choice wine of divine utterance and speaks the mention of the Friend in the assemblage of the world. This intoxication increases consciousness and brings existence into non-existence. There is no end to the explanation of this station. He, verily, is the Expositor, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

In all circumstances, the friends of God and the drinkers of the spiritual wine must observe wisdom and hold fast to what God hath revealed in the Book. Convey My greetings to the friends and loved ones in the land of Ta, and likewise to those who have been imprisoned in the path of God. Blessed are they! The world has had and has no worth, and all deeds shall become non-existent and perish except the deeds of those souls who have arisen for the sake of God—the traces of such deeds shall never be erased from the book of creation.

Hereafter they must observe the utmost vigilance lest anything contrary to wisdom should appear, for this matter has been revealed in most of the Tablets, and that which has flowed from the Most Exalted Pen has been and shall ever be productive and the source of fruits. God willing, be occupied at all times with serving the Cause and hold fast to that which the Intended One hath desired.

The names of the friends of God that were mentioned in your letter were all presented before the Presence. Blessed are they that their names were mentioned in the Most Great Scene, then joy be unto them for they shall have a goodly return. God willing, may they remain steadfast in the Cause of God, for this matter is most mighty, not like some who are moved by every wind, follow every breeze, and are drawn to every call. Convey to all, on behalf of this evanescent servant, sublime greetings. We beseech God to adorn them with the garments of steadfastness and cause them to speak His praise among all creatures. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Convey My greetings to the honored son of the servant, Aqa Muhammad-Taqi. God willing, may they ever be successful in transcribing the verses of God, for there is no deed more beloved than this. The specimens of writing which they had requested were presented to the Most Great Branch—may my spirit be a sacrifice for the dust of His most pure footsteps. He said:

> "You yourself are witness and can testify that due to the abundance of divine Tablets to be transcribed, there is absolutely no time or opportunity available."

And truly it is as He has stated, for even when He repairs to the outskirts of the city for recreation, the Tablets accompany Him and He remains occupied with them there also.

Observe how continually petitions arrive from all cities, lands, and from the various regions of this land. The transcription of the Divine Revelation is specifically assigned to this servant, while the transcription of Tablets is entrusted to the Greater Branch—may my spirit be sacrificed for the movement of His pen. In truth, it is through God's power that we manage to accomplish even this much, otherwise it would appear extremely difficult in outward terms. We beseech Him for assistance in all conditions, for verily He is the Gracious Helper.

This servant's complete submission is that your honor should be engaged, with the utmost effort and attention, in fostering love and unity among the souls. The discord that occurred in that land has truly been a cause of the wastage of God's Cause. The friends were saddened by it while the enemies were gladdened. This matter is most grievous in the sight of God. Under all conditions, all must hold fast to the cord of unity, in such wise that no one should detect the slightest trace of discord among the loved ones of God.

Today, which is the Lord of Days and the King of all times and seasons, the radiance of the All-Merciful should be witnessed in the countenances of those who believe in God.

In any case, this matter of discord caused universal grief and darkened the world. God willing, this fire of discord shall be extinguished by the heavenly stream of love and unity, so that all may attain to that which God has willed. The Glory be upon you.

BH00804: How sweet was that fragrance when it wafted! Blessed…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious!

How sweet was that fragrance when it wafted! Blessed was the moment when this evanescent servant attained unto the perusal of that spiritual friend's letter, which was adorned with the ornament of the love of God. Nothing today hath been or shall be the cause of the heart's joy save the sweet-scented perfumes of Divine love, and no matter shall bring comfort save turning unto Him and abiding beneath the shade of the Tree of His grace. In the Hidden Words He saith, the essence of which is this: Though thou traverse all the regions of earth and heaven, thou shalt find no rest save in the shelter of My mercy. In such wise, the joy and comfort of the friends of Truth lie in their occupation with His remembrance and their firm adherence to the cord of His love.

Thy letter brought such joy as this servant is powerless to describe. In truth, the delight of these servants lieth in the fragrance of the Merciful's love which we inhale from one another. Woe unto them that have cast behind their backs this praiseworthy station and have taken that which was forbidden them in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Loving. O spiritual friend! Observe the baseness of the nature of the heedless souls: though the dawn of inner meanings hath broken, and the winds of the springtime of the Merciful's bounty have blown, and the fragrances from the garden of divine knowledge have been diffused, most men are occupied with inhaling foul odors and following vain imaginings. Destruction and remoteness be upon them!

This servant, in the days when the verses were being revealed and written down before the Throne, observed that mention of steadfastness, its stations and its nobility, was revealed more abundantly than other themes. And this servant was perplexed, for he had not supposed that after this Most Great Revelation, by whose rays the very embodiment of steadfastness had been adorned and the head of certitude crowned with a wondrous new diadem, anyone would be seized with perturbation, or that doubt would overtake any soul after attaining unto certitude. He had beheld those who had drunk the wine of God's love to be as firm and immovable as mountains, and had observed the people of God to be as a solid structure. Never had he imagined that a soul would become heedless of the Sun and cling to the shadow, or that after beholding the light one would turn unto darkness—until in these days some of the mysteries of the frequent revelation of verses concerning steadfastness became clear and evident. Thus hath the buzzing of flies, nay less than that, prevented some from the Lord of Lords and caused them to slip from the straight path.

By my Lord! Every kind seeketh union with its kind, and every branch returneth to its root. As mentioned, a certain one from the land of Kaf, through the whisperings of one now perished, hath in the land of Ta strayed from the extended path and been deprived of the Lord of existence. Lost indeed are the seeker and the sought, the rememberer and the remembered, the hoper and the hoped-for, the commander and the commanded. One is utterly amazed at such a being's lack of faithfulness and steadfastness—nay, the very essence of amazement beholdeth itself amazed. However, in view of the supreme compassion and mighty favor which all are commanded to show today, one must strive with the utmost endeavor to reform souls, that perchance doubting hearts may be illumined with the lights of certitude and troubled

souls adorned with the ornament of assurance. Therefore it behoveth that honored one, to the extent of his power, to be engaged in service to the Cause and remind the deluded souls, for the people are weak and ill, and have ever been in need of a skilled physician. We beseech God to heal them and open their eyes, their ears, and the doors of their hearts. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

This servant at all times beseeches and hopes that the True One, exalted be His glory, may bestow upon all from His generous hand the wine of steadfastness, that they may not be deprived by foul winds from the fragrant musk of divine knowledge, nor by turbid waters from the ocean of life. Verily, He is the Bestower, and He is the Ordainer, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Another matter which has caused boundless grief is the discord in that land. By God, it darkens the heart of joy and gladness and sullies the hem of might and delight. Discord among the loved ones is a fire that consumes good deeds and actions. Today the glory of God's Cause lies in the unity and harmony of those who seek the Ka'bah of divine knowledge, and this matter has become the cause of grief to the Ancient Beauty, for it exalts the word of unity yet wastes the Cause through discord. To this testifies every fair-minded and discerning one. You must strive with utmost determination that the sun of unity may dawn from the horizons of hearts, and that the flames of discord may be quenched by the waters of remembrance and utterance.

Furthermore, your letter was presented at the Most Holy Court, and its horizon was adorned with the crown of verses and sent forth. God willing, they will attain unto it and write their news daily, for the mention of a beloved by a beloved is counted among the sweet delights of the eternal Paradise. Convey the Most Glorious, Most Wondrous greetings to Haji Mirza Kamalu'd-Din, upon him be the glory of God and His mercy. This time this servant had no opportunity to write anything to him, as he is occupied day and night with the recording of verses. I hope for his pardon. Convey wondrous greetings to the friends of that land, and I beseech God to make them so steadfast in the Cause of the All-Merciful that they will see the loftiness of earth's mountains and their weight as more insignificant and lighter than a fly's wing, and that they may not be deprived by any deceit or stratagem from the Lord of all causes. We beseech God to protect all through His grace and give them to drink of the Kawthar of steadfastness. Verily, He is the Lord of Oneness and the Master of creation. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

All who circle the Throne of the All-Merciful and dwell near the mercy of the Lord send their greetings. If you would send a copy of this letter to the land of Kaf, it would be most beloved, that all may become aware of steadfastness and its stations.

Again it is submitted that if you meet Mir ʿAbdu'l-Baqi, tell him to consider the Tablet that was previously revealed specifically for him, that perchance he may be reminded or fear. This servant mentions some verses of that blessed Tablet. His exalted Word:

Stand thou firm in the Cause in such wise that neither the veils of the people of creation prevent thee, nor the doubts of any uncertain learned one disturb thee. By God, he who has recognized the One to be recognized is the knower, and he who has turned to the Known One, he indeed is the true learned one whom God has made to be among the letters of the Book… Verily, he who has believed is among the

companions of guidance amidst humanity, and he who has turned away is among the people of tyranny before thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Say: Given these conclusive divine exhortations and verses of transcendent, eternal glory, how is it that you have passed by the Source of knowledge on the word of an ignorant one, and have turned away from the breezes of revelation, drawn to the exhalations of error? We beseech God to guide him and make him steadfast in the Cause of God. This is the most glorious, most exalted, most sublime station. Until one succeeds in rending asunder the veils of majesty, it is difficult to attain to this station, save whom God willeth.

BH00911: The essence of praise and glory befitteth Him alone…

He is Most Holy, Most Ancient, Most Great, Most Powerful, Most Exalted, Most Glorious

The essence of praise and glory befitteth Him alone Whom the mystics, possessed of the secrets of reality and utterance, have found themselves powerless to know, and before Whose absolute Being they have confessed their utter nothingness. I testify that He hath been sanctified beyond both eternity and perpetuity, how much more beyond all creation and extinction. For the eternity that can be described by tongue or characterized by utterance is not, and never shall be, worthy of Him. Hearts and minds are bewildered in comprehending even a single one of His signs—how much more bewildered must they be in knowing His Essence, which transcendeth all mention and description.

He hath created the whole world through His Primal Word, and all do acknowledge and confess this truth. Yet none hath ever understood that Word, let alone its Creator and Source. For if it be claimed that this Word is like unto words that flow from the tongue, this would be sheer injustice and pure fabrication, since such words are subject to extinction while the Word of God is sanctified therefrom. And if it be said that it is of the words that flow from the pen, this too is bounded by contingent limitations, while the Divine Word is exalted above such constraints.

This evanescent servant beareth witness that this Word hath never been subject to extinction or annihilation, nor hath it been confined by expressions and meanings. None knoweth it save the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. When the powerlessness of all to know His Word is established, who then could possess the strength and ability to soar in the heavens of knowing the King of the Word? All contingent being hath testified to its impotence and extinction, and knowledge itself hath confessed its inadequacy and inability. Exalted, immeasurably exalted is He above whatsoever is mentioned in the realm of contingent being! Exalted, immeasurably exalted is He above whatsoever is defined by utterance! We beseech Him, exalted be He, to grant us success in speaking that which He hath permitted us and in acting according to what He hath commanded us in His firm, transcendent, impregnable, mighty and inaccessible Book.

Your letter addressed to this evanescent servant was received. Praised and thanked be God that you are occupied with the mention and glorification of God. As for what you mentioned regarding Ibn Sh J, God willing, he hath been and shall continue to be victorious. We beseech God to aid him in all conditions to champion His Cause through wisdom and utterance.

Regarding what you wrote about the association of certain companions with them—this matter is certainly outside of wisdom, for if such souls become too well known, they will no longer be able to serve the Cause as they should. All the loved ones of God and those who drink from the wine of inner meanings must reflect on this matter. Today all are commanded to observe wisdom, as the divine Books and heavenly Tablets bear witness. Therefore, they must at all times keep their gaze fixed on wisdom and hold fast to it. Observe how throughout the history of the Cause, whenever wisdom was lacking, it led to the extinguishing of souls, the perturbation of hearts, and the avoidance of the people of the earth. Divine mercy has taken precedence and His grace has encompassed all.

Today those who are adorned with the ornament of faith must strive with the utmost effort to engage in matters that draw people near and guide the deniers and the doubtful to the horizon of certitude with utmost kindness and love. Most people are heedless of the Truth and unaware of the surging oceans of generosity and bounty. Their suppositions and desires have prevented them from the Most Exalted Horizon. They know not what has appeared in the world, for they are afflicted with the diseases of ignorance. The maladies of the people of the world must be cured through the breaths of holy, pure, and detached souls. O my brother, such souls have been and will be rare to find.

However, I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to raise up souls in every land who will arise to serve His Cause as befitting and who will detach themselves from self and all else in the path of His love. Had the loved ones of God acted upon the compassionate divine counsels until now, the earth would surely have been transformed. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to raise up in every land those who will voice His praise and act according to what is commanded in His Book, and who will hold fast to His good-pleasure, which He has made the ultimate goal for all humanity. Verily He has power over whatsoever He willeth. None can stay His dominion, none can repel His sovereignty, and none can turn back His decisive, firm, and mighty command.

Furthermore, the loved ones of God must today be manifestations of divine wealth and independence. In this way, their words will prove effective in hearts. Among all breezes, the breeze of detachment and independence is like the spring winds that cause human fruits to appear in the contingent world. Blessed is he who attains to this glorious and exalted station. The Supreme Pen has at all times commanded His loved ones to that which exalts the Cause of God, but few are found who act accordingly. Convey sublime greetings from this evanescent one to all the friends of God in those regions and say: These are the days of service and the days of love. God willing, all must drink from the Kawthar of affection in complete unity. Discord causes the dissipation of God's Cause while unity causes its exaltation. He has said, and His word is the truth:

> "Adorn your temples with the ornament of humility, your hearts with the ornament of love and unity, and your tongues with His glorious and beautiful remembrance."

And the details of your letter were at one time presented before the Most Holy Court. His exalted Word:

O ʿAli-Akbar! We have enjoined upon all men that which beseemeth the Days of God. Some have accepted and acted upon that which was commanded, and others have cast it behind their backs. Blessed are they that have acted accordingly. It behooveth every soul to hold fast unto that which hath been sent

down in the Tablets from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. He hath desired naught for Himself, but hath summoned all to that which shall profit them both in this world and in the next. To this testifieth the Tongue of Grandeur in His Most Great Prison. Glorified be they who have fulfilled the Covenant of God and stood firm in His wondrous Cause. We make mention of those who have adorned themselves with the raiment of steadfastness amidst all creation. These are the people of Baha in the kingdom of creation. Upon them rest My glory and My mercy that hath encompassed all worlds. Give thanks unto God for having been mentioned before His Throne, and for having thy name flow from the tongue of the Wronged One in this glorious station.

God willing, may you be occupied at all times with the remembrance of the Self-Sufficing Lord and be gladdened by His love. The glory shining forth from the Dayspring of Glory be upon the people of Baha.

BH01039: Praise be to God Who is unique in His…

He is God, exalted be His glory, majesty and power!

Praise be to God Who is unique in His utterance, sanctified from all sight, and holy beyond what is mentioned in the realm of possibility. He is indeed the Single One Whom the Manifestations of uniqueness have not known, and the One before Whose praise the Dawning-places of unity stand powerless. He has ever been, in the loftiness of His station and the exaltation of His glory, beyond the understanding of all else. He it is Who sent forth the Messengers and revealed the Books that His servants might know His mighty Message and His straight Path. Among the people are those who have turned towards Him and found the fragrances of the days of His Manifestation, and among them are those who turned away, following those in the graves. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid all to turn unto Him and to cling to His pure, holy and luminous robe.

Thereafter, your letter, which was penned with the ink of love and affection, brought joy to our heart. Praise be to God that you and your kindred are enkindled with the fire of the Divine Word and have attained the recognition of the Manifestation of Divine Unity. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, that He deprive not His loved ones of the Most Great Ocean. He is indeed the Powerful, the Mighty.

At a specific time your letters were presented before the Most Holy Court, and answers descended from the heaven of grace. However, due to the volume of correspondence and other matters, this servant has not found the opportunity to write to you, as each day travelers arrive bearing letters from many believers, and this servant is occupied day and night writing countless replies. God willing, you should not be saddened by this delay in response and will accept this servant's apology.

Regarding your intention to turn towards the Most Holy Court, it was presented, and He said:

> "It is most evident and clear that those who drink from the cups of recognition ever seek and yearn for the presence of the All-Merciful, for in truth He is the Cause of creation, the reason for existence, the Ultimate Goal and the Most Remote Mosque. However, as the decree of wisdom has descended from the heaven of the Divine Unity, all friends must observe it and act according to its requirements. He ordaineth for whomsoever He willeth the reward of attaining His presence. He is indeed the Wise, the Just, the Single One, the All-Informed. Blessed is he

> who acteth according to that which he hath been commanded. We testify that he is among the successful ones."

Regarding what you wrote about the newborn child belonging to you and Aqa Siyyid Muhammad, it was presented before the Most Holy Court. He said:

> "Today these names are beloved before the Throne: Diya, Badi', Husayn, and ʿAli. You and your brother may choose whichever one you desire."

And concerning what you wrote about the matter of marriage, this matter was conducted in the Most Holy Court in the presence of holy spirits, divine temples, and a group of pilgrims and residents. The Tongue of Grandeur specifically spoke regarding this matter.

Furthermore, the timing of the wedding celebration is left to your discretion. Whenever it takes place will be good and acceptable in the sight of God. Delay in these matters is not permissible. Moreover, They have stated that sending tablets to that land is not advisable at present and would be unwise, which is why few are being sent. Nevertheless, the face of divine favor remains turned toward the friends of that land, and the intention of all is witnessed before God, and deeds done for God's sake are acceptable to Him. No soul appears among the sincere except that it is witnessed before God. Praise be to God, all have been and are beneath the Lote Tree of the Utmost Boundary. They must at all times beseech God not to be deprived of this supreme bounty, this greatest gift, and this imperishable sustenance, and to remain firm and steadfast in all conditions. Alas, a hundred thousand times alas, that people remain heedless and veiled from the grace of these days. All have been created specifically for the Days of God and His meeting, yet today all remain wandering in the wilderness of idle fancies. Observe, then remember what the All-Merciful has revealed in the Qur'an:

> "The Day when mankind will stand before the Lord of the Worlds."

Blessed is the soul that today has attained the wine of certitude and, through divine power and might, has become distinguished from the people of doubt, uncertainty, conjecture and fancy. Blessed be the assured ones, and woe to the doubters. Those who doubt meeting their Lord are, by God's life, among the heedless, the veiled, and the abased.

The petition of Aqa Siyyid Kazim achieved presence before the Throne. His words, exalted be His glory:

> "O Kazim! We have heard your call and what you composed in praise of your Ancient Lord. We beseech God the Exalted to grant you success and ordain for you what benefits you. He is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have read your verse and prose—thank God for this and be among the joyous ones. He indeed hears the call of whoever turns to Him. He is the Protector of the doers of good."

Likewise, the petition of Aqa Siyyid Ahmad was presented before the Throne, and the Sun of Grace rose from the horizon of bounty specifically for him. God willing, may all hold fast to the cord of servitude and cling to the hem of divine favor.

Convey greetings and praise on behalf of this ephemeral one to all the friends of that land, and likewise to the honored brothers, the children of our master, and the nephew Muhammad-Husayn. Praise be to God, all are mentioned in the Most Holy Court.

As commanded, I am to write to you that in these days it is incumbent and obligatory upon all the friends to conduct themselves with the utmost wisdom among the people. No one should do anything that would cause tumult and commotion among the servants. You and the other friends must exert mighty effort and strenuous endeavor in this matter. The glory of God be upon you and upon your mother and your family from God, the Lord of the worlds, and praise be to God, the Object of the knowers.

BH01054: In the name of God, He is the Most…

In the name of God, He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Praise be to God Who hath subdued the world through the Most Great Name, through which the All-Merciful revealed Himself unto the son of Imran on the Sinai of utterance and caused him to hear the sweetest call from the Tree of Eternity, that verily there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Wise. Through it were the hearts and souls enkindled with the fire of longing, and every yearning one hastened to the ocean of nearness and reunion, and every seeker was drawn to the Supreme Horizon, and every one who turned did turn his face toward God, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Blessed is he who hath clung unto it, detached from those who disbelieved in God and denied His presence after having been promised it by the tongue of the Prophets and Messengers. I testify that they are in doubt concerning the meeting with their Lord, and I bear witness that they are among the most lost in the perspicuous Book.

Praise be to God Who hath manifested what He promised us and made us to be among those who have attained to hearing His call and have turned toward the Dayspring of His Revelation and have spoken His beauteous praise. This is the Day wherein hath appeared that which was treasured from all eternity and concealed within God's knowledge. By God! The eyes were created for this Day, and the ears to hearken unto the rustling of His Most Exalted Pen, and the tongue for His sweetest praise, and the heart for the love of God, the Lord of all worlds.

Thereafter, thy letter reached this evanescent servant. I read it and found therein the fragrance of thy love for our Lord, the Lord of the heavens and earths. We beseech God to strengthen thee and those who are there and who have turned to the Ultimate Goal and the White Pearl, and who have held fast to the Sure Handle, and who have turned their hearts to God, the Master of the Last and the First. We ask Him, exalted be He, to preserve them that there may appear from them that which beseemeth this blessed Day wherein the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the Single, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

God willing, may you be enkindled at all times with the fire of the Tree of divine knowledge and be gladdened by His remembrance. That which is in truth everlasting and enduring hath been and shall ever be the love of God and steadfastness in His Cause. Praise be to God that thou art occupied with service to His Cause. Whoso is for God, God shall be for him, and assuredly in all times shall divine confirmations

encompass the conditions of those accepted souls who in these days have turned toward the Supreme Horizon.

Mulla Muhammad-Shafi', upon him be the Glory of God, wrote a letter to this servant and forwarded the names of those who have, through divine grace and heavenly confirmations, attained unto the wine of meanings. All the names were presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, and from the Dawning-Place of generosity and grace, loving kindness was shown to each one, one after another. Praise be to God for this, for the Point of the Bayan, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake, hath said that all things exist that they may be mentioned in His presence. Blessed are those mentioned souls whose names were remembered before the Divine Throne and who have all attained unto the remembrance of God. God willing, it is hoped that specially for each one of them wondrous and exalted Tablets will hereafter be revealed from the heaven of God's Will and sent forth.

Since a letter was previously submitted to Mulla Muhammad-Shafi', this time, due to the extensive writing of the verses of God, there was no opportunity to trouble him again. At a time when this servant was present in the Most Holy Court, He commanded: "Write to the Imam, upon him be the Glory of God." His word, exalted be His majesty: "O Imam! Give thanks unto God for having attained unto His presence and for having drunk the Kawthar of reunion from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the Munificent Bestower. We make mention of thee even as We mentioned thee before, and We counsel thee to observe wisdom, lest that occur which would disturb the hearts of those who have turned towards God."

In all circumstances, he and the assured souls must be mindful of wisdom, lest the barking of dogs be raised. All are commanded today to observe wisdom. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Wronged One hath, from this forbidden place, turned His face towards those who have turned to God in thy region, that they may rejoice and give thanks unto their Lord, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Convey greetings from God to all and remind them of God's bounties, that they may be gladdened thereby.

This servant further submitteth that I convey greetings to Mulla ʿAbdu'l-Ghani and the other true friends, and as commanded, the passages they had written were presented at the Most Holy Court and were accepted. Blessed is he, again blessed is he, and blessed are they who have attained unto the knowledge of God and His love, which was the cause of creation. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to adorn all the loved ones of that land with the ornament of steadfastness and, through His perfect power, to make each one shine like a brilliant lamp, that they all may become the cause of guidance for those who wander in the wilderness of error. Verily, He hath power over all things.

And concerning what was written about Fathu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, regarding his intention to journey to the desired land, it was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. He said that since the Imam had attained unto the presence, in these days it is not advisable for anyone to outwardly turn towards the desired quarter. He ordaineth for whomsoever He willeth the reward of those who have attained unto His presence, beheld His countenance, and heard His call. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Say unto Fath: Be patient, for thy Lord shall grant thee the reward of those who have drunk the wine of reunion. Be steadfast in the Cause and give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

And this evanescent servant conveyeth infinite greetings unto him. Furthermore, Aqa Mirza Ja'far-Quli intendeth to journey in that direction, but since his affairs were not in order these days, it has been delayed. God willing, he will later journey to that quarter. The Glory be upon you and upon those who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

BH01122: In His Name, the Most Holy, the Most Great…

In His Name, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Wondrous, the Most High, the Most Glorious!

Praise be to God Who hath shone forth with the lights of Beauty upon His Name, the Beloved. Thereupon appeared Paradise anew with all therein of trees and fruits and flowers and rivers and mansions and chambers, and all the countenances therein spoke that which the Tongue of the Revealer of Verses had spoken: verily there is no God but Him, and He Who speaketh is indeed the Wronged One in all regions amidst the people of dissension.

And praise be to God Who hath shone forth with the lights of Glory upon His Name, the Dearly-Beloved. Thereupon appeared the Garden of Immortality and all other gardens beneath it, and therein was created that which the pens are powerless to describe. And everything therein testified to that which God hath testified: verily there is no God but Him, and He Who speaketh is indeed the Hidden Treasure and the Concealed Mystery. Whoso attaineth unto Him hath attained unto the presence of God, and whoso turneth away from Him hath turned away from God, the Lord of the Day of Mutual Divorce.

And praise be to God Who hath uttered a Word whereby the world was attracted and the peoples were gathered together, and through another Word the names were separated and the greatest differentiation appeared among men. Exalted is God, the Lord of Destiny, through Whom appeared the Most Luminous, Most Pure Prospect, the station whereby the horizons were illumined. We testify that there is no God but Him. He hath ever been sanctified beyond all conjectures and imaginings, and He will ever continue to be what He hath always been. All things testify to His grandeur and His sovereignty, and every mention testifieth to His loftiness and His exaltation, except those who have clung to the frailest of houses and turned away from the House of God, the Manifest, the Speaking One amidst the world, through Whom hath appeared the Dawning-Place of Divine Unity and the Dayspring of this Effulgence.

And furthermore, your letter addressed to this servant arrived, but it caused sadness as it mentioned discord among the friends, even though these are days of fellowship and harmony. O my brother! The Supreme Pen has commanded all to love, affection, fellowship and unity, for unity has been the cause of the exaltation of the Cause while discord leads to its dissipation. I beseech Him, exalted and mighty be His glory, to enable all to inhale the fragrance of the revealed words, for if today all who are on earth were to discover the fragrance of the words of the Lord of Names which have flowed from the Supreme Pen, all would arise with their souls to serve Him, would move according to His will, and would breathe by His desire.

In these days which are in truth the source of all days, and in this age which is the king of ages, the friends of the All-Merciful should strive with the utmost joy and fragrance to attain lofty stations and enduring

ranks, for the world is seen to be as a shadow that exists one moment and is gone the next. The upright souls who have turned to God should hold fast to the cord of His grace and exert their utmost effort that perchance some service may be rendered by them for God's sake, the effects of which will remain and endure in the world. If one would awaken even slightly and reflect upon the changes in the world, everything that exists therein, even while appearing to exist, testifies to its own transience and extinction. Blessed are they of insight who today have not been deprived by any veil from the Most Great Vision and who day and night are occupied with uniting hearts and bringing souls together.

Man's life passes like the winds, and this passing is hidden from sight and heart. Blessed is the soul who has burned away the veils of heedlessness with the fire of remembrance and has gazed upon things with the eye of insight. People are heedless and unaware of the radiant lights and diffused fragrances of these days. By the Educator of existence and the Sovereign of the seen and unseen! Were they to become aware and conscious, they would renounce themselves and all the worlds in the path of the Friend and would act according to that which God has willed.

God willing, you will gird up the loins of service and occupy yourself according to your capacity with uniting hearts. Man is prone to error, for the Most Great Infallibility belongs exclusively to God Himself. We should pray for one another that the Truth, exalted be His grandeur, may preserve all and shelter them beneath the shadow of His grace. Say to the friends that today is the day of steadfastness, for the manifestations of doubt and uncertainty lie in wait at all times. Hold fast unto God and consider all else as non-existent and void, and be not troubled or saddened by certain matters, for no one has been or ever will be able to change the appointed time and determined hour. With the utmost joy and gladness drink from the cups of mystical knowledge in the name of the Beloved of all creation. Verily He is with you under all conditions and aids you through the agencies of the heavens and the earth. He is indeed the Almighty, the Powerful.

We beseech God that He may strengthen you to engage in His praise and glorification and service to His Cause. Mention was made of you before the Divine Throne, and a most holy and exalted Tablet was revealed and sent down from the heaven of God's will. God willing, you shall attain unto it. We supplicate God that He may enable all to love and please Him, and to remain steadfast in His Cause—the Cause whereby hearts have been perturbed and feet have slipped. And praise be to God, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

BH01205: Praise be to God Who hath spoken the Most…

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

Praise be to God Who hath spoken the Most Exalted Word whereby the veils of names were rent asunder. Thereupon arose the clamor of the divines who opposed God, the Creator of heaven. We testify that they were thunderstruck when the Greatest Trump was sounded from the presence of God, the Lord of destiny. We testify that they were as dead when the Greatest Manifestation appeared, the sun was darkened and the moon was eclipsed. We testify that they were abased when the most luminous horizon dawned and the Hidden Countenance shone forth. We testify that they were bewildered when the Sovereign of Names came and was made manifest to all created things through His most beautiful names

and most exalted attributes. Glorified be the Lord of nations Who hath appeared with the Greatest Name. He is indeed the Ever-Living Who dieth not and the All-Powerful from Whom nothing escapeth. Within His grasp is the dominion of the kingdom of the heavens and the earth.

Thereafter, the Servant received your letter from which wafted the fragrance of love and affection. We beseech God to assist you, to strengthen you, and to ordain for you the reward of those who attained His presence. He is verily the Powerful, the All-Giving, the Generous.

Regarding what you wrote about hardship having overtaken the friends of God and that communication between them has been cut off—this servant's expectation of the friends of Truth is that in such times they should occupy themselves with the remembrance of the Lord of Names and Attributes. This is a day wherein all must associate with utmost eagerness and longing, and speak in remembrance of God. However, they must observe wisdom and conduct themselves such that no matter might arise to cause sedition, for in most of the divine Tablets the commandment of wisdom hath been revealed and all have been bidden to observe it. Blessed are they that act accordingly.

Say: Be not grieved by hardship and what hath befallen you. Soon shall ye behold ease from God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. God willing, divine invisible assistance hath encompassed and will continue to encompass the friends.

As to your question regarding those souls who have harmed the people of truth or caused their death—whether such souls shall have any portion in God's infinite worlds or shall be deprived: These souls are of two kinds. If they witnessed reprehensible deeds from the friends of God while being unaware of the Manifestation of God's Cause, there is hope for their salvation. However, if someone commits such reprehensible acts against the friends of God purely out of passion and rejection of truth, such a one was never and will never be worthy of divine favors, and shall remain deprived and tormented in all the divine worlds.

Regarding your request for the Hidden Words in Arabic and Persian—consider the manifold occupations of this servant. The land of Qaf is but one province; observe how many divine Tablets and letters from this servant reach that land yearly, all of which this servant must write. Likewise for the lands of Ta, Ya, Za, Sad, Kaf, Ta, the lands of Kha, India, and other regions too numerous to mention. Divine verses are sent to all these realms in like manner. In such circumstances, you yourself can testify that I have had and have no time, and were it not for divine assistance, this servant could never have fulfilled this service. I praise Him for enabling me to serve Him despite my unworthiness.

Some friends should not be saddened by delays in correspondence, for nothing has been neglected within my capacity. However, divine verses and heavenly rains are descending in such measure that pen, ink and tablet are powerless to describe. Nevertheless, if any shortcoming occurs it is due to lack of time, and I hope for forgiveness from all.

Your petition was presented to the Most Holy Court, and its beginning was honored with divine verses. God willing, it shall reach you. All that was written on the back of the letter from the handmaiden of God was presented in its entirety before His presence. He said that God, glorified and exalted be He, hath mentioned and continueth to mention His friends among His male and female servants, and His glance of

favor is directed toward them. Whatever divine wisdom requireth shall surely come to pass. They should not be grieved by separation. He ordaineth what He willeth for whom He willeth and recordeth for such a one the reward of attaining His presence. He is verily the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Today all must observe the divine ordinances and act according to what hath been revealed therein. They must avoid any matter that causeth corruption and discord among the loved ones. All are commanded to wisdom and unity. Blessed are they who attain and act accordingly.

Verily, glory and radiance be upon you and upon the loved ones of God in that land.

BH01231: O Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli, hearken unto the call of the faithful…

In the Name of the Compassionate, the All-Merciful Lord!

O Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli, hearken unto the call of the faithful Beloved, Who calleth from the Most Glorious Horizon, saying: O My servant and son of My handmaiden! We have hearkened unto thy call and heard thy whispered prayer. At all times hath the glance of loving-kindness been directed toward them that have turned unto Him, and ever shall it be thus. No soul hath arisen to befriend another save that he hath entered the precincts of the true Friend.

O Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli! If thou shouldst inhale the sweet-scented breezes wafting from the direction of the mercy of the Lord of creation, thou wouldst, with all thy heart and soul, utter these words and cry out among the servants in My Name: O servants! I swear by the Beauty of the Beloved that this is the mercy that hath encompassed all created things, and this is the Day wherein the divine bounty hath embraced all beings.

O ʿAli! The fountain of My mercy floweth and the heart of My loving-kindness burneth, for never hath the Friend desired that His loved ones be overtaken by sorrow or touched by grief. When My Name, the All-Merciful, heard a word from My loved ones contrary to My good-pleasure, He returned to His place sorrowful and grief-stricken. And My Name, the Concealer, whenever He beheld someone engaged in exposing another's faults, returned to the Most Holy Court in utmost sadness, lamenting and bewailing. And My Name, the All-Forgiving, when He witnessed any transgression from My friends, cried out and fell unconscious to the earth. The angels of the Divine Command bore Him to the Supreme Horizon.

By My Life! O Nabil-Qabli-ʿAli! The burning of Baha's heart is greater than thine, and His lamentation more intense. Whenever an act of rebellion from any soul was made manifest in the Most Holy Court, the Ancient Beauty, out of shame, desired to veil His countenance, for He hath ever gazed upon faithfulness and acted in accordance with its requirements.

When thy words were mentioned before the Divine Countenance, the ocean of My faithfulness surged, and the breezes of My forgiveness wafted, and the Tree of My loving-kindness was stirred, and the heaven of My bounty revolved. I swear by the Sun of the eternal horizon that I am saddened by thy sadness and grieved by thy grief. Thy sigh hath penetrated the Most Glorious Pavilion and reached the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court. Thy cry was heard and thy lamentation reached the ears of the Ancient Lord. Blessed art thou, then blessed art thou! Thy confession appeared in a wondrous form before the

Chosen One in His retreat, and thine acknowledgment shone forth with an exalted adorning in the presence of the All-Forgiving. Thou dost acknowledge and I am the Acknowledger; thou dost confess and I am the Confessor, for I acknowledge thy services and the hardships thou hast endured in My path. All atoms bear witness to My love for thee.

O ʿAli! This call of thine is most beloved. Write, speak, and summon the people to the direction of the Lord of the worlds with such fervor and attraction as shall set them all ablaze. Say:

O my God, my Beloved, my Mover, my Attractor, the One Who calls in my heart and the Beloved of my inmost being! Praise be unto Thee for having caused me to turn to Thy countenance, to be enkindled with Thy remembrance, to call out Thy Name, and to voice Thy praise. O my Lord! O my Lord! Were heedlessness not to exist, how would the standards of Thy mercy be raised and the banners of Thy generosity be unfurled? And were error not to be declared, how would it be known that Thou art the Concealer, the Forgiver, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise? My soul be a sacrifice for the heedlessness of those who are heedless of Thee, for through it pass the breezes of mercy of Thy name, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate. My being be a sacrifice for the sin of those who sin against Thee, for through it the winds of Thy grace and the fragrant musk of Thy favors are made known. My essence be a sacrifice for the disobedience of those who disobey Thee, for through it the sun of Thy gifts has shone forth from the horizon of Thy bounty and the rains of Thy generosity have descended upon the realities of Thy creation.

O my Lord! I am he who has acknowledged every transgression and confessed to that which none in all creation has confessed. I have hastened to the shore of Thy forgiveness and dwelt beneath the shade of the pavilions of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee, O Lord of Eternity and Sovereign of the worlds, to manifest through me that which will cause spirits to soar in the atmosphere of Thy love and souls to wing their flight in the heaven of Thy intimate companionship. Then ordain for me, through Thy sovereignty, such power as shall cause all created things to turn toward the Dayspring of Thy Manifestation and the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation. O my Lord! Make me wholly annihilated in Thy good-pleasure and steadfast in Thy service, for I love life only that I might circle round the pavilion of Thy Cause and the tabernacles of Thy grandeur. Thou seest me, O my God, detached from all save Thee and humble before Thee. Do with me as befitteth Thee and beseemeth Thy majesty and well becometh Thy court.

O Ali! Thou hast been and art favored by the grace of the Lord of the Worlds. Through His might and power, arise to assist His Cause and exalt His remembrance amongst His servants. Be not grieved that thou possessest not outward learning and penmanship. The doors of all bounties are within the grasp of God’s power; He hath opened them and will continue to open them to the faces of His servants. God willing, may this sweet fragrance waft at all times from the direction of thy heart throughout the world in such wise that its fruits become manifest in every land. He is powerful over all things. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Most Powerful, the All-Compelling.

BH01321: Praise be to God Who is one in His…

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

Praise be to God Who is one in His grandeur and power, Who is peerless in His glory and authority. He doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty, and none in the kingdom of creation can prevent Him from that which He desireth. He giveth to drink unto them that have recognized His oneness from the Kawthar of bounty, and unto the sincere that which causeth them to turn toward the Most Exalted Horizon. These are servants who speak not except by His leave, and breathe not except by His permission. They recite the verses of God and seek their meanings from their Revealer Who speaketh betwixt earth and heaven. Verily, there is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. How excellent is he who hath found the fragrance of that which God hath willed and hath followed that which He hath ordained in His perspicuous Book.

This evanescent servant submitteth that may you ever be blessed through divine favors and heavenly bounties, and may you at all times partake and share with others the Kawthar of the recognition of the Lord of all worlds. Whatsoever appeareth today in the path of God hath been and shall forever be. By Him Who hath caused all things to speak His praise and hath subjected all souls to His sovereignty, every word that is uttered today by any tongue for the love of God shall appear in a wondrous form in the divine Kingdom, enduring throughout the sovereignty of God—manifest, resplendent, speaking and present. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the chalice of sincerity in the days of God and hath arisen to that whereby His Cause is exalted and that which is in His mighty, glorious and wondrous Book is made manifest.

One night when this evanescent servant was present in the Most Holy Court, He said: Write to K.D.—upon him be the Glory of God—that today your duty is to guide all people to love and unity, and with the utmost diligence to remove through kindly counsel from among the friends such matters and utterances as cause division. For division hath ever been and shall ever be the cause of disgrace, while unity is the source of exaltation. Hold fast unto that which the Wronged One commandeth thee from this mighty prison. Verily He remembereth thee as He hath remembered thee before. Thou hast a station with thy Lord—preserve it and be of the thankful ones. You have always been remembered in the presence of the Wronged One and, God willing, shall continue to be so. The glance of His loving-kindness hath been directed toward you. You must occupy yourself with utmost determination in serving the Cause so that all may soar on the wings of unity in the heaven of the love of the Lord of creation. And should there arise any difference regarding the meaning of any of the divine utterances or verses that have been sent down, inquire so that the purpose may become clear to all.

This evanescent servant submitteth that your responsibilities have now increased, for permission hath been granted to Aqa Muhammad Javad to proceed to that quarter. In truth, in that land you and Jinab-i-Samandar must be engaged in the promotion of the Cause of God with perfect fellowship and unity, with such steadfastness that none among the peoples of the world shall be able to prevent it. For this is the day of service, this is the day of remembrance and praise, this is the day of deeds in the path of God. Assuredly any word that appeareth today for the sake of God and His love shall influence hearts and cause all to be set ablaze. God willing, I hope that the light of unity may shine forth in that land and all may occupy themselves with the remembrance of God upon the carpet of love, fellowship, affection and unity. The very unity of the friends of God hath been and shall ever be the cause of guiding mankind.

If you wish news of this land, although all regions are disturbed and shaken, as has been detailed in the blessed Surih of Ra'is and elsewhere, yet this land is outwardly tranquil at present. Although it has been said that the land of prison has not yet become tranquil, and within its mystery lies concealed a disturbance—its knowledge is with God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. All the friends in this land send their greetings, and request that on behalf of this evanescent one you convey my greetings to those who drink from the Kawthar of inner meanings who reside in that land. This time there was no opportunity to write anything to Jinab-i-Samandar, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], as the work of writing has reached such a point that this servant is occupied day and night. God willing, he and his brother must forgive me.

In closing, we beseech God to grant you success and assist you in serving His Cause, and to protect you from those who have turned away from His sovereignty and disputed His verses. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the All-Hearing, the Answerer. The Glory be upon you and upon His loved ones in that place, both young and old.

BH01372: In the Name of Him Who is the Most…

In the Name of Him Who is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Sacred, the Most Glorious!

Praise be to God Who hath manifested in the kingdom whatsoever He desired and decreed for His servants in the hereafter that which draweth them nigh unto the Kingdom of Guidance, in such wise that neither the might of the mighty nor the power of princes could frustrate it. He raised His call from the Prison of ʿAkka and summoned all creation unto His most sublime horizon. Among the people some attained, and others turned away from this supreme gift.

Exalted is God, the Lord of all beings, above the acceptance of those who have turned towards Him and the rejection of those who have turned away. The faith of all created things profiteth Him not, nor doth the denial of all existence harm Him. He hath ever been, through His name the Self-Sufficient, independent of the worlds, and through His name the Sovereign, supreme over all nations. Every possessor of dominion is possessed before His presence, and every man of learning is ignorant before the manifestations of His knowledge. Eyes are dazzled by the effulgent splendors of His countenance, and vision is bewildered before the dawning rays of the Sun of His Cause. Every possessor of knowledge hath confessed his powerlessness to know Him, and every possessor of understanding his perplexity in comprehending His Essence.

I bear witness that there is none other God but Him. He hath distinguished between the worlds through His Most Great Name, and made those who have turned to the horizon of Revelation to become the dawning-places of love and concord and the daysprings of mercy and unity. He then chose from among them servants whom He raised up to champion His Cause and exalt His Word throughout creation, sheltering them beneath His loving care and causing them to abide under the shadow of His bounty. These are they who have aided His Cause under all conditions. Upon them rest the Glory of God, the Self-Subsisting.

My spirit be a sacrifice for your standing firm in the Cause of the Self-Subsisting Lord of the heavens and earth. Though this servant hath repeatedly [undertaken that which] hath caused you trouble, several things have prompted this ephemeral pen to move and emboldened it. First is the intoxication of that blessed Countenance—may the Glory of God rest upon Him—with the wine of oneness, for in truth the heart by its nature and the pen by its character have regarded and continue to regard the mention of your honor as a blessing, and it is evident to those possessed of insight that whosoever in this day ariseth to serve God's Cause is mentioned before the Divine Throne and in the presence of the Concourse on High. After establishing this station, though mention by this servant neither nourishes nor enriches, yet as the purpose is to express sincerity, God willing it shall not cause trouble but rather shall prove acceptable.

Another reason is the burning of this ephemeral one's heart, for he observes that while the Sun of loving-kindness is shining, the ocean of mercy is manifest, and the heaven of grace is raised high, most people remain heedless thereof and persist in hypocrisy, regarding mercy as vengeance and glory as abasement. With a hundred thousand deceits and schemes they have sought and continue to seek to harm the Lord of all causes. However, in His hand is the kingdom of all things; He will cause to flow whatsoever He willeth, and the word "God will perfect His light though the unbelievers are averse" hath been and shall remain fulfilled, despite them and those who cleave to idols. Each morn and eve they witness some souls pass away and observe the instability and faithlessness of the world, yet these unaware people remain submerged to their throats in the clay of hopes and desires. We beseech our Lord, the All-Merciful, to deliver them through His grace and save them from this overwhelming calamity, to cause them to hear His sweetest call and to behold His most sublime horizon. Verily He is the Almighty in both the beginning and the end.

So it was that in these days, as Shaykh Salman was preparing to attain the presence of His Holiness, this brief attempt was made. The petitions which had been with him were sent beforehand, and after a delay of two years, whatsoever reached the Most Holy Court received its answer from the heaven of grace. This time most of the petitions were adorned with the crown of mention by the Lord of Names, that it might serve as a testimony for those souls—that is to say, above the petitions was inscribed a gracious reply. Though much delayed, yet the authors thereof, whether living or dead, have attained to the traces of God, for it hath been repeatedly heard from the Tongue of Grandeur that the living and the dead among the loved ones have one and the same station at the Most Holy Court. Well is it with them! And for some, even though the beginning of their petitions was adorned with divine verses, a separate Tablet was also specifically revealed for them. God willing, his honor Shaykh will be enabled to deliver them, for most had sent petitions from various regions. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the One Who causeth to reach, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH01457: Praise be to God Who hath sent down…

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

Praise be to God Who hath sent down from the heaven of eternity the rains of generosity that the hearts of the people of the world might be verdant thereby, that they might arise from the graves of

nothingness and speak forth the Most Great Name, whereby the horizon of utterance hath shone forth and that which was hidden and concealed from the eyes of all creation hath been made manifest.

Exalted is the All-Merciful Who hath sent down the Book and commanded all to show humility, submissiveness and supplication. He, verily, is the Ruler from time immemorial. There is none other God but Him, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

And praise be to God Who hath chosen for Himself glory and grandeur and hath forbidden all from drawing nigh unto this most exalted station. Blessed is he who hath acted according to that which God, the Lord of Names, hath commanded, and woe betide him who hath followed his desires and turned away from that which God, the Source of power and majesty, hath ordained.

And now, thy letter was received and thy lamentation was heard from its words. This servant, the attendant, was greatly astonished by such unseemly matters, for today all are commanded to show humility, submissiveness, love, fellowship, affection and unity. It is strange that Jinab-i-Nabil should have become the cause of thy sorrow. This much I say: that the Truth hath loved and continues to love His loved ones, and whosoever today acteth according to that which hath been revealed in the Tablets shall surely receive an even greater measure of His favoring grace, both now and in the future. And know ye this much: this servant was greatly saddened by thy letter.

This is a day wherein all must fix their gaze upon the horizon of God's Cause and partake of the wine of inner meanings which hath been prepared in the special wine-cellar of the Lord, drinking and offering it to others in the Most Great Name, the All-Glorious. It is a pity that in these days, souls who have accepted the Cause and who gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon should be occupied with themselves. In all conditions they must speak such words and perform such deeds as will cause the exaltation of God's Cause and bring assurance to the hearts and souls. The Truth, exalted and glorified be He, hath never been and will never be pleased with such matters. Be thou assured of the grace of our Lord, the All-Merciful, then beseech Him to enable me and thee to remember and praise Him, and to cleanse us from that which beseemeth us not, and to protect us from those who have wronged during the days of God and believed not in God even after He came with manifest sovereignty.

In any case, be not grieved by such matters. If anger appeareth from one of the loved ones, fix thy gaze upon the Sun of loving-kindness of the Truth which dawneth from the horizon of grace, and if withdrawal is observed from one of the friends, be not saddened thereby but look to the expansiveness of the Truth. I swear by His holy Being that were the entire world to appear before Him, He would regard all with the glance of favor and adorn them all with the ornament of His grace. And as for Jinab-i-Nabil, forgive him from thy heart, for man is prone to error. We all fix our eyes upon God's pardon, grace and forgiveness. Though from Jinab-i-Nabil an undesirable action occurred regarding thee, yet he had formerly endured numerous afflictions in the path of the Beloved of the world. Therefore we must pray for one another and seek forgiveness. Today the heaven of grace is raised high and the ocean of mercy is surging. We must all beseech the peerless King to adorn all with the garment of forgiveness. Know ye this much: the Truth Himself knoweth and is aware of all that transpireth. Be thou assured and be of the thankful ones.

At one time this servant attained the presence of His Most Holy Court and outwardly presented the contents of the letter. He showed favor and this blessed word shone forth and appeared from the Source of the Lord's Command. His exalted Word:

> "We have commanded all to act with goodliness. Blessed is he who holdeth fast unto it and is of them that act."

Though harm befell thee, yet that harm became the cause of divine favor, even as thy mention was made at the Throne and the expression of favor shone forth and appeared from the Dayspring of mercy and loving-kindness. We thank our Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, and we praise Him in all conditions. He, verily, is the Compassionate, the Generous. Convey greetings on behalf of this evanescent one to all the friends in that land, and the Glory be upon you, O loved ones of God.

BH01521: Pure praise and the essence of glorification befit my…

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

Pure praise and the essence of glorification befit my Beloved, Who hath ever been sanctified beyond the understanding of the mystics and the descriptions of the learned, and will ever remain exalted above the comprehension of whatsoever beareth a name among all names. All tongues speak His praise and all existence is turned towards His direction; nevertheless, He hath been and will ever be beyond mention and beyond sight, for whatsoever proceedeth from the tongue of creation and is encompassed by the understanding of His servants is contingent, while the Ancient Being hath been and will ever be sanctified beyond renewal and contingency, and exalted beyond allusion and limitation. Through pure bounty and grace He hath been made manifest through the Most Great Name, that all may be illumined by the effulgences of the lights of His Revelation and attain unto the cup of His presence, which hath been interpreted as the meeting with God.

We should praise the Truth, exalted be His glory, with a hundred thousand tongues, for He hath accepted the confession, acknowledgment, mention and praise of His servants; otherwise, in truth, every speaker is observed to be speechless and every learned one ignorant. Thoughts cannot know Him, eyes cannot perceive Him, and mention cannot reach Him. He is, verily, the Sanctified, the Exalted, the Inaccessible, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Thereafter, this evanescent servant, by virtue of the deputyship bestowed, hath acted at the beginning of each month—that is to say, in each month he hath attained, in thy stead, the presence of the Beloved of the worlds. We beseech God, exalted and mighty be He, to strengthen thee at all times. He is, verily, the Powerful, the Almighty.

The letter thou didst address to this servant arrived, and its perusal brought the utmost joy. As to what thou hadst written, that "this insignificant atom who was known for patience hath now fallen into such a state that I constantly beseech patience from the Source of grandeur and majesty"—this matter was mentioned in the presence of the Beloved, Who smiled and said: "Praise be to God that thou hast been blessed with divine favors and hast drunk from the Kawthar of meeting. This is a bounty that hath had and shall have no like or equal, for how many were the servants who hoped and yearned to be honored

and blessed with this supreme bounty in the Days of God. Yet when the horizon of darkness was illumined by the morning star and the herald of the promised Day appeared, all remained occupied with their own desires and were veiled from the lights of the Sun of Revelation, save those whom thy Lord did choose." Know thou the worth of this station and preserve it in the treasury of thy heart.

God willing, may ye ever be enkindled with the fire of divine love and sustained by the fruits of the tree of patience and resignation. In any case, do not abandon your former ways. If your intimacy with Him hath diminished, He, in view of the former fellowship, will not withdraw His hand from you. Ye should, God willing, be occupied with the utmost joy and fragrance in the remembrance and praise of God, and likewise hold fast to one of the outward professions. It hath been heard that thou hast chosen seclusion. Today is the day of healing and medicine. God willing, treat the chronic diseases of heedless souls with the medicine of divine knowledge, and outward healing is not incompatible with inward healing. Praise be to God, thou art confirmed through divine confirmations.

Convey greetings to the friends in that land. We beseech God to preserve the friends of that land from discord, for the harm of discord is beyond reckoning. Although in most divine Tablets the command of love and unity hath been revealed and sent down from the Supreme Pen, nevertheless in some lands they have clung to vain imaginings and have become the cause of discord. However, it is hoped that the friends of that land will be engaged in the remembrance of the Lord of creation with the utmost love and unity, all gazing unto the supreme horizon and acting in accordance with that which hath been revealed in the Tablets, not regarding every speaker as truthful, and clinging to such deeds and actions and character as will cause the upliftment of God's Cause and manifest true humanity. Blessed is he who walketh this straight path. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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BH01504: In the Name of our Lord, the Most Exalted…

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most Impregnable, the Most Holy, the Most High, the Most Glorious!

Praise be to God Who hath manifested Himself in the horizons, at one time through His Name, the Best-Beloved, whereupon the hearts of His lovers were set ablaze with longing for His presence, and at another time through His Name, the Self-Subsisting, whereupon the veils of fancy were consumed and knowledge was confounded. Through Him the near ones arose to celebrate His praise and remembrance, and through Him every one that standeth hath stood firm, every speaker hath spoken, and every seeker hath turned unto Him. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who hath manifested Himself unto all creation through all His names, as a token of His grace. He is verily the Omnipotent Who hath ever been in the heights of glory, might, and majesty, and will ever continue to be what He hath been. There is none other God but Him, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

O beloved! I have received thy letter, and this evanescent servant became aware of it at a time when my heart was burning, mine eyes were weeping, and my tongue was crying out at seeing the people heedless

of the Living Waters and turning away from the remembrance of the All-Merciful, through Whom the Hidden was revealed and the Treasured Secret was disclosed. I know not by what countenance they who have turned away from the Face of God, after all else hath perished, can yet turn, and how long they shall wait. Woe and destruction be upon them for what they have earned for themselves on this Day which God hath sanctified above all other days.

In truth, it is a source of a hundred thousand wonderments that while the ocean of divine favors is surging, the Sun of inner meanings is shining, and the heaven of bounty is raised high, all remain veiled, occupied with their own idle fancies and rejoicing therein. They have cast aside the Most Pure Wine and have taken the murky dregs. They drink thereof and perceive not.

In such a state as hath been mentioned, this evanescent servant attained unto thy luminous letter. Verily, the sweet fragrances of divine love were inhaled therefrom, perfuming the nostrils of the soul. I beseech God, exalted and glorified be He, to confirm thee at all times that thou mayest be engaged in the service of the Cause of God.

Regarding what thou didst write concerning the deputy of the maternal uncle of his honor the Emigrant—upon them both be the Glory of God—it brought the utmost joy and delight. God willing, may they ever drink from the ocean of divine bounty and be engaged in His remembrance, that the ears of true divine knowledge may sprout forth from their hearts. Convey my greetings unto them on behalf of this evanescent one. Likewise, regarding his honor Aqa ʿAli-Akbar, God willing, he will soon turn with the utmost devotion.

O beloved of my soul! There hath never been and will never be any refuge, shelter, protector or asylum for anyone. Ere long thou shalt witness how all will turn toward the horizon of divine bounty. Most people are unaware and know not what matter hath appeared in the world. How many of the divines and worshippers who were in complete rejection last year, and this year their petitions of return, supplication and repentance have reached the Most Holy Court! Were all who are on earth to gather together in the hour when verses are sent down from the heaven of the Will of our Lord, the All-Bountiful, they would surely confess their impotence, shortcoming, and ignorance, and the power of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting—let alone any other station.

In any case, at an appropriate time this evanescent servant attained the Most Holy Presence and presented thy spiritual letter and its contents. From the horizon of grace, bounties were observed in person concerning thee and the souls mentioned therein. Previously also, a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed specifically for thee and sent through Jinab-i-Amin—upon him be the Glory of God. God willing, thou wilt attain unto it. Likewise, thy other letter which thou hadst written through his honor the Khan—upon him be the Glory of God—arrived and brought the utmost joy. The response thou hadst mentioned therein was also presented. The lips of the Beloved smiled, and the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, saying:

> “Blessed is he for what he hath attained. It behooveth him to thank his Lord, the Bestower, the Generous, at all times.”

His honor the Name of God M.H.—upon him be the Glory of God—mentioned thee in the Most Holy Presence. Blessed art thou for this supreme attainment.

BH01609: Praise befitteth my Beloved Who, through a single drop…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most High

Praise befitteth my Beloved Who, through a single drop from the ocean of His knowledge, bestowed the garment of existence upon all creation. And this drop is none other than the Primal Word which, at the time when the Ancient Beauty was established upon the Most Great Throne, He uttered. It is the Sun of Truth through whose rays the realm of hearts and souls hath been illumined. It is the True Cup-bearer Who, from time immemorial and unto all eternity, hath bestowed and continues to bestow the choice wine of inner meanings upon the world of humanity. How blessed is the one whom earthly doubts have not held back from the divine horizon, and whom the murky troubles of the material realm have not deprived of the spirituality of the worlds of oneness. I beseech God, exalted and glorified be He, that He withhold not from the people of the earth the effulgences of the Sun of grace, and that He guide them all to the supreme horizon. Verily He is the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And then, it is submitted that your letter, from which wafted the fragrance of love, was received. In truth it brought joy to the heart and gladness to the soul. God willing, may you ever abide beneath the shade of the bounty of the Self-Sufficing Lord, and with the utmost effort and endeavor be occupied in spreading His mention with perfect wisdom. As to your expression of inability to adequately praise and glorify God—this very admission of powerlessness is itself a perfect praise and an acceptable mention. Praise be to God that you have been confirmed in acceptance and certitude of a Cause at whose mere mention most of the earth's peoples have been thunderstruck. This is a blessing whose bounty none but God, exalted be His glory, hath reckoned or ever shall reckon. Were the pen to gallop in the arena of this theme, surely the clamor of all would be raised from every direction.

After your letter was read in the Most Holy Presence, that which was written was submitted. He spoke, and His word is the truth:

> "We beseech God to assist him, to strengthen him, and to grant him the good of this world and the next. Verily He is the Protector of the doers of good."

That which at this point was manifested from the Dayspring of bounty—this servant is powerless to set it down.

Regarding what you had mentioned about Haji Abdullah, that you had appointed him as representative to submit a petition—this matter was presented. He said:

> "We have heard mention of him and recognized his turning to the Supreme Horizon. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to him and say: Blessed art thou in that the breeze of grace hath wafted over thee in this wondrous Day. Place thy trust in God in all matters and say: O my God! Enable me to do what Thou lovest and approvest. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful."

From this servant also convey greetings to him. God willing, we hope that with perfect steadfastness he may drink of the choice wine of recognition at all times. And if you meet Haji Abdullah, convey greetings to him from this servant as well. He was mentioned in the Most Holy Presence. From what is understood, certain souls have caused him difficulty. In any case, he is commanded to wisdom—he must act with wisdom. Trust in any soul is not permitted. Since the decree of wisdom hath been revealed in the Tablets beyond counting, all must look to it. And God willing, we hope that the hardships they have borne in the path of God may lead them to its fruits.

Furthermore, you had mentioned Haji Muhammad Ali as well as Aqa Abdullah. All the names mentioned in your letter were presented in the Most Holy Presence. Convey greetings from this servant to all of them. And further, as per your deputization in the manner you had written, this servant attained the honor of visiting it, and whatever you had written was presented in the Most Holy Presence. He said:

> "God willing, they have been and shall be the recipients of divine bounties. Sufficient for him is what the Tongue of the Wronged One hath spoken in this exalted station."

BH01735: God brought forth the people of the world…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Lord of grandeur and power

God brought forth the people of the world from utter nothingness into the realm of being specifically for the recognition of His sacred Essence. There is and has been no doubt that recognition of the unknowable and exalted Essence is impossible except through recognition of the Dawning Places of His Revelation and the Daysprings of His Cause, for that sacred Essence has ever been and will forever be sanctified above manifestation, appearance, mention, recognition, description and praise. Since the door of recognition of that Ancient Being was closed, He, out of pure grace, manifested the Dawning Place of verses and the Dayspring of evidences, that all might attain unto His knowledge, which is identical with the knowledge of God. He is the Manifestation of God amidst creation, for His commandments are the commandments of God and His word is the Word of God. He is the Dawning Place of all the most beautiful names and the Manifestation of the most exalted attributes. Whosoever attains unto Him attains unto all good, and whosoever turns away from Him is counted among those who have turned away from God.

All creation has hoped and yearned to attain the presence of the Manifestation of Revelation, which is identical with attaining the presence of God. Yet when the divine Morn dawned and the Most Great Light rose above the horizon of the world, all remained veiled and turned away, save whom thy Lord willed. Through one blessed word that shone forth from the Dayspring of the mouth of the All-Merciful, the measure of all people's deeds became clear and evident, and through that same word a distinction was drawn between the righteous and the wicked, and between the people of Paradise and of the Fire. Yet most are unaware and have not yet awakened from the slumber of heedlessness. They remain content with this transient world and are deprived of the everlasting bounty.

Blessed art thou, then blessed art thou, for having believed in God when most of creation turned away from Him. Be grateful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds. Praise be to God that through the grace of the All-Merciful thou hast drunk from the living waters and turned toward the supreme

horizon. Know thou the value of this bounty. All that is in the world shall perish and pass away, while this most exalted and glorious station shall endure for thee eternally. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee. By God! All the treasures of earth cannot equal it. Blessed are they that understand.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O God, Lord of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen! Thou seest me turning toward the horizon of Thy manifestation and clinging to the hem of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee, O Beloved of the worlds and Lord of the nations, by Thy Name through which the spirit of life was breathed into all possibility, to assist me to be steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that the imaginings of the idolaters among Thy creatures shall not hinder me. Then make me to be among them that have arisen to serve Thee and aid Thy Cause, and ordain for me the good of this world and the next through Thy generosity and grace. Verily Thou art He Who hath ever been powerful through Thy will and supreme through Thy purpose. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thy letter was presented before the Countenance and the fragrance of thy sincerity for the sake of God was inhaled therefrom. The servant in attendance in the Most Great Presence read it with utmost joy and delight, and all the Concourse on High hearkened unto it. Blessed art thou, O thou who gazeth upon the Countenance and speaketh in remembrance of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the Compassionate. Every word of thy letter is better in the sight of God than what the divines of the age have written throughout their lives regarding what they imagine to be God's laws, for those souls did not attain unto the knowledge of God which is the essential purpose, but rather arose in rejection and opposition. But thy letter found acceptance with God. This is the most great reward that hath flowed from the Pen. Know thou this and be of the thankful ones.

BH01812: Praised be He Who has favored man with utterance…

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

Praised be He Who has favored man with utterance and made him the dayspring of exposition in the contingent world. Exalted be the All-Merciful Who adorned him with reason and through it manifested justice, that He might complete His favor upon His servants. Blessed is he who has turned away from desire and held fast to that which was commanded by God, the Lord of all beings and the Sovereign of the hereafter and of the first life, Who adorned the world with His Most Great Name and made it a straight balance among the nations. Verily He is the One Whom God made utterance a gift unto Himself and a leaf from among the leaves of the paradise of His remembrance and utterance, and Who testified to His sanctification above the indication of every indicator, the knowledge of every knower, the utterance of every utterer and the description of every describer. Yea, by His might, this is the truth—whoso holdeth fast unto it shall live, and whoso turneth away from it is accounted among the most lost in the perspicuous Book.

And now, the servant's eye hath been gladdened by your letter, and from it he found the fragrance of your love, your faithfulness, your sincerity and your arising to serve the Cause of God, our Beloved and the Beloved of the heavens and earths. I beseech God to preserve you and grant you the good of the hereafter and this world, and to assist you at all times to say as one hath said: "Speak Persian though Arabic is more pleasing."

It is submitted that the messenger arrived and attained the presence of the Desired One, but his coming was without permission. Glory be to God! Despite your constant writing that you prevent the friends from turning towards the Most Holy Court so that none might move without God's leave, nevertheless groups arrive each day and after returning speak as they wish and say what they desire, save whom God willeth. There is no doubt that some souls upon returning relate and report according to their own desires, and this matter has been and is a cause of harm which none comprehend save the wise ones. That which the Truth, glorified and exalted be He, has ever commanded the loved ones to do and will continue to command them to do, has been for the good of all, but none hear it save the sincere ones. If a soul truly looks to God's consummate wisdom in what He commands, he will certainly not move contrary to God's will, with complete contentment and submission. The people know not their own good, and most do not accept from the wise counselor. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist all to do what He loves and is pleased with.

If you wish news of the Most Great Prison, it remains in the same condition that you observed. No new matter has arisen, and the affairs of the rebellious city were submitted before. That which the All-Merciful revealed in the Tablets has come to pass. His honor Mulla Ali-Akbar, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], previously set out and a detailed petition was submitted to that Beloved One, and likewise his honor Abu-Badi, upon him be the Glory of God, with a detailed petition. I beseech the True One, glorified and exalted be He, to make all the loved ones of that land steadfast in His Cause and to adorn all with the ornament of love and unity, that the fragrance of discord may be utterly cut off and they may engage in teaching God's Cause with perfect wisdom and sanctity. This is the matter that has been and will be the cause of the exaltation of God's Word and the turning of souls to the supreme horizon. Blessed is he who acts according to what was commanded, and woe to the heedless ones.

The Glory be upon you and upon those with you who have spoken the truth and followed His clear and straight path. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH02224: In these days the Supreme Pen speaketh…

In the name of the Wise Speaker

In these days the Supreme Pen speaketh in the Persian tongue, that the birds soaring in the heaven of divine knowledge may find the utterance of the All-Merciful, and attain unto that which is intendedâ€“perchance they may be preserved from the mischief of the insistent self, may discern the faithful from the treacherous, and distinguish the one who turneth toward God from him who standeth exposed and averse.

Certain erring and deceitful souls have sought to withhold men from the commandments of God and to guide them unto His prohibitions; and yet they ascribe themselves unto the Truth. Verily He is quit of them. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness thereto, and beyond it all the Tablets, and beyond them every evening and every morning.

Some have regarded it as lawful to infringe on the integrity of the substance of their neighbor, and have made light of the injunction of God as prescribed in His Book.

Evil fall upon them, and the chastisement of God, the All-Powerful, the Almighty, afflict them! By Him Who shineth above the Day Spring of sanctity! If the whole earth were to be converted into silver and gold, no man who can be said to have truly ascended into the heaven of faith and certitude would deign to regard it, much less to seize and keep it. We have formerly referred to this subject in passages revealed in the Arabic tongue, in a language of exquisite beauty.

God is Our witness! Whoever hath tasted the sweetness of those words will never consent to transgress the bounds which God hath fixed, neither will he turn his gaze towards any one except his Well-Beloved. Such a man will, with his inner eye, readily recognize how altogether vain and fleeting are the things of this world, and will set his affections on things above.

Say: Be ashamed, O ye that call yourselves the lovers of the Ancient Beauty! Be ye admonished by the tribulation He hath suffered, by the burden of anguish He hath carried for the sake of God. Let your eyes be opened. To what purpose hath He labored, if the manifold trials He hath endured are, in the end, to result in such contemptible professions, and such wretched conduct? Every robber, every worker of iniquity, hath, in the days prior to My Revelation, uttered these same words, and performed these same deeds.

Verily I say: Incline your ears to My sweet voice, and sanctify yourselves from the defilement of your evil passions and corrupt desires. They who dwell within the tabernacle of God, and are established upon the seats of everlasting glory, will refuse, though they be dying of hunger, to stretch their hands and seize unlawfully the property of their neighbor, however vile and worthless he may be.

The purpose of the one true God in manifesting Himself is to summon all mankind to truthfulness and sincerity, to piety and trustworthiness, to resignation and submissiveness to the Will of God, to forbearance and kindliness, to uprightness and wisdom. His object is to array every man with the mantle of a saintly character, and to adorn him with the ornament of holy and goodly deeds.

Say: Have mercy on yourselves and on your fellowmen, and suffer not the Cause of God—a Cause which is immeasurably exalted above the inmost essence of sanctity—to be sullied with the stain of your idle fancies, your unseemly and corrupt imaginations.

We beseech God to grant them success to return, and to strengthen them in the service of His Cause, in the remembrance of that which hath been sent down in His Book, and in acting according to what their Eternal Lord hath willed.

Thou shouldst carefully ponder this Tablet, and make known unto the people that which hath descended from the heaven of His Will, that the loved ones of the True One may be preserved from the whisperings of ignorant souls and may fix their gaze upon the horizon of sanctity. Blessed art thou, and blessed are they that have believed in God, the Single, the All-Aware.

BH02385: It is most clear and evident…

In the Name of the one true God

It is most clear and evident that from the beginning this wronged and lonely one had no thought for himself, for had he been concerned with self-preservation or other stations, he would never have accepted the countless afflictions, calamities and trials. Every person of insight beareth witness that we summoned the people, for the sake of God alone, to the Dawning-Place of God's Cause and the Dayspring of His divine revelation. This most great bounty the leaders of nations have counted as sin and error, and have visited upon us that which the pen is powerless to recount. We shall be patient in God as we have been patient, and shall thank Him in all conditions.

Now the hearts that have attained to the love of God and that gaze toward the horizon of His grace must strive with utmost joy and radiance, with mighty and sublime effort, to raise up the Word of the Lord of Religions. Through virtuous conduct, deeds, kindliness and conciliation they must draw the people of the world to the City of the All-Merciful. The one who today claims to love God must be distinguished from all others in every aspect. Mere acceptance of the Cause and acknowledgment of the truth is not and hath never been sufficient, even as all people today make such claims, yet the Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to their lies, calumnies, pride, heedlessness and treachery.

O friends! Act purely for God's sake and speak solely for His sake. A word that ascendeth from the heaven of the heart and shineth forth from the horizon of the tongue for the sake of God will assuredly have effect. Be not heedless of the influence of deeds. By the life of God! Were a soul to become aware of the effects of good and evil words and deeds, he would never incline to any wrong, and naught but pure good and absolute virtue would proceed from him. Fear not the might of ignorant divines, and be not gladdened by worldly wealth. Soon shall God's irrevocable decree seize both and bring them to naught. God willing, ye must be the dawning-places of divine counsels among mankind, that through your advice the heedless may turn to the ocean of certitude and the manifest horizon.

We have sent down this Tablet unto thee that thou mayest remind the loved ones of its contents and give thanks to thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have heard thy call and perceived the fragrance of thy love. He is the All-Powerful, the All-Encompassing. Grieve not over anything. Trust in God, the Lord of all worlds. He is with thee and ordaineth for thee that which shall profit thee in this world and the next. There is none other God but Him, the Most High, the Most Great. The glory rest upon thee and upon whomsoever hath turned to God, detached from all who are in the heavens and the earth. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH02505: I bear witness by My Most Exalted Pen, My…

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

I bear witness by My Most Exalted Pen, My Most Glorious Countenance, My Most Sweet Utterance, and all that is attributed to God, the Lord of Names, that I have never rejected thee for a single moment, nor have My care and kindness towards thee ever changed, nor hath My heart and soul ever been troubled by thee. When thou didst call upon Me, We answered thee with breathes that quickened all bodies, and when thou didst turn to Me, I turned to thee with love and affection. My grace hath preceded thee and My mercy hath encompassed thee. Bear thou witness to that which God Himself hath testified in this perspicuous Book.

O Mihdi! Thou art he who hath ever been favored with God's loving-kindness, and the gaze of God's grace hath ever been and still is directed towards thee. How is it that at times thou art confused? While thou wert in Iraq, the breezes of divine revelation continuously and without pause or delay wafted over thee. Then, by God's leave, thou didst turn towards the Land of Mystery and attained the waters of reunion and meeting. Then by His permission thou didst return, and again and again thou didst attain the Most Holy Court. The Sun of God's favors shone upon thee in such wise that in truth the people of the earth have been and shall ever be powerless to recount it. The Tablets revealed and in thy possession bear witness to this.

Despite this ocean of God's favors, this Sun of bounty and this heaven of generosity, why hast thou become despondent, and by what proof hast thou attributed to thyself a lack of divine favors? Most times, both day and night, thou hast been and art remembered. Nevertheless, signs of vexation and sorrow are manifest from thee. Reflect and speak with fairness. By My life! Then thou wilt say:

> "I repent, O my God, for what I wrote. I testify that Thou art my Companion and Friend, my Purpose and my Beloved. Thou hast not severed from me the cord of Thy loving-kindness, nor withheld from me the wonders of Thy grace. Thou hast raised me up, caused me to know Thee, made me to hear and to speak, and honored me in such wise that all created things are powerless to describe it. There is no God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous."

It would be most regrettable if these days should pass in vexation and sorrow. Either thou must present a sound and direct proof for that which thou hast mentioned and establish it, or thou must say a thousand times "I turn unto Thee in repentance, O Most Merciful of the merciful!" And if thou shouldst transgress beyond these two alternatives—that is, if thou shouldst fail to meet either condition—then I must needs execute upon thee the divine punishment. And peace, mercy and glory be upon thee.

BH02623: We have commanded the seekers of the Kaaba…

In the Name of the Desire of the world

We have commanded the seekers of the Kaaba of the All-Merciful to teach, and We have detailed the ways of teaching in numerous Tablets, that all may hold fast to that which God hath commanded and occupy themselves with quickening dead souls. Nevertheless, it is observed that some have strayed from the straight path of wisdom, which is the foundation of God's Holy City. For instance, they give meat instead of milk to the infant, and poison instead of healing to the sick.

Say: O ye who are turned toward the horizon of guidance! Ye are the spiritual physicians and true healers. Ye must consider the requirements of the times, the days and the souls. How can one who is disturbed by mention of divine authority be capable of bearing mention of divinity? Souls who considered themselves among the mighty ones and learned of the Bayan were struck down by mention of divinity—how much more so those souls who were raised in the Dispensation of the Furqan and were afflicted for centuries at the hands of the divines of idle fancy. Waste not the seeds of divine wisdom on barren ground. Speak according to the capacity of each soul—all things have their measure with Him.

The seeking child must be nourished with the milk of praiseworthy character and goodly deeds, and afterward with the sweet fruits of divine authority and the like, until reaching the stage of maturity. At such time, if sustained by mention of divinity and lordship, no harm shall come. It is most clear that every soul has been and will be a seeker after the knowledge of God, and the cause of rejection, objection, heedlessness and ignorance has been the vain imaginings with which they were formerly raised. The rending of these imaginings is most difficult, save through the measures of sanctified and perfect souls.

The mercy of God hath preceded, as is observed in how His Sacred Being conducts Himself with the utmost kindness, mercy and compassion toward His servants. All must walk in His footsteps, make mention of the Desired One according to the measure of seeking, and bestow the pure water of the Kawthar of knowledge according to the measure of thirst. Verily We have created souls in diverse stages.

God willing, through divine grace and the outpourings of the cloud of heavenly mercy, thou shalt be engaged in service to the Cause and remind the friends of God of what hath been revealed in this Tablet from the Supreme Pen, that all may partake of the Kawthar of utterance and rejoice in that which the tongue of the All-Merciful hath spoken. We have made mention of thee that thou mayest remind the people through the Tablet of thy Lord. He is, verily, the Reminder, the All-Knowing.

BH02668: Praise be to God Who hath rent asunder…

He is God, exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Power

Praise be to God Who hath rent asunder the veil from before the face of the mysteries and revealed the Hidden Treasure through His Name, the Self-Subsisting, Who stood sovereign over all names by the leave of God, the Creator of earth and heaven. He, verily, ruleth over whatsoever He willeth. To this testifieth that which was created by the Word of God, the Lord of creation.

O ʿAli! This is a Day wherein the Call hath been raised between earth and heaven. It behooveth thee to leave behind the world and all that is therein, and to turn toward the wilderness of detachment in the name of the Lord of creation, crying out and proclaiming:

> “Here am I, here am I, O Thou Desire of the worlds! Here am I, here am I, O Thou Who art wronged amidst the peoples! I testify that Thou hast arisen to establish the Cause of God and His remembrance, and hast summoned the servants unto His straight path.”

O ʿAli! Fix thy gaze upon this word which, like unto the sun, hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of God’s Tablet. Verily it will guide thee and suffice thee, by His Self, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. This word was previously revealed through one of the Manifestations of the Cause, but at this time it hath appeared adorned with a wondrous and clear ornament. He said: “O Lord, how can I reach Thee?” He replied: “Cast thyself aside, then come.” The meaning is this: abandon thyself and turn to the Truth. The intention of this blessed word is not mere outward turning, but rather detachment from all that hath been seen and heard, and thereafter to observe and hearken with the eye and ear of truth and fairness. By the life of God! Then shalt thou behold the ocean before thy face and the Lote-Tree of utterance at thy right hand. Thus doth the All-Knowing teach thee.

O ʿAli! Consider what they said concerning the Qa'im for twelve hundred years, and most of those who related and narrated traditions were among the divines. Nevertheless, not a single word thereof was adorned with the ornament of truth, as became evident on the Day of His manifestation. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. This is not a day for thee to occupy thyself with sayings, for the horizon of divine purpose hath become manifest and evident, and the Word itself is established upon the throne of utterance. Blessed is he who hath found the fragrance of the All-Merciful and hath turned toward Him with an expanding breast and penetrating vision. God willing, we beseech Him not to deprive you and His loved ones of the wine of inner meanings in this divine Day. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH02774: May my spirit be a sacrifice for Thy love…

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

May my spirit be a sacrifice for Thy love. This petition, omitting preliminaries, presents the essential matters to your presence, as I have had and have absolutely no time due to the abundance of writings, therefore I hope for forgiveness. A detailed petition was also sent previously which God willing has reached the luminous presence. I place my trust in God and through Him shall be elevated.

Regarding what you had written about sending multiple letters—all were received. And regarding those souls who attained the presence of your honor and the Land of Ta and elsewhere, whose names you had mentioned—all were presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Mighty Court and Tablets were specifically revealed and sent for all. Praise be to God, the divine favors are manifestly evident in utmost brilliance and appearance.

Regarding what was written about the discord in the Land of Qaf, this servant is bewildered as to what souls are maintaining discord, when any person of understanding perceives this much—that discord is the cause of wasting the Cause of God and the reason for the abasement of the loved ones. We beseech God to make known to them what befits them in these days and benefits them in the hereafter and the former life. It seems some have made discord a change of taste. God willing, we hope that all will rend asunder the veils and unite in perfect fellowship and harmony upon the Divine Word.

And regarding what you had written about not falling short in teaching the Cause of God to the extent possible in every place and station—it is evident that from one such as your honor there has not been and will not be any neglect in proclaiming the Cause of God and serving the Cause. God willing, utmost effort must be exerted in removing discord between the loved ones and acting with wisdom, so that all the divine friends may be enabled and adorned with the ornament of fellowship and wise action.

And regarding what was written about the Siyyid, upon him be what is upon him—it is evident to all: for every light there is darkness. God will soon seize him with a mighty force from His presence and prevent him from what he intended and make him a lesson to observers.

All those circumambulating send greetings. By thy life! If thou wert not before mine eyes, thou wouldst be in my heart and soul which is better for thee. Be thou happy with that and be of the thankful ones.

BH03006: The Most Exalted Pen is, at all times, occupied…

In the Name of God, the Powerful, the Mighty!

The Most Exalted Pen is, at all times, occupied with the remembrance of the Lord of Names, and the Divine Lote-Tree doth, in every moment, proclaim: "Verily, I am the Beloved." Blessed is the ear that heareth. Every hearing that hath attained unto this station hath been and shall ever be a trust from the Lord, and is accounted before God as being among those endowed with hearing and sight. If, in this day, any soul faileth to hearken unto the Call of God, he shall not be considered among those possessed of hearing before the Divine Throne, and if he attaineth not unto the knowledge of God, which is the cause and purpose of creation, he shall not be numbered among the living before God, but rather shall be recorded as one of the dead before His Throne.

Well is it with the one whom the idle fancies and vain imaginings of this evanescent world have not debarred from the Dayspring of the loving-kindness of the All-Merciful and the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness. Every person possessed of understanding and wisdom testifieth to the transience of the world and all that is therein; nevertheless, they cling to it and turn away from the Truth, having exchanged the everlasting divine bounty for fleeting benefits that are limited to numbered days, as thou dost witness.

Blessed art thou for having turned towards the horizon of Revelation, and for having heard the Call of God and responded to thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful. We are with thee and perceive from thee the fragrance of My love, and We behold thee in whatsoever thou art engaged concerning the Cause of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Thy letter hath come and been read before the Throne. He is, in truth, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing. Praise be to God that thou art mentioned before the Throne through His bounty. Although this supreme bounty is now, due to divine wisdom, concealed, yet ere long its manifestations shall become visible and evident in the world. He is, verily, the Informer, the All-Knowing.

Say: O loved ones! Be not disturbed or saddened by the oppression of the oppressors. Fix your gaze upon wisdom and act in accordance with the counsels of the compassionate Lord of Oneness. In such case, should harm befall you, verily He is the Beloved and the Beloved of all worlds. We complain of those who approach the Prison without leave from Us. We beseech God to aid them to hearken unto that which they have been commanded by God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the days of God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH03142: This is a mention from the Wronged One…

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

This is a mention from the Wronged One to those who have turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon and have drunk the Kawthar of divine knowledge from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. The world hath been adorned with the lights of the Ancient of Days, yet most of the people are heedless. Vain imaginings have prevented them from recognizing God and the Dawning-Place of His Revelation—verily they are among the lost. Blessed is he who hath recognized the One to be

recognized, and the seeker who hath held fast unto the Sought One, Who proclaimeth: “There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.”

Verily, He Who calleth all unto God hath been imprisoned in this mighty fortress. We make mention in the Persian tongue that all may attain their goal. How many were the mystics and divines who were occupied day and night in the remembrance of the Lord of Names, yet when the Sun of Revelation shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of God’s Will, all were found to have paused, nay rather to have become veiled, save whom thy Lord willed.

Say: O friends! Today ye must be engaged in the remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds with the utmost joy and fragrance. The world hath never had, nor will it ever have, any constancy. Strive ye that ye may be adorned with everlasting ornaments and drink from the Kawthar of oneness. The eye was created for this day, and the ear came into being to hearken unto the call of the Dawning-Place of divine favor. The call of Truth is raised at all times. Blessed is the ear that hath heard, and the faces that have turned, and the tongues that have confessed and acknowledged that which God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, hath testified.

Thy letter was seen and thy call was heard. God willing, thou shalt at all times be the recipient of the infinite divine bounties and remain turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon. Convey greetings from the tongue of this Wronged One to all the friends in that land who have drunk from the wine of divine knowledge and are gazing towards the Most Exalted Horizon. Their mention hath been made in the presence of this Prisoner.

His honor Shaykh Ahmad, upon him be the glory of God, was in this land for some time and made mention of each one in the presence of this Countenance. We beseech God to aid him to remember and praise Him, and to assist him in that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Supreme, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH03546: Thy call hath reached the ears of the Wronged…

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful

Thy call hath reached the ears of the Wronged One of the world in the Most Great Prison. Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Qiblih of creation, and We behold thee steadfast in the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds. We beseech God to aid thee to preserve that which hath been bestowed upon thee.

Today the station of steadfast souls is not known. By the life of God! It shall soon be made manifest through the truth from the presence of the Mighty, the Ancient.

The servant in attendance before the Countenance was present, and he presented the letter thou hadst sent to him, and he acted according to thy testament. This word dawned from the heaven of thy love:

> “O my God! I have cast away what is with me in hope of what is with Thee.”

Praise be to God that thou wert assisted to utter this exalted word and send it to the Most Holy Court. We have repeated this word which thy tongue did speak. Verily thy Lord is the All-Remembering, the All-

Knowing. God willing, the fruit of this word shall appear for thee and thou shalt attain unto it. Verily thy Lord is the All-Informed, and He is the Speaker, the All-Seeing.

Say: Glory be unto Thee! Thou seest me turning unto Thee, detached from all else save Thee, and Thou hearest my lamentation and my cry, and Thou witnesseth what condition I am in through my love for Thee and for Thy chosen ones and Thy pure ones. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name to open before my face the door of Thy glory and providence. All my limbs, members, organs and veins testify to Thy power and Thy sovereignty. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Powerful.

O my Lord! Aid me to perform a deed whereby Thy Cause may be exalted and whereby my remembrance may endure in Thy Kingdom and Thy Dominion. O my Lord! I am the poor one who hath clung to Thy All-Bountiful Name. Write down for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit me in the hereafter and in this world. Verily Thou art the Possessor of the throne and the dust. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

BH03516: The Herald of God hath proclaimed from the right…

In the Name of God, the Powerful, the Mighty

The Herald of God hath proclaimed from the right hand of the Throne: They that have on this day attained unto that which the Beloved hath desired—these are they who have truly prospered. And they that have turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon and have detached themselves from all else but Him—these are they who are sincere.

God willing, may you be ever joyous and prosperous through divine bestowals. It behooveth one such as you to exert the utmost effort to foster love and unity among the loved ones of God, and by the lamp of wisdom and utterance to guide all who dwell on earth to the straight path and manifest horizon. The sweet waters of life are present and visible, yet the people, heedless, turn to and occupy themselves with putrid waters. Vain imaginings have so deceived them that they have doubted the appearance of God and His presence, after He hath appeared in truth from this luminous station. Behold their paucity of understanding: they invoke the Names morning and evening, yet deny Him Who created them. These are indeed among the lowly ones.

Blessed is he who hath cast away what he possessed and hath made his desire that which God, the Lord of the worlds, hath desired. Remind the people of this Most Great Name, that they may become aware and turn unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. We have remembered thee over successive years and have sent thee the fragrance of the garment from this luminous Scene.

As to what thou didst mention regarding the new life—such matters have ever been beloved before the Throne. He verily blesseth you in whatsoever ye have desired for His good-pleasure. He is the Protector of whosoever hath loved Him. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Generous.

Grieve not over anything. Rejoice with the most great joy and place thy trust in the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Turn ye both unto the Most Great Scene, the Spot of God, the Powerful, the Transcendent,

the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing. Thus have We given you both leave, as a mercy from Our presence. Thy Lord is verily the Mighty, the Great.

Glory be upon thee and upon them that have believed in God and have turned unto His Face, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

BH03688: Your letter was received before the Wronged One…

He is God, exalted be His glory, majesty and power

Your letter was received before the Wronged One, and We found from it the fragrance of your love for God, the Lord of the worlds. We beseech God to assist you in that which He loves and is pleased with, and to send down upon you from the heaven of His bounty that which will cause your mention to endure in His Kingdom for as long as His names and attributes endure. Verily He is powerful over what He wills. There is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

God willing, may you be blessed with divine confirmations and in all times be gazing toward the horizon of grace. Whatever is witnessed in this world has been and will be non-existent in the eyes of those endowed with vision, for its evanescence is clear and evident—none denies it save every heedless and remote soul. Therefore, those souls who have drunk from the choice wine of divine love and partaken of the Kawthar of recognition are in all conditions turned toward Him and holding fast to the hem of His generosity, for that which is everlasting and enduring has been and will be the love of God and His recognition. Blessed are those souls who have attained to this exalted and most glorious station and become detached and free from all else but God. Assuredly for such souls in every world of the divine worlds a portion and share is ordained. Blessed is he who has drunk the choice wine of inner meanings and acted according to what was commanded by God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Regarding what was written about Haji Ali Qazvini, your reward is with God, exalted be His glory. God willing, through God's infinite bounties they will attain the reward for that. And regarding what was written about that deceased one's inheritance, let it be sent to Alexandria to the honorable Aqa Siyyid Yahya. May God bring about through this a reward and good for him. Verily He is the Guardian of the doers of good.

BH03906: The Tongue of Divine Revelation in the Kingdom…

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

The Tongue of Divine Revelation in the Kingdom of Utterance speaks this blessed word: This is the Day which all books and scriptures have testified to its appearance, and all peoples, nay the heavens and earths and hills and mountains and waters and seas—all were given glad tidings of this luminous Day. For this Day among all days has been attributed to God, exalted be His glory and might. Blessed is the one who has recognized it and has attained to the outpourings of the seas of knowledge of the All-Bountiful Lord. By My life! He is among those whom the Concourse on High remember, and those who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn.

God willing, you must in all conditions speak in remembrance and praise of God, and hold fast to the cord of this mighty Cause. Verily He is with His servants who remember Him. We make mention of him who mentions his Lord, and We turn from this remote spot toward him who has drawn nigh unto God and turned to His shining countenance.

If one observes with the eye of insight, he testifies that God's remembrance of His loved ones is greater than all else—it is like a tree whose roots are fixed in the earth of certitude and whose branches reach into the heaven of meanings and utterance, yielding its fruits throughout the duration of the kingdom and the realm of spirit. Blessed is he who attains unto it, and woe to the heedless.

Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee and glorify God, the King, the Mighty, the Beautiful. To all those souls in that land who have turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and have been illumined by the lights of the Sun of Truth, convey to all of them the greetings from this Wronged One and gladden them with divine favors. Blessed are they, for theirs is a goodly end.

The Glory be upon you.

BH03842: The springtime of divine knowledge has appeared through…

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing

The springtime of divine knowledge has appeared through the blessing of God's Most Great Name, and the leaves of inner realities are manifest, yet those with true vision are rare, save for the souls who have attained the choice wine of inner meanings and become possessed of true insight.

The True One, exalted be His grandeur, gave glad tidings of His Day to all servants, as mentioned and recorded in most divine Books, Scriptures and Psalms. Yet when the Dawning Place of divine Will appeared and shone forth with the Sun of Manifestation, all were found heedless and turned away, except whom God, your Lord and the Lord of the worlds, willed. Blessed is the soul who in these days has drunk from the ocean of recognition of the Lord of all possibilities and received their portion.

By the Sun of the horizon of knowledge! Whosoever remains deprived of recognition of this triumphant Day, the regret thereof shall endure for them throughout the duration of the kingdom and the heavenly realm.

We have heard your call and have answered you with this noble Tablet. All things shall perish, but there shall remain for you what the All-Merciful has sent down in the Tablet. Preserve it and be of the thankful ones. In all conditions, beseech the True One, exalted and mighty be He, to keep all steadfast in this mighty Cause.

Observe the heedless people who have forsaken God's everlasting blessings and become attached to transient ornaments whose transformation, change and extinction they witness at every moment. Blessed is the powerful one who has shattered the idols of vain imaginings, and blessed is the one who has cast away what perishes and turned toward God, the Everlasting, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH03779: Praise be to God that the horizon…

In the Name of the one God

Praise be to God that the horizon of the world is illumined by the Sun of the Most Great Name, and the sweet fragrance of His garment is diffused and wafted among His servants. Blessed is the eye that has been cleansed from the ophthalmia of desire and beheld the lights of the Sun of Truth in this divine Day. And happy the state of one who has been freed from the cold of the world and has inhaled the fragrance of His garment.

God willing, may you forever and always drink from the Kawthar of the love of the Immortal Beloved and remain occupied with His remembrance, which is the source of joy and delight.

Rafi' arrived and stayed some days in the Most Great Prison, after which We bade him return so that he might convey to that honored lady news of this land.

Regarding the Khan, upon him be the glory of God, there has never been and is not now any cause for concern. Praise be to God, he journeys in perfect comfort in the divine realm and speaks His praise. In these days We have commanded this servant who is present to write to him in detail about your affairs, and God willing news of him will soon reach you.

The delay until now has been due to divine destiny. Verily He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth; neither the will of those on earth nor the might of any remote tyrant can prevent Him. And that no news has reached you from this land until now has been due to the conflicts and disturbances in these parts. God willing, news will arrive hereafter.

Convey to all those related to the Khan, upon him be the glory of God, greetings from this Wronged One. The glory be upon him and upon you and upon his son and upon those who have believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

BH03789: Today the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree is ablaze…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great

Today the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree is ablaze and the light of oneness is shining and manifest from the horizon of the Lord's will. How blessed is the soul that has perceived the straight path through that light and has attained to divine love through the heat of that fire. Whosoever today turns toward the true Kaaba is reckoned among the gems of existence before the Worshipped One, and others are counted as turning away.

Verily I say, today is the day of remembrance and praise, the day of goodly words and pleasing deeds. Strive that perchance ye may attain to God's enduring bounty. The most excellent of deeds today is steadfastness, for the cawers and the liars and the infidels have appeared and will appear in every land, even as was revealed aforetime by the Supreme Pen. Blessed are they that know and blessed are they who drink the wine of steadfastness in this mighty Cause.

The cawers are souls who speak without divine permission and who deviate from the straight path of servitude. God willing, all the friends must at all times speak in remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds and hold fast to the strong cord of steadfastness. This is the most great bounty, to which this trustworthy Pen doth testify.

Give thanks unto God for having attained unto this Tablet and for being mentioned before the Wronged One in this mighty prison. The loved ones of that land who have drunk from the Kawthar of recognition and who gaze toward the horizon of the Cause are all remembered in the Most Holy Court. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the Remembering, the All-Wise.

BH04261: The Supreme Pen beareth witness to thy exile…

In the name of the one true God

The Supreme Pen beareth witness to thy exile and grief and afflictions in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. This testimony shall remain an everlasting treasure and shall never be erased from the ledger of the world.

O thou who art a stranger in My lands and a captive in My path! Thou art that bird which, through the tyranny of the oppressors, hath been left without shelter and hath taken no nest. Blessed art thou for having drunk the cup of tribulation for My Name's sake and borne hardship and adversity for love of Me, the Mighty One.

Though outwardly thy whereabouts be unknown, yet from the Supreme Pen thou hast been and wilt continue to be remembered time and again. Sublime and wondrous Tablets were sent specially for thee, and mention was made, by the Supreme Pen, of every soul that was mentioned in thy previous letters.

Thou shouldst not be saddened by what hath befallen thee, but shouldst occupy thyself with utmost determination in serving the Cause. Thou must speak such words as will kindle the souls, through divine assistance. Verily He seeth thee and is with thee. Thy Lord is indeed the All-Seeing.

These transient conditions and illusory things shall soon be witnessed to be non-existent and evanescent. However, that which hath befallen thee in the path of Truth and that which thou hast manifested in the way of the Friend shall assuredly be mentioned and witnessed in the assemblage of the world.

Send detailed accounts of thy circumstances to the Most Holy Court at all times. Verily He loveth to hear from thee and have thee hear from Him. He is, in truth, the Mighty, the All-Praiseworthy.

BH04262: The Most Exalted Pen counsels His loved ones regarding…

In the Name of the peerless Lord

The Most Exalted Pen counsels His loved ones regarding two matters: First, wisdom, so that no harm may befall anyone and weak souls not be kept back from the shore of the sea of oneness; and second, unity and concord, for great harm befalls the Cause of God from discord—shun it and be among the steadfast.

Today every soul must hold fast to that which will cause the exaltation of the Word of God. Blessed are they that act.

Until now, whatsoever hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen for the reformation of the world and the removal of corruption hath not been accepted, as evidenced by one who dwelt for some time before the Divine Throne and heard with his own ears the counsels and exhortations of the Wronged One of the world, yet after being dismissed from the Most Holy Court […] and spoke contrary to the divine command. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of the Cause that contention, corruption, conflict and whatsoever disturbeth hearts have ever been rejected and condemned by this Wronged One, as attested by what hath been sent down in the Tablets from the Pen of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

God willing, you must remind the loved ones of the All-Merciful of this Tablet, that perchance they may hold fast to what God hath ordained and not defile the ears created to hear the call of God with the words of any speaker. Let them fix their gaze upon the horizon of the Cause and upon what is revealed from His presence, for verily He sufficeth all, and He is the Commander, the All-Knowing.

The glory be upon thee and upon those who follow the laws and commandments of God that shine forth from this wondrous horizon.

BH05037: A remembrance from Us to one who desires…

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

A remembrance from Us to one who desires to drink from the Kawthar of life in this Day wherein heedlessness hath overtaken the dwellers of earth—to this beareth witness the Supreme Pen and then the honored servants.

The Trusted One hath appeared before Our presence and desired to send down unto thee from the heaven of thy Lord's bounty that which will cause the roses of inner meanings and utterance to grow in the paradise of the hearts of those who have forsaken the world, turning unto the Most Great Name, which calleth out at all times: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beloved!"

The honored Amin made mention of you, wherefore the Wronged One of the horizons from the precincts of the Most Great Prison hath voiced these words which are the cause and source of life to all in the kingdom, that perchance you may drink the Kawthar of divine love from the hidden springs within the divine words and may engage in the remembrance of God with perfect sincerity and assurance.

The days are fleeting and that which is with Him endureth. You must, God willing, fix your gaze in all conditions upon the Supreme Horizon and hold fast to the cord of His favors. This is that which profiteth all who are on earth and remaineth firm and steadfast throughout the eternity of God.

Hold fast unto what We have counseled thee, then abandon whatsoever diverteth thee from God, and say:

> "I have turned my face unto Thee, O Lord of Lords, and have sought the Ka'bah of existence through Thy blessed, hallowed, mighty and wise Name."

BH05420: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and whoso hath attained unto recognition in the days of the All-Merciful, he is of the people of the Most Sublime Vision in the sight of God, the Lord of destiny. Blessed is he who hath attained unto this most exalted, most wondrous, and impregnable station.

O Muhammad-Qabli! Bear thou witness unto that whereunto God did bear witness ere the creation of all things, then render thanks unto Him for having aided thee and guided thee unto a straight path. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the recognition of truth after the veiling of creation. Keep thou this precious pearl, through the blessing of the Manifest Name, preserved within the treasury of thy heart, for the souls prone to evil have ever been and still are lying in wait for accepted souls. In all conditions fix thy gaze upon the Truth. Verily He will aid thee and protect thee and ordain for thee that which shall bring solace to all eyes. Whoso in this Day holdeth fast unto the Ark of God, the waves shall not drown him, and his shall be a station with his Lord, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling.

Make mention of God both morn and eve, that perchance the slumbering ones may be awakened. Thou didst attain unto the Most Great Prison and enter the presence of the Wronged One whilst He was confined in an impregnable fortress. Convey My greetings unto the loved ones of God and gladden them all through God's loving-kindness. Verily We make mention of them even as We have mentioned them, and it behooveth them to hold fast unto that which they have been commanded in a preserved Book.

BH05339: The ocean of inner meanings hath appeared…

In the Name of the Sovereign of Names

The ocean of inner meanings hath appeared from the fountain of the Pen of the All-Merciful, clothed in these consummate words of wisdom.

O people of certitude! Soar in the atmosphere of the love of the All-Merciful. Strive that ye may be distinguished from others, in such wise that all creation may witness in you the lights of the Kingdom and the signs of the denizens of the Realm of Might.

All people share in words, but it is through goodly deeds and praiseworthy character that the people of truth are distinguished from others. Blessed are they who, after recognizing the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, have held fast unto deeds. The fragrance of pure deeds pervadeth and penetrateth, and influenceth the hearts and minds of men.

Aid ye the All-Merciful through goodly words and righteous deeds. Thus have ye been commanded in the Tablets from the presence of One All-Knowing, All-Informed. How many souls have been deprived of reaching the shore of the sea of oneness through observing the unseemly deeds of some.

Today, they who have recognized God must strive mightily to educate heedless souls, that all may attain unto that which God desireth and may arise to aid the Cause through tongue, heart and deeds. Read thou

this Tablet unto them who have believed in God, that they may hold fast unto that which hath been revealed therein and act according to that which they have been commanded by God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH05691: O friends! God willing, may you be content through…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

O friends! God willing, may you be content through the grace of the All-Merciful with divine decrees and joyful in His commandments. Today is the day of deeds, not words. It is most clear and evident that this Wronged One has been and will continue to be mindful of the loved ones of God, and desires to meet with all. However, affairs proceed according to the wisdom that has been revealed in the divine Books.

Be not distressed, and know with certainty that His grace has ever encompassed and will continue to encompass assured and tranquil souls who have turned to Him. All good lies in what He has willed and ordained, for He is the All-Knowing and is aware of what benefits His friends. He is, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We beseech God to aid you to achieve that which pleases Him. There has been and will be no station higher than submission. Hold fast unto it, O ye who put your trust in God, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

He ordains for whomsoever He wishes the reward of nearness and meeting. How many who were near were kept back, and how many who were remote attained! Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Giver, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Glory be upon you and upon those who have held fast to the cord of godliness whereby the Cause of God has been exalted throughout all ages. To this testifies every discerning soul.

BH06279: A Book sent down in truth for whosoever hath…

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

A Book sent down in truth for whosoever hath turned to God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, and hath quaffed the sealed wine when the Self-Subsisting came with the Kingdom of God, the Mighty, the Beloved.

We counsel Our loved ones with that whereby the Cause of God and His sovereignty may be exalted. Beware lest ye abandon that which ye have been commanded by God, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

Say: Take ye what ye have been commanded and follow not those who have cast the laws of God behind their backs and followed every ignorant one who is rejected. Say: The path of God hath appeared—hasten ye unto it and be not of them that tarry.

We have ordained that hearts should turn towards Him—know ye this and be not of those who turn their feet toward this praiseworthy Station. Indeed He hath not permitted them to do so, lest there arise a clamor among the people. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

We make mention of everyone who desireth to turn towards this forbidden quarter, and We ordain for whomsoever We please the reward of attaining His presence. He, verily, is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth through His word “Be” and it is.

Thus hath the Tongue of Revelation spoken verses whereby are enraptured all who are in the heavens and on earth. He, verily, is the Almighty over what hath been and what shall be.

BH11793: This is one of the nights of the Fast…

This is one of the nights of the Fast, and during it the Tongue of Grandeur and Glory proclaimed: There is no God beside Me, the Omnipotent Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We, verily, have commanded all to observe the Fast in these days as a bounty on Our part, but the people remain unaware, except for those who have attained unto the purpose of God as revealed in His laws and have comprehended His wisdom that pervadeth all things visible and invisible.

Say: By God! His Law is a fortress unto you, could ye but understand. Verily, He hath no purpose therein save to benefit the souls of His servants, but, alas, the generality of mankind remain heedless thereof. Cling ye to the cord of God’s laws, and follow not those who have turned away from the Book, for verily they have opposed God, the Mighty, the Beloved….

BH06399: In the name of God, the Almighty. The names…

In the name of God, the Almighty. The names mentioned were present in the Most Holy Court, and the Euphrates of merciful bounty flowed from the Divine Pen. Blessed are you for having attained to the remembrance of your Lord and for having been mentioned by My Most Exalted Pen in this impregnable Tablet.

God willing, you and all the loved ones of that land will gather together in perfect love and unity upon the single Divine Word, and with the utmost joy and fragrance will drink from the pure fountain of the water of knowledge. He asks Himself of Himself to make you successful in His remembrance and to aid you in the service of His Cause, and to grant you that which will benefit you in the hereafter and in this world. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Helper.

Today all the loved ones must strive for unity of hearts so that all may speak with one word and move with one motion. The Glory be upon you.

O thou who art eager! Eagerness in this station is praiseworthy, but the ungodly have become a barrier between the Truth and creation. Verily, He remembers the one who desires to attain His presence and ordains for him the reward of attainment. Verily, He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH06554: The spirit of all deeds is the good-pleasure…

In the Name of God, the Compassionate!

The spirit of all deeds is the good-pleasure of God, for if one should perform all good deeds, yet from them the fragrance of God's good-pleasure be not inhaled, those deeds will yield neither fruit nor effect nor result. None shall attain unto this most great bounty save through praiseworthy character and goodly deeds, for these matters are the cause of the order of the world and the preservation of nations and will conduce to the exaltation of the Word of God.

Therefore it is incumbent upon all to remind heedless souls, with utmost kindness and compassion, of that which will profit them, that all may be immersed in the ocean of God's good-pleasure. Your honor must strive with the utmost diligence to refine souls and promote unity and concord. Every service rendered today for the sake of God will endure and remain forever. We make mention of thee from Our Most Great Prison that thou mayest remind the people of this Day the like of which hath not appeared in creation. The Glory be upon thee and upon whomsoever hath turned unto God, the Lord of all mankind.

BH06711: This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent…

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

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down unto those who dwell in the Kingdom of the Bayan, that the breaths of revelation might draw them unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Verily, He is the Quickener of the world and the Dayspring of lights unto those who have cast away their desires and turned towards God, the Lord of all that was and shall be.

Blessed are ye, O people of Baha, inasmuch as ye have quaffed the wine of reunion and have turned towards the countenance through which all that was and shall be hath been illumined. Turn ye not unto the world and its affairs, nor grieve on account of those who have wronged you. Turn with radiant hearts unto God, the Creator of heaven.

By God the Truth! The world and all that ye behold this day shall perish, and ye shall find yourselves in the Kingdom of your Lord, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Take ye the chalice of detachment in the name of the Lord of creation, then drink therefrom once in My Name, the Mighty, and again in My Name, the Most Exalted, the All-Powerful, the All-Encompassing.

Thus hath moved the Most Exalted Pen, and the countenance of the Beloved hath turned toward those who have laid hold on the cord of God, the Firm, the Impregnable. Rejoice ye in My days and speak forth My beauteous praise. Thus hath your Lord commanded you in most of the Tablets. Hold fast unto it and be ye of them that are steadfast.

BH06761: The divine Call is raised at all times…

In the name of the one true God!

The divine Call is raised at all times and the heavenly Pen is in motion during the hours of day and night. I swear by the Sun of inner meanings that if one possessed of hearing were truly to hearken to that Call, or if one possessed of sight were to contemplate the traces of the divine Pen, he would surely find himself detached and freed from the world and all who dwell therein, and would arise through wisdom and

utterance to serve the Cause of the Beloved of all creation. This is a station whose fruits shall never cease and shall endure forever in God's celestial Kingdom. Hold fast unto it and be among the helpers.

The wise one is he who expends his precious life in pursuit of that which endureth, and the most ignorant of people is he who occupies himself with transient and unworthy matters.

This Tablet hath been revealed in Persian so that thou mayest share it with all and that all may discover what is recorded therein. Arise to serve thy Lord in such wise that nothing that transpireth on earth may deter thee. Then thank Him for having remembered thee in the prison and revealed unto thee this perspicuous Tablet.

BH06894: The oneness of God, exalted and mighty be He…

In the name of God, the One

The oneness of God, exalted and mighty be He, is sanctified above the geometry of letters. He has been and ever will be established upon the throne of unity, and His oneness is purified from all numbers. In all things are manifest the signs of His revelation, yet He is sanctified and exalted above all things and the attributes of all creation. Before absolute Being, all things are utter nothingness and will be complete extinction. Whatever is mentioned or remains unmentioned, He is other than that. Words have no access to His most holy court, and meanings, despite their loftiness, have no mention upon His sacred carpet. However, out of pure grace and perfect generosity, He has permitted His servants to engage in His remembrance and praise, so that all may attain to what God has willed. Blessed are those souls who speak what has been revealed in the Tablets, not what is of their own. God willing, you must in all conditions hold fast to the cord of grace and remind the people of what has been revealed in this Tablet.

BH11806: While encompassed by tribulations, We summoned all humanity unto…

In the Name of Him Who prevaileth over the worlds!

While encompassed by tribulations, We summoned all humanity unto God, the Lord of the First and the Last. To this beareth witness the faithful servants of God. And when We manifested the Cause, the hearts of the mighty were seized with trembling, and the foundations of princes were shaken. Yet the people remain dead, shrouded in the veils of their own selves.

There hath befallen Us that which hath befallen no one else—at this did hearts lament and eyes shed tears. None can reckon Our trials save God, the All-Knowing, the One privy to all mysteries. Most of My days have been spent in the prisons of the land, yet in all conditions We remained thankful and content with whatsoever came upon Us in the path of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

How many a dawn hath broken and heard My voice, how many an eventide hath found Me speaking in remembrance of God, the Almighty, the All-Loving, and how many a night found Me not asleep but rather lamenting My pain and trials and what had befallen Me in this forbidden path.

It behooveth everyone who hath believed in God to follow his Lord in such wise that neither the veils of men nor the hosts of the heedless shall deter him.

BH06999: This is a letter from the Wronged One…

In the Name of God, the Powerful, the Mighty!

This is a letter from the Wronged One of the horizons to ʿAli-Qabli-Akbar, that he may be gladdened through the divine bestowals and heavenly outpourings, and that he may occupy himself with the mention of God—glorified be His might and exalted be His dominion—with the utmost yearning and eagerness. God willing, may you be at all times gazing toward the Most Exalted Horizon and turned toward the Dayspring of God's Cause. This is a Day wherein all the friends must arise to serve the Cause, and whosoever adorneth himself with praiseworthy attributes and acteth in accordance with the divine ordinances hath, in truth, arisen to serve and assist the Cause and is accounted before God as one of the people of the Most Great Scene. Give thanks unto thy Lord for having been mentioned before and at this time wherein the Prisoner proclaimeth that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Put thy trust in God in all matters, then stand firm in this Cause whereby feet have slipped and souls have been perturbed. Glory be upon thee and upon them that have believed in God, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved.

BH07024: In most of the Tablets We have commanded all…

In the Name of the All-Powerful One!

In most of the Tablets We have commanded all the friends to unity and harmony, for from a collective body another effect becomes manifest and a special influence becomes evident. Observe the letters: individually these servants comprehend nothing from them and find no definite meaning therein, but after their combination and the appearance of words their meaning becomes clear and manifest, and the influence and effect that appears after their combination was concealed before. Therefore must the loved ones of God gather at the wellspring of divine love, and that collective body will have a perfect effect in the world. Follow that which ye have been commanded by the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Discord and division have been the cause and reason for the delay of the Manifestation of God. All must gird up the loins of service and remove estrangements and differences from among themselves. This is the counsel of the Sincere, the All-Knowing. Praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds.

BH11869: Glory be to Thee, O my God…

He is God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Glory be to Thee, O my God and the God of all who dwell in existence, both the unseen and the manifest! I testify before Thee and before those who inhabit the kingdom of Thy creation that I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have believed in Thee and in Thy signs and in Thy Prophets and in Thy Messengers. I bear witness that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee. Thou hast ever been powerful over all things and sovereign over earth and heaven, and Thou wilt ever continue to be as Thou hast been from time immemorial. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

O my God and my Lord! I beseech Thee by the heaven of Thy Will and the ocean of Thy Purpose to make me in all conditions turned towards Thee and steadfast in Thy love. O Lord! Thou art the Master and I am

the servant. I ask Thee to assist me in serving Thee and enable me to remember Thee and praise Thee. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest in the kingdom of creation and command. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Generous.

BH07465: Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto…

In the Name of the One God

Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the recognition of God and turned thy face toward the Dawning-Place of Revelation, and in the Most Great Prison thou wert honored to attain His presence, which is the greatest of divine bounties, and thou didst hearken unto the call of the Blessed Tree of Oneness, and for a number of years didst dwell beneath the shadow of the favors of the Desired One of the world and round about Him. If thou wouldst ponder on these special favors, by God thou wouldst arise and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the world," and when thou sittest thou wouldst say: "Thanks be unto Thee, O Desire of the nations," and when thou walkest thou wouldst say: "Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of Names," and when thou sleepest thou wouldst say: "All praise be unto Thee, O Creator of the heavens." At all times implore and supplicate the True One, exalted be His glory and might, that in all conditions and circumstances thou mayest be adorned with these aforementioned bounties. Grieve thou not over anything, for verily He is with whosoever desireth Him. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

BH08593: In the Name of Him Who is the Most…

In the Name of Him Who is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Knowing, the Most High, the Most Exalted!

O Muhammad! We have heard thy call, and the cry of thy heart, and the yearning of thy soul in thy love for thy Lord, unto Whom is thy return and thy final abode. The servant who is present hath come and read what thou hast spoken and called out and whispered and praised—the One Who is the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth. We have taken account of the fire of thy longing and the light of thy turning unto God, the Lord of all worlds. His bounty toward thee is great. Be thou assured and grieve not.

By the True One! This is the Most Great Day of Joy, wherein the Lord of Eternity doth speak:

> "Rejoice and be glad, O My loved ones! That which none save the All-Knowing, the All-Informed hath comprehended hath been ordained for you."

Give thanks unto thy Lord for this Tablet from which thou dost inhale the fragrance of My good-pleasure, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Then preserve it in My Name, the All-Encompassing, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

BH08100: God willing, may you ever abide beneath the shade…

He is the Mighty, the Wise

God willing, may you ever abide beneath the shade of the blessed divine Lote-Tree and remain steadfast in His Cause. The heedlessness of the people hath reached such a pass that after searching far and wide, they have imprisoned the Purpose of the world, and they perceive it not. Blessed art thou for having turned to God in the early days of thy life. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist thee to remain steadfast in His love and to bestow upon thee in His service that which shall cause thy remembrance to endure in His kingdom. Verily thy Lord is the Powerful, the Mighty. Exert thy utmost effort that thou mayest be adorned with such deeds and character as will cause the elevation of God's Cause. Not hidden from His knowledge is the deed of any one, nor shall he who hath grasped His holy and luminous hem be forgotten. Glory be unto those who have been faithful to God's Covenant and followed that which they were bidden by the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH08115: O handmaid of God! Your cry has reached…

In the name of the One Beloved Friend

O handmaid of God! Your cry has reached the Most Great Throne, and the Lord of Eternity has heard it and says: Seek assistance from God, exalted be His glory, at all times, and ask for steadfastness, for His Cause is mighty—none can bear it save those who have cast away the world and have partaken of the wine of detachment from the hands of His mercy that has preceded all worlds.

Be engaged in His remembrance with utmost joy and delight, and be gladdened by His love. His grace has been made manifest to such a degree that although He is afflicted in the hands of the ungodly and imprisoned in this Most Great Prison, He has not forgotten His servants and handmaidens, and calls all to His grace and mercy and summons them to the highest horizon.

Verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous; verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. There is none other God but Him, the King, the Truth, the Manifest.

BH08154: Blessed is He Who hath sent down the Book…

He is the Ever-Abiding Who passeth not away!

Blessed is He Who hath sent down the Book and made it a proof from His presence unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Verily it is the Fountain of Life unto all who are in the realm of creation, and the Sign of the Ancient of Days amidst the peoples, and the Ocean of Knowledge for all, whether young or old. Work ye according to God's ordinances and His ways, and be not of the transgressors. Those who abandon the commandments of God—they are of the heedless. He hath created creation for His knowledge and commanded them with that which draweth them nigh unto God, the Lord of all worlds. The first is not realized except through the second, as testifieth His preserved Tablet. Blessed is he who hath been mentioned this Day by the Most Exalted Pen; he is of them who have attained unto all good in the days of God, the King, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Give thanks unto God that thou hast found the fragrance of the Garment and turned unto Him, when every heedless and remote one turned away.

BH08229: Glorified is He Who hath sent down the Book…

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

Glorified is He Who hath sent down the Book in truth and made it a proof for all who are in the heavens and on earth. Verily He it is Who speaketh at this moment: “There is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.” Verily this is the Preserved Tablet and the Hidden Secret and the Concealed Mystery and the Source of Eternity for all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Rejoice, O people, in the appearance of God and His sovereignty! He hath appeared in truth and come with an evidence that none can deny save those who have disbelieved in God from all eternity. To this testifieth the Tongue of God, the Mighty, the Beauteous. Say: Verily the Mother Book calleth unto you on the Day of Return, and verily it is this Exile, this Prisoner. Beware lest ye regard the before and after. Rather, look to the days of your Lord, the Manifest, the Mighty, the Generous. Thus hath the Cock of the Throne crowed before the Face with the verses of God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH08286: God testifieth that verily He is He and there…

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

God testifieth that verily He is He and there is none other God but Him. And He Who speaketh with truth is verily the Ocean of My Will and the Heaven of My Purpose and the Rain of My Grace and the Sun of My Loving-kindness and the Repository of My Revelation and the Dayspring of My Inspiration and the Dawning-Place of My Cause and the Treasury of My Knowledge and the Source of My Salsabil and the Fountain of My Kawthar.

Whoso hath known Him hath known Me and whoso hath denied Him hath denied Me from time immemorial. To this beareth witness My Messengers and My Chosen Ones whom We sent to give glad tidings unto My servants of this Day wherein the Trumpet hath sounded and the Bugle hath been blown and the Cock hath crowed and the Dove hath cooed that there is none other God but Him, the Manifest, the Commanding, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thy letter hath indeed reached this Most Great Prison and We have answered thee with this perspicuous Book. Take it with strength from Our presence, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

BH08379: The Most Exalted Pen in the hours of nights…

In the Name of the Merciful Lord

The Most Exalted Pen in the hours of nights and days counsels with loving advice all who are on earth, yet all remain heedless save those whom thy Lord willeth. Not every soul hath been or shall be worthy of the Kawthar of inner meanings and receptive to the choice wine of divine love, as is evident when, despite the dawning of the Sun of bounty from the horizon of the world, most remain veiled from it. O people of Baha! By the Lord of Names I swear, a station hath been ordained for you the like of which no one hath understood or shall understand. This station requireth guardians and protectors, and these have been and shall ever be goodly deeds and virtuous character. Say: O friends! Know ye the value of the days of

the All-Merciful and act according to that which ye have been commanded in the Book. Verily, He is the Protector of them that act and the Guardian of the sincere ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH08409: A Book from Us unto him who hath believed…

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

A Book from Us unto him who hath believed in God, the Lord of the worlds, and hath heard the Call when it was raised in truth, and hath turned unto the Most Sublime Horizon when it shone forth with this resplendent Light. Verily doth the Desired One make mention of thee in these days which We have specially ordained for Our Most Great and Most Glorious Name, and which have been designated in the Tablets of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, as the Days of Ha.

Rejoice thou in this supreme bounty, then make mention of this Wronged One, the Lonely One. Let not the affairs of men grieve thee. Remember thou the Truth with such remembrance as shall awaken the hearts of them that slumber.

Say: The Desired One is come and the Sovereign Lord of all worlds is made manifest. He, verily, is the One promised in the Books of God aforetime. Turn ye unto Him and be not of the heedless ones.

Say: Beware lest the clamor of the divines prevent you from turning unto the Most Sublime Horizon. Leave them to their vain imaginings, then turn ye unto the Dawning-Place of the revelation of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH08880: 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. He giveth life and causeth death, then causeth death and giveth life. Verily He is the Ever-Living Who dieth not. Within His grasp is the dominion of creation and command. He, verily, is the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Verily he who hath attained unto the lights of the Countenance is among those who have attained the presence of God upon His throne—to this do honored servants bear witness. How many a servant awaited the days of God and His appearance, yet when He appeared, denied God, the Mighty, the Loving.

O loved ones of the All-Merciful! Arise amidst the peoples of the world and make mention of your Lord, the Mighty, the Beloved. Beware lest the oppression of them that oppress prevent you. Soon will God cause them and what they possess to perish. Verily He is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

Know ye the value of these days, then make mention of your Lord, the Lord of all mankind, with such remembrance as will cause hearts to soar.

BH08714: O handmaiden of God! Thy mention hath been made…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O handmaiden of God! Thy mention hath been made before the Throne and this Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of favor that thy heart and vision may be illumined by beholding it. If thou wouldst reflect a little, thou wouldst testify with complete certitude that no greater bounty than this bounty hath existed or shall ever exist in creation. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for having remembered thee in this mighty Prison. Grieve not over anything. Place thy trust in God in all matters. Soon shall the world and that which causeth the hearts of servants to be saddened pass away, and sovereignty and dominion shall remain with God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have drunk the choice wine of life in the name of God, the Mighty, the Loving.

BH08942: The Lord of the nations hath spoken…

He is the Commander, the Protector, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The Lord of the nations hath spoken in the Most Great Prison: He is, verily, none other than God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. At all times He calleth those within the realm of creation unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

Among the people are those who have hearkened to His most sweet call and turned toward the Supreme Horizon, and among them are those who have turned away and denied God, the Mighty, the Loving. The ocean of bounty hath surged and the door of reunion hath been opened, yet the people remain heedless thereof. They have cast away that which would endure and have taken that which perisheth. Verily, they do not understand.

By God! Had they perceived the fragrance of My raiment, they would have hastened to the stronghold of My loving-kindness and turned toward My beloved countenance.

Give thanks unto God for having been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and for this Forbidden Tablet having been revealed for thee.

BH09049: Blessed is the state of those souls who have…

In the name of the Sovereign of all creation!

Blessed is the state of those souls who have received their writ of freedom from the Dayspring of God's Cause and remained protected from the fire of ignorance and misbelief. All people were awaiting the days of God, yet when the Sun of Revelation shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of divine will, all were heedless of Him and occupied with and turned to other than Him, except for those souls who heard the divine call with the ear of the heart and turned toward His horizon.

Today is the day of service, today is the day of pure deeds. All the friends must, through the grace of the All-Merciful, occupy themselves with guiding others through goodly deeds, pleasing conduct, and healing words. He is verily the Protector of those who do good. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH08929: We have heard your call and recognized your turning…

He is the One Who has sovereignty over what has been and what will be.

We have heard your call and recognized your turning towards Us. We beseech God to assist you in that which He loves and is pleased with. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Today all must fix their gaze upon the divine commandments and be content and grateful with utmost joy and delight in whatever He has ordained. The ultimate purpose has been and is the recognition of God. Whosoever has attained unto this and acted according to His commandments has attained unto all good.

Praise be to the Ancient Lord Who has adorned thee with the ornament of His recognition and guided thee to the Kaaba of His Beauty. If thou wert to render thanks until the Day that has no end, it would not equal this supreme gift and mighty favor. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH08641: Praise be to God that thou hast attained…

In the Name of the One Friend

Praise be to God that thou hast attained to the recognition of the All-Merciful and hast drunk from the Living Waters which are His love. How many were the great ones and the learned who for nights and days yearned and longed for such a day, yet attained it not, while thou hast attained, arrived, beheld and heard. Know thou the station of this great bounty and occupy thyself with the remembrance of the Peerless Friend. The world and all that is therein shall pass away, and what shall endure for thee is that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken, as a grace from His presence. Verily, He is the Ancient Bestower. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist His loved ones to love Him and to please Him, and to ordain for them that which shall profit them and preserve them. Verily, He is the Generous, the Beneficent. Praise be to God, the Goal of all who have known Him.

BH08727: O friends! It is the springtime of the All-Merciful…

He is the Speaker, the Expositor, the All-Knowing!

O friends! It is the springtime of the All-Merciful, and the breezes of divine favor are wafting and diffusing. Strive ye, that through these spiritual breezes ye may cause the withered trees of humanity to become verdant and flourishing, that they may be adorned with the fruits of divine knowledge and the blossoms of heavenly and conclusive wisdom. The withered trees are fit only to be cut down, while the nurtured trees are the ornament of gardens and orchards. God willing, through the grace of God, may ye become so engaged in serving the Cause that mention of it shall endure in the Book of God as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven shall last. Verily, He aids whoever aids Him and regards whoever turns toward Him. There is no God but Him, the Single One, the All-Informed. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have cast away what they possessed and taken what they were commanded in a perspicuous Tablet.

BH08788: A remembrance from Us to those who have turned…

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

A remembrance from Us to those who have turned towards the Throne of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Say: Verily the Throne is My Temple whereon the All-Merciful is seated. Rejoice ye at this and be of them that are thankful. Say: This is the heaven of the Cause from whose horizon hath shone forth the Sun of Utterance. Blessed be God Who hath spoken the truth and caused every thing to speak forth in this wondrous Day. Say: This indeed is the Most Great Ocean and its fishes are the sciences. Well is it with people who understand. Hearken, O people, unto the Call of God, and arise from the slumber of heedlessness, turning towards His manifest horizon. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken. He who hath heard hath attained unto all good, and he who hath been deprived is verily of the people of the graves. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned to the Qiblih of the horizons and believed in God, the Mighty, the Beloved.

BH09366: Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses in truth and Who speaketh, verily there is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed art thou, O my handmaiden, for having turned unto the Dawning-Place of Revelation and recognized thy Lord. This, verily, is a manifest bounty. That which thou didst send hath been honored and adorned with the Most Great Vision on the night wherein was born the Hidden Mystery. Know thou the value of this bounty, then rejoice in such wise that neither the affairs of the world nor the veils of the nations shall sadden thee. Thus doth the Lord of Eternity make mention of thee. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Mighty, the Beloved. Be not grieved at anything. In all matters place thy trust in the Lord of Revelation. He will verily deliver thee through the truth. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

BH09813: We have enjoined steadfastness upon all people; nevertheless, some…

In the name of the All-Merciful God!

We have enjoined steadfastness upon all people; nevertheless, some of the companions, upon merely witnessing reprehensible deeds from those who have attributed themselves to the Truth, have withdrawn from the Truth, exalted and mighty be He, and have remained deprived of the pure, flowing waters of the days of God.

This, despite the fact that in every age, at the dawning of the light of divine unity, there have been both the faithful and the unfaithful. Blessed is the state of those souls who today fix their gaze upon the Supreme Horizon and are detached from all else beneath it.

God willing, may you be adorned with the ornament of steadfastness and occupied with His remembrance. Verily, He is the Single One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH09778: I pray that ye may at all times drink…

In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds!

I pray that ye may at all times drink of the wine of inner meanings from the chalice of the All-Merciful's bounty. Though this wine hath appeared in the vesture of words, yet it is sanctified above all words. Indeed, the very essence of meaning boweth down before it in humility and submission, confessing its inability to attain unto it.

I swear by the Most Great Name that whosoever drinketh thereof shall be freed from the idle fancies and vain imaginings of men, and, detached from all else, shall turn his face toward the Most Exalted Horizon.

Know ye the value of these days and regard this station as mighty indeed. Blessed art thou for having attained, and woe unto them that turn away.

BH09972: The Supreme Pen, out of pure grace and bounty…

In the Name of the Holy, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

The Supreme Pen, out of pure grace and bounty, summons all servants at all times to the Most Glorious Horizon, and whosoever attains to this most exalted station and supreme rank, He counsels them to praiseworthy character, goodly deeds and commendable conduct. However, while some of the loved ones have attained to that which God desired, others have fallen short. You should remind all the loved ones of the divine counsels that have been revealed in the Sacred Books in this Most Great Revelation, that all may be adorned with the ornament of His favor and become the cause of remembrance among the peoples of the world.

BH10016: We testify that there is no God but Him…

He is God, the Exalted, the Great

We testify that there is no God but Him. He hath ever been sanctified beyond mention by created things and will forever remain as He hath been. He hath sent the Messengers and revealed the Books as a grace from His presence. Verily, He is the Generous, the Bountiful.

To continue: thy call was heard and the yearning of thy heart was made manifest. Praise be to God that thou hast drunk from the Kawthar of divine love and attained unto the lights of recognition. Know thou the value of this blessing and in all times be occupied with the remembrance of the Beloved of all creation, and beseech God that thou mayest remain firm in His Cause and be enkindled with the fire of His love.

BH10209: O friends! Every precious and desirable thing hath thieves…

In the name of the Beloved of all horizons!

O friends! Every precious and desirable thing hath thieves in pursuit of it. Therefore, you must preserve with the utmost effort and striving the pearls of divine love—which are the most excellent, delicate and beautiful jewels of the world—within the treasuries of your hearts. Verily I say, thieves lie in ambush, waiting to seize their opportunity and engage in plunder. All must hold fast to the True Protector, that

they may remain safe from the evil of the commanding self. And God speaks the truth: verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH10245: Praise be to the Beloved of the world Who…

In the Name of God, the One, the All-Compelling!

Praise be to the Beloved of the world Who hath enabled thee to attain His recognition. How many are the divines who considered themselves the leaders and guides of the people, yet today are deprived of the recognition of Truth and remain lost and wandering in the wilderness of error. And how many are the souls who deemed themselves ignorant, yet today have attained to the highest horizon of knowledge, inasmuch as the purpose of knowledge hath ever been and still is the recognition of God. Praise be to the Beloved Who hath enabled thee to attain to this bounty.

BH10158: Today all who are on earth are obligated…

In the name of the true Friend!

Today all who are on earth are obligated to follow the divine commandments, for these are the cause of order in the world and tranquility among the nations. God willing, may all attain to that which God has willed and act according to what He has decreed.

The world has never had, nor will ever have, any constancy. Strive that in these fleeting days you may acquire eternal pearls. Pure and holy deeds will assuredly be preserved in the book of divine preservation. Blessed is the soul that has attained to this station.

BH10226: After recognition of the Dawning-Place of Divine Revelation…

In the Name of God, the Almighty.

After recognition of the Dawning-Place of Divine Revelation and the Dayspring of the Commands of the Self-Subsisting, steadfastness has been among the greatest of deeds. The souls who have turned towards God must be so firm that should all the peoples of the earth wish to remove them from the ocean of nearness, they would find themselves powerless to do so. How excellent is the state of that soul who has drunk from the cup of steadfastness and attained this most great bounty—such a one is among those drawn nigh unto God.

O friends! Strive that ye may guide those who are lost in the valleys of idle fancies to the horizon of certitude. Verily, He is the Counselor, the All-Knowing.

BH10234: The whole world hath been created for the knowledge…

In the Name of Him Who is the Goal of all worlds!

The whole world hath been created for the knowledge of Him Who is the Ancient of Days, yet when the divine tests came to pass, most of mankind remained deprived, save those souls who detached

themselves from all things possible and turned with perfect certitude to the most exalted horizon. Know ye the value of this lofty and glorious station, and occupy yourselves with the remembrance and praise of the Sacred Divine Being. If ye recognize the worth of this bounty, ye shall never observe yourselves to be sorrowful, and shall, at all times, soar on the wings of certitude in the atmosphere of the love of the All-Merciful.

BH10556: The hands of divine bounty have nurtured all mankind…

In the name of the Educator of the world

The hands of divine bounty have nurtured all mankind, and, through the tongue of the Manifestations of His own Self, have announced unto all who dwell in the worlds the glad-tidings of the appearance of the Most Great Name. Yet when the light of divinity shone forth from the horizon of Oneness, all were occupied with their own vain desires and remained afar from Himâ€“save those souls who drank deep of the choice wine of inner meanings from the hand of divine bounty. We bear witness that these are, indeed, the victors. Please God, may ye drink of the sealed wine of steadfastness and be mindful of the Dayspring of His loving-kindness.

BH10634: The Most Exalted Pen in these days mostly speaks…

In the Name of the Peerless Lord!

The Most Exalted Pen in these days mostly speaks in the Persian tongue so that all may attain to the purpose of God. This is naught but through the grace of the Sovereign of existence and the Lord of the seen and unseen. Praise be to God that you have attained unto the recognition of the Dawning-Place of divine verses. Now strive that you may adorn your temples with the ornament of His holy commandments. This is the divine counsel that hath shone forth from the Dayspring of His celestial revelation. Blessed are they that have attained!

BH11059: This is a mention from the Wronged One…

He is the Most Holy, above all mention and description

This is a mention from the Wronged One to those who have believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, that the joy of My Most Great Remembrance may possess them and draw them nigh unto the Mighty, the Beloved. We counsel you, O My loved ones, to fear God and to follow what hath been sent down in His preserved Book. Verily, it is the Most Holy Book…

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BH00292: Praise be to God Who is one in His…

Section 1: “Praise be to God Who is one…”

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

Praise be to God Who is one in His unity and single in His singleness. He hath manifested the Word from the horizon of the heaven of Will—nay, it is the very Will itself and its essence—and through it He created volition in the world of sovereignty. Exalted be the Lord of creation, through Whom the Bayan was sent down, the Kingdom of Knowledge was adorned, and the Nightingale of Utterance warbled upon the branches. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the One, the Powerful, the Single, the Self-Subsisting, the Most High, the All-Wise.

This evanescent one submits to your eminence that two letters from you were received, and the utmost joy and delight were obtained from learning of your well-being. If there has been delay in reply, it is hoped you will forgive, as for nearly three months, nay more, the verses of God have not descended from the heaven of the Lord's Will. The Most Exalted Pen has been silent and the ocean of utterance still, and this servant, like one bewildered and astonished, has been lost in thought and, from excess of grief, has been unable to pen a single word—until these days when the gates of divine bounty were opened and the heaven of grace was adorned with the stars of utterance, and the rain of mercy once again poured forth from the clouds of generosity. This servant has therefore ventured to make up for what was lost through this petition, and hopes for forgiveness from you as well.

You had asked about the news from Istanbul—it is in such a state of disorder and upheaval that this servant and others like him are unable to properly describe it. All that was revealed from the heaven of God's Will concerning the chief, princes and deputies in the blessed Surih of Ra'is, the Most Holy Book, and other Tablets has now emerged from the realm of the unseen into the arena of manifestation. Yet despite these Tablets being in many hands, the people remain heedless and unmindful. Justice is rare indeed. I swear by the Sun of Truth that everything that has appeared in the world was clearly foretold in the revealed Tablets, yet none of the heedless ones turned to the horizon of the mercy of the Lord of the Worlds.

There is a story from before that is fitting to mention here: When the Manifestation was in the Land of Mystery, known as Adrianople, a special Tablet was revealed from the Supreme Pen addressed to the sovereign of Paris. In that Tablet proper etiquette was observed, and it was then sent to one of his ministers who had expressed loyalty. After some time, a petition arrived from that minister at the Most Holy Court stating that they had taken the blessed Tablet to the Foreign Minister and delivered it to the Emperor, but no response was received from him. Thereafter, another Tablet which forms part of the blessed Surih of Haykal was revealed from the heaven of God's Will, wherein news was given of his abasement, the loss of his entire kingdom, the ruin of that land, turmoil and revolution, and what you have heard.

After the revelation of these blessed verses, most were observed to be in utmost bewilderment and astonishment. Indeed, someone mentioned to this servant that the sovereign of Paris was the foremost person in the world, that he ruled over all the earth, held the reins of all kings in his hands, and controlled the management of all the world's affairs—how could such a person be overcome or brought low? Even some of the loved ones were perplexed, for in no way could human minds comprehend it and were incapable of imagining it, until there came to pass exactly what was revealed in the divine verses. Though

it is likely that your honor has observed this in Iran, it is mentioned again that it may bring joy and delight to pure hearts. His exalted Word:

> "O King! We have heard the words thou didst utter concerning the decision with regard to war, in answer to the question of the Russian sovereign. Thy Lord, verily, knoweth, is informed of all. Thou didst say: 'I lay sleeping upon my couch, when the cry of the oppressed, who were drowned in the Black Sea, wakened me.' This is what we heard thee say, and, verily, thy Lord is witness unto what I say. We testify that that which wakened thee was not their cry but the promptings of thine own passions, for We tested thee, and found thee to be afar. Arise, and pronounce betwixt men with justice, and be thou of the well-informed. Give ear unto the Voice, and turn thy sight unto the horizon wherein it appeareth. We wish not to address thee words of condemnation, out of regard for the dignity We conferred upon thee in this mortal life. We have chosen courtesy, and made it the true mark of such as are nigh unto Him. Courtesy is, in truth, a raiment which fitteth all men, whether young or old. Well is it with him that adorneth his temple therewith, and woe unto him who is deprived of this great bounty. Hadst thou been sincere in thy words, thou wouldst not have cast behind thy back the Book of God, when it was sent unto thee by Him Who is the Almighty, the All-Wise. We have proved thee through it, and found thee other than that which thou didst profess. Arise, and make amends for that which escaped thee. Erelong the world and all that thou possessest will perish, and the kingdom will remain unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy fathers of old. It behooveth thee not to conduct thine affairs according to the dictates of thy desires. Fear the sighs of the Wrong One, and shield Him from the darts of such as act unjustly. Because of what thou hast done, thy kingdom shall be thrown into confusion, and the empire shall depart from thy hands, as a punishment for that which thou hast wrought. Then wilt thou know how thou hast plainly erred. Commotions shall seize all the people in that land, unless thou arisest to help this Cause, and followest Him Who is the Spirit of God in this straight Path. Hath thy pomp made thee proud? By My life! It shall not endure; nay, it shall soon pass away, unless thou holdest fast to this firm Cord. We see abasement hastening after thee, whilst thou art of those who slumber."

These verses were shared with certain Christians before the events occurred and were translated into French and sent. Nevertheless, none responded. If any soul were to observe with an eye of justice, he would instantly proclaim "I believe in God, the Lord of all worlds." However, eyes are afflicted with the soreness of vain imaginings and ears are blocked with the cotton of ignorance and unawareness. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to raise up in the assemblage of the world one possessed of true hearing and sight, that he may acquaint all with that which befitteth them and that which they have missed.

In these days, the affairs of Constantinople and its surroundings are proceeding as was revealed in the divine Tablets, including what was revealed in the Suriy-i-Ra'is, which was revealed at the time of departure from the Land of Mystery [Adrianople], apparently between friend and foe, and which this servant wrote down. He saith:

> “O Chief! Hear thou the Voice of God, the Sovereign, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. He, verily, calleth between earth and heaven, and summoneth all men to the scene of transcendent glory. Neither thy growling, nor the barking of those around thee, nor the combined forces of the world can withhold Him… O Chief! Thou hast committed that which hath caused Muhammad, the Apostle of God, to lament in the most sublime Paradise. The world hath made thee so vain that thou hast turned away from the Face through whose brightness the Concourse on high hath been illumined. Soon thou shalt find thyself in manifest loss! Thou didst conspire with the Persian Ambassador to harm Me, notwithstanding that I had come unto you from the Source of majesty and grandeur with a Revelation that hath solaced the eyes of the favored ones of God. By God! This is the Day whereon the Fire speaketh through all things: ‘The Beloved of the worlds is arrived!’ And before all things there standeth Moses, hearkening to the Word of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Knowing. Were We to divest Ourselves of the mortal raiment which We have worn in consideration of your weakness, all that are in the heavens and on earth would offer up their souls for My sake. To this thy Lord Himself doth testify. None, however, can perceive it save those who have detached themselves from all things for love of God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Hast thou imagined thou couldst quench the fire which God hath kindled in the horizons? Nay, by Him Who is the Eternal Truth! Rather, by that which thou hast done its flames were fueled, and its blaze shall soon encompass the earth and whatsoever dwelleth therein. Thus hath the decree been issued, and none can withstand the command of those in the heavens and on earth. Soon will the land of Baghdad be changed, and that which is outside it, and it shall pass out of the hands of the King, and commotions shall appear, and the voice of lamentation shall be raised, and corruption shall become manifest on all sides, and affairs shall be disrupted by reason of that which hath befallen these captives at the hands of the hosts of oppression. The established order shall be changed, and conditions shall wax so grievous that the very sands on the desolate hills will moan, and the trees on the mountain will weep, and blood will flow out of all things, and thou shalt behold the people in sore distress.”

Section 2: “From these resplendent verses it is clear what…”

From these resplendent verses it is clear what hath come to pass and what shall yet come to pass.

And similarly in the Most Holy Book was revealed:

> “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 thee, 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 thy outward splendor 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.”

Likewise in the Surih of Fu'ad, which was revealed at the beginning of arrival at the Most Great Prison, and in the Tablet revealed in Persian specifically for ʿAli Pasha, who was then the Grand Vizier, all future events were clearly revealed in these Tablets. Nevertheless, people remain heedless and veiled, save whom God willeth. Our Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Were this servant to mention the mysteries of what is to come from the divine utterances, an extensive book would need to be presented.

In any case, in these days every day a new opinion appears in the great city and fresh disagreements arise. Until now matters have not settled, and hereafter the affair is in His hands. Turmoil and divergent views have encompassed that land, and no peace is evident.

By now news of Sultan Murad and [the slain ones] has surely reached your honor, and now Sultan Abdul-Hamid sits upon the exalted Ottoman throne. Due to the severity of these times, the turmoil in the lands, and the clamor of the people, they have said that Sultan Murad's mind has become disturbed. This servant, from what he has heard from the utterances of the Best-Beloved of the worlds, just as no glory shall remain with the people of ʿAyn and Lam though they cling to every means, so too shall personal independence be removed from Mim and Lam. Although we have not been and are not focused on these matters, whatever has flowed from the Supreme Pen shall surely come to pass, as indeed it has. It is most strange that people rejoice in outward positions and such things. In one instance it was revealed from the Supreme Pen that the time will be recognized as the manifestation of maturity and wisdom when independent personal sovereignty remains and no one accepts its burden to bear it. This is the purport of what flowed from the Supreme Pen. Were there to be found penetrating eyes, attentive ears, illumined hearts and pure souls, all would clearly behold the mysteries of what is to come in the divine Tablets.

As for what you asked about conditions in Iran, all the matters they were intent on implementing have been delayed, and they have also released Jinab-i-Aqa Jamal, upon him be the glory of God. At first they released him several times but he did not accept. Later at their insistence they brought him out of prison and released him, and he went to Burujird. However, news has recently arrived that he is in Hamadan and after Naw-Ruz intends to go again to the Land of Ta. We beseech God to assist all through His revealed wisdom, for the promotion and exaltation of the Word and the manifestation of the Cause have been and are dependent upon it. In any case, these regions are outwardly in turmoil, and the powers are creating much tumult and speaking of war, but perhaps, God willing, war will not break out. He setteth aright affairs as befitteth them and manifesteth whatsoever He willeth through His sovereignty. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

And as for publishing the treatise you mentioned, the reward for you and those who initiated and caused it rests with God. God willing, all shall attain the fruits of their benevolent deeds. The leaf you sent was presented at the Most Holy Court, however on its first page "tasaluka ila maqam la tara" was seen while in the original manuscript it was "tawasuluka." Exercise utmost care in correcting the treatise.

We beseech God to rend asunder, through His consummate wisdom and effective Will, the veils of vain imaginings of the people of those lands, that they may behold the Truth without veil or covering and attain true recognition. Many souls who claim recognition accept whatever is said, but without true consciousness. Their acceptance differs not from the rejection of others, for both speak without awareness. This servant's statement requires investigation, but time and opportunity for its exposition

are now lacking. Whenever God, exalted and glorified be He, wills, it shall, God willing, be explained. I beseech God not to deprive any from the outpourings of the Sea of Revelation which today surgeth between earth and heaven, nor withhold the effulgences of the Sun of grace. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Almighty, the Generous.

The two letters enclosed within your letter were presented at the Most Holy Court, and their answers have dawned from the horizon of grace and descended from the heaven of bounty. God willing, may they attain the seas deposited within the divine words and drink therefrom without delay or postponement. This servant is greatly astonished that in such days as these, the like of which the eye of creation hath not seen nor the ear of the world heard, most people remain heedless and silent behind their veils. He hath spoken, and His word is the truth:

> "The eyes were created for this Greatest Vision, and the ears for this Utterance through which the Essence of Knowledge hath spoken—the Word belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Encompassing, the Self-Subsisting."

And if you inquire about the Land of the Prison, outwardly it remaineth as before, but inwardly, as the Truth hath spoken, it is turbulent. Each day groups arrive from various directions, with and without permission. We beseech God to assist them in that which beseemeth these days wherein the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth:

> "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the Almighty, the Chosen One."

Concerning what you mentioned about the stations of the heart, it was presented. He said that whatever was mentioned before regarding these stations was specific to those days. In these days all must gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon and witness, without veil or covering, the effulgences of the lights of the Manifestation of God's Cause. And He said:

> "God willing, may you be assisted in serving the Cause. You are and will remain in Our thoughts."

We beseech God not to withhold His favors in all conditions.

The Most Great Branch and the Most Mighty Branch—may my spirit be a sacrifice unto the sacred dust of their most glorious footsteps—mention that Most Exalted Being with most wondrous praise and most sublime glorification. Likewise, the denizens of the Tabernacle of Sinlessness and the Afnan of the Blessed Tree—may my spirit be sacrificed for them—as well as those who circle round and the pilgrims, all convey their glorification. And furthermore, may that Most Exalted Being not look upon the negligence of this servant, nor forbid this servant from written remembrances. Your honor is well aware of the details of the affairs and occupations of this servant, and there is no need to submit them again.

The preserves that his honor the Khan—upon him be the glory of God—had sent have arrived. They have taken great pains, but the true taste of the honey of divine knowledge that hath appeared from their pure nature hath sufficed and will continue to suffice. This is a honey that hath endured and will endure as

long as the names of God endure. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto it, and woe unto the heedless ones. And praise be to God, the Lord of all the worlds.

BH02508: Praise be to God Who is one in His…

He is God, exalted be His station, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

Praise be to God Who is one in His Essence with His Essence, Who is sanctified in His Self by His Self, Who is holy in His Being for His Being, and Who testifieth that there is none other God but Him. Eyes apprehend Him not, but He apprehendeth all eyes, and He is the All-Subtle, the All-Informed.

This servant hath received your honored letter and perceived from it the fragrance of the garment of love in this Dawn wherein the Lord of all beings speaketh and calleth all to the path of guidance. He is, verily, the Ruler in the beginning and in the return. Concerning what you mentioned about the city—that its essence was taken and its accidents were left, the former in the highest horizon and the latter in the blazing fire—verily those who turned away, fabricated lies and committed oppression shall reap what they have sown, even as their forefathers reaped, a promise from God, the One, the Single, the All-Wise, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We beseech God to assist His loved ones there, for they are brilliant, radiant stars when darkness hath encompassed most of creation.

They have their work and others have theirs—the former endureth while the latter perisheth. Blessed is he whom the transient preventeth not from the countenance of the Eternal. We hope that you will convey greetings from this servant to all of them. As for what they mentioned in the news to your honor, remind them of the Tablet of Ra'is, the Most Holy Book, the Tablet of Fu'ad and other Tablets, that what they asked about may become clear to them. He is, verily, the True Informer, the All-Knowing.

Regarding what you wrote about abstention and determining the day of Ridvan: The previous day, which was Wednesday the 7th of Rabi'u'l-Avval, was the Festival, and thirty-two days after the Festival is the first of Ridvan. For example, Wednesday 7th Rabi'u'l-Avval is the Festival of fasting, and Saturday 9th Rabi'u'th-Thani in the afternoon is the first of Ridvan. It is reiterated that the beginning of abstention corresponds to the day that your honor wrote about, and the previous day which was Wednesday was the Festival, and thirty-two days after the Festival, which is the first day of the month of Baha—the first of the thirty-two—the thirty-second day in the afternoon is the first of the Festival of Ridvan. I long and hope to attain your presence at that time. The sun of permission hath also shone forth that, should they deem it advisable, they may proceed with their families to the Most Holy Court. The choice resteth with your honor. Upon you be all His most glorious glory.

The servant, Thursday, 8 Rabi'u'l-Avval 1294

BH01320: Praise be to God Who uttered a Word…

He is God, exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Glory!

Praise be to God Who uttered a Word, and lo, it appeared in one station in human form. Blessed be the All-Merciful Who caused it to speak in the realm of possibility concerning the mysteries of what is and

what shall be. And in another station it appeared in the form of images, and when He breathed into it, all who are in the heavens and earth were thunderstruck, save those who held fast to God, our Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. And in yet another station it flowed as though it were the water of life. Blessed is he who drew nigh and attained, for he is indeed among the people of the Crimson Ark before God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Help in Peril.

My spirit be a sacrifice for your love! The servant has been blessed with the fragrance of your noble letter, through which shone forth the horizon of love and fellowship and by which was illumined the dawning-place of affection and unity. By God! Yea, by God! The heart took wing and the breast was dilated thereby. We beseech God, our Lord and the Lord of all that is seen and unseen, to grant us at all times that which shall be the cause of the greatest joy in the most luminous horizon. He, verily, is the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the Wise.

As for what you mentioned regarding the conditions: as for the first, it was yours before and shall be yours hereafter through God's grace and favor. And what you mentioned regarding the second is undoubtedly true, for the matter of rights is mighty in God's sight.

The humble one submits that if it is possible for you to turn with joy and fragrance to the Most Holy Court during Ridvan, this would be most beloved, provided it causes no disruption to the shop's affairs and operations, nor any disturbance to the minds of the owners of goods. In any case, whenever leisure permits, do turn [to the Court].

As for your request for permission for the mentioned souls to attain through your letter—the sun of permission has dawned. Give them the glad tidings of this manifest grace. And concerning what you mentioned about Jasim al-Fatla and his son—this was presented before the Countenance, and He spoke, and His word is the truth:

O Jasim! Grieve not over anything. Trust in God, the Powerful, the Single, the All-Informed. This is a Day wherein the sea of joy has surged by reason of the advent of Him Who is more compassionate than any tender father, precious son, noble brother, faithful friend, and trusted companion. Verily thy son is in the highest paradise—these are the glad tidings which the Pen of God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the Wise, giveth thee. Rejoice thou in the days of God and say:

O my God! I beseech Thee by the Name through which the Kingdom of utterance was revealed and the fragrance of the All-Merciful was wafted, to make me content with Thy decree, smiling in Thy days, and jubilant through Thy remembrance and Thy favors. Thou art, verily, the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

The letter from him who is named Muhammad-Ali has arrived and was presented before the Throne. This is what hath been sent down in response:

> "O Muhammad-Ali! We have aided thee aforetime and caused thee to recognize this Horizon whereunto none have turned save they who have quaffed the Kawthar of life from the hands of the favors of their Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. We taught thee My remembrance and praise, and loosened thy tongue to make mention of this Remembrance

through which the limbs of them that have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds, have quaked. We shall be with thee under all conditions and shall aid thee as a token of Our grace. Be thou assured and numbered among the thankful. Blessed art thou for having been faithful to My Covenant, cast away vain imaginings, and embraced this Cause whereby the horizon of certitude hath shone forth by the command of the One Who is the Powerful, the Ancient of Days. Convey My greetings unto thyself and unto those who have turned to God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. The glory be upon you, O My loved ones! We counsel you to remain steadfast in the Great Cause of God, the Lord of all names. Hold fast unto it through this Most Great Name."

As for what ye mentioned concerning Ibn-i-Badi', upon him be the glory of God, he hath been named ʻInayatu'llah. Thus hath it been sent down from the heaven of the favor of our Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

The blessed Branches—my spirit be a sacrifice for the dust of their footsteps—and then the people of the pavilion of grandeur send their most glorious and resplendent greetings unto your honor and the people of the household.

The servant 22 Rabi'u'l-Avval 1294

May I be thy sacrifice! Last week on post day thy letter did not reach this servant; it arrived two days later, hence the delay in reply. In any case, I hope to be forgiven.

Then, may my spirit be thy sacrifice! After completing this petition, I was honored to receive another letter from thee regarding the names mentioned in thy previous letter. Permission hath been granted from the Dawning-Place of favor concerning them and presented. And concerning Haji Qasim, whatever thy honor deemeth advisable hath been and is acceptable and approved. Whomsoever thy honor deemeth advisable, grant them permission.

BH02002: Pure praise and the essence of glorification befit…

He is God—exalted be His glory, majesty and power!

Pure praise and the essence of glorification befit the sacred and holy court of the Intended One, Who created all existence with a single word and distinguished man through insight and knowledge above all else. He is the divine seal in the scroll of the world, He is the Most Great and Glorious Talisman, the honored Essence. And the intent of this insight is not the outward sight which other than man also possesses, rather it is that insight which has dawned from the shining lights of the Sun of the word "He comprehendeth all vision." How lofty is the station of man if he attains to its conditions and becomes aware of its degrees!

There has never been any doubt that all creation was brought into being for the knowledge of the True One. This has been the ultimate purpose behind the creation of the world of being. Today, whosoever attains to this most exalted station and supreme summit is accounted as human in the sight of the All-Merciful; otherwise, he is reckoned among the heedless masses.

Praise be to the Beloved of the worlds that your honor gazes toward the highest horizon and has drunk from the Most Glorious Kawthar. I beseech God, exalted and mighty be He, to grant your honor a portion of the outpourings of the ocean of bounty at all times. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Thereafter, it is submitted to His Excellency that this evanescent servant was blessed to read your esteemed letter, and as it was adorned with mention of the Beloved of the worlds, it brought boundless joy and delight. God willing, may this fragrance ever waft and this mention remain eternal and enduring. After this servant became apprised of the contents of your noble letter, I turned to the Most Exalted Station and read it at the Most Glorious Spot. At that very moment, an exalted Tablet specifically for your honor was revealed from the heaven of grace and sent forth. Although in these days, due to the lack of capacity of the time and season, the worth and station of this bounty is not apparent, yet I swear by the Sun of the horizon of unity that a time shall come when its glory and station will become evident in the assemblage of the world like the sun—God forgive me for this comparison—a hundred thousand such suns prostrate themselves in that station in utter humility and submission. The Pen has confessed its inability to describe that mighty station.

God willing, through divine confirmations and heavenly favors, may you be the cup-bearer of the sealed wine and occupied with the mention of God, exalted be His glory. The mention of His Excellency Nawwab Muhammad Azim ud-Din Khal, upon him be the glory of God, shone forth from the horizon of your noble letter, and this servant attained unto it. In the Most Holy Court, mention was made of his honor and the noble ladies referred to. He showed loving-kindness and favor toward all. Were its radiance to shine upon contingent being, the very name of extinction would be erased therefrom. This servant was and is not capable of describing its details. I hope that his honor may ever be ablaze with the fire of divine love and speaking forth the wondrous praise of God.

BH00373: All praise be to God Who hath opened…

Section 1: “All praise be to God Who hath opened…”

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

All praise be to God Who hath opened the gate of utterance through the Name whereby all creation was shaken, and Who hath adorned the temple of him whom He desired, at times with His name “the Bearer of the Message” and at other times with the name “the Friend.” Verily, He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Exalted above all understanding. Praise be to God Who hath manifested the Book of Dawn in an age wherein the Lord of Names turned towards the most exalted station of Zawra, then seated Himself upon the throne. Thereupon all things spoke, the Dove cooed, the birds of immortality sang, and the nightingales of the supreme Paradise trilled. The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Creator of heaven. I testify that the Pen is powerless to attain to the description of that Day whereon the fragrance of the All-Merciful was wafted amidst all created things.

And further: the crown of love hath been adorned with the diadem of your letter, the neck of affection hath been bedecked with the pearls of your praise, the eye of yearning with the collyrium of your remembrance, and the locks of the longing one with the fragrance of your utterance. I beseech the

Exalted One to ordain for your honor that which befitteth the heaven of His grace, the ocean of His generosity, and the sun of His favors. Verily, He is the Single One, the Bestower, the Ordainer, the Mighty, the Helper. My spirit be a sacrifice for your love.

Although this servant is abashed for not having sent a reply to your distinguished letter, yet considering that several successive months passed without any word being revealed from the heaven of divine Will until these special days when certain Afnans—upon them be the glory of the All-Merciful—received and were sent some Tablets, therefore this servant, in utter bewilderment, did not impose upon your honor. Otherwise, God the One beareth witness that both heart and tongue are at all times adorned with the love and mention of your honor. We beseech God, exalted be He, to delight our eyes by beholding your letter and to honor our ears by hearkening to your words. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Thereafter, following the perusal of the letter, having turned towards the Most Holy Court, all that flowed from your honored pen of bounty was presented. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

> "O thou who bearest My Message and who uttereth My remembrance and praise! For some time the Supreme Pen hath been silent and the rain from the clouds of bounty hath been stayed, for as thou observest, attentive ears are lacking and prepared lands are not to be seen. Although the Sun of Truth is shining with perfect radiance and brilliance, most people are veiled from it by vain imaginings and false traditions. Strange it is that they have not yet understood the Day of God, for had they done so, they would not have occupied themselves with the mention of aught else. He saith: The Kingdom on that Day shall be God's,' and likewise He saith: And thy Lord shall come with angels rank on rank.' Yet all remain heedless and deprived of this sealed wine. Say: This is a Day wherein none shall be mentioned save God alone. Blessed is he who hath dawned from the horizon of certitude and hath attained unto the presence of God, the Self-Subsisting. One should not be saddened by these matters, for the hand of God is above all human hands. Nothing can frustrate Him, nor can any matter harm Him. Verily, He is the Commander, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

End.

As regards the Siyyid of Qum concerning whom you had written, there are many details about him and in truth this servant is ashamed to mention them. However, some will be mentioned so that his condition may not remain hidden from some. He it was who spat on the face of Quddus in the presence of the ungodly in the land of Tabarsi, and who struck the face of the Great One [Baha'u'llah], reviled Him, and professed unbelief, saying what he said—all to preserve his own wicked self for a few days. In Iraq and some other lands he is known as Shemr of Qum. In the days when the Sun of Truth was dawning from the horizon of Iraq, this person often associated with this servant and would present himself in the Most Holy Court, asking whether God, exalted be His glory and might, would forgive his transgressions.

He was told: "Guard yourself henceforth." Several times this servant was present when the Ancient Beauty would say to him that two major flaws were observed in him: First, that the control of his tongue was not in his grasp—it would speak according to its desires as it pleased; and second, that his feet would

move in the wilderness of error as they willed. Observe his lack of recognition—it is as though he had never seen a word of the Bayan nor attained to a drop from its ocean of meanings.

Thus did the Primal Point—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him—say to one of the Letters of the Living, after sufficient and healing explanations, these exalted words: "All this is so that on the Day of Manifestation thou mayest not remain veiled by names, but rather look to that by which the names of all things, even the mention of the Prophet, are established, for that is created by what God reveals."[BB00551] And likewise He says, exalted be His mention: "I have written a gem regarding His mention, which is that He shall not be known through My allusion nor by what is mentioned in the Bayan. Yea, by His glory, that word is greater in God's sight than the worship of all on earth, for the essence of all worship leads to that."[BB00078] He continues, exalted and glorified be He: "For He is too glorious and exalted to be known through any but Himself or to be referred to by the allusion of His creatures.

I am the first servant to believe in Him and His verses, and I have taken from the virginal gardens of His knowledge the gardens of His words. Yea, by His glory, He is the Truth, there is no God but Him, all stand by His command." And furthermore He says: "And await Him Whom God shall make manifest, for you were not created except to meet Him, and He it is Who creates all things by His command. Beware, beware on the day of His manifestation lest thou be veiled by the Vahid of the Bayan, for that Vahid is but a creation before Him, and beware, beware lest thou be veiled by the words revealed in the Bayan, for they are but His own words in the temple of His previous manifestation."[BB00078]

That Supreme Being observes how exalted is the Cause and its loftiness, while at what level do people comprehend it. He reveals all the Names, and likewise admonishes that ye be not deprived of the mention of the Prophet from the Ancient Beauty. Nevertheless, ye have hearkened to what that heedless one hath said. Should anyone observe these words with the eye of fairness, he would attain unto the lights of the Cause, but the veils of passion have prevented the people from recognizing the Countenance of the Divine Unity.

Section 2: "Most strange it is that despite such emphatic…"

Most strange it is that despite such emphatic statements and utterances of the Exalted Lord, how the people remain in the corners of ignorance and unawareness. He saith: "Be not veiled from the Bayan and what hath been revealed therein from the Divine Lote Tree." Yet they cling to fabricated traditions and speak that which their desires command them. They have completely forgotten the explicit statements of the Point of the Bayan—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him—and they quote from this one and that one, saying that His Holiness stated He had not lived in the time of Shaykh Ahmad and had not smoked the water-pipe. It is not known about whom this tradition is and for what purpose. Observe the ignorance of these people—how they hesitate about One Who declares "I am sanctified above any reference to Me, recognition of Me, or mention of Me," while they cling to one whom they have not seen and have not known. Would that these conditions they mention regarding their imaginary successor were true. I swear by the Sun of the heaven of inner meanings that that person insisted greatly on smoking the water-pipe, to such an extent that one of the members of the household once forbade him from it.

Alas, what can this servant say! Would that the person who suggested to His Holiness that it would be good to meet the claimants to the Cause had himself acted upon this. For this servant wrote him a letter in the Land of Mystery and strongly urged him to come and meet that imagined person, that perchance he might rend asunder the veils and attain to the lights of the dawning Sun. After some time it was heard that he had gone to the Land of Ha. Such souls have never been and will never be freed from their vain imaginings, even though they have witnessed that what they possessed was naught but falsehood and calumny.

Consider the Shi'ih sect, who counted themselves the most learned, most rightful, most knowledgeable and most pious of all sects, yet after the dawning of the Sun of Revelation it became clear they were the most ignorant of people. Even the Sunnis gained enough understanding from books and traditions to know that the Qa'im—may our souls be sacrificed for Him—would be born, while that sect, despite their extraordinary claims to knowledge, failed to grasp this matter despite its obviousness. The truth of the matter is exactly what shone forth from the horizon of His Holiness's utterance in reply to that heedless one. Had he truly possessed understanding, he would have instantly acknowledged and repented, for this matter is clear and established among the people of the Bayan—that the traditions of Husayn ibn Ruh and his like caused people to remain veiled from the exalted Truth and to arise with utmost tyranny to extinguish the divine light.

Indeed, you have spoken a word which, should any hearing ear hearken to it, would cause them to turn without hesitation toward the Cause. However, not every soul has been or will be worthy of this choice wine. Those who drink of this Kawthar of recognition are of another essence and another realm. Most of the corruption in this Cause appeared through Siyyid Muhammad Isfahani, who called himself Quddus, though he had absolutely no knowledge of the essence of the Cause, and likewise the aforementioned Siyyid. In short, a few deceitful, heedless, ignorant souls have afflicted people with vain imaginings greater than previous ones, and strange it is that they have still not recognized the Day of God. I testify that they are in grievous doubt and schism.

The greatness of recognizing the Day of God can be understood from this blessed verse which states:

> "God is He Who raised the heavens without any pillars that you can see; then He established Himself on the throne and made subject the sun and the moon; each one runs its course for a term appointed; He regulates all affairs, explaining the signs in detail, that you may believe with certainty in the meeting with your Lord."

Very rarely are souls seen who manifest from the horizon of certitude and attain to this station, and whoever attains it erases from the tablet of their knowledge all mention of leadership, nobility, guardianship, successorship, and all above or below these. This station is not and has never been for any ignorant and heedless one. This is the sealed nectar that was hidden in the treasure of the Furqan, and this is the concealed mystery whose fragrance wafted from previous holy books. Blessed is he who found and knew. I testify that he is among the assured ones who have attained, and besides him there is no mention nor portion in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And if you wish to know the conditions in these regions, it is exactly as your honor had written in your previous letter. All that was revealed in the blessed Surih of Ra'is and the Most Holy Book is being witnessed day by day. But where are the penetrating eyes and the attentive ears? We beseech God to grant the people fairness and not deprive them of the ocean of His abundant grace.

Regarding the Afnan who ascended unto God, a special Tablet of Visitation was revealed by the Supreme Pen. Though brief, by God's life, it contains mention of what was and what will be. Likewise, several Tablets were revealed specifically for his relatives. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to grant patience to all and adorn them with the raiment of tranquility and contentment. Your honor may convey these as you deem appropriate.

Convey greetings, glorification, and this servant's mention of nothingness to His Honor Afnan Aqa Aqa Siyyid M, upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory. This depends on your honor's kindness. All those circling round, from the people of the pavilion of infallibility, remember your honor with the most wondrous, most impregnable, most glorious mention and most exalted, most supreme glorification. Likewise, all the loved ones in the prison city, one and all, express their pure devotion to your honor. His Honor the Name of God M.H., upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, sends sanctified glorification beyond description and expression. And finally, upon you be every mention, every praise, every loftiness and every glory.

The servant, 19 Rabi'u'th-Thani 1294

Another submission: this servant has written three copies of the revealed Tablet of Visitation specifically for the Afnan, upon them be all the Most Glorious Glory. Your honor will send them. Two Tablets were also revealed from the heaven of grace specifically for Nawwab Ala'u'd-Din Khan and Nawwab Ali Asghar Khan, which were sent along with two letters that this ephemeral one wrote. Likewise, a Tablet was revealed specifically for Aqa Mirza ʿAbdu'l-Hamid, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah]. One Tablet of Visitation with two Tablets should be sent to China, and two Tablets of Visitation and two Tablets should be sent to the land of Ya and the land of Shin. All these matters depend on your honor's kindness.

The Two Most Exalted Branches, may my spirit be a sacrifice unto the dust of their mighty footsteps, glorify your honor with glorification sanctified from the worlds of creation.

BH01203: Praise be to God Who hath made known unto…

He is God—exalted be His glory, His grandeur and His majesty!

Praise be to God Who hath made known unto us His straight path and His mighty command, and taught us the testimony whereby the Sun of unity hath shone forth and the decree of oneness been established. This indeed is the testimony uttered by the Tongue of Grandeur before the creation of the heavens and earth, and before the appearance of promise and threat: that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been sanctified beyond mention and utterance, and exalted above whatsoever hath appeared in the realm of possibility. He hath manifested Himself and revealed His sovereignty, whereupon the Nightingale of Eternity warbled upon the branches and the Bird of Remembrance sang in the Kingdom of utterance. By God! The promise hath come to pass, and that which was hidden and treasured hath been revealed—

that whereby all that was and will be hath been confounded. Praise be to God Who hath caused the branches upon the Tree of Proof to speak forth in praise of His Self and in glorification of His Essence, and hath sent down for them that which brings solace to their eyes.

My spirit be a sacrifice unto your presence! The servant hath been honoured to receive your noble letter time and again, and found in every letter thereof that which brought joy to my breast, gladdened my heart, and increased my attachment and sincerity. We beseech God, exalted be He, to honor me at all times with that which diffuses the fragrance of your love, O Thou Who art our Beloved and the Beloved of all the worlds!

I submit that your letters have arrived continuously and successively, and I have been blessed to read them. After their arrival, they were presented with other petitions to the Most Holy Court and were submitted into His presence. Then the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, saying—and His Word is the truth:

> "He hath spoken that which befitteth the days of his Lord, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We made mention of him before, and before that before, with praise whose fragrance hath been wafted to all regions and shall endure as long as God, the King, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, endureth. And We make mention of him at this hour that it may be a treasure for him and an honor for those who have believed in God, the Almighty, the Powerful. As for what he sought of forgiveness from the ocean of his Lord's generosity, verily He hath responded as a bounty from His presence. He is, in truth, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. O My Afnan! We have answered thy prayer before thy request. Be thou assured through the grace of thy Lord, the Bestower, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

Beyond these clear verses, the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was also revealed from the heaven of will and was sent forth. Likewise, the petition that was submitted in the tongue of Aqa Mirza ʿAbdu'l-Hamid (upon him be the Glory of God) was presented, and exalted verses were revealed from the heaven of divine favors and were sent forth. God willing, they will be honored to receive it. Another reason for the delay in submitting my petitions was that several months passed during which no verses were revealed from the heaven of divine favor, and this servant was greatly perplexed. When I observed that the Supreme Pen had paused, I did not dare to submit a petition. I hope for your forgiveness.

In these days, from the heaven of divine will, exalted Tablets have been revealed, the first of which was a mention revealed concerning the Father of the Community who ascended unto God. God willing, you will be honored to peruse it. Though revealed briefly, verily it is the speech of all things, the expounder of utterance, and the manifestation of proof to all in the realm of possibility. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who doeth what He willeth and decreeth what He pleaseth. Furthermore, if this servant were to attempt to describe the manifestations of the favors and bounties of the Ancient Beauty towards your honor, these petitions would surely never end. This servant hopes that there will appear from your honor that which you have expressed in your supplications, and may all your deeds be such as will cause God's Cause to spread throughout all lands and His mention among all servants.

Moreover, all that was sent to the Most Holy Court—the silk chest, the preserves sent before and after, likewise the tea sent before and after, the cinnamon, the vessels, the broadcloth, and the flower seeds—

all were received. In brief, everything mentioned in the blessed letters, both earlier and later, has all arrived. The last four boxes of tea arrived on the day of the New Fast, and were specially prepared in the blessed presence and found acceptable. The flower seeds were planted in a small plot in the name of the True Planter, but in truth, the spiritual seeds of flowers and fragrant herbs were your honor's supplications that were presented in the Most Holy Court, and assuredly their blossoms will appear and their fragrance will be inhaled by those possessed of true spiritual sense. We beseech God to inspire your honor at all times with that which brings joy to the hearts of those near unto Him. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

To Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza ʿAbdu'l-Hamid, upon him be the Glory of God, convey the Most Glorious greeting. All the inhabitants of the Prison Land, one and all, offer their utter effacement and nothingness, and greetings too sacred to be mentioned or expressed, to your honor. Upon you be the Glory of God and the glory of those in the heavens, then the glory of all worlds. At all times, sovereignty belongs to God, the Master of the Day of Judgment. The Branches of the Divine Lote-Tree—may my spirit and the spirits of all the worlds be sacrificed for them—convey the essence of praise and glorification to your honor.

The servant 19 Rabi'u'th-Thani 1294

BH10991: All praise be to God Who hath spoken…

All praise be to God Who hath spoken that wherewith He gladdened the servants in the Qur'an…

On the twenty-fourth day of the month of Jamadi'ul-Avval 1294, the Ancient Beauty left the Most Great Prison. First, the Ridvan Garden became the dawning-place of the All-Merciful, and afterward the renowned palace of these lands [the mansion of Mazra'ih]…

BH00946: My spirit and my very being be a sacrifice…

He is God, exalted be His station, the All-Glorious, the All-Powerful.

My spirit and my very being be a sacrifice unto Thee. Praise be to the Beloved of the worlds that His Holiness arrived at the designated place in perfect health and with the utmost joy and delight. Well said indeed:

> "A moon took flight from this city and went to another city, such that from its rising and setting two cities were turned upside down."

For the friends in this land were in separation and the friends in that land attained reunion. Every time has its portion and every land has had and will have its share. In all conditions I beseech and hope for His endless favors, that He may gladden and illumine the horizons of the hearts of the beloved ones through His presence.

In any case, His letter which was written to this servant was presented to His blessed presence in the mansion. He smiled at its Turkish verses and said that God willing, they should be occupied with the mention of Truth and the promotion of His Cause in all languages and in all directions.

Regarding what you wrote about his honor, the Name of God 66, upon him be all His most glorious Beauty, you should likewise convey on behalf of this servant utmost humility, submission, glorification, praise and infinite thanksgiving. A few days ago he specially attained the presence and whatever needed to be done was done on his behalf, and this servant himself has submitted a detailed petition to him which God willing will be sent. Another letter from him addressed to His Holiness arrived after the departure of that Beloved One. Since this servant had permission from His Holiness, it was opened and read. It contained nothing new.

According to His command, all letters that arrive for His Holiness should be answered and sent, and even to those from whom letters are not received, they should write, for news from this land is the cause and means of growth for the divine saplings. However, beseech God to protect those saplings from the poisonous winds.

And regarding what was written about his honor Anis, upon him be the Glory of God 69, truly all hearts were gladdened—that is, all souls who are now circling around were moved to praise and thank God with the utmost joy and delight. Although such matters are not and have never been novel for the friends of Truth—they have ever been oppressed—this servant, though confident of his protection, safety and release from prison, nevertheless upon receiving your glad tidings, my spirit nearly took flight from joy at what I heard.

They said: O Anis! By My life, what befell thee God hath made a source of honor, nobility and glory for thee. Be thou thankful to God for this. Verily He is the Deliverer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Those who judged thee shall soon find themselves in manifest loss. By My life, they followed their passions and are moved by every wind, having neglected what they were commanded in the Books of God, the Manifest, the All-Informed. They wronged thee even as they wronged thy Lord before thee. Lo, they are among the perishing ones. Be thou assured and certain that His mention of thee is the most great victory and shall endure as long as the names of thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous.

The glory be upon thee and upon him who was patient in God, the Lord of the worlds. End.

Convey greetings and praise to all the friends in that land who are occupied with the remembrance of God for God's sake and are detached from all else. This servant submits to the spiritual beloved, his honor Aqa Siyyid Yahya, upon him be Baha'u'llah, that if this servant's letters are delayed or if inner sincerity is not outwardly expressed, let them not think that this servant has forgotten. Most times have been spent remembering that honored one, both outwardly and inwardly. God willing, may you remain radiant and luminous like the morning star in the heaven of truth from the horizon of divine love, and be at rest under His protecting shade.

To his honor Haji Husayn, upon him be Baha'u'llah, this evanescent servant expresses sincere devotion and most wondrous praise. God willing, his reply will be sent. Praise be to God Who enabled him to remember Him and serve His Cause. He is verily the Mighty, the Powerful.

What else can I say regarding Haji Muhammad Isma'il, upon him be Baha'u'llah, as I feel boundless embarrassment. He has been and will continue to be mentioned in the holy presence, and since his

efforts have been borne for God's sake, they have not and will not be forgotten. We beseech God to assist him and grant him what he loves and is pleased with.

As for the matter of the shawls that they had written about, that honored one did not write details about how they should be sent. Keeping them here is not advisable as they might be lost. That beloved one should write where and how they should be sent. These days his honor Ha, upon him be Baha'u'llah, has sought to buy them, but his honor Amin is not agreeable. The matter is now pending. If they are given to them, that beloved one will be informed, but in any case that honored one should write details about how they should be sent, as they might not pass with his honor Ha. In any case, as commanded, whatever you deem advisable in these matters should be carried out. However it turns out is fine. God willing, may they ever be joyous and at rest under the shade of divine favor, mercy, compassion, grace, gifts and kindness. Upon you be all the glory that has shone forth and appeared from the horizon of God, the Mighty, the Beloved. This servant, on behalf of all the friends in this land, expresses to that honored one limitless devotion, self-effacement and praise.

Another submission regarding the dye that his honor Haji Siyyid Javad, upon him be Baha'u'llah, had written about: since his honor Haji Mulla ʿAli, upon him be Baha'u'llah, knows good dye, therefore one pound should be obtained and sent. So far no news has been received. And further, that beloved one should obtain and send 4 containers of two pounds of Egyptian red sugar.

The servant 12 Shawwal 1294

BH00862: From time immemorial unto everlasting ages, the essence…

He is God, exalted be His glory and magnificent His bounty

From time immemorial unto everlasting ages, the essence of praise and the substance of glorification befit that Eternal Lord Who hath illumined the mirrors of the hearts of them that are sincere and devoted with the effulgent rays of the Most Exalted Word. He is sanctified above all mention and utterance, and exalted above the comprehension of all created things. Every praise and glorification that proceedeth from the pen or tongue of the people of the age is bounded by the limitations of contingent being. Exalted, immeasurably exalted, is He above being described by the mention of His creatures or the praise of His servants. Verily, the mention of the world is not worthy of Him, yet since it is by His command, it is acceptable unto Him. Otherwise, how can a drop describe the Ancient Ocean? How can an atom describe the World-illumining Sun?

When the Ocean of God's Primal Will turned towards creation and its adornment, and the refinement of souls and their preparation, He ordained the Supreme Pen as His first interpreter and commanded it to promulgate His laws and ordinances. These laws and ordinances have had and shall have no purpose except the preservation of souls, their comfort, education and advancement to the heights of certitude, which are the cause and reason for the prosperity of the world, its security and the perpetuation of existence. This is so that the human soul, which is reckoned among the gems of the divine mine, may be adorned with goodly attributes sent down from the heaven of God's Will.

Among these commandments hath been and shall be the decree of detachment from all else but Him, for detachment among virtues is as the sun among the stars. It is the true educator and the cause of the training of the peoples of the world. It is the source of sanctification and the dawning-place of purification. Should a soul attain unto this station, his influence pervadeth the world, and the penetration of his remembrance is swifter than lightning through all things, and more potent than the spirit's influence in the body.

For me to describe this ocean would be like a feeble sparrow attempting to describe the Divine Kingdom. Exalted, immensely exalted, is His mention above my tongue, His knowledge above my comprehension, and His praise above my pen and utterance. Yet despite the ignorance and unworthiness which this servant doth confess, I testify with absolute certainty that should a single wave arise from this ocean, or should a breeze waft from this paradise, it would perfume the world and endow all who turn unto Him with everlasting life.

It is the cause of the turning of heedless souls, the renewal of ancient creatures, and the enkindling of extinguished hearts. It is the reason for the arising of the seated ones, the cry of the silent ones, and the hastening of those who tarry.

I beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, with a hundred thousand tongues, that He deprive not the hearts of His loved ones and chosen ones from the radiance of this Sun, and that He may bestow upon all the sweetness of this station. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most High, the Most Great.

This lowly one submits to your eminence that this servant was blessed with your handwriting, which caused joy and happiness and was the cause of delight and gladness. I beseech God to assist you in His service, His remembrance and His praise as He loves and is pleased with.

In these days His Honor Haji Mirza Muhammad Husayn Tabib, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah], arrived from Tehran. Praise be to God, the loved ones of God and the drinkers of the wine of inner meanings have been engaged in the remembrance and praise of the True One, exalted be His glory, and they are adorned with the ornament of well-being.

According to what he mentioned and also the petitions that were with him which had been submitted to the Most Holy Court, they expressed satisfaction with the source of outward authority, namely His Majesty the Sultan, and likewise with his son who is known as the Na'ibu's-Saltanih. Outwardly, after the release of the prisoners, the Na'ibu's-Saltanih summoned some of them several times and conversed with them, treating them with the utmost kindness and affection, to such an extent that when a person from the Land of Ta [Tehran] spoke unfittingly about the friends, he was ordered to be banished. That person went and took refuge in the house of Siyyid Sadiq. Later the friends themselves interceded for him and he was released. The aforementioned person desired to examine some of the revealed Books.

When these matters were mentioned both verbally and in writing, this servant submitted them, but "excellent is what was said: even if all created things become unbelievers…" etc., for what appears from the actions and utterances of the Desired One, may the spirit of all in the world be sacrificed for Him, is other than these matters and is sanctified above comprehension and minds.

Even though in these days He has come forth from the Most Great Prison with the utmost power and first adorned the garden with the ornament of the Greatest View, and then proceeded to a mansion which is more elevated than all the mansions of these lands and is renowned in these realms, nevertheless one day He uttered a word which this servant himself heard, and that word indicated and proved that He preferred the Most Great Prison. In this case, what station do the world's acceptance or rejection have?

If certain evident and manifest matters which are hidden from most were to be submitted, all who are on earth would be astounded. Glory be to Him Who made me know and prevented me. The sea of outward knowledge is visible while people cling to the cord of ignorance, and the sun of grace is shining while most turn away from it. I know not whether they are confused or they are dead.

And if you wish for news of the Land of Purpose [Akka], it is as before, except that strife and contention have caused upheaval and disorder. Some roads have been closed and foods which people need have reached high prices to such an extent that the scent of famine can be perceived. However, in the presence of the True One, exalted be His glory, the friends have had and have no fear of this matter. Although the people of the city have deserved every kind of affliction, His grace has preceded their deeds, their actions, their existence and their being. Verily He is the One Whose tongue has spoken in the kingdom of His utterance: "Verily I am the Forgiving, the Merciful."

The items that were sent arrived, but your honor has taken much trouble in sending them. What is intended and desired has been the turning of one's being to God and the recognition of that which benefits them, and no jewel has been or will be more excellent and lofty than a heart turned toward God. If you take one gem like this gem from its mine, it would be better than all the jewels of the world.

After the submission of petitions at the Most Holy Court, perfect grace became manifest from the horizon of bounty, and then He said:

> "God willing, they must, in the Name of God, rend asunder the veils and barriers of the people, that all may behold the Sun of Divine Utterance from the horizon of proof, and become illumined by its rays. And may the illusory human imaginings of the divines, which are in truth the very essence of veils and the reality of barriers, be effaced and vanish, and the effulgences of the Sun of Certitude be witnessed."

End.

Dhi'l-Qa'dih 1294.

BH00538: Praise be to God Who hath revealed Himself through…

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

Praise be to God Who hath revealed Himself through the light of the gleaming rays dawning from the horizon of utterance upon the Supreme Pen. Then did the Book of Names appear and cry out with the most exalted call between earth and heaven, bearing witness to that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath witnessed in the heaven of eternity—that verily there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Thereupon did the realm of divinity quake and proclaim: "By God the Truth! The gate of

meeting hath been opened, and the Beloved hath appeared in His most glorious beauty!" And the realm of might did cry: "Exalted, exalted be He Who hath illumined the horizon of manifestation, through Whom the preserved scroll hath been unrolled and the hidden secret revealed! Blessed are ye, O people of eternity, and happy are ye, O people of creation! Draw nigh through His Most Glorious Name and drink deep of that which giveth life to the spirit throughout the eternity of God, the Creator of heaven."

And the Kingdom was stirred and all within it, then called out with sweetest melody:

> "O dwellers of the cities of names and the kingdom of eternity! This is the Day wherein the eyes of the Prophets have been gladdened and the life of the chosen ones made sweet. The tongue hath spoken at the appearance of utterance from the horizon of the words of the Lord of Religions. Blessed are ye, for ye have attained unto the Day promised by the All-Merciful in the books of all religions. This is the Day of God's manifestation without veil or concealment, the Day of God's appearance—verily He hath come upon the clouds!"

Thus hath the servant of the Ancient Beauty spoken through the wafting breaths of revelation from the paradise of our Lord's will, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Praise be to God Who hath created pure, subtle, everlasting and eternal spirits from the breezes that have blown from the right hand of His Will, and made them ready for His days and enabled them to attain His presence when the lights of His countenance shone forth. He hath made their spiritual sustenance the hearkening to His utterance, their bodily growth the reading of His verses, and their hearts' delight the stirring of the winds of His grace.

Exalted, exalted be He Who created us through His name! Exalted, exalted be He Who manifested us through His sovereignty! Exalted, exalted be He Who caused us to attain unto His power and grandeur! Exalted, exalted be He Who made us speak through His bounty and utterance! By God's life! Every exalted one hath prostrated at His mention, and the name "exalted" hath been thunderstruck by His sovereignty, and its essence hath bowed down at the manifestation of His grandeur. Can mention attain unto Him? Nay, by the Lord of might! Can He be known through the movement of the Pen? Nay, by the Lord of eternity! Can He be bounded by the limitations of understanding? Glory be to Him, glory be to Him, above such utterance!

That station whose very air proclaimeth "There is none other God but Him" and whose very dust crieth out "There is none other God but Him"—how can understanding ever hope to soar into the atmosphere of praise of Him Who created it through a single letter from the kingdom of His utterance? Far be it, far be it, exalted be it, exalted be it above every utterance, above every mention, above every praise! The ocean of utterance hath been stirred by His utterance, and the spheres have paused to hearken to His call.

We beseech Him by His sovereignty, His power and His might, to give us to drink, at every moment, from the Kawthar of His knowledge which floweth from the heaven of His bounty, to preserve us beneath His shadow, and to make us steadfast in His Cause. Verily He is the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Inaccessible.

O beloved of my heart! I was resting in my place, contemplating the manifestations of my Lord and marveling at the ways of His sovereignty, when one of the loved ones brought your letter. I took it and

opened it, and from it wafted the fragrance of your love, your sincerity, and your turning to God, the Lord of the worlds. After perusing its contents, I turned toward the Throne and presented what was therein before His presence. Then the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, saying:

> "Blessed is he for having recognized the Day of God, for having been stirred by the breezes of Revelation, and for having turned to the Supreme Horizon when the people of creation turned away from it. He hath with God, the Lord of Names, a station which no heart can comprehend, nor mind encompass, nor soul enumerate, nor pen record, nor page contain. How can that which is non-existent describe what it heard from His tongue, when the Kingdom of Utterance is set in motion by but a single letter of His words? I seek forgiveness from Him for all that I have mentioned and written, and for all that I shall mention and write, for this is the Day whereon the ocean of forgiveness hath surged, the heaven of bounty hath been upraised, and the sun of generosity hath shone forth. Blessed are the people who have attained unto this Most Great Bounty and who have taken refuge beneath His most pure hem. We beseech God to assist all to do that which He loveth and pleaseth."

My soul be a sacrifice for your love! The distinguished letter adorned by your exalted pen refreshed the tree of existence like the morning breeze and vernal winds. In truth, this evanescent one is incapable and unable to make mention of it. All of it was presented in the Most Holy Court, and supreme favor shone forth from the horizon of His will. Praise be to God that you have arisen to serve the Cause in that land and are speaking in divine praise and glorification.

I beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to assist you at all times with His special confirmations. I swear by the Beloved of the world that if the heedless, ignorant people were to become aware of even less than a needle's eye of the conditions of this Day, of what hath appeared therein, and of the surging of the ocean of inner meanings that lies before all eyes, they would all cry out in wilderness and prairie, saying: "Verily, He is the One manifest from the Supreme Horizon!" A wondrous talisman hath appeared in the world—before everyone's eyes the ocean surgeth and the sun shineth forth, yet none perceiveth it. From all directions the Herald proclaimeth: "This is the sealed wine—take it and drink!"

Nevertheless, hearts remain unaware and ears unconscious, as if the power of sight hath been withheld from eyes and the faculty of hearing forbidden to ears. By God! These conditions proceed from naught but their own deeds. However, one must petition and beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, and those who are today mentioned by His Name and who repose beneath the Tree must arise with their whole being, with all their limbs, heart and tongue, to serve the Cause and, united and in harmony, occupy themselves with the remembrance and praise of God. But this must be done with wisdom, for today in God's sight the observance of wisdom taketh precedence over all deeds. All must hold fast unto it, lest there occur that which would extinguish the divine fire and cause hearts to be troubled. Verily, He is the Compassionate, the Generous.

Concerning what you wrote about the letter Shin, upon him be what is upon him, and his return to the lowest depths of Sin—this was presented before His presence. He said that all shall return to their places. Verily, He is the Avenger, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

As regards M.Sh., his honor Aqa Siyyid Isma'il Azghandi arrived in the Most Great Prison and presented certain petitions on his behalf to the Most Holy Court. It was stated that he had been the cause of grievous errors, errors that were without parallel or precedent. Nevertheless, in view of the pre-existence of divine mercy and the all-encompassing nature of heavenly grace, if he should wholly turn unto God, there is hope of forgiveness for him. A special prayer was revealed from the Supreme Pen and it was commanded that he should recite it. Should he act in accordance with that which hath shone forth from the horizon of the Command of the Ancient King, the breezes of bounty and generosity will take hold of him. He, verily, is the Reformer of all things and the Forgiver of sins. There is none other God but He, the Forgiving, the Generous.

As to what you wrote concerning Hadi, these are tidings that have previously issued forth from the ocean of divine knowledge. As hath been stated, the cawing of the crows—meaning the false claimants—shall appear in most lands. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to adorn His loved ones with the robe of steadfastness, which is the most glorious garment and most excellent ornament in the sight of God, and that they may become so firm that they may regard the consensus of the peoples of the world, the cawing of all nations, the claims of the claimants, and the clamor of the falsifiers as mere nothingness. He, verily, is powerful and mighty over all things.

Furthermore, the rosewater of his honor Haji arrived. God willing, may they ever be perfumed by the roses growing in the gardens of divine knowledge, and may they partake of the true elixir which is, in truth, the most pure Kawthar, mentioned in one place as the sealed wine, and in other places by different names. The other three bottles were truly outstanding. Upon him and upon their sender be the glory of God and His mercy.

Another matter: all the petitions sent with Shaykh and Haji Ahmad arrived and attained the Most Holy Court. Replies to all have been revealed, and most of the main points of those petitions have been honored with the response of the Lord of Lords, that this might serve as a testimony for those souls, did they but know and preserve it, that they might remain steadfast. Convey greetings to all from this evanescent one.

Another glad tiding is that in these days a special Tablet was revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will and given to Shaykh Salman to deliver to your honor, along with four [unnamed Tablets] which your honor may give to whomever you deem appropriate, as well as one Tablet addressed to the handmaiden of God, and two Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Pure Tablets specifically for their honors and [the gentlemen], upon them be the glory of God, which were sent by post. God willing, they will attain unto them. Although this year Shaykh was much delayed due to the discord, upheaval, and turmoil in these parts and could not find opportunity to return, God willing he will depart in these two or three days.

The conveyance of this servant's greetings to his honor Rafi' [Badi'], upon him be 9 66 [the glory of God], is entrusted to your honor's grace, and there is also a Tablet specifically revealed for him from the heaven of favor which is with Shaykh. God willing, he will attain unto it. Glory be upon you, O Afnan of God, then His grandeur, His majesty, His might and His exaltation, [as] the heavens and earth have been illumined by the light of our Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

The servant, 20 Dhi'l-Qa'dih 1294

BH00632: In the name of our Lord, the Most Holy…

In the name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Mighty, the Most High, the All-Glorious.

O thou who art turning unto the Most Glorious Horizon, who art known before the Throne by the praise of God, the Lord of Names, who soarest in the atmosphere of love and faithfulness, who dwellest upon the branch of praise in the Kingdom of creation, and who warblest the remembrance of God on a day wherein the foundations of those endued with understanding have trembled! Again I renew My words and say: O thou who art imprisoned in the path of God, the Creator of heaven, and who art expelled from cities and homes because thou hast believed in God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust! O thou who art expectant and vigilant! O thou who art firm and articulate!

I testify that thou hast spoken and uttered the truth, and thou hast been wronged by the ignorant ones who claim knowledge and wisdom without clear proof or evidence. Soon shall they behold themselves beneath the earth even as they now see themselves above it. My Lord, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, beareth witness to this. By God's life! The servant is bewildered concerning the people, and strange it is that one who seeth himself as but a leaf among leaves, appearing on the branch one moment and falling the next, should nevertheless be seized with such pride as to deny God, His sovereignty, His Manifestation and His signs. We beseech God in all conditions to assist His servants and not to render them deprived of this Most Great Ocean or heedless of this noble station.

Thereafter, this servant attained unto thy letter. Praise be to God Who hath preserved thee and delivered thee from the wrongdoing people, and fulfilled what He promised thee in His firm and mighty Book. The oppressor hath been and shall continue to be the ignorant divines. Soon shall they find themselves in evident torment.

And whereas you had written that some had desired to meet with His Holiness, and His Holiness, in view of not having permission, had not granted this—this evanescent servant bears witness that His Holiness has always been commanded in these matters. That honored one was created for the service of God's Cause and was made to speak specifically in His praise. However, He has made these matters contingent upon wisdom, and this has been and will continue to be due to previous mercy and comprehensive grace, lest any matter arise that might cause fear in weak hearts. The strong have ever gazed and will ever gaze toward the highest horizon. The manifestations of might, expressions of supremacy, and appearances of retribution have not and will not prevent those blessed, tranquil, content and approved souls. However, in consideration of the ocean of divine bounty and the heaven of divine generosity, He has commanded the people to wisdom so that no harm might befall anyone. May my spirit and your spirit and the spirits of all in the realms of creation be a sacrifice for His bounty.

After the arrival of that letter, this servant attained the Most Holy Presence and submitted the details, that is, presented that very letter in its entirety before the Throne. He said: "O My Name Jamal! If a person be in the East while you are in the West, and if that person desires to attain unto the knowledge

of God, it is incumbent upon you, if you are able, to journey to that land and bestow upon that person, according to their capacity and receptivity, the life-giving waters.

O Jamal! If you were to reflect upon the verses sent down from the heaven of grace, you would testify that whatsoever the Truth, exalted and glorified be He, has commanded and continues to command has been and will be for the good of His servants. You must certainly teach the Cause and occupy yourself with service. Do not deprive the seekers of the ocean of guidance, but give according to measure. The best fruit attributed to the Tree of the Bayan is this blessed word: bestow the seeds of wisdom in good soil according to measure. God willing, you will ignite all through the heat of the fire of God's Word and summon them to the Most Holy Court. The Supreme Pen has given countless counsels before and continues to do so now. O Jamal! Associate with all the people of the earth with paternal affection, and likewise nurture all from the breast of wisdom. In no circumstance remove your eyes from wisdom, for it has been and will continue to be the cause of the exaltation of the Cause, the source of tranquility amidst agitation, strength for hearts, and assurance for souls.

O My Name! Be confident in My grace and favor. You have been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. He verily has aided you, nurtured you, protected you, and delivered you. Give thanks to God for this bounty which has sprung forth from the ocean of generosity and grace. He is verily the Teacher, the Manifest, the All-Wise, the All-Informed. Remember when you stood before the Throne and witnessed with your own eyes the favor of your Lord, and heard His sweetest call and wondrous mention. You have a station with your Lord—be thankful and among those who rejoice."

Furthermore, if you wish for news of this land, the Ancient Beauty has left the Most Great Prison and established His throne in the garden, and afterward in the mansion known to a hundred thousand tongues and a hundred thousand centuries. This evanescent servant offers thanks and praise, for his prayer was answered and his deed was not lost, although it is observed that the Ancient Beauty Himself prefers the prison more. This is a matter that no one knows except Him, and verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

And as to what you wrote concerning consultation, He said that this matter has always been and will always be beloved, but in matters that accord with wisdom. The purpose of mentioning this is that the fundamental divine law should be known, otherwise these matters are clear and need not be mentioned. All that has befallen you in the path of God is remembered before God, and none has the right to object to what you have done, for the entire matter is in the hand of God, your Lord, the Mighty, the Wise.

And regarding what you wrote about turning towards this land with permission, He said you have already attained this blessing three times and it was accepted before God. Further journeys to this land are not permitted, for it is in turmoil, and the hidden turmoil which has been revealed in most tablets remains concealed. This is a land whose surface appears calm while its interior is turbulent. You must be content and grateful with what has been and is commanded, for therein lies the wisdom. End.

This servant begs that you not forget this one and always remember him with goodly mention. Convey greetings to all the loved ones of God who are honored to be in your presence. And concerning what you wrote about Javad, upon him be the Glory of God, it was presented at the Most Holy Court. He said that

he spoke truthfully, and indeed his presence in that land was with effect and fruit. I beseech God to strengthen him in all conditions. We testify that he has arisen to serve the Cause of his Lord, the Mighty, the Wise. Wherever he may be, he is under the gaze of divine favor. The Glory be upon him, his wife, his son, and those who are with him. And further, regarding what you mentioned about Aqa Siyyid J, upon him be the Glory of God, this too was presented. He said special favors have been bestowed upon him. We beseech God to assist him and grant him what is best for him. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Generous.

BH00408: Praise be unto Him Who is sanctified above all…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Mighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Praise be unto Him Who is sanctified above all mention and thought, the Ever-Living Lord of all, Who hath illumined the horizon of proof on the Day of Resurrection with the Sun of utterance, and Who hath, through the breaths of His Most Exalted Word, conferred new life upon all within creation. He hath adorned the heavens of wisdom and inner meaning with the stars of the utterances of them who are nigh unto Him and sincere in their love. He is the One Incomparable in power, the One Peerless Expounder, the One Unique Proclaimer. From the Primal Point He hath caused countless books to appear, and through His perfect might hath made a single word the cause of life and death, and the manifestation of all that is recorded and concealed. Nevertheless, how can this unworthy servant be fitted to plumb the depths of this ocean, or to tread upon this carpet, or to tarry in this station? Glory be unto Him, glory be unto Him, above all that hath been or shall be presented or mentioned! I seek His forgiveness for my praise and glorification of Him, and for all that my heart hath comprehended or my soul hath known.

By Thy life, O Beloved of my heart! Whensoever I consider my existence, my rising up and my sitting down, my movement and my stillness, my sleep and my wakefulness, my attention and my thoughts and my mention, I am abashed and ashamed, and I say with my inner and outer tongue: I seek Thy forgiveness, I seek Thy forgiveness, O God of the worlds, and I turn in repentance unto Thee, O Thou Goal of them that know Thee!

I had intended in my own mind to compose an oration, that I might adorn the opening of this petition with praise and glorification of the Lord of Unity. Suddenly I became aware that a grave matter had arisen, namely, my attention to my own mention, my self, and my existence. I seek God’s forgiveness for this and turn unto Him in repentance.

Glory be unto Thee, O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen! Thou beholdest me powerless before the surging oceans of Thy knowledge and the billowing seas of Thy grace, abject before the manifestations of Thy might and majesty, impotent before the evidences of Thy strength and power, incapable of soaring in the atmosphere of Thy remembrance, and heedless of understanding that which Thou hast sent down in Thy scrolls and books. How can the blind behold the lightning flashes of the Sun of Thy manifestation? How can the deaf hear the melodies of the Dove of Thy oneness? How can the dumb speak when Thy verses descend from the heaven of Thy Will? By Thy glory!

The signs of Thy power have so encompassed me that I am powerless to do aught, and I behold my essence and being unable even to mention inability, let alone aught else. Yet since Thou hast made the

mention of Thyself the sustenance of my soul, Thy praise and prayers unto Thee the nourishment of my spirit, and the elixir of Thy utterance the cause of my survival, therefore do I remember Thee through what Thou hast taught me and made known unto me. I beseech Thee, O Creator of the heavens and Lord of all names, to assist me to serve Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones, unto whom Thy countenance hath turned from the horizon of Thy grace. Thou art He Who hath ever been powerful over Thy Cause and dominant over all that dwell in Thy heaven and earth.

O my Lord! Thou seest me, despite my powerlessness, poverty, and the extinction of my being, desiring to make mention of him whom Thou hast made a teacher in Thy Book and immortalized in the paradise of Thy remembrance, and whom Thou hast named ‘the Friend’ in Thy Tablets—Tablets of which a single letter cannot be equaled by all that exist in the kingdom of creation. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy hidden knowledge and Thy treasured, concealed secrets to grant me success in mentioning him in the court of Thy glory and in loving him throughout the endurance of Thy kingdom and Thy dominion. Verily, Thou art the Answerer of whosoever calleth upon Thee and the Helper of whosoever imploreth Thee. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

My being is a sacrifice to Thy remembrance, and my soul a ransom for Thy Cause. Time and again hath this evanescent one been blessed with the traces of Thy pen. God knoweth that the spheres of my love have been set in motion by their fragrance, and the cities of my affection have been perfumed by their sweet savors. From each letter have I drunk the Kawthar of meeting Thee and the choice wine of attaining Thy presence. I beseech God to perpetuate this bounty which is far beyond my station and rank. He, verily, is the Answerer, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved.

This evanescent servant hath repeatedly been blessed with the receipt of your esteemed letter. Regarding what you wrote about having sent the revealed Tablets, it is evident that your honor hath ever been and continue to be occupied with service to the Cause of God. O beloved of my heart! The heedlessness and lack of capacity of the servants hath reached such a degree that for some time the ocean of utterance hath been stilled, and only occasionally do its drops appear. In one of the Tablets revealed to one of the friends in the land of Shin, He saith words to this effect: The face of the world is turning toward irreligiosity, and this condition shall persist thus for some time, increasing day by day until its appointed time which hath been set down in the Book of God. And when that time is fulfilled, the Cause of God shall be raised up despite the opposition of the servants. Thus hath it been decreed aforetime by the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

It is evident that were people ready, the clouds of mercy would not be withheld, the sun of bounty would not remain concealed, and the ocean of inner meanings would not be stilled. Yes, the people are ignorant and heedless of that which today shineth forth from the horizon of God’s will. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of Revelation that were they to become aware of but a drop from the waves of the Most Great Ocean, they would become detached from all that they possess. The veils of selfish desires have become so thick and dense that their rending is most difficult save by the finger of the power of our Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Regarding what you wrote about the condition of the friends being good, provided their pettiness allows it—at this they smiled greatly. Thus did the Tongue of Grandeur speak: O Khalil! If souls who have

accepted the Faith were to act upon the divine counsels and revealed deeds, surely all creation would cry out in the wilderness of detachment, after hearing the call, "Here am I, O my God, here am I!" Man becomes proud through his garment and transgresses through his pettiness, save whom God willeth. Were words moderate and matched by deeds, they would surely become the cause of the salvation of the world and the preservation of nations. In one instance the Supreme Pen hath revealed that utterance should be adorned with the nature of mother's milk and fatherly affection, that the children of the world might thereby be educated and reach maturity. Should one speaking go beyond the comprehension of the hearer, he hath departed from justice. I beseech the True One to make all accepting souls aware of the degrees of wisdom revealed in the Book. He, verily, is the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

O thou who art a herald! I have left the Most Great Prison, and We have made the Ridvan Our throne's seat, then this lofty mansion [Mazra'ih]. God hath fulfilled what He revealed on His first arrival in the land of the Prison, and kept His promise in the Book. He, verily, is the Fulfiller, the All-Informed. The land hath been honored by the advent of the Most Great Sea—exalted be God, the King, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We love to make mention of thee after We had restrained the Pen from remembrance and utterance. Thus doth the All-Merciful give thee glad tidings that thou mayest be of those who rejoice.

Grieve not at anything, for He is with thee. Soon shall pass away that wherein the heedless take delight. The leaf springeth from the tree and cleaveth unto it, moveth upon it and smileth at its rustling, drawing hearts by its ways—all this thou beholdest in the morning, yet in the evening thou seest it fallen, yellowed, upon the ground. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Explaining, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. By thy life! That wherein the most exalted servants rejoice was as naught to those who have turned towards the Countenance, for they see nothing but they perceive its passing away and God's decree standing over it. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Rejoice thou in My remembrance, My manifestation, My effulgence, My call, My favors and My bounties which have encompassed the worlds. Thy letter hath come before Us. We have seen it, read it, and made mention of thee in this Perspicuous Tablet. We have found from it the fragrance of thy sincerity, thy longing, and thy turning toward God, the Goal of all seekers. By God's life! He hath ordained for thee that which shall gladden the eyes of the sincere ones.

Concerning the Siyyid—upon him be what is upon him—they had written; from His Holiness's first writing the nature of it became clear. Such heedless souls assuredly were not and are not capable of movement in the arena of His Holiness's utterance. How blessed is the word that His Holiness spoke:

> "Leave them in their vain discourse, nay rather in their playground sporting."

The people have been and remain greatly veiled, have not become aware of the ascents of witness, and have not attained to the ladder of knowledge. They have not yet comprehended a drop from the divine utterances. The very claim of the Bab's station by His Holiness—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him—was indicative of and manifested the condition of the people. In one instance He even denied Himself the station of specific Babhood, for all were lost in the valley of conjecture and fancy, unable to comprehend the effulgences of the Sun of Certainty, save whom God willeth.

In every utterance that appeared from the Dayspring of the All-Merciful's will, most were concerning the mention of certain souls of the past, and had the people been capable, naught but mention of the Sun of

Truth and the Spiritual Heaven would have flowed from His Holiness's tongue and pen, as can be understood from certain blessed verses. Yea, meat is harmful to the suckling. Glory be to Him Who giveth to everything its due right. A word concerning Husayn ibn Ruh appeared from the horizon of His Holiness's Pen: "Blessed art thou, then joy be to thee, through the everlasting names and attributes of God, in that ye have known him from before." Between these people and these souls, one must at all times hold fast to "Not all that is known should be uttered." Praise be to the Goal of all worlds Who raised the banner of "the Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds" and caused "the Kingdom on that Day shall be God's" to appear from the Dayspring of creation. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Transcendent, the Mighty, the Wise.

As regards the matter of the esteemed Sarkar Khan, they had sent certain items which arrived in this land with great difficulty, for at the customs house in Alexandria they opened the items and valued them according to their own discretion, collecting substantial duties. Likewise at the customs house in Haifa they opened them again, saying the declaration did not match these goods, whereupon they collected duties once more from his honor M.H., upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah's] Most Glorious Beauty. Furthermore, after arrival here some items did not match the inventory, and besides this, in this place only carnelian rings are used. What more can this servant say? I beseech God to assist all to that which He loves and is pleased with.

And regarding what was written about them, it was conveyed. These words issued forth from the Source of Utterance—exalted be His glory: "Those souls who turn toward different regions must act according to what hath been revealed in the Book, be detached from all who dwell on earth, and in each of their members, organs, limbs, veins, features and strands of hair perceive a heart, and that heart must be turned toward God. At no time should they let go of wisdom, for verily it is the mightiest foundation from God, the Lord of the worlds." However, whatsoever your honor hath done was truly the essence of wisdom and is acceptable before God, and this servant sayeth: "O my God! Make his affairs prosper."

Concerning his honor Aqa Mirza ʿAli-Naqi, upon him be the Glory of God and His mercy, about whom you had written—the aforementioned soul hath ascended unto God. Since in his final days he attained the honor of the presence, the word of forgiveness was revealed concerning him from the Dayspring of the Cause. Those who circle round the Throne, one and all, convey their most hallowed greetings to your honor.

The servant 22 Dhi'l-Qa'dih 1294

This servant hath written a letter to them which your honor may peruse. The two Most Great Branches—may my spirit and all God hath given me be a sacrifice for Their majesty—and the Afnans of the Blessed Tree offer their most sublime and impregnable greetings to your honor.

May I be a sacrifice for you—the letter from his honor the Afnan of China, upon him be every most glorious glory, arrived with the items. God willing, in the next post a petition will be submitted to their presence.

BH01831: Praise be to God Who caused the Mount…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most High!

Praise be to God Who caused the Mount to speak forth that there is none other God but Him, the God of Moses and Aaron, and caused the solid rock in the hand of His Beloved to speak forth that there is none other God but Him, the God of all worlds, and caused the mountains to speak forth His mighty remembrance and the seas His surging, prevailing, swift Name, and the trees that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Wondrous. He it is Who gave the world the glad-tidings of the Day wherein the sun shall rise from its setting, and the mountains shall pass away with passing upon passing, and every soul shall be weighed with weighing upon weighing, wherein feet shall slip and mankind be confounded and the hearts of the possessors of understanding be thunderstruck and the limbs of all servants tremble, that His supreme sovereignty might be made manifest therein, even as He informed His servants in the Book that erreth not nor forgetteth. The Kingdom on that Day shall be God's—my spirit be a sacrifice for your remembrance.

The servant hath been honored by that which hath trickled from the cloud of your ink, and joy and gladness have seized him in such wise as no mention can contain. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the Unconstrained. As to what ye mentioned regarding the City and what Shaykh Muhammad and he who is imprisoned—upon them both be the glory of God—have composed in verse, what they composed and wrote hath been read before the Countenance and there hath shone forth from the horizon of grace that which the Pen is powerless to describe. We beseech God to assist them both to remember and praise Him, and to spread abroad from them that which shall perfume the horizons. He, verily, is the Lord of the Day of Mutual Disillusion.

After hearkening to this remembrance and utterance, the Tongue of the Beloved spoke and said:

> "O Mustafa! Befitting on this day for all the loved ones of God in that land is the mighty veil and beautiful patience. Should any of the people of Zawra' learn or discover that My letter or word hath come unto it, they would make of it a cause of corruption, and perchance what appeareth therefrom would return to the root of the Tree. It behooveth every soul to preserve it and arise to serve it and conceal it from every objector and violator of the Covenant."

As for what thou mentioned regarding the name of Sasun—upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah]—verily he is remembered before the Countenance, and it behooveth Moses to speak truthfully at first saying "I have nothing and what is in my hand belongeth to none other than myself." By these words he shall deliver himself from all afflictions and turn unto the Mighty, the Beloved.

As for what Fayzullah Bey wrote to his father, it hath been presented before the Countenance. He—may my spirit be sacrificed for Him—said:

> "This is contrary to what God hath revealed in the Book. It behooveth everyone who hath turned to the Supreme Horizon and attained the Most Pure Sealed Choice Wine to hold fast unto wisdom and speak that whereby servants draw nigh, not that whereby they fall thunderstruck upon the dust. Blessed is he who was prevented from sending his letter to his

father, and blessed is he who held fast unto wisdom and acted according to what was commanded from before God, the Lord of the worlds. We have mentioned Fayzullah—We beseech God to assist him and grant him that which shall profit him. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Wise."

It is submitted that in all circumstances the concealment of the Cause is necessary, for if the people of Iraq become aware in any way that news from the Most Holy Court reaches anywhere, they will surely complain to the great city and this will become a cause of corruption. Your honor should write in such a way that the friends in that land should understand as though no news reaches from the Most Holy Court. In any case, the concealment of this matter is necessary.

May the Glory be upon your honor and the people of the household and upon the loved ones of God in that place.

The servant 22 Dhi'l-Qa'dih 1294

BH01378: Praise be to God Who hath spoken and caused…

He is God, exalted be His glory! Majesty and grandeur belong unto Him.

Praise be to God Who hath spoken and caused all things to speak in praise of Him Who was wronged throughout all regions. He, verily, is the Single One, the One, the Unique, the Self-Subsisting, Whom none of His servants can comprehend and none of His creatures can describe. He, verily, is sanctified above all mention. My spirit be a sacrifice for the fragrances of Thy love.

I have been honored by the first ornament of your letter, which was adorned with praise of God, the Sovereign of all peoples and the Manifestor of causes. Joy seized me in such wise that tongues are powerless to describe. For this we praise our Lord, the All-Merciful, Who created us by a word from His presence, made us among His loved ones, caused us to speak His praise, taught us the path of His guidance, and instructed us in that which profiteth us in all His worlds. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

It is submitted that regarding what you wrote about Sasoon, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], this servant was likewise perplexed as to what thought prompted this mention. The Holy Land is much disturbed these days, as Jinab-i-Ism-i-Ha has incurred a debt of one thousand liras and has nothing to show for it, and this sum belongs to the poor Khawaja and his partner. In such circumstances, it is evident what has happened and what will happen. We beseech God to assist us in that which will exalt His mention among His creation and His Cause among His servants. Indeed, this matter has been and continues to be a source of great humiliation, although it remains concealed for now. But after people become aware of it, it is unknown what will transpire. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

A letter was observed from the honored Surur, Aqa Mirza Muhammad-ʿAli, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], which he had written to Aqa Muhammad-Rida, mentioning his hardships. Since all these matters have been endured for God's sake, God willing, they are sweeter than honey to his taste. This servant was present before the Face when instructions were given to send a telegram for them to come

by steamer on Friday. Had they departed, it would have been most excellent, as the steamer arrived in Haifa in perfect comfort. However, according to their letter, the telegram arrived late and they were not properly informed that the steamer would arrive in Haifa. In any case, all that has occurred is for the best.

The conveying of greetings from this servant to him and his son, upon them both be the glory of the All-Merciful, depends upon your grace. Furthermore, it was repeatedly heard from the blessed Tongue that you should be informed to strive as much as possible to keep matters concealed, meaning it is preferable that the friends in Iraq know as little as possible about the affairs of the Prison. For if it becomes known among people that news of the Holy Land reaches those dwelling in Iraq, it has been and will be harmful. Let them consider this matter in whatever way is wise. The glory be upon you and those with you, and upon the two who arrived unto you, and upon the loved ones of God in those parts.

The servant 11 Dhi'l-Hijjih 1294

Then, may my spirit be sacrificed for you. Your second letter, from which wafted the fragrance of inner meanings, this evanescent servant was blessed to receive. Praise be to God for having opened the gates of the heaven of His bounty with the water of His Cause and made His chosen loved ones the bearers of this resplendent Kawthar.

The matters written were observed. Regarding His Holiness Mirza, his deliverance remains in that same word which shone forth from the Dayspring of utterance. Regarding His Holiness Amin Effendi, upon him be 9 [Baha], the Most Glorious, praise be to God that most often his mention has been made in the Most Great Scene and the face of favor has been turned toward him. Regarding what was written about His Excellency the aforementioned Pasha, may God assist him, no news has been received from him for some time, therefore sending a letter was not permitted. In any case, divine favor has been and is with him, and its effects, whenever they appear, will be manifested in the visible world. What is incumbent upon him is to hold fast to wisdom and also to visit His Excellency the Pasha. His affairs will proceed in a manner that will gladden his inner heart and rejoice his soul. Convey to him the most wondrous, most impregnable, most holy greetings from this evanescent one. Glory be upon him from his Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

BH04865: O My loved ones! Hearken unto My call…

He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth!

In His Name, the All-Encompassing, the Ruler of all worlds!

O My loved ones! Hearken unto My call and arise to aid My Cause and exalt My Word, through which the hearts of the mystics have been set ablaze and the backs of the idolaters have been broken. Grieve not at anything. Remember your Lord, the All-Merciful, in such wise that the limbs of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds, may quake with fear.

Hold fast to the cord of wisdom in all conditions. We have, indeed, enjoined this upon all in Our mighty and wondrous Book. Beware lest the affairs of the world hold you back or the clamor of the nations veil you. Draw nigh unto God, then aid His mighty and impregnable Cause. We were walking in the mansion

which God hath made the Most Great Scene on this Day that was promised in the Tablets of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have turned toward thee from this Spot and revealed unto thee that which hath caused the hearts of the mystics to soar. Beware, beware lest the hosts of the world frighten thee or the whisperings of Satan hold thee back. Cling to the hem of thy Lord's favors and say: O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen! Thou beholdest the Best Beloved of the world among the peoples and hearest the cry of His heart and the sighing of His soul at what hath befallen Him from those who claimed to know Him and to follow His Cause.

O my Lord! Thou art the All-Hearing and Thou art He from Whose knowledge nothing escapeth. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue the cities of knowledge and didst reveal the treasures of the seen and unseen, that Thou protect me and make me detached from those who have disbelieved in Thy Great Name.

BH04892: Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He…

He is the Most High, the All-Powerful, the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious

Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He calleth thee from this exalted Station, and His hair and His limbs and His members all testify that there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Bear thou witness even as God hath borne witness, then know that this is the Day of God whereof the Tongue of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Beloved, hath spoken.

He hath said, and His Word is the truth: "On the day when thy Lord cometh, or certain of the signs of thy Lord," and in another place: "The Kingdom on that Day shall be God's," and in yet another place: "The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds." All this hath the All-Merciful revealed in the Qur'an. And now the Ancient Lord speaketh the truth, and the Sovereign of the Kingdom proclaimeth in the kingdom of creation, through His Most Glorious Name, that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Loving.

Bear thou witness even as God hath borne witness, and say: O my Lord! Praise be to Thee for having caused me to draw nigh unto the shore of the ocean of Thy bounty and to turn toward the lights of Thy countenance, after most of Thy creatures turned away therefrom. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue the world, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love in such wise that neither the tyranny of the Pharaohs among Thy creatures nor the clamor of such as have disbelieved in Thy signs and Thy testimony shall deter me. I implore Thee by the power that hath encompassed all created things and by the Will that hath prevailed over all contingent beings to assist me to make mention of Thee and to serve Thy Cause. Thou, verily, art powerful to do as Thou pleasest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

BH05764: Glorified is He Who hath sent down the Book…

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

Glorified is He Who hath sent down the Book in truth and made it the supreme Balance between the nations and the Most Great Sign unto all mankind. Blessed is he who hath clung unto it, and woe unto the heedless ones.

The darkness of vain imaginings hath encompassed most of the peoples. Blessed is he who hath been illumined by this Light through which the world hath been enlightened and the Most Great Name hath proclaimed: “There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Praised.”

Arise to make mention of God and to praise Him, then render thanks unto Him for having been mentioned by My Most Exalted Pen, through which God hath quickened every mouldering bone. Hold fast unto the Sure Handle and cling to the hem of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful.

We have made mention of thee as a token of Our grace, that thou mayest remember the Wronged One Who hath been made a captive in the hands of the oppressors. Seize thou these days and glorify thy Lord with praise at morn and eventide.

Soon shall all that is on earth perish, and sovereignty and might shall endure unto God and His chosen ones who have believed in God in this Revelation whereby the Trumpet hath been sounded and the mountains have passed away, and trembling hath seized all who are in the heavens and on earth, save those whom thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, hath willed.

Glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned towards the Countenance in the days of thy Lord, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH05714: Blessed is He Who hath shone forth…

He is the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Blessed is He Who hath shone forth from the horizon of Revelation with a sovereignty that the powers of the world have failed to withstand. He speaketh amongst the nations: verily there is none other God but Him, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting.

Say: He, verily, is the One Who speaketh the truth and commandeth the people to that which profiteth them in this world and the next, yet most of the people know not. He hath commanded all to observe piety and that which will lead them to the ultimate goal, but they have turned away and objected, having followed every heedless and rejected one.

We show them the Most Great Vision, yet they turn away from it, and We give them glad tidings of the Day they were promised in the Qur’an, yet they pay no heed. Say: This is the Day of which the Qur’an did aforetime give tidings through His words “On that Day shall sovereignty belong to God, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved.” Say: This is the Day whereon mankind hath risen before God, the Lord of all that was and shall be. Verily those whom We behold in doubt are in a torment that shall not be turned back.

Hold fast unto this Most Great Tablet, then recite it unto those who have turned to the horizon of Revelation and have faced the Countenance after the passing away of all things. They, verily, are the

people of Baha amidst earth and heaven, upon whom the angels near unto God do send their blessings. Glory be upon thee and upon him who hath arisen to serve the Cause on this promised Day.

BH06060: O Muhammad! Hearken to the call of the Single…

He is the Speaker after the silence of the world

O Muhammad! Hearken to the call of the Single, the One! He called thee aforetime with a call whereby the believers took flight, the ungodly were thunderstruck, and the sincere hastened to the dawning-place of thy Lord's Most Exalted Beauty, and then the near ones to a station wherefrom all mention and names were cut off. Thus doth the Pen speak in this Most Great Station which God hath sanctified from all that the possessors of understanding conceive, for it hath been illumined by the lights of thy Lord's countenance, perfumed with the fragrances of revelation, and adorned with the ornament of thy Lord's throne, the Mighty, the Wise.

We give thee glad tidings of thy Lord's favors, that thou mayest be of the thankful. Thy letter hath been read before the throne, and God hath forgiven those whose names thou didst mention. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Generous.

Blessed art thou and thy brother and those who are with you, and those who have ascended in the love of God, the Lord of the worlds. The fragrances of thy Lord's revelation have encompassed them and the mercy of thy Ancient Master hath embraced them. Thus have We mentioned thee as a bounty from Our presence, that thou mayest give thanks and be of the steadfast.

By the life of God! My Cause is great, great indeed. Soon shall there be manifested that which the Most Exalted Pen hath stirred in this noble station. The glory be upon you from the presence of One powerful.

BH06741: Your letter has attained unto the Most Great Horizon…

In the Name of God, the Powerful

Your letter has attained unto the Most Great Horizon and been honored with the gaze of the Lord of Destiny, and from it were inhaled the sweet fragrances of love. Yea, today the friends of God who have forsaken all who are in creation for His path and held fast to the cord of His love must diffuse the fragrance of faith to such a degree that all the world may perceive it, nay rather that the inhabitants of the graves may attain through that musk-laden breeze to life everlasting.

Say: O loved ones of God! Today is the day of burning ardor, today is the day of turning to God, today is the day of mention and praise, today is the day of supreme gladness and greatest joy. All must, in perfect unity, sanctity and detachment, occupy themselves with the remembrance of God, and manifest such warmth in the love of God that the cold-hearted of the world may be set ablaze. This is not difficult for God to accomplish.

Strive ye to serve the Cause with the wisdom that hath been revealed in the Tablets. By the life of God! This is a Day that hath no peer or likeness. Act ye therein according to that which We have revealed in the perspicuous Book. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH06914: Today the friends of God must be engaged…

In the name of the one God.

Today the friends of God must be engaged in teaching the Cause of God with perfect wisdom. If a soul remains deprived of this most great bounty and supreme gift in this day, they will not succeed in making up for it, except for whom thy Lord willeth. The Supreme Pen hath at all times counseled His loved ones to praiseworthy character and goodly deeds, and hath informed all of the Most Holy Book which hath been sent down from the sacred Kingdom. Blessed is he who holdeth fast unto it and woe unto those who remain veiled from it. That soul must at all times exert their utmost endeavor, according to their capacity, in the exaltation of the Word of God. The world and whatsoever is witnessed therein hath been and will be evanescent. That which endureth and lasteth is a deed which appeareth from a soul in the path of God. Beseech ye God that He may enable all the friends and loved ones to accomplish that which is His good-pleasure. And God speaketh the truth and guideth to the way.

BH07234: This is a Book which We have sent down…

He is the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Great

This is a Book which We have sent down in truth unto him who hath inhaled the fragrance of the Beloved as it wafted between the heavens and the earth, that it might draw him unto a station wherein neither the opposition of the world nor the conditions of the heedless can hold him back.

We have remembered those who have turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon, and have sent down for them that whereby their mention shall endure in the Kingdom of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

We have commanded the people to observe wisdom and utterance, and that which profiteth mankind, yet the people remain behind an obvious veil. By God! Had they known, they would have hastened with their own eyes, but they have been veiled by that which they followed of their own desires in this Blessed and Wondrous Day. Soon shall they find themselves in manifest grief and great loss.

Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Desired One and believed in God when every stubborn doubter turned away from Him. Pay no heed to the people and their deeds. Place thy trust in all things in God, the Lord of the worlds. Thus have We remembered thee and sent down for thee that which gladdeneth thy heart, that thou mayest be of the thankful ones.

BH07277: Your letter attained to the lights of the Throne…

In the Name of God, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing!

Your letter attained to the lights of the Throne and in the Most Great Prison was honored to come before the gaze of the Ancient King. God willing, may you be occupied at all times with the remembrance of the Beloved of all creation.

That which is necessary today has been and will be to act according to the divine ordinances. One must summon the people to the highest horizon with the utmost wisdom and to act according to what hath been sent down in the Book.

Give thanks unto God for that the countenance of the Ancient One hath turned toward thee from this forbidden place. It behooveth everyone to remember that which We have revealed in the Tablets and to hold fast unto the cord of steadfastness on this Day wherein the All-Merciful hath come with manifest sovereignty.

Verily the sincere ones are certain of the meeting with their Lord while the idolaters are in grievous doubt. Remember what We have revealed in the Qur'an and in other Books. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed Teacher.

Grieve thou not over anything. Put thy trust in Him, then remember Him. Verily He will aid thee to remember Him. Thy Lord is verily the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Thus have We adorned thy letter with the Most Wondrous, Most Sweet remembrance that thou mayest be among the thankful ones.

BH07134: God beareth witness that there is none other God…

He is the Ever-Abiding, the Everlasting, the Life-Giving, the Mighty, the All-Wise

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. God beareth witness that there is none other God but Me, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The Bayan was sent down to manifest My station and establish My Cause, yet the people understand not. They have clung to their desires and held fast to the hem of tyranny. We testify that they know not. The proof of God hath appeared, yet they see not. The horizon of power hath been illumined through this Most Great Name, yet the people perceive not. Say: Ponder, O people, on the Revelation of God and His sovereignty and His greatness and His power. Then judge with fairness and be not of those who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Rejoice in what hath been sent down unto thee in this Tablet, then recite it at all times. By My life, through it thou shalt find the fragrance of the Garment wafting from this exalted Station. Glory be upon thee and upon whoso holdeth fast to the laws and cleaveth to the hem of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

BH07200: The divine fragrances of the All-Merciful have wafted through…

He is the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Beloved!

The divine fragrances of the All-Merciful have wafted through all creation, and those who are sincere are in manifest ecstasy. The fragrance of the garment hath been diffused, yet the people remain in heedlessness and mighty veils.

Blessed is he who hath cast aside what the people possess and taken what hath been sent down from God, the Lord of all worlds. We make mention of him who hath turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon,

and give him the glad-tidings of a noble station—that which in the Qur'an was named the Praised Station, and in another place the Remote Mosque. He, verily, is the All-Knowing Interpreter.

Give thanks unto God for having turned unto the Desired One and recognized that which most of the servants have failed to recognize. This, verily, is a great bounty. Grieve not over this world. Rather, rejoice in this Tablet through which the breeze of God hath wafted over the world and illumined the faces of those who have turned towards Him.

We give glad-tidings to those who have believed in God when there came to them the Manifestation of His Essence, Who proclaimeth: "Verily, there is no God but Me, the Forgiving, the Generous." Say: Hold fast unto steadfastness, for the wolf howleth and the people are in manifest doubt.

BH07571: What you have submitted hath been mentioned. All…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

What you have submitted hath been mentioned. All the details and whatsoever hath befallen you have been and are witnessed before the Throne. Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. The Most Exalted Pen hath, for some years, turned towards that person. This is the most great bounty. It behooveth whosoever hath attained thereunto to thank God, his Lord, as long as the kingdom and the realm of heaven endureth. Every matter hath been and will be perishable save the mention that hath flowed from the Pen of the Most Great Name. This will endure as long as God's names and attributes endure. Be not grieved at what hath befallen thee in the path of God, thy Lord and the Lord of the heavens and earths. It behooveth one like thee to thank Him in hardship and tribulation. By My life! Soon shall all things pass away, and the sincere ones shall find themselves in an exalted station. We beseech God to assist thee to remember Him with wisdom and utterance, and to confirm thee in that which hath been sent down in a perspicuous Book.

BH07762: What thou hast written in praise of God…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great!

What thou hast written in praise of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen, the Lord of the throne and the dust, and the Master of the hereafter and of the first life, hath been read before the Throne. Blessed is the tongue that hath spoken His praise, and the face that hath turned toward the horizon of His Cause, and the hand that hath taken hold of His perspicuous Book.

We counsel thee and those who have believed to show forth supreme steadfastness. Observe that which My Most Exalted Pen hath enjoined upon you, and be not of the heedless ones.

Blessed art thou for having heard the call of thy Lord and responded to thy Ancient Master. Render thanks unto God for having aided thee to acknowledge this Cause, from which every stubborn oppressor hath turned away. Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness, and take firm hold of His pure and resplendent hem.

Act according to what thou hast been commanded in the Book; verily it shall profit thee in both this world and the next. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Informed, the All-Knowing.

Glory be upon thee and upon him who hath attained unto this mighty Remembrance.

BH08219: My remembrance be upon My maidservant who believed…

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

My remembrance be upon My maidservant who believed in God when she heard His sweetest call, who turned to Him and attained to His wise remembrance. We perceive from you the fragrance of your love for your Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. Give thanks, inasmuch as thou hast been mentioned before the Throne time and again. He verily remembereth whomsoever turneth unto God. He is indeed the One Who informeth, the All-Knowing. We have witnessed thy face turn toward the Most Exalted Horizon when the earth shone with the light of thy Lord, the Protector, the Holy, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Blessed art thou for having remained steadfast in thy love for thy Lord, and for having occupied thyself with His remembrance, His praise and His service. He is verily the All-Seeing, the All-Informed. We behold thee and hear from thee that wherewith thou dost praise thy Lord. We give thee glad tidings of the bounty of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Beauteous. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon those who are with thee, from God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH08317: The vibration of the Word of God hath so…

He is the Expositor, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Great!

The vibration of the Word of God hath so seized all things that the leaves on the trees have been set in motion, yet the people understand not. We have adorned the heaven of utterance with the stars of Our Lord's will, the Mighty, the Wise. Among the people are those who walk in perplexity and grief, and among them are those whom joy hath so seized that they have detached themselves from all things seen and unseen. They walk upon the earth with the dignity and tranquility of God, such that the hosts of those who have denied God, the Lord of the seen and unseen, cannot hinder them. Thy mention hath been made before the Wronged One while He was in this forbidden place, and He hath revealed for thee that whereby thy remembrance shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Be thou steadfast in the Cause, for the clamorer raiseth his clamor throughout the land. This is what We had previously informed the servants. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH08073: We sent forth ʿAli in truth to bring glad…

He is the Rememberer, the Manifest, the Speaker, the Trustworthy!

We sent forth ʿAli in truth to bring glad tidings to mankind of this Most Great Revelation, by which all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck, save whom thy Lord did choose, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The pillars of the divines were shaken by this Youth, and the limbs of the peoples trembled at this Great Name.

He spoke, while seated upon the Throne:

> "There is no God but Me, the Most High, the Mighty, the Inaccessible."

Blessed art thou for having drunk the choice wine of everlasting life from the hands of the bounty of thy Lord, the Most Glorious, and for having heard this most sweet call which hath been raised from this Prison, which God hath made the Supreme Horizon amidst mankind and the Seat of the Throne, despite those who knew God's bounty then denied it by following every remote divine.

Give thanks unto God for having been mentioned at the Most Sublime Horizon, this noble station.

BH08128: O ʿAli! The Pen of God hath made mention…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O ʿAli! The Pen of God hath made mention of thee in recent years. God willing, thou must succeed in accomplishing such a deed as will cause thy remembrance to endure in the divine Kingdom. Fear not, neither be thou grieved by anyone. Act with wisdom, for verily He will protect thee in truth. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Protecting, the Almighty.

In this Day, should any soul manifest a deed purely for the sake of God, it is better than the deeds of a thousand years. Thus doth the All-Merciful teach thee that thou mayest be among them that know.

The drops from the ocean of forgiveness have ever been and shall continue to be directed towards the friends. However, all must fix their gaze upon the divine commandments and act in accordance with that which they have been bidden. Thus doth the Most Great Announcement inform you. Verily, He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Grieve not at separation, for He ordaineth for whomsoever He willeth the reward of attaining His presence. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH08118: O Husayn! We heard thy call and thy petition…

In the name of the one God!

O Husayn! We heard thy call and thy petition was read before the Throne. God willing, through the outpourings of the clouds of divine favor and the drops from the ocean of heavenly bounty, thou shalt remain steadfast in the Cause of God.

For every precious and valuable thing has its thieves lying in wait. The love of God is more desirable and valuable than all the jewels of the earth, such that all the pearls of the world's seas and precious stones and mines, both known and unknown, cannot and will never compare with it.

This unique gem, which is the love of God, must be preserved from thieves and traitors through His Most Great Name. For in most lands, clamor has been raised and the croaking of the ravens has become manifest and evident. God willing, may all be preserved from the craft and deception of the satans of the earth.

BH08333: Your letter hath come before Our face, and We…

He is the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

Your letter hath come before Our face, and We have answered you with that whereby your remembrance shall endure throughout the eternity of God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed are ye for having turned towards the Most Glorious Horizon and believed in God, the Single One, the All-Informed. We have read the letter and have sent down these verses which are incomparable with whatsoever existeth in the heavens and earths. Ye must at all times render thanks unto the Best-Beloved of the worlds, that He hath enabled you to turn towards Him and aided you to mention and praise Him. How many souls are today veiled from the Truth and deprived of this most exalted station! Praise be to God that ye have attained thereunto and have drunk from the sealed wine. At all times beseech ye God for steadfastness. Verily He ordaineth for you whatsoever ye have desired from Him and guardeth you from those who have denied God, the Mighty, the Wise.

BH08133: O handmaidens of God! Mention of you hath been…

In the Name of the Lord of all worlds!

O handmaidens of God! Mention of you hath been made before the Throne and this Tablet hath been revealed in response. May ye be occupied at all times with the remembrance of the Beloved of all worlds. The call of those men and women who have turned unto Him hath been and continues to be heard. Not an atom escapeth His knowledge—verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing. And this very Tablet beareth witness that the grace of God hath encompassed and will continue to encompass His loved ones. Blessed are ye both, for ye have attained unto that which most men have failed to attain. How many were the souls who claimed knowledge of God yet remained deprived of this exalted and glorious Cause. Well is it with you both and with whosoever hath attained unto this Cause, before which all who are in the heavens and on earth have bowed down in submission. Be not grieved at anything, for that which shall profit you hath been ordained for you. Verily, He is the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

BH08789: A mention from Us to him who desires…

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

A mention from Us to him who desires to drink the living waters from the hands of his Lord's bounty, the All-Merciful, and to be numbered among those who have attained. We have heard mention of thy remembrance and thy turning unto Him, and have sent down for thee the verses and dispatched them unto thee, that thou mayest be of the thankful. Be thou grateful to God for having aided thee to recognize Him and to hear His most sweet call when He appeared between earth and heaven and spoke forth the Most Exalted Word, that men might become among those who are endowed with true understanding. Among the people are those who heard but answered not, and among them are those who hastened unto the Dawning-Place of Revelation with manifest humility. Blessed art thou for having turned thy face unto thy Lord after the turning away of all who are on earth, save those whom God did rescue through His grace from His presence. He, verily, is the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

BH09039: Consider the grace and favor of God, and reflect…

In the Name of the One Friend!

Consider the grace and favor of God, and reflect upon it, that perchance thou mayest become aware of a drop from the ocean of generosity. Despite having bestowed sublime and wondrous Tablets, He hath once again adorned the beginning of thy letter with the crown of a new mention. Be thou grateful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of them that know! Be not grieved by the events that have transpired, for they flow according to what hath been ordained in the Book. They who are today turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon and have attained the recognition of the Lord of Names are accounted before God as the most wealthy among His servants. Hold fast unto the cord of kinship with God, and cleave unto Him and seek His mediation. In childhood this verse was heard:

> "When I have Thee I have all; naught else do I need."

BH08898: The pens of earth are powerless to describe divine…

In the Name of the One Forgiving God!

The pens of earth are powerless to describe divine forgiveness, and the tongues of the peoples of the world have been and will forever be unable to recount His all-encompassing grace. The glances of His favors have been directed toward His loved ones. Be assured of the grace of your Ancient Lord.

The names of all were mentioned in the Most Great Scene, and for each one the Sun of Favors has dawned from the horizon of divine providence. All must be thankful for this supreme grace and infinite bounty. The breezes of forgiveness have wafted upon you from the paradise of the mercy of your Lord, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate.

However, all must observe the divine ordinances. By My life! They will benefit you and will bring you to a station that cannot be described in words. Glory be upon you and upon those who have believed in God, the Mighty, the Helper.

BH09220: Hearken unto the Call. By God, this…

He is the Most High, the All-Powerful, the Most Glorious

Hearken unto the Call. By God, this is a Call through which the atoms of dust were stirred by reason of the fragrant breaths of the revelation of thy Lord, the Most High, the Great. When the Tongue of Revelation speaketh, all things speak therewith and proclaim that there is none other God but Him, the Speaker, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Give thanks unto God for having turned toward thee the countenance of the Ancient One from this noble horizon. Hold thou fast unto the sure handle and put thy trust in God, the Lord of all worlds. Verily He remembereth whoso hath turned unto Him and feedeth whoso hath set his face toward His luminous horizon. By God, the heavenly table hath been sent down, yet most of the people are heedless. Take it in the name of thy Lord and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

BH09412: The Pen testifies that there is none other God…

He is the Mighty, the Wondrous!

The Pen testifies that there is none other God but Me, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The Tongue testifies that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Beloved. God bears witness to that which My Tongue has testified, that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Invincible.

O My handmaiden! Hearken unto My call from the horizon of My loving-kindness—verily it guides thee to My straight path. By My life! Whoso attains to hearing My call with true hearing, the hosts of the world shall not prevent him, nor shall the might of the oppressors frighten him.

Thus has the Pen spoken while the Ancient Beauty was reclining in this exalted castle. The glory be upon thee and upon every handmaiden who has heard, turned unto, and answered her Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

BH09414: 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 He, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting. His is the power and grandeur, and His is the bounty and the Word whereby all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck, save those whom the hand of His grace, the Mighty, the Powerful, did rescue.

We have remembered every servant who hath turned towards My supreme horizon and every handmaiden who hath won mention of the name of her Lord, the Mighty, the Wise. Be thou thankful and praise thy Lord for having been remembered before the Wronged One whilst He was in this glorious station.

My mercy hath preceded all created things and My grace hath encompassed the worlds. Place thy trust in God in all matters. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Glory be upon those handmaidens who have heard and turned towards God, the Mighty, the Praised.

BH09315: Know thou with certainty that God, exalted and glorified…

In the Name of the Beloved of the World!

Know thou with certainty that God, exalted and glorified be He, hath singled out receptive souls for His wondrous favor, and the fruits of their acceptance will soon be made manifest in the earth. Place thy trust in Him in all matters. Verily He ordaineth for His loved ones that which profiteth them. He is indeed the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

In this Day steadfastness is greatly beloved, as is acting in accordance with what We have revealed in the Book. Blessed art thou for having praised the Wronged One, against Whom heedless servants have risen up. We ordain for whosoever hath turned purely for the sake of God that which shall cause his mention to endure throughout the Kingdom of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The glory be upon thee and upon whosoever uttereth mention of My Name, the Exile, the Unique One. And praise be to God, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

BH09623: O mother of ʿAli! We have mentioned thee time…

He is the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

O mother of ʿAli! We have mentioned thee time after time, and this is yet another time, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Holy, the Mighty, the Loving. Be thou thankful that God hath aided thee in a Cause which He hath placed above the hearts of the idolaters. When We were seated upon the throne and speaking forth the verses of His own Self, at that time did My Glorious and Wondrous Pen turn towards thee and thy children, and We made mention of thee in this Tablet whereby the Concourse on High were gladdened and all things were moved with joy through this Wise Remembrance. The glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have attained, and stood firm, and drunk, and heard, and responded on this Day which was promised in the Books of Heaven and inscribed in My Preserved Tablet.

BH09998: From the Most Great Prison the glance…

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

From the Most Great Prison the glance of the favor of the Lord of Eternity hath been and will continue to be directed towards His loved ones. O Ali, the Most Exalted Pen counseleth thee and the other souls who have turned towards Him to be steadfast and to engage in that which will, in this Day, cause the exaltation of the Word of God. If those who claim to love God had acted in accordance with that which hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen, assuredly most of the peoples of the earth would have turned towards the Most Glorious Horizon. Blessed is he who hath arisen to act in such wise that the fragrance of sanctity hath been wafted therefrom throughout the world. We testify that he is among the faithful and the sincere ones.

BH10002: The Wronged One of the horizons declares: Your call…

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Speaking

The Wronged One of the horizons declares: Your call was heard and your letter was seen. God willing, may you attain to the lofty station of steadfastness, for false claimants have appeared and will appear in certain lands. Today two matters are most great before the Divine Throne: steadfastness and acting according to what the All-Merciful has revealed in the Book. God willing, may all attain to these two and shine forth bright and luminous from the horizon of steadfastness like the morning star. We convey greetings to all the handmaidens of God and counsel them with what has been mentioned, that perchance in the days of God they may act according to His Command and attain to His good-pleasure.

BH10391: The Divine Call is raised in all times…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

The Divine Call is raised in all times, and the Supreme Pen speaks in every moment. This Pen has been and will ever be the Will of God, exalted and glorified be He, and it declares: O ye who have turned towards God! Today is the day of certitude and deeds, not the day of conjecture and doubt. The friends of God must act upon the commandments revealed in the Book of God with perfect steadfastness and assurance. Glory be unto him who follows that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Tablets. Thus hath the Tongue spoken in the Kingdom of Utterance that ye may be among those who act.

BH10201: O maidservant of God! Your letter was received before…

In the Name of the One Friend!

O maidservant of God! Your letter was received before the Wronged One. God willing, through divine grace and the All-Merciful's bounty, mayest thou be forever and always oriented toward the horizon of grace and dwelling beneath the shade of the Divine Lote Tree. The eye of God's loving-kindness is turned toward His loved ones, and He counseleth all to such deeds, actions and utterances as will cause the exaltation of God's Cause, and whose very performance will testify to their sanctity and detachment from whatsoever is contrary to the Book of God. Ask thy Lord to aid all to achieve that which He loveth and approveth.

BH10233: We gave the glad tidings of this blessed Day…

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful!

We gave the glad tidings of this blessed Day to all men aforetime, yet when it dawned from the horizon of God's Will, most of the servants were found heedless and turned away. Blessed is the soul that hath recognized and inhaled the fragrant breathings of the days of its Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

God willing, the reward of attaining His presence shall be recorded in the Book for His loved ones—that is, for those souls who with perfect steadfastness have turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon.

Grieve not at the distance, for between Us stand heedless servants. Ask God to remove the veil. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Wise.

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BH10382: Thy letter was present before the Throne and attained…

In the Name of the Beloved of the world

Thy letter was present before the Throne and attained the notice of the Lord of Names. As a bounty, We adorned its beginning with divine, sublime and wondrous verses, that thou mayest know with certainty that He remembers whoso remembereth Him, and turneth unto whoso turneth unto Him, and directeth His attention unto whoso hath set his face toward His shining horizon.

Convey My greetings to all the friends in that land. Today all must fix their gaze upon the divine ordinances and act in accordance with whatsoever hath been revealed in the Most Holy Book. This will profit you in all the worlds of your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH10567: Praise be to the Best-Beloved of the worlds…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great!

Praise be to the Best-Beloved of the worlds, that ye have attained unto His recognition and turned towards the horizon of His Cause. Know ye the value of this bounty and be ye engaged at all times in His mention and praise.

Your call was heard purely through His grace, and an answer was revealed from the horizon of the Prison, that ye might inhale from its words the fragrance of the divine Raiment and remain steadfast in His Cause. He, verily, is the Counselor, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH10790: O maid-servant of God! May you act, at all…

In the name of the kind Friend!

O maid-servant of God! May you act, at all times, according to that which hath been commanded from the presence of the Most Merciful, and remain turned toward the horizon of His grace.

Seek steadfastness from God, for verily the satans lie in ambush for the servants with utmost craftiness and ever have done so.

Say: O my God! Protect me beneath the shadow of Thy supreme loving-kindness. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH10785: We have heard your call, and the Ancient Countenance…

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

We have heard your call, and the Ancient Countenance has been and will continue to be turned from the Most Great Prison toward His loved ones. We beseech God to enable all to act according to His love and good-pleasure.

Give thanks unto thy Lord for having remembered thee as a bounty from Him. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH10860: The Supreme Pen hath repeatedly and successively remembered ʿAli-i-Marfu'…

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed!

The Supreme Pen hath repeatedly and successively remembered ʿAli-i-Marfu'. Blessed is he in that he hath heard and turned unto God, and hath attained and rendered thanks unto his Lord, the All-Forgiving,

the All-Bountiful. In all conditions fix your gaze upon the Self-Sufficing Lord and hold fast unto the cord of His grace and cling to the hem of His bounty. Verily He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH10996: Today the friends of God must act in accordance…

In the Name of the One God!

Today the friends of God must act in accordance with that which hath been sent down from the heaven of His everlasting Command. Blessed is he who hath attained unto that which he hath been commanded in the Mighty Book. We have heard thy call, and have adorned the head of thy letter with these sublime words: Be thou thankful unto thy Lord, the Bestower, the Bountiful.

BH11131: The Ancient Countenance from the Most Great Prison hath…

In the Name of the one God

The Ancient Countenance from the Most Great Prison hath turned and continueth to turn toward His loved ones. Blessed is he who hath arisen to serve the Cause and hath done that which he was bidden in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. We have heard thy call and have answered thee with this Tablet that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

BH11083: Well is it with thee, for thy letter hath…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great!

Well is it with thee, for thy letter hath attained unto the presence of the Throne, as the Wronged One walketh and uttereth the verses of God, the Lord of all worlds. We make mention of thee as a token of Our grace, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Wert thou to know, thou wouldst soar upon the wings of longing by virtue of thy having been mentioned by this wondrous Pen.

BH10998: The Most Exalted Pen proclaims: There is none other…

He is the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

The Most Exalted Pen proclaims: There is none other God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Bear thou witness to that which God hath testified in this blessed Tablet. Blessed art thou for having been remembered in the Most Great Prison by this Beloved Pen. The glory rest upon thee and upon whosoever hath heard the call and responded to his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

BH11373: Among other things, let them consider the blessed Surih…

Among other things, let them consider the blessed Surih of the Temple, some portions of which were sent from the Land of Mystery to Iraq, while other parts were dispatched after arrival in the Most Great Prison…

BH00316: Lawh-i-Jawhar-i-Hamd I

Section 1: "The essence of praise and the pure crystal…"

He is the Most Great Name, the All-Evident, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed!

The essence of praise and the pure crystal of glorification beseemeth the hallowed court of that Beloved One Who hath ever been sanctified beyond the loftiest description of all created things and Who shall forever remain exalted above the most sublime mention of all beings. His sanctified Being transcendeth the understanding of the wise, the comprehension of the learned, and whatsoever the people of utterance speak. He hath been from all eternity a hidden Mystery and a treasured Secret. None hath known Him, and no soul hath fathomed His reality. Thus hath it been aforetime, and thus shall it be evermore. There is none other God but He, Who speaketh from the blessed Tree upon the elevated Mount in the holy and single Spot: "Verily, I am God; there is none other God but Me."

Though the tongues of creation have, from time immemorial, spoken His praise and uttered His glorious mention, We testify that He hath never been described, mentioned, or praised. For whatsoever can be conceived or contemplated in creation hath been and shall ever be His handiwork. Exalted, immeasurably exalted, is He above being described by aught else, and sanctified, immeasurably sanctified, is He above being praised by other than Himself or being mentioned by any save Him. And when that Ancient Ocean desired to be known, He created the heavens and the earth through the blessed and primal Word which shone forth from the dayspring of the Will of the Lord of Oneness. This Word hath in one place been referred to as "Be and it is," yet in the sight of them that have quaffed from the Kawthar of utterance and sought the Yemen of knowledge, that Word hath been and shall ever be the Manifestation itself.

He, in His own Essence, is sanctified above manifestation, appearance, ascent, descent, mention, utterance, knowledge, witnessing and vision. No vision can encompass Him, but He encompasseth all vision, and He is the Subtle, the All-Informed. And if it be said that the Will is itself the Manifestation and that a word hath appeared from it, this is the truth in which there is no doubt.

Blessed are they who have purified their ears from the sayings of the peoples of the world, for unpurified ears were not and will never be worthy of hearkening unto the Word of God. As is evident, He Who conversed with God calleth out in the Most Great Name amongst the nations with the most exalted call, yet souls remain veiled from Him and deprived of the sweetness of divine utterance. They have ears but hear not therewith, and hearts but understand not therewith.

This blessed Primal Word hath been designated by all the goodly names. He is the Straight Path and the Mighty News. He is the Dawning-Place of God's Cause and the Dayspring of His divine revelation. He is the Sure Handle and the Supreme Horizon. He is the Manifestation of God amidst all else beside Him.

All that which creation hath heard and become enabled to know and comprehend hath been taken from that Source of divine wisdom and that Dayspring of celestial knowledge. For had that Primal Manifestation and that all-embracing Divine Word not spoken concerning the oneness of the Ancient Being and the Most Great Sea and His knowledge, none would have attained unto the recognition of that sanctified Being Who is the Cause and Purpose of creation. He is the Most Great Gate and the Most

Straight Path, the Primal Point and the Most Exalted Word, the Divine Lote-Tree and the Ultimate End. Were it not for Him, no one would have known God and none would have become aware of Him. All the knowledge of those who know, the understanding of the sincere ones, the remembrances of those near unto God, and the descriptions of those who describe, return unto this station.

For the recognition of His Self is the recognition of God, His commandments are God's commandments, His utterance is God's utterance, and His word is the Word of God. Whoso turneth away from Him hath turned away from God, and whoso turneth unto Him hath turned unto God. No one's knowledge and deeds are accepted save through His love and good-pleasure, His command and will. He is the Manifestation of 'He doeth whatsoever He willeth' in the kingdom of creation, and He is the fulfillment of that which the All-Merciful hath sent down in the Qur'an:

> "On the day when thy Lord shall come, or some of the signs of thy Lord."

By God the Truth! The morn hath truly dawned and the night hath departed, and this is God's remembrance unto mankind. This is the day wherein sight is dazzled and the moon is eclipsed, and man hath no refuge or rest save for him who hath laid hold on God's cord, the Lord of Destiny. This is the day whereon the Spirit and the angels stand arrayed; none shall speak save him whom the All-Merciful permitteth. This is the day whereon the unbeliever shall say "Would that I were dust!"

This Most Great, Most Exalted Manifestation and Most Sublime, Most Glorious Appearance hath appeared in every age and epoch under a different name. He is the Sun of Truth which shineth forth from the horizon of grace. Through His appearance the Hidden Treasure is revealed, meaning His manifestation is itself the manifestation of God amongst His servants. For were He not to appear, that Hidden Treasure would remain concealed forever and none would inhale the fragrance of His knowledge or attain unto the oneness of His sacred Being. Through Him doth He try all the peoples of the earth. His word, exalted is He:

> "Do men think when they say 'We believe' they shall be left unchallenged?"

He is the true Balance between creation, and by Him are all the peoples of the earth brought to account. He is the Eye of God and the Ear of God and the Tongue of God and the Manifestation of God.

Whenever the fragrance of God perfumed the world and the breeze of God wafted and the Sun of Truth dawned from the horizon of grace, all people rose up in rejection and protest, and with the utmost effort and striving attempted to extinguish the light of God, as is recorded in the books and as most have witnessed, except for those souls who shut their eyes to all else but God and turned to the Kawthar of the knowledge of the All-Merciful. These indeed are honored servants, these indeed are sincere servants, these indeed are humble servants who speak not until He hath spoken and who act by His command. The rejecters and protesters each cling to the cord of their vain imaginings and turn away from the Sovereign of the throne of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth." Some are deprived of the Most Great Announcement through mention of prophethood, some remain barred from the dominion of God through mention of successorship, and some are veiled from the Dawning Place of God's Cause through mention of divinity.

As can be observed, the followers of the Torah and Gospel and some of the peoples who possess a Book remain far from the river of life and the outpourings of the All-Merciful through mention of prophethood and divinity and what they possess. “Thinkest thou that most of them hear or understand? They are but as the cattle—nay, more misguided still.”[Q25:44] Most wondrous of all is he who said that He Who appeared had claimed divinity for Himself and thereby disbelieved in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Say: O thou that art dumb, hast thou not heard the call of God from the upraised Tree upon the luminous spot that there is no God but Him? Reflect and be not of those who hear but understand not. Say: All names are but creation in His kingdom and He is sanctified above them, would ye but perceive. All names are within His mighty grasp and all things were created by His command. Blessed is he who reflects upon the handiwork of God and witnesses what His Essence hath witnessed unto His Essence—that there is no God but Him, the Powerful, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Loving.

O people! Ponder the words of God, then judge with fairness concerning Him Who hath appeared with the truth and Who calleth the sovereign and the subject unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Cast aside what ye possess of images and likenesses and suspicions and idle fancies, and turn with your hearts to the Truth, the Knower of all that is hidden. By God! Neither your ornaments, nor the knowledge of your learned ones, nor the wisdom of your mystics shall profit you. Cast aside what ye possess and take what hath been given you from before God, the Possessor of the Unseen and the Seen. Unto him who heareth, it shall be to his benefit, and unto him who heareth not, it shall be to his detriment. He is indeed self-sufficient from all eternity. To this testify all atoms, would ye but hear. Whoso is for God, God shall be for him, and whoso turneth away shall have no portion of this sealed nectar.

Section 2: “Although the blessed Sermon of Tanjih, which has…”

Although the blessed Sermon of Tanjih, which has dawned from the horizon of the heaven of absolute guardianship, was expounded in the most wondrous Persian tongue—since from the Persian utterances which, by divine permission, have flowed from the Pen of Truth, the meaning of the aforementioned sermon can be largely understood—blessed are they who gaze with penetrating eyes upon the revealed words and reflect thereon. Assuredly will the virgin mysteries of divine knowledge, secluded in the mansions of the comprehensive words of the Lord, be reflected in the mirrors of their hearts, and they shall attain unto that which is intended. Blessed are they who behold, blessed are they who perceive, and happy are they who attain!

The intention of His Holiness (may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake) in mentioning the sermon was this blessed word wherein He says:

> “Expect ye the Speaker of Moses to appear from the Tree upon the Mount.”

This word is as the pivot around which revolve the millstones of wisdom and utterance. Through this word He gave glad tidings of the Manifestation of God to all the peoples of the world. Should anyone deny this station, he hath denied the Truth itself. In those days He spoke inwardly, and now He speaketh outwardly. Yet weak eyes afflicted with the ophthalmia of vain imaginings perceive it not, and ears that hear not are not blessed with hearkening to the words of the Lord of all beings.

Today the Speaker of Moses hath appeared and proclaimeth “Verily I am God,” and regarding this station He said to Kumayl ibn Ziyad an-Nakha’i: “Extinguish the lamp, for the morn hath dawned”—meaning, extinguish the lamp of doubt and questioning, for verily the dawn of truth hath appeared. It is clear and evident that after the rising of the Sun of Truth, to question concerning It would be vain, like one who, after the appearance of the sun, should ask “Where is the sun?” and “Where can it be found?” This station appeareth and shall appear after the dissolution of vain imaginings and the rending of the veils. This is the station wherein He saith: “His proof is His signs, and His being is His revelation.” This is the station of “He is He” that is mentioned in the noble tradition. This utterance is confirmed by the word of God, exalted be His glory, which saith: “Say: ‘God!’ then leave them to their vain discourse.”

Should anyone reflect purely for the sake of God upon that which hath been mentioned, and look with the eye of fairness, he will become detached from the world and all that dwell therein, and will turn with his whole being to the lights of the divine countenance. The verses of the Qur’an and the traditions handed down concerning the mention of this station are numerous. For the sake of brevity, we have confined ourselves to this much. Verily, He guideth whom He willeth unto the straight path.

His word, exalted is He:

> “God is He Who raised the heavens without pillars that ye can see; then He established Himself upon the throne of authority, and subjected the sun and the moon; each one runneth unto an appointed term; He ordereth all things. He showeth His signs distinctly, that ye may be assured of the meeting with your Lord.”

There hath been and there is no doubt that the Ancient Essence, with Its attribute of absolute invisibility, hath been and ever shall be sanctified from manifestation and appearance, and none shall attain unto It save during the days of the appearance of the Divine Manifestations and the Fountainhead of heavenly knowledge. Whosoever hath attained unto Him hath attained unto the meeting with God. And today, when the Sun of Truth is at its zenith and the river of reunion is flowing and surging forth, most are seen to be deprived thereof, wandering thirsty and bewildered in the wilderness of error.

Some among the people who have not drunk from the Kawthar of divine knowledge and remain heedless of the ocean of inner meanings have interpreted the divine presence mentioned in the blessed verse as meaning His revelation on the Day of Resurrection. But the discerning sage perceives that what they have said is mere fancy, for they have neither understood the Resurrection nor grasped its meaning. The Resurrection is the arising of the Manifestation of God Himself to establish His Cause. He is the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, the Guardian over all that is in the heavens and on earth.

O people of the earth! In truth I say, this Day has no equal nor likeness. This is the Day of pure deeds, the Day of revelation and divine presence. Strive that ye may receive a portion of God’s infinite bounties, and be not among those of whom He says: “They behold the grace of God, yet they deny it.” Know ye this much: that the Hidden Mystery has not been, nor will be, revealed save through the Manifestation of His Cause. For were it not for the Divine Manifestations and the Daysprings of His Revelation giving tidings of the treasured Mystery, no one would ever be aware of it. To this testifies every mystic who has ascended the steps of justice to the kingdom of utterance.

It is most evident that this Wronged One in prison has had and has no desire of His own, but speaks by God's Will and moves by His Purpose. He summons all to truth and, despite countless afflictions, grievous calamities, the oppression of the oppressors, and the chains of the captors, has not been and will not be hindered. Through God's grace, He continually guides the people of creation to the Most Exalted Horizon. All that has been mentioned and continues to be mentioned is according to the capacity of the people, else the ocean of utterance has […] which none has comprehended save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Were worthy souls to be found, a drop from that ocean would be bestowed.

Now it remains concealed and treasured in the divine repository of knowledge and veiled in the heaven of God's Will. O servants! Hearken unto the counsel of the faithful counselor and in these fleeting days acquire eternal blessings. The world is and has ever been transient. Set not your hearts upon it, and deprive not yourselves of that which is with God because of it. Be not among those of whom He says: "When they see a sign they turn away and say: 'This is continuous sorcery."' And likewise He says: "Thou seest the people therein prostrate, as if they were hollow trunks of palm trees."

I conclude with that to which God Himself has testified: There is no God but Him, and He Who has appeared speaks by My command and calls the people purely for My sake, and strengthens them through My Name and reminds them through My remembrance. He has borne hardships in My path and accepted imprisonment for the exaltation of My Cause. Whosoever turns to Him has turned to My Face, and whosoever has heard from Him has heard from Me, and whosoever attains His presence has attained My presence, and whosoever acknowledges Him has acknowledged My sovereignty, and whosoever has seen Him has seen Me, and whosoever denies Him has denied Me, and whosoever turns away from Him has turned away from Me and disbelieved in My proof and disputed My signs and warred against My sovereignty and denied My favor and associated partners with My Self, the All-Compelling over the worlds. Glory be unto those who have turned to the Countenance and have testified to that which God has testified. These are the lamps of guidance among creation. Upon them pray the Concourse on High and the people of this exalted and glorious station. Praise be to God, the Lord of the visible and invisible, and the Lord of all the worlds.

BH00230: The Command belongeth unto God Who stayed His Most…

Section 1: "The Command belongeth unto God Who stayed His…"

He is the Speaker in the Kingdom of Remembrance and Utterance!

The Command belongeth unto God Who stayed His Most Exalted Pen for certain known months due to the darkening of the horizon of trustworthiness by that which the hands of creation had wrought. When the time was fulfilled and the appointed hour came, He moved it with the fingers of power that it might course through the realms of remembrance and utterance and race in the field of knowledge and wisdom. Blessed be the All-Merciful Who both restraineth and releaseth; when He restraineth it the Concourse on High lamenteth, and when He releaseth it all who dwell in the kingdoms of eternity are stirred, the branches of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing sway, and the boughs of the trees in the cities of names stretch forth.

Verily it is the Horseman of Remembrance Whom neither the cawing of the wicked nor the braying of the evil ones can hinder. He gallops and courses, calling out in the most exalted voice between earth and heaven, for God hath made Him a spirit unto the Concourse on High and a light unto the kingdom of creation. He is indeed the Ornament whereby the world hath been adorned and the fragrance of the garment hath been diffused amongst the peoples. I beseech the Lord of Eternity to acquaint His servants with the excellence of this Day for which no likeness hath been ordained in creation and no peer in invention.

I glorify and pray for those who have turned their faces unto God, the Creator of heaven, whose hearts have faced the Most Exalted Horizon, whose tongues have spoken in remembrance of God, the Sovereign of Names, and whose breasts have been dilated by the breezes of this Day which God hath made the Dawning-Place of His Name whereby the back of idols was broken and the pillars of vain imaginings were made to tremble. There is no God but He, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

And further: this servant hath attained unto your letter and found therein that which made me joyous, for it was adorned with the remembrance of God and His praise, and embellished with that which beseemeth you in His days. When the fragrance of love seized me from the waftings of your ink, I ascended and appeared before God, the Lord of creation, and presented what was therein. Then the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, glorified be His majesty:

> "O Asad! We were walking in the House when the servant in attendance before the Throne appeared with thy letter and presented it before the Face. When it was complete We sent down the answer from the heaven of Will and Power that thou mightest be thankful and be of them that attain. My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness that thou didst turn, didst hear, wast present, didst recognize, didst see, and didst attain unto the presence of God, and He is the Witness. Behold then remember when We caused thee to hear My call, showed thee My countenance, and made thee witness My beauty, and I am the Beautiful One. Do the affairs of the world grieve thee after thou hast reached the shore of the ocean of joy while I am the Sorrowful One? Thou art he who hath drunk the choice wine of reunion from the hand of thy Lord's bounty and hast attained unto the most great gladness. Thy Lord is indeed the Great One. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee and granted thee His presence. He is indeed the One promised in the books of old. Thy Lord is verily the All-Knowing. Be thou a servant unto the Cause of thy Lord. By the life of God, this is better for thee than all that is on earth. Thus doth My Pen teach thee and I am the All-Informed. He hath ordained for thee through His grace that which will gladden thy heart. Thy Lord is verily the All-Bountiful."

Your words have been heard, and all that flowed from the Pen in praise of the Lord of Names was observed. God willing, ye shall speak forth the mention of Truth with consummate wisdom and utterance in all conditions, and be occupied in His service. Praise be to God, through the wondrous favors of God thou hast attained the Most Holy Court, and the Supreme Pen hath voiced such loving-kindness as shall endure throughout the kingdoms of earth and heaven. Keep it ever before thine eyes and preserve it as thou wouldst thy very life. At this hour service to the Cause is most essential and is the most excellent of

all deeds. God willing, thou hast been and shalt continue to be assisted therein. Verily He seeth and heareth, and He is the Manifest Truth.

As to what thou didst write concerning His honor Mirza Ali-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, after his circumstances were presented, the Sun of loving-kindness rose above the horizon of grace. He—exalted be His glory—saith: O Ali! Blessed art thou in that thou hast heard the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and the flowing of the Water of Life in the Kingdom of Creation. Hold fast unto the Sure Handle and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names, for having made me to know Thee and to hear Thy voice, and for honoring me with Thy recognition after most of Thy creatures remained heedless thereof. I beseech Thee, O King of Kings and Ruler of the realms above, to make me attracted to Thy verses, detached from all else but Thee, and celebrating Thy praise amidst Thy servants with that wisdom which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. Verily Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy name, the All-Powerful.

Render thanks unto God that thou hast been mentioned in the Most Great Prison, and thy Lord, the Ancient One, Who proclaimeth with the most exalted Voice, hath made mention of thee, saying: There is none other God but Him, the Speaker, and I am the All-Hearing.

And the names of the friends that were mentioned in thy letter were presented one by one, and He showed loving-kindness toward them all. His word, exalted be His majesty: O Asad! The One, the Single, mentioneth thee with verses from which fountains of wisdom have gushed forth among all creatures, that thou mayest rejoice and thank thy All-Knowing Lord. O ʿAli-Qabli-Naqi! Thou hast been mentioned before the Throne and this is yet another time. Say: O Lord of Names! Praise be unto Thee for having made me to know Thee, honored me and mentioned me. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy love in such wise that the allusions of those who have disbelieved in Thee shall not cause me to slip when Thou didst come unto them from the heaven of Command with manifest sovereignty.

O Muhammad! Hearken unto that which the Wronged One calleth unto thee, making mention of thee from this noble station. Give thanks for having drunk from the Kawthar of utterance while most of those on earth turned away therefrom. Say: O my God, the All-Merciful! I beseech Thee to assist me in that which will exalt Thy mention and cause my mention to endure throughout the kingdom of Thy mighty dominion.

O My Name beginning with J! The face of thy Lord hath turned toward thee from this spot which God hath adorned with the ornament of His Most Great Name, whereby the nations were shaken except such as thy Lord, the Almighty, willed. Be thou firm, then steadfast, in such wise that every weak one may gain strength thereby, every remote one draw nigh, every sorrowful one be gladdened, and every doubtful soul attain certitude. We have mentioned thee time and again that thou mayest arise to serve the Cause and make mention of thy Praiseworthy Lord.

O Abu-Turab! The All-Bountiful maketh mention of thee. By God! How sweet is your mention and your call, and how glorious is your Lord’s hearing of you! Be ye thankful unto God for having made you to be among those who have attained.

O Hasan! We make mention of thee out of Our grace. Hearken and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names, for having honored me, aided me, and bestowed upon me that which most of Thy creatures have neglected. Verily Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful.

We make mention of him who hath been named Ayyub, that he may rejoice and be of them that render thanks. Thou art he that hath turned and drawn nigh and attained. To this My swift-moving Pen beareth witness. Remember when thou wert in the presence of the Throne and didst hear the call of the Wronged One, and wert of them that attained.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Muhammad, who hath turned toward My Most Glorious Horizon and desired to drink the choice wine of immortality from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Gracious. By the life of God! Shouldst thou drink thereof in My Name, thou wouldst find the sweetness of all blessings and be seized with such intoxication from the wine of divine knowledge that thou wouldst abandon all who dwell on earth and make mention of thy Lord in such wise as to attract every heedless and remote one. We counsel thee to manifest the greater steadfastness, for the Cause is mighty, mighty indeed. Rejoice in that the Wronged One maketh mention of thee from the Most Great Prison and turneth toward thee from this remote spot.

O Yusuf! Hearken unto that which thy Lord, the Most Glorious, calleth unto thee from the Most Exalted Horizon, that His call may bring thee to such a station that thou shalt abandon all humanity and behold thyself in manifest joy. Blessed art thou for having heard and turned and made mention of thy Lord when every doubting opposer turned away. Hold fast to the cord of thy Lord's bounty and say: I beseech Thee by Thy Self to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, seeking refuge in Thy presence and clinging to the hem of Thy luminous robe. Thus have We made mention of thee that thou mayest become aware of the favors of thy Lord and be of them that are firmly established.

We make mention at this hour of him who hath been named ʿAbdu'l-Husayn, that the rapture of the breezes of revelation may seize him on this Day whereon the Ancient King hath been established upon the Most Great Throne and proclaimeth: There is none other God but Me, the Wondrous. All the treasures of earth cannot equal that wherewith thou hast been mentioned before the Face. To this beareth witness My Most Exalted Pen and that which hath been sent down in My Preserved Tablet. Make mention of thy Lord at all times and say:

O God of all existence! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the All-Subduing Lord of Names, to make me steadfast in Thy religion, firm in Thy love, and speaking in Thy beauteous praise. I testify that through Thee the ocean of knowledge hath surged and the fragrance of the garment hath wafted among all religions, and that Thou art He through Whose Name the heaven of utterance hath been raised up and through Whose remembrance the books of the All-Merciful have been honored. There is none other God but Thee, the Most High.

The All-Praised maketh mention of His beloved servant, that all who possess the sense of smell may perceive the fragrance of the bounties of their Gracious Lord. O beloved! We make mention of thee from the precincts of this Prison. Verily thy Lord is the Merciful. Hearken unto the verses of thy Lord and take them with the power bestowed by God and say:

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Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds! I beseech Thee by Thy power and Thy sovereignty and Thy majesty and Thy glory to make me one of those who have cast away the world through Thy Name, O Lord of the Ancient Days! Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. Thou takest and Thou givest, and Thou art, verily, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

As to what thou didst write concerning Aqa Muhammad Big, He saith—and His Word is the truth—in these days, due to differences and upheavals and the fires of war, turning toward the Prison is not permitted. Say: O friends of the Friend! He commandeth that today all the loved ones should fix their gaze upon the horizon of unity and soar in the atmosphere of remembrance and utterance. That is, they should, in perfect unity and harmony, occupy themselves with teaching the Cause with wisdom. This hath been and shall ever be the greatest of rewards in the sight of God. Verily, He inscribeth the recompense of attainment for whomsoever He willeth. He is, in truth, the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful.

And likewise regarding Aqa Ali-Askar about whom you wrote, it was specifically mentioned before Him, and He said:

> "May God reward him with the most excellent of rewards and ordain for him that which shall profit him in the world to come and in this world. Verily He is the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below. There is none other God but Him, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing."

Concerning the prisoners whom you mentioned, it was presented before His countenance and He said:

> "They must not grieve over what hath befallen them in the love of God and His Cause. That which hath come upon them hath come upon Us. Thy Lord is verily the All-Informed, the All-Knowing. They who have been imprisoned in the path of God—God will assuredly assist them through His grace and will make their remembrance to endure forever in His Mighty Book. Thus have We made mention of them in the Book of him who was named ʿAli-Akbar, who attained the presence of God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: Rejoice in God's remembrance of you. Verily, He loveth those who have borne tribulations in His path. He is, in truth, the Mighty, the Generous."

God willing, His infinite bounties shall encompass their condition.

As for what you wrote concerning Manakji Sahib, his petition arrived from the Land of Sad, but it is not permissible for anyone to know who the sender was. It arrived quickly, and the answer was revealed from the heaven of God's will in those same days, but its dispatch was delayed due to wisdom. Likewise regarding the petitions of this servant which had been presented to some of the friends. When the petition of the Sahib was presented before the Throne, His Holiness the Most Great Branch—may my spirit be a sacrifice for the dust of His footsteps—was present, and He was commanded to write the answer to the petition. He wrote the response, but it was not sent because in those days some Christians had risen against the Muslims and were engaged in creating mischief with the utmost craftiness and deceit, and letters were being examined by the government lest correspondence from the mischief-makers be sent abroad. For this reason and others the letter was not sent, until this time when the Sun of

Permission rose and shone forth from the horizon of grace, and his answer was dispatched. God willing, may they attain unto its meanings.

O true brother and sincere friend! Beseech ye the one true God, exalted be His glory, that souls may hearken with attentive ears, and with enlightened hearts and sanctified spirits regard the divine utterances. His honor hath inquired about certain matters, among them the differences between religions. This is a subject which, were it to be revealed in detail, would surely cause upheaval among some, for most people have not drunk from the stream of the Bayan and comprehend not the meanings of what hath been sent down from the presence of the All-Merciful, nor are they aware. Most of the servants are perplexed by the differences between religions, whereas these differences have been and shall continue to be the cause of the education of souls and their advancement. For divine laws are revealed according to the requirements of the time, age and epoch. Consider, for example, the differences between hours, and observe the variations between seasons. If a person of insight reflects even briefly, he will assuredly know that these differences have been and continue to be the cause of the unity of the servants and the preservation of all who dwell in the lands.

It was formerly said: "Travel is a portion of hell." Now if it be said: "Travel is a portion of paradise," there would be no harm in this, for the means have changed, as can be observed today when a traveler sits in utmost comfort in a carriage and proceeds whithersoever he willeth. A person of insight perceiveth no contradiction between these two statements. Likewise, His honor hath mentioned religious beliefs and inquired which is preferred today. Though this question was not answered explicitly, implicitly all answers were sent down from the heaven of the All-Merciful's will. God willing, may they comprehend their realities and become aware of the meanings enshrined within the chambers of words. That which is best and most acceptable today is that which is in truth the educator of the world, the illuminator of the world, and the quickener of the world.

The utterances of truth have been such that were any fair-minded person to consider this very Tablet, he would testify that it is the sovereign of utterance and the king of books, comprehending all meanings. The answers to all these questions which he hath asked have already been sent down. God knoweth that nothing remaineth that hath not been revealed in the Book. All matters and affairs have been sent down from the heaven of will—that which sufficeth all and leadeth them to perfect tranquility.

We beseech God to assist the people to comprehend that which is intended. Convey My greetings to His honor and mention that God willing, he should become illumined with the lights of divine love and attain His good-pleasure. When they attained the honor of presence in Iraq, God willing, may they be blessed with its trace and fruit. Verily He is the Manifestor of whatsoever He willeth through His sovereignty, and He is indeed the All-Powerful Manifestor.

This servant sent a copy of the Blessed Tablet revealed in honor of the Sahib, written in clear script, so that any of the friends who wish to make a copy may do so, allowing the original to remain preserved and reach its owner. While writing this petition, this thought occurred: let the friends in that land strive diligently so that the Sahib may become aware of the essential matter—namely, that the purpose of God, exalted be His glory, was not and is not conflict and strife, and God forbid, reprehensible acts and rejected deeds, the shedding of blood, plunder and seizure of people's property. If they truly become

aware of these matters and grasp the intent of what was revealed in the Book, they might then convey certain words to some souls that would bring assurance, and the noble ones and princes would comprehend this station and know that Truth is sanctified and exalted above all deficiencies.

This Cause is as evident and clear as the sun, its path manifest and its way straight. If they would ponder this comprehensive word that has flowed from the dawning-place of the Divine Pen, they would testify to the loftiness of God's Cause and its exaltation. He, exalted be His glory, has said:

> "Glory is not his who loves his country, but glory is his who loves the world."

How far between the people and what they say, and the station of God's Cause, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting! God willing, you should remind the servants with utmost gentleness and wisdom, and exert the utmost effort and striving to unite the loved ones in that land. God knows this is what brings joy to all things. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, has counseled His loved ones in most tablets regarding love and unity, for through these the banners of victory are raised and the horizon of the Cause becomes luminous.

After your petitions were presented at the Most Holy Court and what the All-Merciful revealed in response, this servant was again summoned and He said:

> "O servant present! Write to the loved ones that the Supreme Pen has never paid attention to the mention of the elixir and the knowledge thereof, nor will it ever do so. Some souls asked questions about certain statements of philosophers and others. It was observed that if an answer were not revealed, it might cause delusions. Therefore it was revealed from the Dawning-Place of Divine knowledge, and We forbade all from engaging in it. Blessed is he who has heard God's command and restrained himself from passion. By the Sun of the horizon of knowledge! Today the greatest elixir and the essence of the world is the Word of God. Say: O friends, cast this greatest elixir upon the existence of nations in the name of the Lord of Eternity, that they might be transformed and attain to the station of the knowledge of God."

And in this regard, brilliant, illuminating, and manifest utterances have flowed from the Supreme Pen and were sent to all regions before and after. Blessed is he who has heard the command of God, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting.

O Asad! Blessed are they who gather together for the love of God and His Cause, and who reflect and meditate upon the affairs of His loved ones. Give them the glad-tidings from Me of My loving-kindness, My bounty and My mercy which have preceded all things. That which thou didst mention regarding the Mashriqu'l-Adhkar was accepted before the Throne, and likewise what thou didst mention concerning the blessed spot. Verily, We make mention of those who have gathered and who gather together to serve God, that they may rejoice and be numbered among the thankful. Upon them be My glory, My remembrance and My praise. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Wise. God hath forgiven those for whom thou didst seek forgiveness. By My life! At this moment when these words have issued forth from the mouth of the Will of thy Lord, the ocean of forgiveness hath surged and the fragrance of the garment of thy Lord, the Merciful, hath been diffused. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

I beseech thee to convey to the loved ones in that land, who have drunk from the Kawthar of divine love and are adorned with the luminous robe of steadfastness, sublime greetings on behalf of this evanescent servant, and make mention to each one of this servant's utter nothingness and evanescence. God, exalted be His glory, is witness that this evanescent servant is occupied most times with their remembrance. Verily, He is the All-Informed, the All-Knowing. The Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have remained faithful to God's Covenant and His Testament, and who have stood firm in the Cause on this Most Great, Most Mighty Day. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH00906: Praise be to God Who hath sent down…

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

Praise be to God Who hath sent down the verses and manifested the evidences and illumined the world through His Name, the One that dominateth all names and attributes. Exalted is He Who hath, with the hand of grace, proffered the Kawthar of life and summoned unto it the peoples of creation. He, verily, is the Truth Who spoke before creation itself: "There is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting." And praise be to God through Whom the horizon of utterance was illumined and the nightingale of divine knowledge warbled upon the branch of exposition: "There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Beloved." Exalted is He Who hath caused all things to speak His praise and remembrance, and taught His sincere ones the ways of His favours and His near ones the paths of His knowledge.

Glorified, glorified be this Day wherein the Greatest Veil was rent asunder by the Most Great Finger, and the banner "The Kingdom is God's, the Mighty, the Loving" was raised aloft. Praise be to God Who hath sent down the everlasting feast from the heaven of His bounty, illumined the horizon of proof with His evidences, and adorned the heaven of His Cause with the manifestations of His signs. Exalted, exalted be His all-encompassing grace; exalted, exalted be His mercy that hath preceded existence and His loving-kindness that hath embraced all the worlds.

The servant hath indeed perceived the fragrance of the garment from your letter, which spoke what God had spoken and testified to that which the Beloved had testified. This is a Day wherein mankind hath stood before the countenance of their Lord, the Mighty, the Wise. When I perceived its sweet-scented breeze and read its words and recognized what was therein, I was present before the Throne at a certain hour, and all that was contained therein was presented before His Face. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, saying: "Blessed are My Afnan who have held fast to the cord of My loving-kindness, clung to the hem of My bounty, immersed themselves in the ocean of My remembrance, adorned themselves with the robe of steadfastness in My Cause, attained the choice wine of My utterance, hastened in the arenas of My gifts, and spoke that which My chosen ones spoke in the wilderness of My reunion: 'Here am I, O my God, here am I, O my Beloved!"' Thus doth the Supreme Pen make mention in this Most Exalted Station, wherein all things therein testify that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Wise.

My spirit be a sacrifice for your remembrance! Praise be to God, this evanescent servant hath been bountifully blessed with the rains of your love, affection and kindness with utmost joy, delight, gladness and elation. God willing, may these winds be ever-blowing and these rains ever-falling.

Concerning what was written about the prisoners in the land of Ta, his eminence Haji Mirza Muhammad Husayn, the physician—upon him be the glory of God—who was one of them, attained the Most Holy Presence, and according to what he related, the son of His Majesty the Sovereign, the Heir to the Throne, showed the utmost kindness and care towards those souls, such that all the loved ones expressed their satisfaction. However, the friends of God who are truly immersed in the ocean of divine love and who observe the world with spiritual vision are certainly neither mindful of these matters nor have they ever been. They have had and have no desire save God's good-pleasure. Soon these few days shall pass and they shall enter the eternal Kingdom. Assuredly, imprisonment in God's path is sweeter than the favours of the people of the world. What bounty is greater than being oppressed, and what station more glorious than utter evanescence? In the presence of the radiant lights of His Revelation, every hardship and tribulation in His path hath been and shall ever be beloved. May God assist all to achieve that which is pleasing unto Him. This is the ultimate hope of those who hope and the ultimate aim of those who seek.

Another supplication of this evanescent servant to your honor is that if you write to the Afnans—upon them be all the most glorious Glory—kindly convey on behalf of this servant to each one of them expressions of utter effacement and complete nothingness. This is the utmost bounty from your honor. And another petition is that the Branches of the Blessed Tree—may my spirit and being be sacrificed for the dust of their feet—and likewise the Afnans of the Divine Lote-Tree, all offer the Most Glorious Greatest Greeting to your honor. And regarding what you had written about Khan and the items he sent, it was submitted to the Most Holy Court, and likewise the letter they had written to this servant.

A Tablet was revealed from the heaven of Divine Will in response to a petition from one of the deputies there and was sent, and likewise a Tablet specifically for Aqa Mirza Husayn who is with them. God willing, along with this servant's letter, through your honor's kindness it will reach them. As for the details of their items, they were mentioned in the petition submitted to the honored Teacher—upon him be all the most glorious Glory—and likewise a brief mention appears in Khan's own letter which will come to your honor's notice. The Glory be upon you, then Grandeur, Might and Majesty be upon you.

The servant, in the year 1294.

Another submission is that his honor Haji Mirza Muhammad Taqi—upon him be all the most glorious Glory—wrote a letter to this servant and sent some funds as your honor has written, and they appointed this servant as agent to take whatever is deemed advisable and present it at the Most Holy Court. Therefore this servant obtained some wheat specifically for the Household and pilgrim house. If your honor can send the funds in cash to pay for that wheat it would be preferable, otherwise whatever your honor deems advisable may be done, since in these days all items have increased in price due to the war—for example wheat has reached eight tumans per Persian kharvar and increases daily—and likewise regarding the other funds that were mentioned.

Another submission is that several letters were written in response to the blessed letters of the friends of God—upon them be the Glory of God—and were sent; the sooner they arrive the better.

May my spirit be sacrificed for you—this matter had been overlooked and since its submission was necessary it is hereby submitted: The vases that were sent last were very well received. They said although the Most Great Prison was not and is not a place for using such items, yet since their craftsmanship was refined and perfect, We accepted them, and these bear no resemblance whatsoever to the previous vases. End quote. And they were not given to the intended person for whom these items had been specifically requested. And in truth, since this was glad tidings, it was therefore submitted.

The servant.

BH00923: The Supreme Pen hath trembled by reason of this…

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

The Supreme Pen hath trembled by reason of this most grievous calamity which hath saddened the Wronged One whilst in this remote spot. By God! Through it were all created things disturbed, and the Divine Lote-Tree did cry out from the all-glorious horizon:

> "Grief be to God, the Sovereign Lord, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!"

O Pen of the Most Ancient Being! Make mention of him who turned towards the Most Great Prison, who circled round the Throne, and who sacrificed himself for God, the Lord of all worlds. He is now in the All-Glorious Horizon and the Supreme Companion, and was named Mihdi in the kingdom of creation—he who heard the Call when it was raised betwixt earth and heaven, who turned unto the Countenance, and who took hold of the Book with the power of God, the Sovereign Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

He ascended unto God as a stranger and was buried in His vicinity, whereupon the Ocean of Pre-existence shed upon him that which the creatures are powerless to describe. To this beareth witness the Tongue of God, the Sovereign Lord, the Mighty, the Wondrous. He quaffed the choice wine of life when it was unsealed by the hand of his Lord, the All-Merciful, and turned unto the Self-Subsisting when mankind was in great turmoil. He adorned himself with the raiment of certitude when people were in manifest doubt, and attained unto the Day of God, witnessed the Resurrection and its mysteries, and heard the call of the Wronged One from the horizon of His name, the Self-Subsisting. There is none other God but He, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We bear witness that he stood firm in the Cause when earthquakes seized all the tribes of the earth, and he witnessed, acknowledged, confessed and was assured of the Word whereby the backs of those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds, were broken. By God! He bore a Word which the dwellers of the heavens and earth were powerless to bear, save whom God willeth—the Lord of the seen and the unseen, and the Lord of this noble station.

We have sanctified him, purified him, and cleansed him with the waters of the Kawthar of his Lord's mercy, the All-Forgiving, the All-Generous. By the life of God! None among the people recognized him

except whom God pleased. Thus doth the Tongue of Grandeur make clear as a token of His grace. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

Soon shall the Beloved of the world present Himself before his resting-place, and with Him shall appear the Concourse on High and the denizens of Paradise—exalted, exalted be His most great favor; exalted, exalted be His all-pervading generosity. We visit him from this spot at this very moment and say:

Upon thee be the fragrances of thy Lord the All-Merciful's utterance and the sweet-scented breezes of thy Lord the Mighty, the Peerless's mercy. By the life of God, verily He was alive in the Kingdom of God—He heareth and seeth, yet most of the people are heedless. [By God!] He hath adorned himself with the garment of immortality. And he who lamenteth for him hath not discovered the hidden, concealed, and treasured mysteries. Soon shall he behold his most exalted station and cry out: "Blessed art thou, O thou who hast believed in Him through Whom the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken between earth and heaven, and the Spirit, the Faithful One, hath cried out: 'Praise be to God, the One, the Almighty, the All-Powerful!"' Whoso seeth him in his station is bewildered and thunderstruck by the effulgent rays of that luminous station.

By God! The people of Baha are not grieved by the assault of calamities nor by the hosts of the oppressors. They testify that death is truth and it draweth them nigh unto a station ordained for them by the Ordainer, the Ancient. Know ye, O people of Baha, that My grief is caused by the lamentation of My loved ones and the cry of My chosen ones; otherwise, by the life of God, We observe and rejoice in that the beloved hath ascended unto his Beloved, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Were the veil to be lifted, assuredly the hearts and souls would take flight unto the Supreme Companion. To this testifieth everyone who hath found the fragrance of the mysteries of his Lord, the Concealer, the Manifest, the Mighty, the Impregnable.

We have not mentioned him because of his relation to Us, but because of his turning unto the horizon of Revelation and his facing the Countenance after the passing away of all things. Blessed is he who draweth nigh unto his dust and standeth at his grave and uttereth that which the Lote-Tree of the End hath spoken at this moment wherein the Wronged One walketh and the tongue speaketh and the Pen moveth by His decisive, wise command. Blessed is he, and blessed is the handmaiden who hath shown patience and been content with what hath been ordained by the Ordainer, the All-Informed.

Verily the Tongue of the Ancient turneth toward the horizon of Thy grace and the heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy bestowal. Then remember his brother who was named 'Ali before Naqi, through that which floweth from the ocean of generosity, that the hearts of those whom sorrows have overtaken in this calamity may be gladdened—this calamity which hath caused the people of the pavilion of sinlessness to wail in this spot whereon the throne of God, the Lord of the worlds, hath been established. O My handmaidens! Be not grieved by the calamities of the world—they shall pass away and not endure. Rejoice in God's decree, for verily He commandeth what is right and acteth accordingly, as a grace from His presence. He is, verily, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

We testify that he turned from the Land of Ha to the Ultimate Goal and the Most Glorious Horizon, and attained the presence of the Countenance, and heard the call of his Lord, the Most Exalted, with manifest

joy. Blessed is he in that he acknowledged and confessed that which most of creation denied, and ascended unto God when the fragrance of his Lord's love, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Dear, the All-Encompassing, was diffused from his heart. This journey, which he achieved in his final days, profiteth him. By the life of God, this is a deed that adorneth every glorious tablet. We have forgiven him and adorned him with the ornament of his Lord's tender mercy, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Joy be unto him who remembereth him purely for the sake of God. He is of those who have attained unto the command of their Lord, the Commander, the Bestower, the Generous. We beseech God to assist the handmaiden and those with her, and to adorn her once again with the ornament of patience. Verily, He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth.

O Leaf! Grieve not. We counsel thee to manifest beautiful patience. By God! He who hath drunk of My sealed wine grieveth not for any calamities save what hath befallen the Beloved through that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought, and verily in the greatest grief He calleth out with the loudest cry between earth and heaven unto God, the Creator of all things, in such wise that neither the hosts of the earth in their ranks, nor the multitudes which cause the limbs of the mighty to quake, could hinder Him, and through which every powerful and great one hath appeared. Were We to complain of anything, We would complain of Our life amidst My servants, yet We rejoice in Our concealment and Our manifestation from Mine horizon, and My dawning in one of My worlds, and My establishment upon Mine inner throne.

Thus doth your Lord, the Ancient, the Everlasting, inform you. Then We make mention of the Leaf whose letter hath been presented before the Throne. Verily We make mention of her and her mother, even as We mentioned them in bygone years, as a grace from Our presence. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. We bear witness that they both have attained unto turning towards God and drawing nigh unto Him, the Beloved of those who know. O Ocean of Utterance! Be still in thy place, for the people would be thunderstruck by thy waves. Take heed lest thou sprinkle upon them beyond their capacity to understand, and be forbearing with them. Verily, Thou art the Clement, the All-Wise.

BH00966: In the Name of Our Lord, the Most Powerful…

In the Name of Our Lord, the Most Powerful, the Most High, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

All praise, sanctified from peer and likeness, befitteth the Eternal, the Ever-Abiding, the Beloved Who perisheth not, Who, through the sovereignty of His Will and the potency of His Purpose, hath made this mansion the Most Great Scene of Revelation and the Seat of His Throne, and Who, through the movement of the Most Exalted Pen, hath summoned all creation unto the most sublime horizon. He hath bestowed upon all the worlds a drop from the ocean of His knowledge; some turned towards Him while others turned away, forsaking eternal stations through their attachment to ephemeral things. At all times the cooing of the doves of remembrance and utterance is raised, yet most are deprived thereof. They have clung to conjectural divines and are thus barred from the ocean of certitude. Exalted, exalted be His dominion! Exalted, exalted be His proof! Exalted, exalted be His command! Exalted, exalted be His glory above description through letters and words, or attribution through that which the peoples of earth and heaven can comprehend!

The most perfect and complete antidote hath appeared through the blessing of the Most Great Name, yet most are afflicted with the diseases of ignorance and folly. The Water of Life surgeth before the faces of men, and the Sun of Grace shineth resplendent above their heads, yet all remain veiled save whom our Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful, willeth. By God! Were the servants to attain unto a drop from the Most Great Ocean, surely a hundred thousand worlds and whatsoever hath been created therein would not withhold them from the Most Sublime Horizon.

This servant is feeble and the degrees of exposition are beyond reckoning, yet withal he is commanded to silence. The decree belongeth unto God, the One, the All-Powerful, the All-Compelling, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. I testify that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been and shall ever be. None hath known Him save to the extent permitted. He is the Expositor, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

My spirit be a sacrifice for your acceptance, and my soul be a ransom for your steadfastness! The servant hath attained unto that from which wafted the sweet savours of the remembrance of the Beloved—your letter which testified to that whereunto God testified before the creation of the heavens and the earth, that there is none other God but Him. The sweetness of your mention seized me in such wise as can neither be described by the pen nor by the tongue, for it was adorned with the praise of God, the Lord of all worlds. When I succeeded in opening and reading it, I turned toward the Seat of the Throne and presented all that was therein before His Presence. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur—my spirit be a sacrifice for His utterance—spoke, and His sweetest of sayings was:

"O servant in attendance! He hath testified to that whereunto God hath testified, and hath recognized the Revelation of God and His sovereignty, after which most of the mystics and eloquent ones remained veiled therefrom, and hath known the Day wherein the Truth shall arise and speak amongst creation. Soon shall the world and all that is therein perish, and his testimony unto God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne, shall endure." Here ended His words.

At this point such utterances were revealed as this servant was and ever shall be utterly powerless to recount them all. Such words shone forth from the Dawning-Place of utterance that were even a fraction less than a hair's breadth of their light to be shed upon the earth, all would be freed and sanctified from their limited spans and would in all conditions turn unto the Ultimate Goal. This much glad-tidings do I give unto that honoured person, that his mention was accepted in the Most Holy Court.

You wrote that you occasionally associate with officials for the purpose of attending to outward affairs. This was presented before His presence, and He said:

> "This matter is most praiseworthy. In the Kitab-i-Aqdas, all are permitted to associate with different groups, and association with rulers and officials is permissible for several beneficial purposes. Through such association, oftentimes an oppressed one may find deliverance, or a prisoner may be freed, and perchance words may be spoken that cause awakening. Association with such persons is a hundred thousand times preferable to association with the heedless divines and theologians. Nevertheless, association with the divines has also been permitted, that perchance someone may become mindful or gain fear of God. Even as the

> Most Great Branch—may our souls be a sacrifice for all else beside Him—associates daily with rulers, officials and divines, and continuously maintains relations with people of every kind. Beyond these considerations, all have been commanded to pursue a trade or profession, and this station necessitates association with various classes of people."

Similarly, in another instance He said:

> "Write to them that We have given you permission for association and the pursuit of your claims. The people of God must associate with all in the utmost spirit of joy and fragrance, that perchance those lost in the valley of error may attain the lights of guidance. Jesus, son of Mary, associated with tax collectors, and most people objected. He said: I have come to associate with sinners that they might become aware and turn from falsehood to truth. Association, kindliness and the like are among the attributes of wisdom which all are commanded to manifest. We beseech God to assist Me in loving you and mentioning you in the presence of God, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Great, and to protect the believers from the braying of every brayer, the croaking of every croaker, the barking of every denier, and the howling of every heedless one. Verily He is the Protector, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Invincible."

In the years when the Throne was established in Arabic Iraq, at the end of those days when He intended to migrate, He warned the people in most Tablets about the birds of darkness and the clamor of the croakers. Likewise in the Land of Mystery, and also in the Most Great Prison, He specifically stated that the people must again be warned so they might be preserved from such souls. And now in some lands the barking of dogs is raised, and this servant is astonished how people remain veiled from the Supreme Horizon and are deprived of the truth by the words of those who cannot distinguish between right and left. Fie upon them and their understanding and what their hands have wrought! We take refuge with God from the evil of these heedless, deceitful croakers.

Under all conditions, praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds. And the glory be upon you and those with you and those who love you, from God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

BH01206: Praise be to God Who hath spoken…

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

Praise be to God Who hath spoken of the oneness of His Being and caused all things to speak forth His remembrance and praise. Though He hath been described by every tongue, characterized by every utterance, and mentioned by every heart, we testify that He is the Hidden Mystery Who hath never been described throughout all eternity past nor shall ever be mentioned throughout all eternity to come. Exalted be His might and power, exalted be His station and knowledge. The Supreme Pen hath spoken forth in the kingdom of creation, whereupon the dwellers of the cities of names were thunderstruck—some were awakened by the breeze of revelation while others returned to the abyss of divine wrath. I pray and glorify those who have inhaled the fragrance of His days and have attained unto His good-

pleasure. They are among the people of Baha. Upon them be the glory of God, the Lord of Names and Creator of earth and heaven.

Furthermore, your two missives, adorned with the mention of God, were the cause of the heart's rejoicing. God willing, may you ever remain occupied with the remembrance of the Desired One of the world, and be mentioned in His presence. Regarding what you wrote about the souls in that land who have been set ablaze by the divine fire and have turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon—we beseech God to make them firm and steadfast, for steadfastness is among the most mighty of matters. It hath often been observed that certain souls have turned toward the Cause through one word, yet become veiled through another. Verily He guideth whom He willeth unto the straight path. God willing, your efforts have not been and shall not be in vain. Every soul must arise to serve the Cause for the sake of God and speak with wisdom for His sake. The effect thereof resteth with God, exalted be His glory. He giveth to whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He pleaseth, and ordaineth for whomsoever He desireth whatsoever He desireth.

The letter from Nawwab Muhammad ʿAzimu'd-Din Khan addressed to this evanescent servant was received. That same letter was presented in the Most Holy Court, and magnificent and wondrous Tablets were revealed and sent specifically for him and the souls mentioned therein. God willing, may they attain unto them and be enkindled by the divine fire. This evanescent servant hath also, according to his poverty and lowliness, addressed a letter to them. We beseech God to aid them, draw them nigh, and give them to drink of the sealed wine through His Name, the Mighty, the Manifest, the Hidden.

Every seed that is sown for the sake of God and falls upon good soil will assuredly, by God's leave, the Revealer of verses, yield boundless good. We beseech God to make your endeavors and efforts yield universal fruits, that all may attain unto the Source and be illumined by the lights of His countenance.

If you inquire about conditions in this land, praise be to God, it is peaceful. In these days, a number of travelers have, in accordance with the command, set out for their homelands. This servant hath been occupied with writing day and night, and therefore had not the opportunity to send the great mystical circle that was requested. However, two small circles were written and sent. In any case, the shortcomings of this servant must be overlooked and forgiven. Several people have recently arrived at the Most Great Scene from Iran, but there was no news worthy of mention. However, divergent views have not yet attained unto the blessing of unity and concord. The princes are at variance and the divines are in open conflict. They have lost, those who have turned away from God and His authority and followed their own idle fancies and vain imaginings.

The honored Aqa Jamal, upon him be the glory of God, is in prison, and his petitions have repeatedly reached the Most Holy Court. God will soon deliver him through truth. He is verily the Mighty, the Powerful. According to reports, he is respected in prison. When his messenger came to the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence and requested Aqa Jamal's release from prison, He said: "If he leaves, does he have a house to dwell in?" The messenger replied: "No." He said: "Indeed, his place is in prison." In truth, whatever occurs for the sake of God is beloved to the soul and the heart's desire. What blessing is greater than tribulations that occur in the path of the Beloved? People are asleep; when they die they awaken. Which house hath not been seized by ruin? Which garden hath not lost its splendor to autumn winds?

Blessed is the structure not followed by a destroyer. The house that is not seized by extinction and remains protected from the vicissitudes of time is a deed performed for God's sake. We beseech God to aid us in that which He loveth and approveth.

The very events of the world and its changes are a tablet whereon its extinction hath been inscribed by a manifest pen. Blessed is he who hath cast it aside, blessed is he who hath forsaken it to serve God and manifest His decisive and wise Cause. The world is that which preventeth men from turning toward God, not what heedless servants have understood it to be. Thus hath it been sent down from the Pen of our Most Glorious Lord in a preserved tablet.

BH01275: Praise be to God Who hath caused all things…

He is God, exalted be His glory, majesty and power!

Praise be to God Who hath caused all things to speak forth that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been sanctified above all contingent things and exalted beyond all created beings. Through His all-conquering power He hath created whatsoever He hath willed, and through His pervading Will hath manifested that whereby His servants may ascend. He hath no likeness in creation nor any equal in invention. He doeth as He willeth. He is indeed the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And now, the servant hath been honored with your letter which telleth of your ascent and progress, your acceptance and love, your affection and your humility and submissiveness before God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. We beseech the Exalted One to assist you in all conditions and cause you to speak that which shall benefit the servants through wisdom and utterance. He is verily the Mighty, the Bestower.

Your petition reached the Most Holy Court and was presented in its entirety. He said:

> "We have heard your call time and again, and have answered you before and before that, and in this manifest hour. Give thanks unto God for having caused thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of His Cause, Who speaketh in His name amongst the worlds. Convey My greetings to My loved ones who have turned towards God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We beseech God to assist them and grant them the wine of steadfastness. He is verily the Powerful, the Almighty. It behooveth you to remember God in the watches of the night and the ends of the day, at dawn and at eventide. God verily heareth and seeth. He is indeed the All-Encompassing, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing."

Furthermore, He bade me convey to you that you should give the friends of God to drink of the Kawthar of tranquility and the Tasnim of patience and forbearance. Let them not be saddened by the lack of permission to come hither. He verily commandeth them that which profiteth them. Whosoever hath turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and accepted the Ultimate Truth is accounted among those souls whose mention hath been revealed in God's Book, both past and future. Ye should, with utmost joy and gladness and complete steadfastness, occupy yourselves with the remembrance of God and service to His Cause. The affairs in these lands are not in order, and some measure of upheaval is apparent from external sources. All must today fix their gaze upon the horizon of God's good-pleasure and soar in the

atmosphere of wisdom. Praise be to God that the names of the loved ones of that land are mentioned in the Most Holy Court, and His favors are manifest towards each one. Likewise, the petitions of those souls were presented in their entirety before His presence. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid us and them to that which He loveth and is pleased with.

O thou who hast turned towards God! Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and We have heard what thou didst mention therein. We beseech God to assist thee in all conditions and to enable thee to make mention of this beauteous Remembrance. We heard thy call aforetime and made mention of thee in such wise as to gladden the hearts of the sincere ones. Grieve thou not over anything, but put thy trust in God. Verily, He is with His believing servants. All that thou beholdest shall perish, but that which this exiled Prisoner hath uttered shall endure unto thee. Whatsoever proceedeth today from the Source of the Cause hath been and shall continue to be for the benefit of the loved ones of God.

All must be content and thankful with whatsoever the Beloved hath willed. All must be mindful of wisdom. No one should utter words that may cause clamor, perturbation and the turning away of souls, for most people are weak and are unaware of the cups of divine bounty and the lights of the celestial suns. The steadfast and mighty souls must, with the utmost wisdom and utterance, draw these weak ones to the immortal heaven. Whosoever today gazeth with complete certitude and assurance towards the horizon of the All-Merciful is accounted among those who have attained the court of nearness and reunion. All must attain the highest station of joy and delight through hearkening unto this goodly word.

And likewise was presented the petition of Karbala'i Muhammad. He said: We love him who loveth God and who hath testified to that which God hath testified concerning His Own Self by His Own Self, that there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. O Muhammad! Hold fast unto the Sure Handle and cleave unto the hem of the bounty of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Be thou content with what hath been ordained for thee. Verily, He knoweth what thou knowest not. He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Grieve not over separation, for He recordeth for whomsoever He willeth the reward of one who hath drunk the Kawthar of reunion from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Mighty, the Beloved. It behoveth thee to rejoice in My remembrance of thee and to thank God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

Mention was also made in the Most Holy Presence of Isma'il Aqa and Haji Ibrahim. God willing, may all be engaged in the remembrance of the true Friend in the utmost joy and gladness, and this servant, with faltering tongue, conveyeth greetings to all. The Glory be upon thee and upon them.

BH01602: Praise be to God Who hath manifested Himself through…

He is the Ever-Abiding, the Eternal, the All-Wise Teacher

Praise be to God Who hath manifested Himself through His Name, the Letter B, upon the sea of H, whereupon light appeared and spread across the face of the water. Verily He is the Point that cannot be described by the descriptions of the people of creation. Then that holy, primal, eternal Point manifested itself upon the Tablet. Then another point appeared, and verily it was the Primal Will, through which God created all that was and will be, and all that appeared before and will appear unto the end that hath no

end. And verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. His mysteries cannot be known, His signs cannot be comprehended, and His evidences cannot be described. He hath created the Supreme Pen and caused it to speak between earth and heaven. Blessed is he who is attracted by His most sweet call and hath turned toward the Lord of Names. Verily He is the Most Great Remembrance and the Ancient Sign, speaking from this most exalted and resplendent station, and this most luminous and most glorious spot, that there is no God but Him, the Powerful, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Great.

O ʿAli! We were in the bath when the servant arrived with thy letter and read it at the door. We found from it the fragrance of thy love, thy sincerity, thy submissiveness and thy humility before God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed art thou in having attained the presence of God when He was in the land of K. By the life of God, this is indeed a manifest bounty. Thou wert present, heard, saw and drank the sealed wine from the hands of thy Lord's bounty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Ask God to grant thee success and aid thee to serve this Wronged One, even as He aided thee before. Verily He is the Powerful, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Beloved.

When the Wronged One was in the bath, the servant arrived at the door with thy letter and presented all before His presence. O ʿAli! The gaze of favor hath been directed toward thee. Were it not for Him, that which appeared from thee would not have appeared. And regarding what thou didst write about the weakness of the servants and the heedlessness of the negligent souls toward the exalted Truth—the truth is with thee. Yea, the face of the world is turned toward irreligion. In all years, nay in all months, nay in all days, it is far from faith, knowledge and certitude, clinging to doubts and vain imaginings. And for a time it shall continue thus, even as its duration hath been revealed and recorded in God's Book.

But be not grieved, for the effulgences of the Sun of Truth shall absorb the excessive moisture of nature and shall gather together the scattered letters. This matter is not particular to this age, but hath been thus from before, as a drop from the drops concealed in the ocean of divine knowledge hath been revealed in the holy Tablet of Wisdom. Blessed is he who hath beheld and read and said:

> "Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who art the Explainer to the worlds!"

After the passing of the duration mentioned in the Book, suddenly shall the Cause of God be raised up and all souls shall turn toward it. Verily thy Lord is the True Informer, the Speaking One, the Truthful, the Trustworthy.

Thou must at all times be occupied with serving the Cause and summon the loved ones to the most great steadfastness, for barking and howling have been and are being raised from every quarter, as We informed thee when We were dawning from the horizon of Iraq and established upon the throne in the Land of Mystery and in this noble spot. In these days the Ancient Beauty hath gone forth from the Most Great Prison, and the place of His manifestation was first in the garden and then in the palace known in this land. And while walking, again the servant presented himself before His presence with pen and ink and made mention of thee. Therefore the Kingdom of Utterance spoke forth with these wondrous and sublime words: The Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee among them who have believed and turned their shining faces toward the Most Exalted Horizon, this station that is mighty, holy, powerful and wondrous.

BH01860: Praise be to God Who ordained imprisonment for Himself…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Grandeur and Power!

Praise be to God Who ordained imprisonment for Himself through a wisdom known to none save His Own Self, the One Who dominates earth and heaven. Then He opened its door with the key of His Most Great Name and went forth before all peoples until the Throne was established in this garden, for which God had ordained that which pens are powerless to describe. He, verily, is the Fulfiller of what He promised aforetime in His Tablets, and hath manifested that which lay concealed in God's Books throughout the ages. He it is Who at one time spoke with the tongue of grandeur and glory, and at another time caused His Most Exalted Pen to speak, and there flowed from it that which caused hearts to be troubled and livers to be rent asunder. Blessed is he who is steadfast and firm, and who is radiant and joyous, who heard the call from the Most Exalted Kingdom and turned towards it in the name of his Lord, the Most Glorious, and who was so transported by the rapture of that call that the hosts of creation could not hold him back. Blessed is He Who stretched forth His hand from the bosom of power and delivered whomsoever He willed through His sovereign might which pervades the horizons.

And now, I have received your pen's trace and heard what your letter expressed. God knows your words brought me joy, and I gave thanks to God for this, and turned to the Dawning-Place of the Countenance and presented what was therein. Then the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, saying—and His word is sanctified above the praise of all created things:

> "We have mentioned him and do mention him as a bounty from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, and We ordain what he desires. He, verily, is the Ordainer, the All-Wise. O My physician! Make mention of My station and My tribulation and what hath befallen Me at the hands of My servants. Thy Lord, verily, is the Instructor, the All-Informed."

For numbered years the Ancient Beauty and Most Great Name dwelt in the prison-house, sometimes in the most dilapidated of dwellings and at times in a more habitable abode. Yet always we passed our days and nights in a single room, the door of which was usually locked, until the Ancient Beauty, through the blessing of the Most Great Name, opened the prison door, as We had previously announced in the blessed Tablets. After arriving at the garden and renowned mansion, which afforded some relief, news arrived from the prison-land that on several occasions the very prison itself had been dearer and more precious than what came after. Yes, the effulgences of the prison have been and will continue to be, even though We changed it for the utmost comfort and delight, and today people of insight behold it as a spacious, vast, wondrous and impregnable station.

Regarding what they wrote about the Place of Blessing, it was said that God willing their request would be carried out. O beloved of my heart! Truly those souls who have been the cause of this will surely attain their reward. I beseech God to assist all the friends in benevolent undertakings, so that from each and every one of the divine friends may appear a deed that will ensure the perpetuation of their remembrance and exalt the Cause of the Beloved One. Verily, He is the Answerer, the All-Bountiful.

In this land many different and contrary matters have appeared. In view of the gathering and heedlessness of some, from the beginning it was such that divine blessings rained down from the heaven of bounty at all times upon all, but later due to certain matters it was withheld, until we see what God wills and ordains thereafter. He, verily, is the Ordainer, the All-Knowing.

The request is that you convey wondrous greetings on behalf of this evanescent nothingness to all the friends.

BH02885: The Most Exalted Pen proclaims from the Most Glorious…

In the Name of the One God, the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing

The Most Exalted Pen proclaims from the Most Glorious Horizon: O people of Za! God willing, may you be blessed with the sweet fragrances of the favors of the Lord of Days, and at all times be engaged in the remembrance of the Beloved of all creation. The glance of mercy is at this moment directed towards you, that perchance you may count this most great bounty as a precious gift and arise to accomplish that which is befitting and worthy in this Day. We have mentioned you before, and this is yet another time, a grace from God, the Lord of the Beginning and the End. Strive that you may not be deprived of the outpourings of the clouds of divine mercy. Speak for the sake of God and fix your gaze upon God.

How many souls have this year returned to dust while veiled from their Purpose—they neither recognized the Truth nor even attempted to know Him. Woe unto them and unto those who clung to them, turning away from God, the Lord of all worlds. All the companions and loved ones of that land must hold fast with perfect certitude and assurance to the cord of the favor of the Beloved of the worlds, in such wise that all the world would be powerless to prevent them. Blessed are they that hold fast, and joy be to them that stand firm.

In all conditions you must be mindful of wisdom, for all creatures have been commanded to observe wisdom in the divine Tablets. Blessed is the soul that has believed and acted according to that which it was commanded by the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O My loved ones! Hold fast to that which will exalt the Cause of God, then shun that which you have been forbidden in the Book of your Lord, the Evident, the All-Informed. Be not grieved at anything, for He is with you and ordains for you that which will profit you in this world and the next. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

God willing, you must illumine hearts with the lights of divine remembrance and engage in teaching the Cause through word and deed. The world has never had, nor has it now, any constancy. Soon will this spread be rolled up by the hand of power, save the spread of deeds of souls who act for God's sake and speak for God's sake. By My life! Theirs shall be a goodly end.

Give thanks to God for having attained unto this Tablet and for the face of your Lord's favor, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful, being turned towards you. And glory be upon you and upon whosoever has heard the call and responded to his Ancient Lord. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH02999: Your letter sent from M has reached this servant…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Grandeur and Majesty

Your letter sent from M has reached this servant. When I broke its seal, the fragrance of your love for our Most Exalted Lord enveloped me. As I read it, I was consumed by the expressions of your eagerness, yearning and attraction to what was sent to you of the words of our Lord, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting.

Weeping overtook me and I presented myself before the Throne, and appeared before His countenance. Then the Tongue of Grandeur and Majesty spoke in such manner that I was unable to record or write it, and remained powerless to set down what the Tongue of Power had uttered. I returned to my place and spent the night remembering and praising you, for I saw you that night sitting with me as we shared stories until morning.

I ascended to the Most Exalted Horizon and stood before the Throne. Then the Desired One addressed me and other verses were revealed with the speed of a torrent rushing down from mountains or lightning flashing from clouds—nay, even faster. I was unable to record them. By your life! The wine of verses so intoxicated me that my fingers were prevented from moving and my heart from comprehending what was revealed from the heaven of utterance of our All-Knowing, All-Informed Lord. It was as though I had become a piece of fire as I gazed toward the direction of the Throne like one overcome with bewilderment.

Exalted is our Self-Subsisting Lord Who has appeared with a sovereignty none has known save His own Self, the Mighty, the Beloved. Would that the people of the world could know what has appeared in creation, and would that the servants could recognize what I witnessed of the signs of my Lord, the All-Possessing, the Omnipotent over what was and what will be. It is submitted that the details were as described.

After that beloved one's return from Egypt to Beirut, the Most Great Branch—may my spirit be a sacrifice for the dust of His most precious footsteps—summoned you by telegraph, but it did not reach you. Now time is short and there is no opportunity for more, otherwise my remembrance of you and description of my condition would never end. God willing, I must in the future attain to your wondrous mention. We beseech God to make you one who attracts hearts and minds, and who brings joy to souls and breasts. And glory be upon you.

BH03206: O Rafi'-i-Badi', upon whom be the Glory of God!…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Manifest, the Incomparable

O Rafi'-i-Badi', upon whom be the Glory of God! God, the Exalted One, declares: The dawn of meanings has risen and the horizon of knowledge is resplendent and brilliant with the rays of the Sun of utterance. At all times one must remind the people of the realm of possibility through the essence of utterance. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of grace that the drops of the ocean of utterance are more beneficial to the people of the earth than the effulgences of the sun and the spring rains. However, some utterances

have caused and continue to cause the extinction of the fire of divine love, as has been heard and continues to be heard from some who have claimed knowledge and unity. We beseech God to cause people to attain unto hearing ears that they may distinguish the utterances of the Sun of Truth from all else and attain their purpose.

O Rafi'! God willing, may you be aided through divine bounties to utter words that will cause the enkindling of receptive souls and accepting hearts. God willing, may the Almighty and Exalted One grant unto those who expound a motherly nature and fatherly compassion, that the children of time may be educated and attain unto hearing and sight. You must arise, through God's might and power, to serve the Cause with perfect steadfastness, for the cawing of the ravens and the clamor of the deluded ones have been and continue to be raised from every direction, as was revealed aforetime in the Tablets from the heaven of divine Will. Verily thy Lord is He Who overshadoweth all who are in earth and heaven, and He is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Give thanks unto God for having been mentioned before the Throne, for He hath turned toward thee from this Spot and maketh mention of thee through that which is the spirit of life unto the body of creation. Thy Lord is verily the Clear One, the Generous. We have heard how thou hast praised the Wronged One in various writings. He is verily the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We make mention of thee and respond to thee with that which shall cause thy mention to endure in the Kingdom of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Glory be upon thee and upon him who hath heard and responded, then stood firm in this momentous, mighty Cause.

BH03511: Blessed art thou, O My leaf, and blessed art…

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

Blessed art thou, O My leaf, and blessed art thou in that thou hast attained unto My Beauty, and drunk of the Kawthar of My presence, and quaffed from the Tasnim of My reunion, and soared in the atmosphere of My love, and hearkened unto My melodies and My songs, and witnessed My establishment upon the throne of My utterance, and My speech amongst My servants, and My dawning in the kingdom of My Cause. Give thanks for that which thou hast attained from the ocean of My bounty and the heaven of My bestowal. Know thou that We have heard thy call and recognized the depth of thy love for thy Lord, and have answered thee with this utterance whereby the light of oneness hath shone forth and the horizon of grace hath illumined all created things, and the dove of remembrance hath warbled upon the branches of the divine Lote-Tree. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Rejoice in what God hath ordained for thee in all His worlds. By the life of God! This is better than all that hath been created in the heavens and earth, yet most men understand not. Thou wert mentioned before the Throne, as attested by that which hath been sent down from the Supreme Pen and by that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in its glorious station. Let not earthly affairs grieve thee. Rejoice in My remembrance of thee and My turning towards thee from this forbidden spot. Remember thy Lord, the Wronged One, Who throughout His days was in the hands of such as were heedless of the Witness and the Witnessed. Thus have We remembered thee while being outside the prison, through the sovereignty of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Loving.

The Glory rest upon thee and upon those handmaidens who have turned with their hearts to the Most Sublime Horizon and remained steadfast in the Cause in such wise that the croaking of every rejected liar hath failed to deter them. O My leaf! Convey My glorification to the faces of My handmaidens who have attained unto this promised Day and have witnessed that which We witnessed aforetime. Dominion on that Day belongeth unto God, the Possessor of the Unseen and the Seen.

BH03506: Say: Glory be to Thee, O Thou Who hast…

He is the Most Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Say: Glory be to Thee, O Thou Who hast, through the movement of Thy most august pen, subdued the concourse of Thy creation, and manifested the pearls of the ocean of Thy wisdom through the words which Thy tongue hath spoken before all who are in heaven and on earth. I testify that Thy might hath encompassed the whole universe, and Thy mercy surpassed all created things. The powers of the earth have never prevailed against Thee, nor hath the tumult of the nations frustrated Thy purpose. Thou hast revealed in Thy realm whatsoever Thou hadst desired through the power of Thy sovereignty, and hast ordained all things according to the good pleasure of Thy will. From eternity Thou hast inhabited the loftiest heights of Thy dominion and of Thine unfettered sovereignty, and wilt unto eternity continue to abide in the inaccessible retreats of Thy majesty and glory.

I implore Thee, by Thy Name through which the fragrance of the raiment of Thy presence was wafted, and the gentle winds of Thy bountiful grace passed over all created things, to graciously assist me, at all times and under all conditions, to serve Thy Cause, and to enable me to remember Thee and to extol Thy virtues. Let, then, Thine almighty arms enfold me, O my God, and ordain for me what beseemeth Thy bounty in every world of Thy worlds.

Thou beholdest, O my Lord, how I have set myself towards the ocean of Thy grace and the adored sanctuary of Thy favors. Deny me not, I pray Thee, the drops which are sprinkled from the ocean of Thy gifts; neither do Thou withhold from me the outpourings of the clouds of Thy tender mercies. I am he, O my God, that hath clung to the resplendent hem of Thy robe, and taken hold on Thy strong cord that none can sever. I testify that Thou hast created me, and nourished me, and brought me up, and fed me, and sustained me, that I may recognize Him Who is the Day-Spring of Thy signs, and the Revealer of Thy clear tokens. I offer unto Thee, therefore, most high praise, O Lord my God, that Thou hast suffered me to attain unto this most sublime station and this most august seat. Thou, truly, art the Great Giver, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

Illumine mine eyes, O my Lord, with the splendors of the horizon of Thy Revelation, and brighten my heart with the effulgence of the Day-Star of Thy knowledge and wisdom, that I may set myself wholly towards Thy face, and be rid of all attachment to any one except Thee, in such wise that the changes and chances of the world will be powerless to hinder me from recognizing Him Who is the Manifestation of Thine own Self, and the Revealer of Thy signs, and the Day-Spring of Thy Revelation, and the Repository of Thy Cause.

Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Protector, the All-Glorious, the All-Wise.

BH04269: In the Name of the one God! Your letter…

In the Name of the one God! Your letter hath reached the Most Great Prison and appeared before Our presence, and that which was inscribed therein was heard. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the recognition of God and His service, and for having turned to the horizon of certitude while the people were in evident doubt.

At all times ye must remind the people of that city of the divine verses with perfect wisdom, that perchance the darkness of the vain imaginings of heedless souls may not prevent the friends from the splendors of the rays of the Sun of Truth. The wolf howleth and the dog barketh, while the Truth speaketh between earth and heaven that there is none other God but Me, the Self-Subsisting, the Eternal. Say: We have seized those who transgressed against Us, and We shall soon seize those who disbelieved and turned away from God, the Mighty, the Beloved.

Convey to all the friends in that land greetings from God, and counsel them all with consummate wisdom. Today they must conduct themselves with perfect unity, fellowship and wisdom, and in all circumstances speak in remembrance of the Beloved of all creation. Say: Be not grieved at anything, for verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Restrainer, the Expander, the Ordainer, the Almighty, the Most Mighty, the All-Wise.

Blessed are ye, O my Afnan, for having heard and turned towards and recognized and remained steadfast in this Cause, whereby the limbs of the learned were made to quake and the pillars of the divines were shaken and every lofty mountain was scattered. He will assist you in that whereunto ye are engaged. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Generous. The glory be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who love you purely for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH04452: In the Name of God, He who is God…

In the Name of God, He who is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatness and the Power. My spirit be a sacrifice for you. Your blessed letter, adorned with the two wings of joy and gladness, arrived at this lowest station which is the abode of this ephemeral one, and from there ascended to the most exalted station, a station above which no height exists and which is sanctified from mention and description. After it was presented in the Most Holy Court, it was stated:

> “In all conditions there has not been and will not be any loss for that honored one. When loss occurs, gain shall soon appear—thus has spoken the Tongue of Revelation in this forbidden station.”

God willing, may you be joyful in all conditions and occupied with the remembrance of the Truth. End.

And further, the letter of the honored Name of Ha, upon him be all the most glorious Glory, arrived and was presented. Perfect kindness was manifest and evident regarding him. This servant also wished to present a petition to his honor, but since for some time no Tablets have been sent from the Most Holy Court in any direction, and likewise divine verses have been suspended, meaning they are not being

revealed outwardly, this servant has also delayed in sending petitions until such time as may be deemed appropriate.

And further, mention was made of the friends in your letter and was presented. Kindness was expressed toward all. This servant conveys greetings to all. This petition is presented very briefly because that honored one is coming, and since the decree of nearness is established, extensive submission would be presumptuous. The Glory be upon you.

BH04823: Multiple letters from you were presented at the Most…

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing, the One!

Multiple letters from you were presented at the Most Holy Court and attained the lights of His presence. Praise be to God that you have attained the enduring heavenly bounty which is the recognition of the King of Oneness. In truth, this is the fruit of the tree of existence. God willing, may all the trees of human temples attain and be adorned with this true fruit.

However, today you must fix your gaze upon the Manifestation and what proceeds from Him, detached and freed from aught else. What you have expressed regarding the correspondence of numbers, letters and words was noted, but it would have been better if the time you spent on these matters had been spent on teaching the Cause of God with wisdom and utterance. At all times, beseech the Beloved of the worlds to assist you in serving His Cause. There has been and is no grace greater than this.

Whosoever today quickens the dead of contingent being with the outpourings of the ocean of divine knowledge is accounted before God among those who draw nigh and his name is inscribed in the Preserved Tablet. Blessed is he who attains to this exalted station.

God willing, you will present proofs for the servants through the divine verses and heavenly manifestations that have shone forth from the Dawning-Place of Revelation. Verily, He is with whosoever speaks in His Name and makes mention of Him among His creation. He is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Give thanks unto God for having aided you to turn towards the Supreme Horizon and for having answered you through this wondrous Tablet.

BH04859: Every soul that in this Most Great Revelation hath…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

Every soul that in this Most Great Revelation hath turned unto the Most Exalted Horizon and hath attained unto the splendors of the Sun of Truth—divine mercy shall encompass both that soul and its parents. This is the supreme bounty that hath been and shall continue to be specially designated for this Revelation. Be thou grateful therefore and be of them that remember.

And whatsoever virtuous deeds have been revealed in the Holy Tablets from the Divine Pen—the benefit thereof shall return both to the doer and to the one for whom it was done. By the life of God! Those souls

who have ascended to the Supreme Companion with steadfastness—they witness and are aware. Were We to expound this station, the mountain would soar in its longing to attain the presence of the Causer of causes. Thy Lord is verily the Expounder, the All-Knowing.

The names of the souls mentioned are present before the Throne, and the splendors of the Sun of Divine Providence are directed toward all. Blessed are those souls who in His days took and drank the choice wine of divine love from the hand of favor. This is the most exalted station and the most glorious bounty.

However, all must beseech God—exalted and glorified be He—for steadfastness with perfect humility and supplication. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon them and upon thy wife, from God, thy Lord and the Lord of all that is seen and unseen and the Lord of all worlds.

We, from this station, send Our glorification upon the faces of those who have turned unto God and have acknowledged the permanence of His countenance after the passing of all things. Thy Lord is verily the Judge, the Speaker, the Hearer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH05209: O Ha! Hearken to the call of the Wronged…

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

O Ha! Hearken to the call of the Wronged One. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Forgiving, the Generous. That which […] hath appeared and the matter hath been decreed from before God, the Lord of all worlds. The Wronged One hath emerged from the prison of Akka, whereupon the Kingdom of Names was stirred and every stone cried out:

> "God hath fulfilled what He promised in the Book. He, verily, is the Expositor, the All-Informed."

The garden hath been honored and all creation hath been perfumed by the fragrance that hath wafted from the garment of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

We have heard thy call and turned toward thee from this noble horizon. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath loved thee and hearkened to thy word concerning this firm and wise Cause. We bear witness that thou hast turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon and aided thy Lord, the Lord of Names, and remained steadfast in the Cause when the feet of the mystics slipped. We verily send Our greetings upon thee and upon thy family and those in thy household. By My life! We behold you in manifest sincerity. Ask thou God to enable them that have believed to attain unto that which He hath enabled thee to attain. Thy Lord is verily the Bestower, the Mighty, the Invincible.

Convey My greetings to My loved ones who have remained faithful to My Covenant and have taken hold of My laws with manifest authority. Upon thee and upon those with thee be the glory of God, the Lord of the heavens and of the earth. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH05198: O My handmaiden! O My handmaiden! Again I say…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O My handmaiden! O My handmaiden! Again I say, O My handmaiden! O My handmaiden! We love to address thee with this word, by the everlastingness of My Kingdom and My Dominion, and the permanence of My names and attributes.

Grieve not over anything or anyone. By the life of God, I am with thee, I am thy companion, thy protector and thy helper. I have mentioned thee before with that which hath perfumed the world, and I mention thee now with that which shall waft the fragrances of the Beloved until a day which none except God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, can reckon.

The Supreme Pen calleth out at all times and giveth the glad-tidings of boundless favors to the friends. O My handmaiden! O My leaf! Rejoice thou in My mention of thee and My turning towards thee. This is a station that cannot be equaled by the heavens and earths.

Love for you and respect for you has been and is obligatory upon every soul, and if the present souls show negligence, assuredly souls shall appear from behind the pavilion of divine Will who shall act according to what hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen, detached from all idle fancies, for verily He knoweth best His servants and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

Convey on behalf of this Wronged One sublime greetings to the handmaidens of that land, and whatsoever hath been ordained in the heaven of favor shall surely come to pass. Glory be upon thee, then glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee.

BH05313: May you, at all times, be blessed through…

In the Name of the One All-Knowing!

May you, at all times, be blessed through the favors of the Intended One of all worlds and be engaged in His remembrance, for whatsoever exists and is visible shall assuredly perish and vanish, except for those souls who have been adorned with the ornament of life through the divine call, who act for the sake of God and who fix their gaze upon His Cause. The deeds and actions of such souls have endured and shall endure for as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endure.

Grieve not over this world. Rather, rejoice in what hath been ordained for thee by the Supreme Pen in a clear Book. Preserve it as thou wouldst preserve thine eyes. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Praise be to God that thou hast been mentioned time after time, and again and again, from this luminous Horizon. By the life of God! This is a station that nothing on earth can equal. We beseech God to preserve it. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

We implore God to assist thee in His remembrance and praise, and to enable thee to achieve that whereby thy remembrance, thy turning unto Him, thy devotion, thy sincerity and thy steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds, shall endure.

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and from it We have inhaled the fragrance of thy love. We have answered thee with this clear Tablet. Glory be upon thee and upon thy brothers and thy family and those who are with thee among such as have believed in God, the One, the Mighty, the Great.

BH05511: Your letter hath been adorned with the lights…

In the Name of the one true God!

Your letter hath been adorned with the lights of the Most Great Countenance. God willing, may you be blessed in all conditions with the favors of the Best-Beloved of the worlds.

Blessed are ye for having borne in the path of God that which none but you have borne, save those whose names have been inscribed in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Wise. Be not grieved by that which hath befallen you, for it hath befallen you in the path of God and for the exaltation of His Word. Today all must hold fast to the cord of steadfastness, and this matter is accounted among the most mighty of deeds before God.

Verily, We love every patient poor one, every generous rich one, every humble elder, and every modest ruler. By My life! I love the poor and am with them and hear their cry. He, verily, is the All-Accepting, the All-Hearing, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Today all are beheld on a single plane. Blessed is the soul that hath turned to God with perfect steadfastness and manifest certitude. Such a one is like the morning star among other stars. Poverty and wealth are not considered in this station. Blessed is the soul that hath believed and remained steadfast and held fast to that which was sent down in My Manifest Tablet.

The names of all these souls are present before the Throne. Glad tidings unto them for having attained unto the mention of their names! Give them the glad tidings of My remembrance of them. He, verily, is the Bearer of Glad-Tidings, the Mighty, the Wise.

BH05779: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

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

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. He sendeth down by His sovereignty that which is the water of life unto all possibility and the sign of eternity amongst the nations and the dawning-place of names in the kingdom of creation. Blessed is he who hath heard and accepted and believed and remained steadfast in this Cause whereby the Most Great Trump hath been sounded and all who are in the heavens and earth were thunderstruck, save those whom thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, hath willed.

In the Persian tongue, hearken unto the divine utterance. By the Sun of inner meanings, this utterance hath been and shall be the water of life for the sincere ones. Blessed is the soul that hath taken and drunk in His Name, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Thy call was heard and this wondrous and transcendent Tablet was revealed in reply, that it might testify that thou hast truly turned towards the Truth. Thy petition reached the Most Holy Court and attained the Most Great Presence, and thou wert adorned with the ornament of forgiveness. God willing, thou must strive that perchance thou mayest lead a dead one to the realm of life, or make fresh and verdant a withered one through the waters of divine knowledge. This is the counsel of the Most Glorious Countenance which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed are they that act.

BH06288: The Tongue of Grandeur in the Most Great Prison…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

The Tongue of Grandeur in the Most Great Prison speaks these decisive words, that perchance the fragrance of divine utterances may enable all the peoples of the world to attain unto eternal life. Blessed is he who has sought the Beloved with his heart, and he who, athirst, has turned to the Kawthar of his Lord's mercy, the Ever-Flowing, the Bestowing, the Mighty, and he who has hearkened to the call of the Desired One and has said: "Here am I, O Beloved of the worlds!"

Praise be to God that through God's infinite bounty thou hast drunk from the Sealed Wine from which most of the people of the world are debarred. In the first station and primary rank, it was and ever shall be the wine of the love of God and the knowledge of Him. Praise be to God thou hast attained unto it. Strive thou that outward means may not prevent thee from this most exalted station and most sublime horizon.

I swear by the Sun of the horizon of Truth that all that exists in the world cannot equal a single word that flows today from the Most Exalted Pen. Thy letter was present before the Throne and the fragrance of love was inhaled from it. Hold thou fast unto the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness under all conditions. Verily He beholds whosoever turns unto Him and ordains for him what is best for him in this world and the next. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the Ordainer, the Mighty, the Generous.

BH06021: In the name of the peerless Lord! Praise be…

In the name of the peerless Lord! Praise be to God—the Sun of bounty is manifest, the Ocean of grace is evident, and the Heaven of providence is elevated. Nevertheless, most people are observed to be veiled and heedless. Indeed, not every ear is worthy to hearken to the divine call, and not every face has been or will be worthy to turn [towards Him], save souls that are assured, content, and well-pleasing. These souls have ever been and shall ever be recipients of divine favors and are mentioned in the presence of the Throne.

Verily, be not grieved by anything, trust in God, thy Lord, in all matters, then be assured through the grace of thy Master. He remembereth thee as He remembered thee before. Bear thou witness at all times to that which God hath testified—that there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Praise be to God that thou hast inhaled the fragrance of the divine Shirt and turned towards the true Ka'bih. This is the King of deeds and the Sovereign of actions. Thou shouldst in all conditions be grateful

to the exalted Truth that He adorned thee with the ornament of His love and caused thee to attain unto the horizon of His knowledge. And assuredly He will ordain whatsoever is required by wisdom and grace. Verily He is the Ordainer of all things and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH06277: This is a Book from the Wronged One…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful!

This is a Book from the Wronged One to him who has turned towards the Countenance when those who clung to vain imaginings turned away from it, cast the laws of God behind their backs, and were accounted among the lost.

We have broken the seal of the Choice Wine—among the people are those who turned towards it and drank, and those who turned away and showed pride before God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Verily, he who has attained to the recognition of the Dawning-Place of his Lord's signs is among those who are nigh unto God in a clear Book. God has ordained for him and his like that which shall preserve their remembrance throughout the duration of His mighty and impregnable Kingdom.

We summoned the people unto God, the Lord of Names, and made known to them His most exalted horizon. They turned away from Us until they cast Us into this mighty and impregnable Prison. For this We give thanks unto God and make mention of Him in such wise that neither the hosts of the world nor the clamor of nations can prevent Us. Verily, He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth through His Name, the Dominant over all worlds.

Give thanks unto God for this Tablet from which thou dost inhale the fragrance of the garment of grace. Verily, He is the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous. Thus has the Dove of Utterance cooed upon the branches of the Tree of Divine Knowledge. Blessed is he who hath heard and is among those who have turned unto God.

BH06304: He is the Most Holy, the Most Great! This…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great! This is a mention from Us to him who hath turned toward the Supreme Horizon and believed in God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. We make mention of him as We mentioned him before, that he may ascend by the steps of divine good-pleasure unto God, the Mighty, the Beloved. We have heard thy cry and have answered thee through this Tablet, well-preserved. Make mention of thy Ancient Lord through that which hath enabled thee to recognize His Self and hath acquainted thee with this praiseworthy station. All things have been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen. Blessed are the people who recognize.

This is the Day whereof We gave you tidings in the Qur'an through Our true utterance:

> "The Kingdom on that Day shall be God's, the Lord of what was and what shall be."

Verily He speaketh naught except that which beseemeth these days. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the Knower of the unseen. We have indeed detailed all things aforetime in Our Preserved Tablet. Blessed

art thou for having been faithful to God's Covenant on a Day wherein every heedless one remained veiled therefrom.

We have heard the cry of thy mother, thy sister and thy brother, and have made mention of them through this Pen whereby the sealed choice Wine was unsealed. Give them glad-tidings from Me and remind them of the loving-kindness of their Lord, the Mighty, the All-Loving. We pronounce Our glorification upon thee even as thou didst glorify Him Who stood before the Throne and writeth down the verses of God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting.

BH06654: Your book has arrived at a place whose mention…

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

Your book has arrived at a place whose mention is sanctified above all mention, whose description is sanctified above all description, whose outward appearance is sanctified above [veils], and all that is attributed to it is holy, pure, exalted and glorified. By the life of God! This is a station wherein neither before nor after is mentioned, and verily what was mentioned before has returned to before. I do not wish to interpret or mention it.

My Most Exalted Pen speaketh naught except that which hath been pronounced with truth between the heavens and the earth. This is a Day of which We informed you beforehand—the Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds. In these days it behooveth us to mention naught save that which hath been revealed from His wondrous and mighty Pen.

O Haydar! Thou art among those who have attained the presence of their Lord. Remember when thou didst turn thy face in certain years unto God, the Lord of all worlds. We have made mention of thee in a Tablet which none hath comprehended save the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. [The Glory] be upon thee and upon him who hath mentioned God through thy tongue, and upon him who was named Yusuf by God, the Mighty, the Wise.

BH06659: The Wronged One hath heard thy testimony and beholdeth…

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

The Wronged One hath heard thy testimony and beholdeth thee in thy condition. He is, verily, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Blessed art thou for having acknowledged God and His signs, and for having uttered that which God had testified before His creation. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by the Name through which, when the veil was rent asunder, they that have recognized Thy unity soared in the atmosphere of Thy nearness, and the sincere hastened to the shores of the ocean of Thy bounty, to make me in all conditions to gaze toward the horizon of Thy Revelation and to speak Thy praise amidst Thy creatures in such wise that neither the opposition of the heedless nor the imaginings of the doubters may hold me back.

Then I beseech Thee, O my God, to grant me, through Thy grace and bounty, the Kawthar of steadfastness, that I may remain steadfast in Thy Cause and turn away from those who, following their idle fancies, claim that which Thou hast not permitted unto them, nay, hast forbidden them in Thy decisive and mighty Book.

Furthermore I beseech Thee, O my God, to protect me from the harm of the enemies of Thy Self and to grant me that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Thou art, verily, powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

BH07331: O my God and my King!

O my God and my King!

This is a day wherein the vibration of Thy Most Glorious Name hath seized all who are in earth and heaven, and through it the veil was rent asunder and the pearls of Thy mysteries that were hidden within the shell of Thy protection and the sea of Thy knowledge were revealed.

I beseech Thee, O Light of hearts and Enchanter of breasts, to ordain for every soul that which befitteth Thy grandeur and Thy generosity and is worthy of Thy sovereignty and Thy bounty.

O Lord! Withhold not Thy chosen ones from drawing nigh unto the Dayspring of Thy Cause and the Dawning-Place of Thy laws. Then inscribe for them from the Most Exalted Pen that which will vouchsafe unto them Thy presence and the visitation of Thy Beauty.

O Lord! They are poor and Thou art in truth the All-Possessing; they are weak and Thou art in justice the All-Powerful; they are athirst in their separation and with Thee is the Kawthar of life, O Thou Who art the Lord of all existence.

Thou art He Who hath ever been exalted in grandeur and glory, and elevated in loftiness and majesty. Thou art, verily, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

BH06985: O Hasan! God willing, mayest thou be confirmed…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted

O Hasan! God willing, mayest thou be confirmed by divine bestowals. Be not grieved at what hath befallen the friends of God through the tyranny of the people. Consider the Manifestations of God Who have appeared from the horizon of the divine Command in bygone ages, and Who manifested themselves in the arena of the world to guide these veiled people. All souls today curse and revile the oppressors of the past, while they themselves are engaged in acts even more grievous. Woe unto them and unto their deeds! Soon shall the Sun of Power shine forth from the horizon of God's Will and illumine the whole world with the lights of justice. A hundred thousand worlds cannot compare with a single drop of the choice wine of divine love. Whosoever hath attained unto it hath not and will never pay heed to the world and all that dwell therein. Seize thou the days of thy Lord and be of them that remember Him. No harm hath ever befallen or shall ever befall the people of truth except that they shall surely receive its recompense from God.

BH07184: Your letter has come into the presence of your…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great!

Your letter has come into the presence of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, and We have answered you as the Lord of Eternity emerged from the Most Great Prison and established His throne in an exalted place. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the praise and mention of God, and for having drunk from His utterance the Kawthar and Salsabil.

Beseech God to protect those who have turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon from those who speak according to their own desires—verily, they are among the abased ones. The crier has cried out, and will soon cry out in the cities of God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. This is what We foretold you before. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing.

Remind those who are heedless with wisdom and utterance, that they might forsake what they possess, turning unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Be thou steadfast in the Cause through God's might and power. Verily, He is with His servants who are firm.

Thus have We adorned the horizon of thy letter with the sun of the mention of thy Lord's name, the Mighty, the Great. Rejoice thou in this and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Wronged One of the world, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Lonely Stranger.

BH07441: He is the One sanctified above mention of what…

He is the One sanctified above mention of what has been and what shall be. The Self-Subsisting testifies that He Who speaks in this prison is, verily, the One Who has power over whatsoever He willeth. By His Will hath He created the kingdom of creation and whatsoever hath been created in the heavens. He is, verily, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

The Most Exalted Horizon beareth witness that He is the Lord of Names, Who speaketh the truth that there is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Book speaketh the truth and testifieth to that which the Ancient Beauty hath testified in the Most Great Prison and in this exalted station, that there is none other God but Him, Who hath power over all things. He doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

Rejoice within thyself that the face of the Wronged One hath turned toward thee from this luminous horizon. He calleth unto all who are in creation and remindeth them with a reminder whereby the Concourse on High and they who circle round the mighty Throne have been entranced.

Let not the utterances of those who have disbelieved in God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, grieve thee. Put thy trust in Him, then make mention of Him with a truthful and faithful tongue.

BH07820: A Book from Our presence to him who hath…

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

A Book from Our presence to him who hath attained unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed art thou for having visited the House and the Lord of every exalted House. By My life! We perceive the fragrances of the Hijaz which are diffused from that praised Station. We call to mind the Day whereon the Sun of Batha rose above that conspicuous horizon, and the servants opposed Him through their idle fancies and vain imaginings.

Blessed art thou for having entered the Prison after thy return from the frequented House, and for having heard the call of the Wronged One and drunk the choice wine of reunion from the cup of thy Lord's bounty, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Rejoice thou in what hath been mentioned by the Pen of the Imprisoned One, and put thy trust in God in all things.

From this Station We send Our greetings to those who have turned with illumined faces unto God, the Mighty, the Loving. May the glory rest upon them and upon thee and upon thy brother who hath attained unto the Manifest, the Hidden Name.

BH07624: A remembrance from Us to one who hath turned…

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

A remembrance from Us to one who hath turned his face toward his Lord and drawn nigh unto God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of them who have turned toward the Most Great Sea and drunk therefrom, through this Name whereby the Concourse on High and the Station […] have been blessed. We love to make mention of everyone who hath turned toward God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. The horizons have been filled with the signs of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing, yet the people hear not. The Most Exalted Pen moveth morning and evening, yet the people know not. At all times doth the Tongue of Grandeur speak, yet all beings perceive not. They have taken the vain imagining and cast aside the Self-Subsisting. To this doth the Sovereign of Utterance bear witness in this Forbidden Station. Blessed is he who hath renounced the world, turning his face toward the Most Great Name, Who heareth and seeth in this Exalted Station.

BH08918: I began by God's command and returned unto Him…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

I began by God's command and returned unto Him, and verily He doth at this moment call thee and make mention of thee in this manifest prison. Whosoever today hath turned unto the Most Glorious Horizon hath attained unto the knowledge of God and is accounted among those endowed with certitude in the perspicuous Book. Blessed is he who hath attained unto this most exalted, this glorious station. Hold fast unto the commandments of God, then act according to that which hath been sent down in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. Verily it shall profit thee in this world and in every world of the worlds of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH08793: A remembrance from Us to him who hath believed…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great.

A remembrance from Us to him who hath believed in God, the One, the All-Informed.

Thou didst attain the presence in the Most Great Prison and didst hear the call of the Wronged One, at one time that there is none other God but Him, and at another that He is, verily, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Great.

We counsel thee to be steadfast. Hold thou fast unto it in the name of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thou wert in the presence of the Countenance for numbered months. Beware lest anything cause thee to forget that which thou didst hear and witness in this perspicuous Spot. Hold fast unto God in all conditions and put thy trust in Him. He is, verily, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

We send from this Spot Our greetings upon thy mother and thy wife, then upon those who have believed in God, the Lord of the worlds. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to attain His presence and to hear the wondrous remembrance of Him in this forbidden stronghold.

BH08797: A mention from Us to one who has drunk…

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

A mention from Us to one who has drunk the wine of reunion and turned to the horizon from which the world was illumined, and every thing proclaimed: “There is no God but Me, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.” Thy letter hath come before Us time and again, and on each occasion the servant in attendance before the Throne hath read it. Verily thy Lord is the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing. We have witnessed thy turning unto Us, and perceived the fragrance of thy love, and beheld thy humility and submissiveness before God, the Lord of all worlds. O Hasan! Blessed art thou, inasmuch as neither the vain imaginings of the divines nor the doubts of those who have turned away from God when He came unto them with a manifest sovereignty have prevented thee. O Hasan! Hearken thou unto the Call again and again from this most exalted Station and this most sublime Place: “Verily there is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Generous.”

BH09045: Your call was heard and the fire of your…

In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds!

Your call was heard and the fire of your love in the path of God was witnessed. Praise be to God that you have attained to this station, which is the most exalted of stations. God willing, you will remain steadfast, for false claimants have appeared and will appear in most lands. This is what the Supreme Pen foretold aforetime. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Be thankful that the Wronged One heard your call and answered you in truth. He, verily, is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

We counsel you and those women who have believed in God to show forth the Most Great Steadfastness and to act in accordance with what We have sent down in the Most Holy Book. By the life of God! It is verily a perspicuous Book.

As for your desire to attain Our presence, this land and its surroundings are observed to be in turmoil and upheaval. Therefore, beseech God to ordain for you the reward of attaining His presence. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

BH09368: Glorified be He Who speaks the truth and commands…

He is the One Who speaks in His mighty and wondrous Kingdom

Glorified be He Who speaks the truth and commands the people to the Most Great Uprightness. By God's life! My Cause is mighty, mighty indeed. Whoso attains unto it is of the Concourse on High and the companions of My Crimson Ark, by which the Books have been adorned. Yet the people are in evident doubt. The verses pass them by while they remain heedless thereof. Blessed is he who turns to God, detached from all that was and shall be.

O My loved ones! Drink ye from the Kawthar of steadfastness from the hand of the bounty of your Lord, the Mighty, the Beloved. We love those who have turned to the Countenance and We make mention of them in such wise as shall cause their remembrance to endure in a preserved Tablet.

BH09548: Thy letter reached the Divine Throne and was illumined…

In the Name of the All-Knowing God!

Thy letter reached the Divine Throne and was illumined by the lights of His countenance. In truth, every soul hath this day quaffed from the wine of the love of the Best-Beloved of the worlds. His breath hath been and shall ever be like the spring rain unto the peoples of the earth, nay rather, more beneficial still. Praise thou the Best-Beloved of the world that thou hast attained unto this most exalted station and turned thyself unto the Most Glorious Horizon, and art honored by this Most Great Remembrance which is the Water of Life for the peoples of the world. We beseech God to aid thee to serve His Cause and to ordain for thee the reward of those who have attained His presence in this Day which was promised to the servants in the Qur'an:

> "The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds."

BH09510: Say: Glory be to Thee, O Fashioner…

He is the Herald in the Kingdom of Utterance

Say: Glory be to Thee, O Fashioner of the heavens, and Sovereign over all names, and Almighty over all things! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the horizon of Revelation hath shone forth and that which was inscribed on an outstretched parchment hath appeared, to cause me to know the Dawning-Place of Thy verses and the Dayspring of Thy clear tokens. O my Lord! I am he who hath turned toward the ocean of Thy Most Great Name, by which most of the peoples have lamented. I beseech Thee not to

withhold me from the heaven of Thy grace and the sun of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy bestowals. Open Thou mine eyes to behold the lights of Thy countenance and mine ears to hearken unto the cooing of the Dove of Thy Cause. Then loose Thou my tongue to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee. O my Lord! I am the poor one, and Thou art the All-Powerful, the Self-Sufficient, the Bountiful, the Generous.

BH10027: Whosoever today hath drunk from the ocean of inner…

In the Name of the One God

Whosoever today hath drunk from the ocean of inner meanings, he hath been and shall be the recipient of all good. The souls who have accepted must hold fast to the divine Tablets and act according to whatsoever hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen in the Most Holy Book. This is a bounty whereunto nothing in the heavens and earth can be compared. Blessed are they that act! Blessed are they that comprehend! Blessed, and again blessed, are they who remain steadfast, whom neither the cawing of every cawer, nor the might of every oppressor, nor the injustice of every transgressor, nor the braying of any learned one who hath followed his idle fancies and turned away from God, the Lord of all worlds, can deter.

BH09986: This is a Book from Us to people who…

In His Name, the One Who rules over all names!

This is a Book from Us to people who understand. Verily it beareth witness to that which God did testify before the creation of all things—that there is none other God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

We have sent down the verses and manifested the signs, but most of the people know not. We beseech God to assist those who are heedless today and draw them nigh unto this forbidden station. Verily We, in the prison, summon all unto God—to this do honored servants bear witness.

When thou attainest unto this Tablet, render thanks unto thy Lord and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of existence and Educator of the seen and the unseen!

BH09811: All have been created for the meeting with God…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great.

All have been created for the meeting with God, and all have been and are allotted this most exalted station. However, the veils of creation have become an obstacle between the Ever-Flowing Grace and His loved ones. Yet this matter pertains to the outward. Inwardly, whosoever today attains to the divine commandments and holds fast to the Most Holy Book which hath been sent down from the holy Kingdom is accounted before God as one of those who have attained His presence, for He will surely not deprive His servants from the ocean of grace when they seek it with longing. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH09892: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. He giveth life and causeth death, then giveth life again through His grace, as He pleaseth. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. He quickeneth whom He willeth with the waters of the Bayan, and giveth to drink whom He desireth from His luminous wine. Verily, there is none other God but Him. His is the creation and the command. He assisteth whom He willeth with authority from His presence. He, verily, is the Single, the One, the All-Informed. Hold ye fast, O people, unto the cord of unity, and be not of them that have joined partners with God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. May the glory rest upon thee and upon them that have believed in God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH09830: A remembrance from Us to whoever hath heard…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

A remembrance from Us to whoever hath heard and turned and attained unto the Sealed Wine. How many servants were kept back from the Most Great Sea through following those who disbelieved in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting! And how many servants turned and drank the Water of Life from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Mighty, the Beloved! Say: O people, hearken unto the cooing of the Dove and what this Wronged One speaketh. He hath been imprisoned for the love of God and His Cause. Woe unto him who hath transgressed against Him on this manifest Day! The glory be upon the people of glory who have believed in God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

BH10042: O God of Names and Creator of earth…

O God of Names and Creator of earth and heaven!

I beseech Thee by the hearts that have been set ablaze with the fire of Thy love, and by the breasts that have been dilated through Thy verses, and by the faces that have turned toward Thy face, and by the tongues that have responded to Thy sweetest call when it was raised betwixt earth and heaven, to ordain for me from the ocean of Thy bounty that which befitteth Thy generosity, then send down upon me from the heaven of Thy grace that which will make me steadfast in Thy Cause and regardful in all conditions of the horizon of Thy good-pleasure.

Verily, Thou art the Potent over whatsoever Thou willest, and verily, Thou art the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

BH09991: Your letter has been honored with the gaze…

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing!

Your letter has been honored with the gaze of the Lord of Eternity's loving-kindness in the Most Great Prison. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this great bounty.

Blessed is the soul that hath this day acted in accordance with the divine ordinances and hath lived with utmost contentment in the Kingdom of Creation.

From thy letter were wafted the fragrances of submission and contentment; therefore from the Most Exalted Pen these radiant words have been revealed and made manifest, that thou mayest in all nights be occupied with the praise and glorification of the Sovereign of Days and the Lord of all mankind.

That which thou didst send hath been accepted. Be thou grateful to God for this. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

BH09979: The Book of God, in the likeness…

He is the Most Glorious, the Most Glorious

The Book of God, in the likeness of a human temple, crieth aloud in the Kingdom of utterance, and calleth upon its Lord, the All-Merciful, saying:

> "O God of sovereignty and dominion, and Ruler over the realm of celestial might!"

I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which, when mentioned, the hearts of them that are possessed with longing are set ablaze and the souls of them that are nigh unto Thee hasten unto the ocean of Thy reunion and Thy presence on the Day of the Covenant, to aid Thy male and female servants to stand firm in Thy Cause, and to ordain for them that which befitteth the ocean of Thy bounty.

Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. Nothing in all creation can withhold Thee, and Thou art, in truth, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

BH10019: The fragrances of thy love are diffused. God willing…

In the Name of the All-Loving God!

The fragrances of thy love are diffused. God willing, mayest thou be and continue to be the recipient of this divine bounty and heavenly gift.

We have heard thy call and read thy letter. Thereupon the Most Exalted Pen was moved to that which will gladden thy heart. This is indeed a great favor.

At all times thou shouldst be engaged in the remembrance of God with spirit and joy. Verily He aids whosoever turns towards Him, even as He aided thee to turn to His luminous horizon.

Be thou thankful to God for this, then beseech Him to protect thee and those who have believed from the cawing of every cawer and the oppression of every oppressor. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Protector, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

BH09993: Your letter has repeatedly arrived in the Most Great…

Introduction

In the Name of the One Friend!

Your letter has repeatedly arrived in the Most Great Prison and has been honored to attain the glance of the Beloved of the worlds. God willing, may you drink the wine of steadfastness from the hand of the favor of the Invisible and Manifest God at all times, and be engaged in His remembrance with utmost joy and delight.

A prayer

Glorified art Thou, O God of the world and Educator of the nations! I beseech Thee by Thy Name which Thou hast made sanctified above the mention of those who make mention and the knowledge of the knowers, that Thou protect me beneath the shadow of Thy greatest mercy and cause me in all conditions to be turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon. There is no God but Thee, the Most High, the Most Glorious, the Lord of the last and the first.

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BH09754: The Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth and saith: O God…

He is the Most Mighty, the Most High!

The Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth and saith: O God of the world and Lord of eternity! I beseech Thee by the fire wherewith the hearts of Thy chosen ones were set ablaze in Thy days, and by the light whereby the faces of Thy creation were illumined, and by the Name which Thou hast made the balance of Thy Cause and the path of Thy sovereignty amongst Thy creatures, that Thou mayest open, through the key of Thy craftsmanship, unto every atom a door leading to Thy presence and a way unto the ocean of Thy reunion.

Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful Whom neither the clamor of Thy servants nor the conditions of Thine enemies can frustrate. Thou takest and Thou givest, and Thou art indeed the Taker, the Mighty, the Most High, the All-Glorious.

BH09860: Glorified art Thou, O God of Names and Creator…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

Glorified art Thou, O God of Names and Creator of all things! I beseech Thee by the Fire whereby Thou didst guide Moses and didst make it to cry out in Thy Name and to speak forth Thy command, to ordain for Thy handmaidens that which will draw them nigh unto the ocean of Thy reunion. Then ordain for them what Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest. All things bear witness to Thy sovereignty and might, Thy grandeur and authority. I beseech

Thee not to disappoint him who hath turned toward Thee, nor to drive away him who hath hastened to the heaven of Thy grace, nor to withhold from him who hath sought the Kawthar of life from the hand of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Forgiver, the Kind.

BH10503: In My Name that prevaileth over all names

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It behoveth every community that hath responded to My call, that hath turned unto Mine horizon, and directed its face toward the Qiblih of My loving-kindness, to beseech God at eventide and at dawn, and to say:

> "O Lord of the lovers! I beseech Thee by Thy Name wherewith Thou hast taken the covenant of Thine own Self from all Thy servants in Thy Books, Thy Scrolls, and Thy Tablets, to make me, in all conditions, wholly immersed in the ocean of Thy love, uttering Thy praise, and turned toward the Qiblih of Thy bestowals. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Forgiving, the Bountiful."

BH10267: Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses…

He is the Most High, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs, whilst the people were in grievous error. We have, through a sovereignty from Us and a power from Our presence, rent asunder the veils, and verily We are the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have guided the people to the Most Great Path—among them are those who have turned towards it and those who have turned away. Blessed, then blessed are they who have turned towards it, who have cast the world behind their backs and have directed their hearts unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Be thou thankful that thou hast been mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen, and that this shining Countenance hath turned unto thee.

BH10147: Praise be to God that thou hast quaffed…

In the Name of the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing!

Praise be to God that thou hast quaffed from the hand of divine bounty the wine of mystic knowledge and hast been illumined by the lights of the Sun of Revelation. May thou remain steadfast, forever and ever, in His love and be vocal in His remembrance. The Supreme Pen hath ordained for thee that which will gladden thy heart. Be thankful unto thy Lord for this great favor. We have heard thy call and have answered thee through Our grace. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Make mention of thy Lord. Verily, He will assist thee and be with thee in the worlds of thy Lord. He, verily, is the True Informer, the All-Wise.

BH10423: O my God and the God of all created…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

O my God and the God of all created things, my Beloved and the Beloved of all who dwell on earth and in heaven! I beseech Thee by the oneness which Thou hast made the garment of Thy Self, and by the eternity which Thou hast made the ornament of Thy temple, that Thou mayest, through Thy Name the All-Giving, take up a chalice of the water of life and, through Thy Name the All-Bountiful, pass it round among all contingent beings. Verily Thou art He Who hath named Thyself the All-Merciful. This Name of Thine requireth the manifestations of Thy favors upon Thy creation and the evidences of Thy bounties unto Thy creatures. O Lord! Deal with them according to Thy generosity and grace. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most High, the Most Great.

BH10643: Thy letter hath been received before the Throne…

In the Name of the one true God!

Thy letter hath been received before the Throne and thou hast attained unto the sweet-scented breezes of the garment of reunion. Thy call hath been heard, and this abasement which thou hast confessed is in truth the essence of glory. God willing, thou shalt drink continuously from the choice wine of divine grace and bestow it upon the servants.

I testify that thou hast believed in God and drunk of the sealed nectar, which is My love, the cherished and hidden. Hold thou fast unto it and be of them that are steadfast, firm-rooted, unwavering, and triumphant, for the clamorous ones stand behind My servants who have turned unto God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH10531: Today both the light and the fire are manifest…

In the Name of the Peerless, One God

Today both the light and the fire are manifest, and both the call of the All-Merciful and of Satan are raised. How lofty is the station of the one who hath fixed his gaze upon the Most Glorious Horizon and hath detached himself from all else but God. He is assuredly among the sincere ones in the perspicuous Book. Praise be to God that the glance of divine favor hath turned to thy letter and hath mentioned thee in this Most Glorious Remembrance. Know thou this and be not of the heedless ones.

BH10560: The ocean of meanings hath, in most times, out…

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The ocean of meanings hath, in most times, out of pure bounty and grace, sprinkled its drops upon that honored one, and Tablets sublime and wondrous have been specifically revealed. And this is a bounty that shall abide with you throughout all worlds.

Counsel the servants there, on My behalf, to show forth the greatest steadfastness in this Cause whereby the hearts of the people of insight have been sorely troubled.

And the glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath remembered God with the tongue of His loved ones and seekers. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

BH10548: O handmaiden of God! Your call was heard…

In the Name of the Beloved of the World!

O handmaiden of God! Your call was heard and your letter attained unto the presence of the Throne. Be thankful unto your Lord for this manifest bounty. Today it is incumbent upon all to act according to the divine ordinances and to remain oriented toward the Most Exalted Horizon. The most exalted station belongeth to the one who heareth the divine call with the ear of the soul. Such a one, in life and in death, circleth round about. This is the most great bounty and the supreme favor. Blessed is he who hath attained thereunto and is of those who are certain.

BH10783: Thy petition hath been received at the Most Holy…

In the Name of the one true God!

Thy petition hath been received at the Most Holy Court, and its opening is adorned with the crown of the remembrance of the Lord of Names. God willing, thou shalt in all conditions be occupied with the remembrance and praise of God.

And concerning thy question about the dream—none hath the right to test God. We shall interpret it for thee as a bounty from Us, and shall reveal unto thee what We showed thee. Be thou assured and be of those who render thanks.

BH10852: Thou hast remembered thy Lord time after time…

He is the One, the Single

Thou hast remembered thy Lord time after time, and hast been mentioned by the Supreme Pen again and again. Act according to what We have enjoined upon thee in the Book, then safeguard the Cause of thy Lord. Verily this will profit thee in this world and the next. By My life! Through it God will grant thee from His bounty what thou hast desired, and will ordain for thee the good of this world and the next. He, verily, is the True Speaker, the All-Seeing.

BH10782: O handmaiden of God! The Sun of divine favors…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O handmaiden of God! The Sun of divine favors has shone upon you and the effulgences of the lights of the Eternal have appeared in your heart. For had you not been blessed with the lights of the Sun of Truth, you would not have been successful in recognition. Now strive that the pearl of His love remain preserved in the treasure of the heart. And none attains to this station except through following that which has appeared from the Dayspring of the Cause. The glory be upon you and upon your son.

BH11233: O Husayn! Thy call hath been heard…

In the Name of the One True Friend!

O Husayn! Thy call hath been heard, and the Face of the Wronged One hath turned toward thee from the Most Great Prison. This is of the supreme bounty of the Lord of the worlds. Act thou according to what hath been sent down in My Most Holy Book. By My life! It shall profit thee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH11237: O handmaiden of God! Your call was heard…

In the Name of the One Friend

O handmaiden of God! Your call was heard and you have attained the Most Great Bounty which is the recognition of the Lord of Eternity. Now strive to act according to His ordinances which have been sent down from the Holy Pen in the Most Holy Book. By the life of God! Verily it is the Perspicuous Book.

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BH01161: Sanctified and holy has been and shall ever be…

In the Name of God, the All-Seeing, the One!

Sanctified and holy has been and shall ever be the Sovereign Who illumined the horizon of the world with the lights of the Most Great Luminary and adorned all things with the ornament of His names. He is the true Sovereign Whose Word has dominated all things and Whose Will encompasses the heavens and earth. By His soul-stirring call He manifested absolute nothingness in the garment of being, and through the revelations of the Most Exalted Pen He adorned the kingdom of creation. He is the Quickener of the world, the Illuminator of the world, the Renewer of the world, and the Speaker of the world. Every exalted one has been and shall be lowly before the manifestations of His exaltation, and every lofty one has been and shall be abased before the evidences of His transcendence.

The tongue, which is the seat of His mention, is His creation, and by the Word of that Sovereign of the unseen and the seen have all things come from utter nothingness into the realm of being. And the heart, which is the dwelling-place of His knowledge, has come into existence through His Will. Glorified is the Creator above the mention of the created, and glorified is the Lord above the mention of all created things, and glorified is the Beloved above the descriptions of hearts.

All the mystics, divines, chosen ones and holy ones are powerless and incapable of comprehending a single word of the Most Exalted Word which has been revealed through the Will of the Sovereign of Names from the Most Exalted Pen—how much less can they comprehend the Manifestation of the Word, the Sovereign of the Word, the Source of the Word, the Promoter of the Word, the Quickener of the Word, and the Mover of the Word. This blessed Word, in one station, is known and mentioned by all names and attributes, and when it appeared, it bowed down and prostrated itself and spoke, saying:

> “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast revealed Thy countenance from the horizon of the heaven of Thy Will! I testify that Thou art the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.”

All the signs of the Hour and the Resurrection are manifested through Him and established in Him. He is the Breath of God through Whose wafting and fragrances prepared souls have awakened from the sleep of heedlessness and perceived the Day of God. He is the Water of Life through Whose bounty dead bodies have attained unto eternal life.

Should this evanescent servant attempt to expound this station, he would surely find himself powerless; nay, he would behold all existence bewildered in this most exalted station. And were a drop from the ocean of the knowledge of this station to be granted, in view of the supreme wisdom that has been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen and which all have been commanded to observe, there would be no power to make mention thereof save by the command of Him Who is with Him. Verily, He is the Commander, the All-Knowing, the All-Compelling, the Almighty, the Most Powerful, the All-Informed.

How excellent is the state of the soul that hath inhaled the fragrance of the days of God and stood firm and steadfast in His love. This station is indeed most great, and its greatness is such that the Pen of the world is powerless and incapable of describing it, for this is the Day concerning which all divine Books bear witness and of which all the Prophets have given tidings. By God, the Truth! This is a Day wherein souls have trembled and eyes have been blinded, a Day wherein God hath come in the shadows of light, a Day wherein mankind hath stood before God, the Lord of the visible and the invisible. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto the heedless. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Glorified art Thou, O my God, Lord of the Kingdom and the angelic realm, Creator of the celestial dominion! Thou knowest that this humble one desired that his call be honored by the hearing of my beloved among Thy chosen ones, whom Thou hast chosen for Thy love, established for Thy service, created to hearken unto Thy call, aided to turn toward the horizon of Thy grace, honored with the living waters from the cup of Thy bounty, and made to recognize Thy Day which most of Thy creation hath neglected. Then Thou didst cause him to utter the testimony which Thou hast placed above the kingdom of utterance and of which the understanding of Thy creatures fell short. All this is from Thy grace, Thy generosity, Thy bounty and Thy benevolence. I thank Thee for this through the perpetuity of Thy names and attributes and through the permanence of Thy Most Exalted Word amongst Thy creation. I beseech Thee to protect him in all conditions through Thy power and sovereignty. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

My heart, my joy and my soul be a sacrifice for your love! The servant hath attained to hearing the melodies of the nightingales of your praise upon the branches of the Lote-Tree of utterance, and hath been honored by that which flowed from your pen whereby your mention appeared and the sun of your love shone forth from the horizon of certitude. We beseech God to grant me success in hearkening unto your sweetest mention at all times. Verily, He is the Powerful, the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

If you inquire about the conditions of this land, praise be to God, all are safe and speaking in remembrance of God. However, due to the war that has occurred, the people of these regions are in distress and afflicted with utmost hardship. All ears are heedless of the call of the muezzin, and hearts are empty of the knowledge and love of Truth. In brief, a great calamity hath encompassed the people. This is what the All-Merciful promised in the Tablets.

To his honor Aqa Mirza ʿAbdu'l-Hamid, upon him be the Glory of God, I convey most sublime, most impregnable, most exalted greetings. God willing, may he ever remain and continue to be enkindled with the fire of the love of God and speaking in His remembrance. The circumambulators of the Throne all convey their pure devotion to his honor.

In the month of Muharram 1295

BH01094: Praise sanctified beyond the bounds of time and space…

He is God—exalted be His glory, the Greatness and Power!

Praise sanctified beyond the bounds of time and space, and hallowed above mention of possibility and impossibility, befits that Beloved One Who, through a single call issued from the Source of His Will, adorned all contingent beings with a new creation. Through that call, the voices of all things were raised up, all bore witness to the oneness of His holy Being and became vocal in His remembrance. How lofty is that call, and how short do fall the minds of all created things from recognizing it! By it the mountains passed away as the passing of clouds, the Balance was set up, the Bridge was laid down, and there appeared the Day wherein all people stood before the Lord of all things. By it the Leaf spoke forth, the Rock cried out, the Divine Lote-Tree called aloud, and the Dove of Oneness cooed "The Kingdom is God's this Day, the Lord of what was and what shall be!"

Thereafter, it is submitted that two letters from you arrived, and due to wisdom and certain matters their reply was delayed. The One True God bears witness that you have been and will continue to be remembered at all times. Your letter was presented before His Presence, and thus did the Tongue of the Beloved speak:

> "Blessed art thou for having attained unto recognition and for turning towards the Desired One, and for arising to serve His firm and wise Cause. He will assist thee as He assisted thee before, and will ordain for thee that which shall gladden the hearts of those who have turned towards Him. Grieve not over anything, for He will extend His bounty unto thee as He willeth. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty."

God willing, may you be occupied at all times with the mention and praise of the Beloved of all creation. Regarding what you wrote about Jinab-i-ʿAyn Ba, it is known that you have been and continue to be engaged, to the extent possible, in serving the Cause and assisting the loved ones of God. We beseech God to send down for you that which shall gladden the hearts of your loved ones and grieve the hearts of your enemies. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

As for what you mentioned about the person from India, his circumstances were and are known. Yet how strange that after all that was sent down to him from the heaven of favor, and despite being explicitly commanded to proceed to the house of [initial], he nevertheless delayed and was fearful. It was entirely clear and evident that had even an atom's weight of harm been destined to befall him, such a decree would never have appeared from the horizon of the Cause. As was witnessed, glory be to God, the power of Truth is visible from the horizon of will at all times, yet most are heedless of perceiving it. The wine of

vain imaginings hath so seized the people that they cannot distinguish truth from falsehood nor darkness from light, save whom God willeth, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Convey My greetings to all the loved ones in that land. God willing, may they all at all times drink from the everlasting fountain of divine knowledge and remain oriented toward the horizon of His Cause. We beseech God to aid them in that whereby their mention shall endure through the perpetuity of His names and attributes. For this world is transient, especially in these days when all atoms cry out:

> "O ye who have eyes, see! O ye who have ears, hear! O ye who possess hearts and minds, understand!"

How many souls in every moment have returned and are returning to dust. Strive ye to achieve such deeds as will cause the persistence of souls and the perpetuation of their mention, for today the mention of every soul in the Book is reckoned among the people of eternity. Blessed are they who possess understanding. These are the days of the manifestation of that which was in the Tablets, and the Suriy-i-Ra'is is witness and testimony thereto. God, the Exalted, the Great, hath spoken the truth. We have believed in Him and His Book which distinguisheth between truth and falsehood, light and darkness. And peace and blessings be upon His Beloved, through whom the Night Journey was adorned and every noble station was honored. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Convey My greetings to Mulla ʿAli-Akbar, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory. This servant has observed what was mentioned in the letter of Haji Siyyid Javad, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory. Praise be to God that they have been aided to follow God's command, for all are enjoined to engage in craft, trade and agriculture. However, they must act according to what hath been revealed in the Book—that is, they should send something to their families and inform them. These deeds which all are commanded to perform in God's Book have been and shall ever be the cause of glory and the source of blessing and the manifestation of bounty. God willing, may the True One, exalted be His glory, bestow blessing upon their craft and agriculture. Praise be to God, their mention hath been made in the Most Holy Court.

Likewise, I remember Aqa ʿAli-Muhammad. God willing, may he be occupied with the remembrance of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High in all conditions. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid him in that which He loveth and is pleased with. Once this servant was present before His countenance, and the Tongue of Grandeur addressed him specifically, saying that if he would act upon what was mentioned, he would surely attain infinite divine favors. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid him in this. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have heard and responded and attained unto clear certitude. Praise be to God, the Master of the Day of Judgment.

22 Muharram 1295

BH00988: I testify that there is none other God beside…

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

I testify that there is none other God beside Him. He has ever been and will forever be. He spoke when He ascended the throne, and through Him the sincere ones proclaimed that there is none other God

beside Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Then He spoke another word, whereupon the earth and heaven were shaken. Among them were those who, having heard His sweet call, arose from the slumber of vain fancy and, detached from all created things, turned toward the Supreme Horizon. And among them were those who heard the Call yet turned away and joined with the dead, as though they had never found the fragrance of the Beloved nor were stirred by the breeze that wafted from the direction of the throne of their Lord, the All-Merciful.

Alas for those who witnessed yet denied, who heard yet remained heedless. By God! They are among the basest of creatures. They have deprived themselves of the water of everlasting life, their ears of the call of the All-Merciful, and their eyes of that which hath shone forth from the horizon of possibility. Praise be to God Who hath made known to us that which appeared in those days and informed us of that which was hidden in His knowledge, from which no thing whatsoever can escape. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to protect us by His sovereignty and to ordain for us that which is best for us. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

My spirit be a sacrifice unto your remembrance. This evanescent one hath been blessed by your mention, which was illumined by the lights of this Day and perfumed with the love of God. When I received, opened, read and became acquainted with it, I presented its contents before the Throne, and there appeared from the Beloved that which I am powerless to describe. All things bear witness to His favors unto you and His attention toward you. We beseech Him to send down for you that which will exalt the Cause of God and gladden the hearts of them that are endowed with understanding.

As to what you wrote concerning the sending of Tablets, it is evident that your honor has ever been and will continue to be confirmed in service to the Cause. And regarding what you wrote about the Holy House, it was presented in the Most Holy Court. He spoke, and His Word is the Truth: We have sent down all matters with wisdom, and We have taken their covenant from those who have turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and believed in God, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing. O My Afnan! Hold fast unto them in all conditions. This is that which the All-Merciful hath permitted as a grace from His presence. He, verily, is the Ever-Bestowing, the Ancient.

Any matter which today causeth the people to shun, or which giveth rise to clamor among the multitude, or causes agitation of hearts and perturbation of souls—to engage in such is not permissible. All must abide in the calmness of God and His dignity, serene and assured. I swear by the Subduer of the world that whosoever today ariseth to serve the Cause, though it be less than an atom, and acteth according to that which God hath revealed in the Book, shall assuredly be rewarded for it in this world and in all the worlds of God.

The balance of justice hath ever had and shall have two scales: the reward of the righteous and the retribution of the wrongdoers. This is the true polity whereon depend the order of the world, its stability, and the tranquility of the servants. However, today the Eye of Bounty regardeth the beginning, for the All-Loving, the Munificent Truth hath manifested Himself. By My life! The Pen is powerless to describe a single day of this time. Whoso becometh aware of the mysteries of the Books which We have sent down aforetime unto Our Messengers would be astounded and would cry out:

> "This is the Day whose light illumineth the Concourse on High and the faces of those near unto God!"

Were it not for His grace and other wisdoms, verily those souls who have caused the least harm and injury to the loved ones of God would have been cast into the lowest depths of hell, and the earth would not have borne them for a moment. This applieth to the weak, heedless, and ignorant souls. As for those who arose in utter opposition and who stood against the Dawning-Places of God's love and the Daysprings of His remembrance in this Most Great Revelation with rejection and protest, they have been and shall be seized by the hand of power. Verily, thy Lord is the Avenger, the Mighty Wielder of Authority.

From this most exalted station, We make mention of the Most Exalted Leaf and send Our blessings upon her countenance and upon the countenances of those who have believed in God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Know thou that thou hast been beneath the shadow of thy Lord and under the gaze of thy Master, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved. Rejoice thou in what hath been ordained for thee in the Most Glorious Kingdom and in what hath flowed in thy praise from the Most Exalted Pen, through which every hidden matter hath been revealed. Look thou in all circumstances unto wisdom. This is what God hath sent down in His preserved Tablet.

Verily, the people are intoxicated with the wine of their own desires to such an extent that they know not what they utter. They speak as their desires command them and purchase with their souls and their wealth the wrath of God, yet today they comprehend not. Grieve thou not over anything. By My life! Thou art within the precincts of My mercy, the pavilion of My protection, and the tabernacle of My exalted glory.

O My Afnan! Whoso speaketh against you shall soon find himself in manifest loss. Erelong shall the tongues of all created things speak forth your praise and your nearness unto God, the Lord of the worlds. We counsel you to preserve that whereunto ye have attained, that there may appear from you that which shall attract the hearts and tranquilize the souls of those who have recognized God. O My Afnan! Behold, then remember what befell My house in Iraq, when people entered it without My permission. Verily, thy Lord is the Oppressed One, despite His sovereignty, and the Ruled One, though His Pen commandeth all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Send forth the words of thy Lord unto Mine Afnan in the land of Shin that they may rejoice in God's bounty and act in accordance with that which hath been made easy and simple for them. We have revealed in the Tablets the preservation of Mine Afnan and We do preserve them in truth, despite those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds. Nevertheless, We bid them to act with wisdom, lest there should arise that which would cause the barking of the ungodly to be raised. Whatsoever hath been and is revealed from the Supreme Pen hath been and is for the good of all. The Sun of Truth hath been the Divine Word, and the education of all is dependent upon it. God willing, may all act with joy and fragrance in accordance with that which hath flowed from the Pen of the Most Merciful. All the pilgrims present their pure devotion, utter effacement, complete nothingness, and most exalted greetings in service to that Holy Being.

In Safar 1295.

BH01033: The heart of this servant present was gladdened…

He is God—exalted be His station of grandeur and power!

The heart of this servant present was gladdened by the sight of your letter, rejoiced at your mention, and was expanded by your love. O our Lord, the All-Merciful, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous! It ascended unto God and was presented before His countenance. This is what was revealed from His presence—verily He is the All-Wise Ruler. His word, exalted be His glory:

> "O Abdullah! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of Names, Who speaks throughout creation. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We make mention of God in this station with such remembrance as hath enraptured all created things and struck down every rejected idolater. At the time when We were turning toward the Most Exalted Station and speaking in praise of His Own Self, which holds dominion over all who are in the heavens and on earth, that which thou didst send was presented before the Throne. The face of the Wronged One turned toward thee from this forbidden station, and revealed unto thee this Tablet, from which the fragrance of the Beloved hath been wafted and every scroll that was folded without God's leave, the Mighty, the Loving, hath been spread out. Give thanks that thy letter attained the presence of thy Lord, and be thou of such manner as befitteth this beloved mention. Convey Our greetings to Our loved ones there and give them glad tidings of their exalted station."

This lowly one submits that after your letter was read in the presence of His countenance and all was presented, these sublime verses were revealed from the Dayspring of favors. God willing, they will attain unto them and not be disheartened by the delay in response. If Shaykh S has arrived in that land, he has surely mentioned the details. In any case, sending letters was outwardly contrary to wisdom, as these regions were in turmoil due to the ongoing conflict, and the hand of investigation and inquiry was extended in every matter. Verily our Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Details about this land have been submitted to His Holiness Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin (may every most glorious splendor rest upon him); they will be informed thereof. And if the Shaykh has arrived in that land, he has surely presented some details of the early events that transpired in this land to the friends, so there is no need for further elaboration. I beseech and implore God, exalted and mighty be He, to ever assist you and aid you in all conditions.

Concerning what thou didst mention regarding Jinab Aqa Muhammad-ʿAli, the servant: this was laid before the Presence of the Beloved of all worlds. He affirmed: He hath spoken the truth. Yet all affairs have taken place, and do take place, in accordance with wisdom and sound expediency. It behoveth the loved ones of God—above all those souls who have attained His presence and have been honoured to serve His Cause—to be well-pleased with the will of God, and to render thanks.

Consider now how great were the afflictions and trials that befell those who, without leave, set out and directed their steps. In the earliest years, most gave little heed to the prohibition revealed from the heaven of His will, and from every quarter they hastened; yet, through the precedence of mercy, the utmost favour was, outwardly, shown unto them, and, in the tongue of compassion, whatsoever should

be spoken concerning obedience to the command of God was spoken. Some hearkened with perfect submission and contentment, and returned; others, however, through their vain imaginings, opened the door of interpretation. They are truly lost who interpret the Book of God without His leave.

At length there was revealed unto Jinab Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin—upon him be the Glory of God—a passage explicit and unambiguous concerning the tribulation of those who turn thither without permission, and the lack of divine good-pleasure therein. Blessed are they who laid hold upon the cord of patience and clung to the hem of tranquillity. Say unto him, from the tongue of Truth: Render thanks unto the Best-Beloved of the worlds that thou hast been admitted to His presence and hast been privileged to serve Him. Now beseech the Lord—glorified and exalted be He—to confirm thee in such deeds as are pleasing unto Him. Thy remembrance hath been, and continueth to be, before the Throne; and, God willing, that which accordeth with wisdom shall be done, and shall continue to be done. Glory be upon thee, upon him, and upon all who have been quickened by the remembrance of God, the Lord of all worlds.

As to what thou didst write, in the second letter, concerning Mahall al-Barakah: it was likewise submitted, and was accepted. He said: God willing, in every time and season, a new thought, drawn from the well-springs of counsel, should appear—counsel directed unto the well-being, the joy, and the ease of mankind.

In all moments must one's regard be turned toward the whole of creation. That is to say: those who have turned unto God and bear relation to the Truth must set their gaze upon the welfare of all the peoples of the earth. For in this world there have arisen but a handful of rulers—mere heaps of bones—each contemplating his own selfish desires, each considering only his private advantage, heedless, and ever heedless, of the ruin and destruction of the peoples. Even so, after the revelation of that which the All-Merciful sent down in the Lawh-i-Ra'is, each government cried aloud:

> "We have no concern with killing, pillage, slaughter, and burning—nor have we ever had—so long as no harm toucheth the interests of our dominion."

Thus did they set the two contending powers one against the other; and how many souls, men and women, children, cities and villages, were utterly swept away and brought to naught! Had the other kings restrained them, and regarded the good of all, these things would not have come to pass—save that which had been decreed as inevitable in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

God willing, Mahall al-Barakah shall remain, between the Houses of Treasury, radiant and illumined, and shall become a dawning-place of trustworthiness, integrity, and good—if the friends act according to that which hath flowed from the Pen of the Most High. Then shall all blessings and bounties surely be directed unto them. Verily He is the Most Bountiful, the Bestower, the Generous.

Furthermore, several words of the revealed text were written with changes, for wisdom's sake, and perhaps later the original revelation will reach thee. The loved ones in the Prison City send their greetings to thee and all the friends of God who dwell in that land. The glory be upon thee and thy family.

The servant, on the 19th of Safar 1295

BH00209: Praise be to God Who, when seated upon…

Section 1: "Praise be to God Who, when seated upon…"

He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power!

Praise be to God Who, when seated upon the Throne of Manifestation, proclaimed: "There is none other God but Me, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting"; and upon the Throne of Concealment: "There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved." When established upon the Seat of Grandeur, He uttered that which caused the sincere ones to soar in the atmosphere of divine knowledge and the near ones to ascend unto the heaven of certitude. Then He spoke another word whereat all who are in earth and heaven were shaken, save those whom God honored and drew unto the Most Exalted Horizon. We testify that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been sanctified beyond the mention of all created things and exalted above whatsoever the possessors of understanding have uttered.

Glory be unto Him! How great is His dominion, how perfect His proof, how manifest His signs, and how evident His testimonies! When He appeared from the horizon of His Most Great Name, the peoples differed by reason of their following the imaginings of those who preceded them. Woe unto them for having cast behind them His Most Exalted Pen and followed the bidding of the workers of iniquity who denied the Lord of the Beginning and the End. Praise be to God Who caused the Pen to speak and taught man what he knew not. Verily He is the One Who ruleth as He pleaseth. At times He withholdeth, and at times He causeth to flow. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

The servant hath attained unto your letter which testified to your turning toward the Most Exalted Horizon and your acknowledgment of that which God, the Lord of the Beginning and the End, hath acknowledged. When I read it, I found from it the fragrance of the garment of your love for God, the Creator of earth and heaven. Through it my eyes were cheered, my heart was gladdened, my inner being was delighted, and my breast was dilated. We beseech God to assist me and grant me this blessing which strengtheneth both body and spirit. Verily He is the Answerer, the All-Loving. My spirit be a sacrifice for your remembrance.

After the first letter dated the 20th of Dhi'l-Qa'dih was presented before the Face and submitted, no response was manifested from the horizon of utterance. Then your second letter dated the first of Dhi'l-Hijjih became a source of boundless joy and was likewise presented before the Face, but no response appeared from the horizon of divine will. Then the third letter dated the 27th of Muharram arrived, and likewise. It was later understood that these delays were due to certain wisdom, as these regions have not been free from disturbances owing to the rebellion and transgression of those who have risen against Islam. We beseech God to aid the true religion and cause it to prevail over all religions. Verily He is the Mighty, the Bestower.

In any case, days passed and nights elapsed until one day, the fifteenth of Sha'ban, I was commanded to present myself, and the Beloved ordered me to read your letters once again, and He, may our spirits be a sacrifice for Him, answered one request after another.

O Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin! What thou didst send of the letters hath been received in the Prison, and We have heard what thou didst express in thy petitions. Let nothing grieve thee in the Cause of God. We conduct affairs with wisdom lest that occur which would sadden hearts. By My life! Thou art mentioned in the Prison. Blessed art thou and blessed are those with thee who have followed that which they were commanded by God, the Lord of the worlds. The rosewater which ʿAli-Qabli-Akbar and the son of the martyr who served the Wronged One in the Land of Mystery sent hath been presented before the Face, and likewise other items arrived. We beseech God to assist all in that which He loveth and is pleased with.

As to what thou didst mention concerning Muhammad-Hasan of Ya, blessed is he in his sojourn there. There is no objection to his engaging in some occupation and returning to his home. Convey My greetings to him and give him the glad tidings of My remembrance of him, that he may be among those who rejoice. Say unto him: Thou hast turned, thou hast drawn nigh, and thou hast attained. Give thanks unto God for this great bounty. None should journey to this land, for it is unsettled. We see what others see not. We desire naught but good for the loved ones of God, and they must hold fast unto what is befitting in all conditions. This is what the Wronged One hath chosen for the loved ones of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

As to what thou didst mention concerning Javad son of Murad, We have accepted his turning and drawing nigh. Give him glad tidings from Me, that he may rejoice in what the tongue of the Wronged One hath spoken in this remote prison. Blessed is he who hath held fast today unto the ordinances and commandments of God and hath acted according to what is commanded in His wise Book. Say: O My loved ones! Hold fast unto the cord of God's loving-kindness and cling to the hem of His all-encompassing grace. It behooveth you to act in such wise as would sanctify the Cause among the servants. By the life of God! This is manifest good.

Concerning the two handmaidens from N and J, We beseech God to forgive them and purify them from all that beseemeth them not. Give them the glad tidings that they have been remembered in the prison. Blessed is the soul that hath been mentioned before the Wronged One, and the heart that hath attained His love, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

As for him whom thou didst forget to mention and acknowledged this in thy later letter, by My life, thine acknowledgment of forgetfulness in this station is the very essence of remembrance. Be thou grateful and among the thankful ones.

Know thou that the Supreme Pen maketh mention of the Name of God, the Most Truthful, who turned toward the Most Glorious Horizon in the Prison Land by leave of his Lord. He hath another station, when he turned toward Iraq and attained what the near ones attained. He is verily the star that shone forth from the horizon of heaven. This is truly a noble station. Blessed is he who visited him in the Land of Ha, as pronounced by the Pen of his Lord, the Mighty, the Wise.

The first light that shone from the horizon of eternity and the first fragrance that wafted from the garment of the mercy of the Lord of Names be upon thee, O thou servant who gazeth toward the Supreme Horizon. I testify that thou didst hear the Call and answer thy Ancient Lord, and didst turn toward the Countenance when the servants turned away from it, and didst acknowledge the Day that was

mentioned in the Book. Blessed art thou, and again blessed art thou, and blessed is he who turneth unto thee and visiteth thy luminous resting-place. I testify that thou didst drink the Choice Wine sealed from the hands of the bounty of thy Lord, the Self-Subsisting, Who speaketh the truth: There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Knowing. We have mentioned him in other stations. He is verily the Faithful, the All-Knowing. Here endeth the passage.

As to what thou didst write concerning Mulla Ali-Akbar, it was submitted. God willing, may he be occupied at all times with the mention of the Beloved of the worlds, and in whatever land he dwelleth, may he be enabled to serve the Cause with wisdom.

And in thy second letter was mentioned Mulla Muhammad-ʿAli of Dahaj. It is strange that the one mentioned hath not arisen to settle his debt which was guaranteed by thee, despite countless emphases on such matters. We beseech God to enable us to do what profiteth us. Trustworthiness, religious devotion, and truthfulness are deeds whose benefit returneth first to the person himself and then to others. However, it is strongly suspected that he hath not had the means to pay it.

Concerning what you wrote about the Surahs and Tablets of the Land of Mystery, desist in this matter for now. And concerning what you wrote about the books of one Muhammad from the people of S who was with Aqa Muhammad-Hasan, it was mentioned and They said let them remain with you. And concerning what you wrote about Aqa Rajab-ʿAli—may the 966 [Baha'u'llah] be upon him—and what he left behind, these matters must be handled according to divine laws. All those funds do not reach his spouse as given in N and J. Although such funds are not worthy of mention, yet since one must act according to divine laws, it is mentioned. The inheritance must be distributed according to the laws. Now you may use those funds in your possession and offer tea to the friends of that land for the sake of that departed believer and his departed believing wife. God willing, both are immersed in the ocean of divine forgiveness.

Concerning Aqa Muhammad-Baqir, this is what the Beloved uttered: God willing, may all the loved ones of God be illumined by the lights of His countenance. O Baqir! Give thanks to God that thou wert mentioned before His presence and didst turn to God, the Lord of the worlds. Grieve not over remoteness, for nearness is in His hand—He ordaineth for whomsoever He willeth among His servants. He is the Ordainer, the Wise. The earth hath not found rest. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Be patient and say:

Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink from the Kawthar of Thy knowledge and enabled me to attain unto Thy mention and praise. I beseech Thee to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and trustees, and that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. O Lord! Deprive me not of the outpourings of the rain of Thy mercy, and drive me not from Thy door which Thou hast opened unto all in Thy heaven and on Thine earth. O Lord! Ordain for me a seat of truth near unto Thy mercy and a station of security beneath the shadow of Thy sovereignty and dominion. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

God willing, the friends of God must engage in service to the Cause, and service to the Cause means acting according to what hath been and shall be revealed in God's Book. Today, goodly character,

pleasing deeds, and teaching God's Cause with wisdom are essential. O Baqir! God is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing, and witnesseth all deeds and words. We beseech God to aid thee and all His friends to perform such deeds as shall cause the exaltation of His Cause. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained the recognition of God, the King, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

And concerning what thou didst mention about his brother Ramadan-ʿAli, We beseech God to forgive him through His grace, to immerse him in the ocean of His bounty, and to ordain for him that which shall profit him in the Hereafter and in this world. He is verily the Bestower, the Generous. O friends! Be content and thankful with what God hath commanded, for creatures have not been and are not aware of their own affairs and their outcome. God knoweth and He is the All-Knowing, the Wise. With utmost joy and fragrance, occupy yourselves with promoting the Cause of God and act according to what is in the Book. The promotion and service of every soul hath been and shall be according to their capacity. For example, if today someone offers a cup of water to one of God's friends, they have succeeded in serving the Cause according to their capacity and to the measure of their deed. Strive that no matter escape you that would cause eternal regret and endless remorse.

Section 2: "And concerning what thou hast mentioned about Muhammad-Qabli-Ali…"

And concerning what thou hast mentioned about Muhammad-Qabli-Ali, We bid him as We have bidden Our servants before, and counsel him to fear God, to remember Him, and to act according to what the All-Merciful hath revealed in His mighty and unerring Book. O Muhammad-Qabli-Ali! He Who loveth God hath mentioned thee in His Book, and We make mention of thee with that which will gladden thy heart. Give thanks unto God, the Single, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Hold fast unto the Sure Handle and cling to the hem of God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having caused me to turn towards Thy most exalted horizon and to set my face toward Thee after all things have perished. I beseech Thee by the sovereignty of Names and by the power wherewith Thou didst create earth and heaven, that Thou leave me not to myself, but cause me to be moved by Thy will. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And concerning what thou hast mentioned about Mihman, blessed is she for having attained unto this wondrous name, and blessed is she for having shown steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Master of the Day of Judgment. In the path of God she hath borne hardships and hath, to the extent possible, been engaged in service to the Cause. God willing, she was and ever shall be adorned with the ornament of divine love and embellished with the greatest steadfastness. Her mention hath been and will continue to be before the Wronged One. We beseech God to aid her and those who are with her in that which He loveth and is pleased with.

Furthermore, the sublime Tablet which thou didst receive from Mulla Muhammad-ʿAli and dispatch as commanded hath arrived.

Regarding the Book of Prayers thou didst write about, it shall certainly be corrected. The friends may inquire about any passage that cometh to thy notice.

Concerning the books of Aqa Mirza ʿAbdu'llah, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], let them send the corrected copy of the Book of Verses, and likewise the Book of Prayers after correction. A Persian copy hath also been started here.

As for what thou didst write about Haji Ghulam and Haji ʿAbdu'llah, their mention was submitted before His presence. A kind word concerning them was uttered from the Source of utterance. Return to Iran would be preferable. God willing, wherever they may be, may they be engaged in remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds with the utmost joy and delight.

Furthermore, most people are deprived of the chosen ones of God and are engaged in the utmost deceit, trickery and guile. Among them is Husayn, known as Sukhtih, who hath made plans to travel to and from Cyprus, and surely cometh and goeth by that route. The friends of God must avoid him, for often they become the cause of discord among the friends. One named Taqi came to this land and later was dismissed and departed. Afterwards it became known that in Aleppo the aforementioned Sukhtih had deceived him and taken him to Cyprus. We beseech God to open the eyes of those who walk in the wilderness of fancy and error. By the life of God! They are in manifest remoteness and grievous sin.

Furthermore, convey greetings from this evanescent one to the friends in that land, and mention to Ismu'llah Safi, upon him be the Glory of God, that his letter was received, causing the utmost joy and gladness. God willing, may you be occupied with the remembrance of God in all conditions. This servant hath never forgotten that person in special occasions, and regarding the matter thou didst mention, God willing, it hath by now arrived.

In relating recent news, they have taken possession of the Land of Mystery and its surroundings. All that the All-Merciful had revealed in the Tablets has come to pass. Surely the Tablet to Ra'is is before His blessed eyes. In any case, in those regions, blood was shed beneath every tree, and the cries and lamentations of the servants, of widows and others, rose up from the hills and mountains, cities and villages. Verily the Pen is powerless to describe what transpired therein. The Tablet to Ra'is indeed informed us of what would occur there. After news of the Bishop's arrival in Adrianople, a prayer was revealed from the Most Holy Court, and He commanded the friends to recite it, saying "This, despite My knowledge that successors are like their predecessors." This is what was revealed from the Most Exalted Pen:

He is the One Who has power over whatsoever He willeth, in His Name, the All-Subduing over all names.

O My God, the All-Merciful and the All-Powerful over creation! I beseech Thee by Thy Self to protect the Sultan. Then I beseech Thee not to regard him and the transgressions of his predecessors in sovereignty, but rather to behold the ocean of Thy bounty, the heaven of Thy grace, and the sun of Thy favors. O Lord! Ward off from him the hands of evil with the Hand which Thou hast made to be above the hands of all Thy creatures. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

From these blessed words it can be understood that relief will come to the Sultan, but this will be after great losses that have occurred and will occur. Furthermore, regarding that which was forbidden from the Most Holy Court, and which was repeatedly and successively forbidden to the people through healing utterances, manifest verses and clear words—as that honored one can testify—most did not succeed in

hearkening to the divine call and were not adorned with the ornament of acceptance and deeds, until a word was revealed to his honor from the Source of Command. It appears its purport was that since they did not heed the divine command, they would be prevented in other ways. God, the Exalted, the Great, has spoken truth. In any case, more than one hundred and fifty souls are now residing in this land and were in the utmost joy and comfort, but now ease has been transformed into hardship.

Among the matters that have occurred in this land is that Jinab-i-Ha has incurred debts exceeding two thousand tumans—two thousand tumans belonging to the merchant partner, and a considerable sum from the poor merchant himself. It is evident that this amount was given with trust in God. The aforementioned personage has thoughtlessly taken on this burden. I have briefly mentioned this; if I were to detail the debts and recent occurrences of this city, you would surely become saddened. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Concealer, the All-Wise. Your honor is not aware of what people are now saying and what is befalling the Cause. Jinab-i-Salman has become aware of some details, that is, before the spread of news about the aforementioned person who was in this land.

In any case, from outward appearances this land has become very constricted, as wheat has risen from eight tumans per kharvar to twelve tumans, and likewise other items. We beseech God to assist His servants to hearken unto His Cause and to trust in Him, to deliver us from the promptings of self and passion, and to enable us to achieve that which will profit us in the Hereafter and in this world. Verily He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. I swear by the Most Great Name, had they hearkened to that which was sent down from the heaven of bounty, all would have attained perfect outward and inward blessings. Now the debts of Aqa ʿAbdu'l-Ahad and other debts have reached four thousand tumans.

This is a brief account of the situation in this land. For some time now nothing has been received from the government for the friends, and we praise God for this, although it was not worthy, and the government itself is now in great difficulties.

Another matter: For some time after the arrival of your honor's letter and its presentation before the Most Holy Court, no response appeared from the horizon of the Cause, as was mentioned. After some time, the command was issued to present your honor's letter at the Most Holy Court. After a second presentation, an answer was revealed, but then for several months it was not sent due to wisdom's requirements, just as specifically for certain souls who were in that land at that time and whom your honor mentioned, divine verses were revealed from the horizon of grace, but there was such delay that some of those souls arrived at the Prison City without permission. These delays were due to the requirements of wisdom and expediency. A letter also arrived from Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Muhammad. Its answer has been delayed until now. This ephemeral one conveys greetings to him. May God willing, he be assisted and confirmed in all conditions. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to open unto him the gates of joy and gladness, blessing and bounty, and expansion.

Another matter: It was previously written that fifty tumans would be sent to that land. They have written that it was given to Haji Ahmad to deliver upon his return from Mecca. They should write the details of this.

Regarding the mother of Aqa Muhammad Hasan, the situation of this land has been repeatedly explained. It is not at all advisable for her to come to this land, now or ever. Let her occupy herself with some matter there until later what is required becomes clear. Whatever is necessary will be done later, if God should will it.

Convey greetings and praise to the gentlemen and friends of that land, contingent upon that Holiness's favor. The circumambulators and dwellers of the Most Holy Land, especially in service to that Holiness and all the loved ones, offer infinite greetings. Glory be upon Your Holiness and upon them.

The servant, on 19 Safar 1295.

The Branches of the Blessed Tree—may my spirit and all that my Lord hath bestowed upon me be a sacrifice for their glory—convey most mighty, most impregnable, most holy greetings to that Holiness and all the inhabitants of that land. The people of the pavilion of divine infallibility have especially commanded at this time that I should convey greetings on their behalf to that honor, and to the honor of the Name of God, the Chosen One, and to the honored guest.

BH01347: All praise be to God, Who warbleth the melody…

He is God—exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most High!

All praise be to God, Who warbleth the melody of utterance, Who standeth alone in His bounty, and Who hath chosen man from among all created things to sing His praise. He it is by Whose command the Supreme Pen was moved to write, whereupon all the denizens of the kingdom of creation were thunderstruck by its shrill cry, save those whom God preserved through His sovereignty and delivered through His power. He it is through Whom the sincere ones hastened to the Kawthar of meeting, while the idolaters remained in their lowly station; through Whom the bird of mystical understanding soared in the atmosphere of certitude, and the hearts of the people of Paradise were attracted. Exalted be the All-Merciful Who hath taught me that He cannot be described by my mention nor characterized by the traces of my pen.

Rather, all that proceedeth from me is but heedlessness upon heedlessness, and sin upon sin. Yet despite my knowledge, conviction and certitude of this, I bear witness that through His remembrance the heavens and earth were perfumed, and through His praise the fragrance of love was diffused throughout the kingdoms of command and creation. Exalted, exalted be His measure! Exalted, exalted be His power! Exalted, exalted be His sovereignty! Exalted, exalted be His might! Exalted, exalted be His glory! Exalted, exalted be His command! Exalted, exalted be His remembrance! Exalted, exalted be His praise!

I testify that He hath not been described by any description, though His attributes have been inscribed by the Pen of Creation upon the tablets of all created things. And I testify that He hath not been mentioned, though His mention hath been raised up from all things between earth and heaven. How can the pen of ignorance describe that Knowledge at Whose manifestation all seas of knowledge were obliterated, and before Whose exaltation the exaltation of every existing and known thing hath prostrated itself? I seek His forgiveness at all times and in all conditions for what I have said and say, for what hath occurred to my

mind, for what my tongue hath uttered, and for what my limbs have committed. He is verily the Forgiver, the Kind, the Generous.

Thereafter, thy letter was heard with loving-kindness and affection, and since it bore witness to and was indicative of praise for the Beloved of the seen and unseen, it brought the utmost joy. God willing, thou shalt ever be occupied with the remembrance of God and renowned throughout the earth for thy love of God. After the letter was read, at a certain time it was presented in detail at the Most Holy Court, whereupon He spoke—and His word is the truth:

> "O Hasan! We make mention of thee when thou wert in the Land of Mystery, circling round the will of thy Lord and acting in accordance with that which thou wert commanded by God, the Lord of the worlds. Thou art he who attained unto the presence of thy Lord and quaffed the choice wine from the hands of the bounty of thy Ancient Lord. Rejoice thou in this Most Great Remembrance, and proclaim on My behalf unto those who are with thee, and give them the glad tidings of that grace to which every tongue hath testified and which every discerning mystic hath mentioned. That which thou didst send aforetime hath been presented before the Throne, as well as in these days. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He shall assist thee under all conditions and hath recorded thy name with the Supreme Pen as among those who circled round about Him and arose to serve Him. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Bestower, the Generous."

Concerning Ustad Husayn you wrote that he has intended, with the permission of the Beloved of the world, to turn towards the Most Holy Court. This much is submitted: the trials in this land have exceeded all bounds and all the loved ones of God have been afflicted with the utmost hardship. Therefore the friends must occupy themselves with service to the Cause. If in these divine days a cherished deed becomes manifest from any soul, the decree of attainment unto His presence will be issued from the Supreme Pen for him. This servant repeatedly heard these words from the tongue of Grandeur. God willing, may he be successful in serving the Cause. This servant mentioned him in the presence of His Countenance. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid us and him to serve Him, to obey Him, and to do that which will exalt His wise and irrevocable Cause.

Concerning Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Habibullah that you wrote about, it was submitted in the Most Holy Court. He expressed favor, and we beseech God to aid him as He aided him before. In truth, that family has rendered many services, especially Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Sadiq and his other brother who was occupied in service in Iraq. He said that souls who have attained to this station must walk among people with the utmost sanctity and detachment so that their station may be made manifest in both the Supreme Kingdom and in the world of creation. Convey greetings to all the friends on behalf of this evanescent one.

Concerning Jinab-i-Ustad Ali-Akbar they wrote, God willing may he ever be and continue to be gladdened by divine favors and occupied with His mention and praise. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to answer my prayer on their behalf and their prayers on my behalf. Verily He is the Protector of the lowly, and praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

Safar 1295

BH01484: The essence of praise, assuming the form of servants…

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

The essence of praise, assuming the form of servants, calleth out in the wilderness of longing: “O God of the unseen and the seen, and Educator of existence! I beseech Thee by Thy Name that standeth over all things, and is the Ever-Living over all names, and speaketh in the heaven of beginning, and appeareth in the kingdom of creation, and shineth from the horizon of eternity, and is supreme over all who are in earth and heaven, that Thou protect Thy Afnan who have arisen to serve Thee, and have acknowledged Thy oneness, and confessed Thy singleness, and have submitted to the manifestations of Thy Cause, and have hastened to the horizon of Thy knowledge, and have turned to Thy countenance, and have cried out in the desert of Thy sovereignty: ‘Thou, verily Thou, O Lord of the worlds! Thou, verily Thou, O God of the mystics! Thou, verily Thou, O Goal of all who seek! Thou, verily Thou, O Thou by Whose Name the heavens and earths were established!’

Even as the call of Thy chosen ones hath been raised in this wilderness which hath been illumined by the sun of Thy remembrance and hath gleamed with the light of Thy countenance. Those whom Thou didst send to herald Thy Manifestation have spoken and cried out, saying: ‘Here am I, here am I, O God of the world! Here am I, here am I, O Light of eternity and Sovereign of nations!’ We praise Thee for having fulfilled what Thou didst reveal in Thy Tablets and adorned therewith the pages of Thy glory. Thou art He Who hath ever been powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing. My spirit be a sacrifice for the essence of Thy love!”

The handwritten missive of his honor Aqa Siyyid Mirza—upon him be all the most glorious Glory—was received, and they had enclosed your honor’s letter within it. Its contents were submitted to the Most Holy Court. An answer hath been revealed from the heaven of divine Will to both him and you. His mighty and glorious Word:

“O My Afnan! Thy call hath attained to the hearing of thy Lord, and thy letter hath been honored in the Most Great Scene, this Castle which God hath made the seat of His mighty Throne. This is a place where the sea is seen on its right, and the mountain and land on its left, and before it are gardens wherein are trees bearing citrus fruits blazing like spheres of fire, and flowers like the stars of heaven. Thus doth the Most Exalted Pen make mention that thou mayest be of those who rejoice.

What thou didst send to My Afnan in the land of Ha hath been presented before the Face, and the servant in attendance before the Throne hath read it. We have revealed these verses unto thee as a favor from Our presence. Rejoice thou and be of the thankful. We have mentioned thee and do mention thee in truth. Be thou assured of thy Lord’s favor. He will assist thee in that which shall profit thee in the Hereafter and in this world. There is no God but He, the Powerful, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We have commanded you to observe wisdom. Blessed is he who holdeth fast unto it and acteth according to what hath been ordained by One Who is All-Knowing. O My Afnan! Grieve not over anything.

He is with thee and knoweth thy condition and will send down for thee that which shall gladden thy heart. He, verily, is the True One, the Faithful.

By thy life! Were the kingdom receptive, We would have manifested that which would cause kings to arise at the door like fearful, penitent servants. Convey My greetings to the Most Exalted Leaf and say: Rejoice! He is with thee under all conditions. Thy Lord, verily, is the Near, the Hearing One. Dwell thou in a house that doth not compromise your station. By My life! The people are in manifest error. Be patient until the time cometh unto thee. Thus doth the Most Exalted Pen counsel thee from this exalted station. Glory be upon you and upon those who have believed, and upon those women who have believed in the Single One, the All-Informed."

God willing, after perusing this you shall attain infinite joy. If today the dwelling of the Most Pure Consort—upon Her be all glory and exaltation—in the true house would cause clamor among the servants and become the cause of rancor and hatred, residence therein is not permitted, according to the wisdom which God hath revealed in the Book, until God bringeth about His appointed time. In any case, observance of wisdom is necessary and obligatory, and if in these days, due to wisdom and expediency, the residence of the Consort and Afnan in that house is not feasible, its door must remain closed and no one is permitted to dwell therein. Glory be upon you in the beginning and the end.

The servant 19 Safar 1295

BH00619: Praise be to God Who hath revealed Himself unto…

He is God, exalted be His station, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

Praise be to God Who hath revealed Himself unto all created things through that Name whereby the Concourse on High rejoiced, the hearts of the Manifestations of Names took flight, and through which the lovers uttered "My spirit be a sacrifice unto Thee," and the Dove of Holiness warbled upon the Divine Lote-Tree. The Kingdom and the Realm of Might, then the realms of divine power and sovereignty, then all the kingdoms of creation be a sacrifice unto Thy Name, O King of Names! Then the Tongue of Grandeur spoke between the heavens: "By God, the Truth! That which hath come is that by which all atoms were attracted, and verily He is the One Who was forever hidden, none being aware of Him save His Own Self, the One Who dominates all who are in the heavens and the earth."

Praise be to God Who hath made tribulation the key to His exalted Paradise, whereby those who followed their desires fled while the people of Baha drew nigh, those who cast away this world and took hold of that which would profit them in the Hereafter and in this life. Exalted be our Lord, the All-Bountiful, and exalted be His all-pervading grace, and exalted be that whereby He is remembered, described, and praised. Verily, He is the Single One Who was sanctified above all others, and the Expositor Who was elevated above all utterance. We testify that the Kingdom of Utterance circles round Him and prostrates itself at His call and submits at the appearance of His proof. We testify that there is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Most High, the Most Great.

My soul be a sacrifice for Thy love! Two letters which had shone forth from the horizon of your love brought joy to this evanescent one's heart. However, as they conveyed news of the tribulations that had

befallen you, and the successive afflictions and cascading calamities, such grief overcame me that its description is impossible for this helpless pen, nay, for the pen of any lover to convey. We beseech God to grant you success and to assist you in all conditions, and to ordain for you that which is best for you. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Although mention of your tribulations caused countless sorrows, yet, as it hath been said:

Every calamity in Thy good-pleasure is joy, And every sorrow in Thy love is gladness, Every tribulation in Thy love is comfort, And every hardship in Thy days is ease.

Every poison in aid of Thy Cause is healing balm, and every bitterness in service to Thee is surpassing honey. By God! Not an atom of what hath befallen that honored one hath been, or shall ever be, effaced from the page of creation. Blessed art thou for having drunk the cup of tribulation in love of thy Lord, the Lord of all names. God willing, through divine bounties thou shalt soon become the dayspring of the mention of all creation and the source of universal affairs. Verily He is the One Who ordaineth what He pleaseth for whomsoever He willeth. He, verily, is the Single One, the All-Informed. This servant hath felt the utmost regret, for he was not able to respond to that honored one.

This was not due to any neglect or lassitude on the part of this servant, but rather owing to the absence of messengers. In these days, as the beloved and most cherished ones, his honor Aqa Mirza Haydar-ʿAli and his honor Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Husayn, upon them be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, were preparing to depart, this petition was boldly presented. God willing, in all conditions ye shall occupy yourselves with wisdom and utterance in making mention of the Goal of the world's peoples, that perchance the heedless, lifeless souls may turn unto the water of life.

Here is another account concerning events in this land—strange and wondrous happenings have occurred there which will surely reach your blessed hearing. In all Tablets, Scriptures, Books and Holy Writings, all the friends have been commanded to manifest religiosity, trustworthiness, truthfulness, high endeavor, justice and fairness—as all the divine friends can bear witness to what has been stated. Nevertheless, certain matters have transpired which this servant is ashamed to mention—the luminous hem has been sullied. Although the resolution of these matters depends upon a Word from God, this servant's sorrow stems from the fact that such souls should appear with perfect trustworthiness, religiosity and truthfulness among the people, so that all may be illumined by the rays of the suns of detachment. For those souls who are truly gazing toward the Most Exalted Horizon today and have reached the supreme heights are the dawning-places of goodly attributes, the rising-points of pure deeds, and the sources of actions that are pleasing and acceptable. We beseech God to aid us in what He loves and is pleased with.

Every morning and evening, night and day, the Supreme Pen, with perfect kindness, mercy, compassion and bounty, summons these servants to that which is best for them. Nevertheless, most remain heedless and occupied with their own desires. In any case, these matters too are among the conditions of imprisonment. For once this servant heard from the Most Holy Tongue saying that although God, exalted be His glory and greatness, transformed the prison land and opened its gate, yet at times certain events occur therein so that the mention of prison and its signs may not be erased. Verily in this are signs for

those who understand. I testify that all that was uttered by the Tongue of Grandeur appears in truth and none can gainsend it.

In the days when the Surih of Ra'is was revealed, mention was made of the Sublime State and what it did and what would befall it. Many were bewildered as to how this would come to pass. God, the Most High, the Most Great, spoke truth. Now in these days one should recite that blessed Surih to gain insight into the power and greatness of God's Cause, and all will testify that verily He is the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, the Wise.

Likewise with the Tablet of Paris—no one could conceive how such a momentous matter would come to pass. Indeed, someone mentioned to this servant that it was inconceivable that someone like Napoleon would be deposed or come to an end. But days had not passed before the Sun of God's Word shone forth and all that was revealed in the verses appeared word for word, letter for letter, and all witnessed it. Nevertheless, most again appear heedless and sleeping—nay, dead. And this servant is in all conditions forbidden from mentioning certain hidden matters. Were He to command me to reveal them, all would surely testify that there is no God but Him, the Powerful, the Most High, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Another submission: Although this servant delayed sending petitions due to the absence of couriers, it has also been some time since news has come from you, even though letters now arrive directly by post from all parts of Iran. God willing, contrary to before, both this servant shall cause trouble and you shall be the cause of joy.

Another supplication is that you should convey greetings on behalf of this ephemeral one to the loved ones of God—those souls who have drunk from the ocean of love and are gazing toward and turned to the horizon of grace—and make mention that today is the day of the remembrance of God, and today is the day of service and assistance. Time must not be lost, and the purpose of service and assistance is the mention of Truth through wisdom and utterance, that perchance the scattered letters of the world may be gathered together in the temple of a single word, and that word may become the cause of the completion and adornment of the Book of Creation.

Say: O leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree! The ear is attentive that it may hear, from the blowing of the winds of the divine days, the sound of your movement and vibration. And let it not be imagined that by movement and vibration is meant conflict, corruption and contention. Nay, by His very Self, the Truth! This Revelation is different from other revelations, and these days are different from other days. God willing, the mature, holy, and steadfast souls should appear in such wise that all the world may partake of the sweet fountains of their love and affection. And since these fountains flow in the name of Truth, from their murmur should be heard the soul-entrancing call "Verily, He is the Beloved of all worlds." We beseech God that He may confirm today those who drink the choice wine of understanding, that they may invite all people to the Truth and not become the cause of division and discord, and that they may act according to that which hath been revealed in the Most Holy Book from the Supreme Pen. May they pass beyond self-seeing, which is in truth the source of nothingness and duality, and occupy themselves with the mention of Him Who alone exists, so that the ungodly may find no opportunity for aversion and objection.

O my masters! Today discord hath been and will be the cause of harm to the Cause of God. Set aside your selves and take hold of God alone. Thus doth your Best-Beloved, the Most Glorious, command you. To this testifieth this servant and those who have acknowledged and recognized that He is God, the Powerful, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Furthermore, all the pilgrims and assembled souls who have come from various directions are all occupied with your mention. In truth, they convey greetings from the depths of their hearts. Verily, He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Knowing. Glory and majesty be upon your honor and upon those with you and those who have attained and become assured of the meeting with their Lord, the Mighty, [the Impregnable]. The servant. On the 19th of Jamadiyu'l-Avval.

BH00302: Exalted is this Day wherein the horizon of utterance…

Section 1: "Exalted is this Day wherein the horizon…"

He is the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

Exalted is this Day wherein the horizon of utterance hath been illumined, wherein the All-Merciful hath established Himself upon the throne of grandeur and bounty, and hath spoken throughout all creation that whereby the sincere ones were attracted, the believers soared, and those near unto God did speak, saying: "There is none other God but Him." He hath ever been sanctified above all similitudes, and will ever be even as He hath always been. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Most High.

This is the Day wherein the Most Great Name hath appeared and the world hath been illumined thereby. Blessed is he who hath turned unto Him and hath drunk the cup of tribulations in His path and of sorrows in His love. He is indeed among those who have attained unto His knowledge and soared in the atmosphere of His nearness. The Concourse on High shall pray for him, and the Kingdom of Names shall seek blessings through him. Joy upon joy unto him who hath been clothed with the garment of tribulation in the path of God, the Lord of all names. Blessed, then blessed is he who hath been seized, prevented, imprisoned and tried in the love of God, the Creator of earth and heaven.

By the life of God! The essences of existence address him from the lofty chambers of words, and the realities of names remember him in the palaces of remembrance and attributes. God knoweth that all things praise him, and through him do the servants draw nigh unto God, the Revealer of verses. Would that this servant could have been with the loved ones of God when they entered into prison and tasted the cup of tribulation through that which the hands of the people of discord had wrought. God shall soon seize them with a mighty retribution from His presence, and shall adorn the temples of His loved ones with an ornament that shall not fade, and a glory that shall not perish, and a beauty that no veil of creation can conceal, and a light that the darkness of those who have turned away from the Most Sublime Horizon cannot obscure. Thus doth God reward the sincere ones among His servants, the believers among His creation, and the faithful among His chosen ones. He, verily, is the One with power over whatsoever He pleaseth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Beloved.

O beloved of My heart! How can My feeble pen recount one who hath drunk the wine of revelation from the hand of the bounty of his Lord and hath borne hardships in His path? By Thy life! I acknowledge My

powerlessness and inadequacy to properly praise that which thou hast attained in the love of God, thy Lord and My Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Yet I rejoice in making mention of thee, for thereby do I see myself ranked among those who make mention of God's chosen ones and His loved ones, God's friends and His faithful ones.

Then I submit that after hearing the praise of your honor, the Beloved of the world, and recognizing what the dove of your pen warbled in remembrance of God, the Lord of Eternity, I found my house spacious, my heart expansive, my breast dilated, and my inner being soaring to the ultimate goal and Most Glorious Horizon. I presented what was in your letter, whereupon the face of the Beloved turned toward me and spoke that which attracted all hearts. Exalted, exalted is His utterance above His servants' description of it! It was as though I saw the Kingdom of Utterance circling around that which proceeded from the tongue of His grandeur, and the essence of the unseen and the visible hastening at that which the mouth of His power pronounced.

He said, exalted be His glory: "O ʿAli-Akbar! We make mention of thee from the direction of My Most Great Horizon, that thou mayest hear My call and find thyself in great joy. By My life! I was with you when you entered the prison. Blessed are ye, then blessed are ye, for having borne tribulations in My path and afflictions for the exaltation of My Word and the advancement of My Cause. Thy Lord is indeed the All-Seeing. Blessed are they who have entered the fortress of My knowledge, soared in the atmosphere of My love, drunk the choice wine of My revelation, and been seized by the intoxication of the wine of My utterance to such extent that they have detached themselves from all else save Me, turned toward My face, advanced toward the horizon of My grace, held fast to the cord of My favor, and clung to the hem of My generosity.

These are they whose names the tongues of the world mention and before whose names all nations bow down. To this beareth witness the tongue of My grandeur, the kingdom of My utterance, and this Pen which raceth in the arena of knowledge—and I am the All-Informed. Verily, those who have attained imprisonment have attained mention by My Most Exalted Pen, and this is more precious than all that hath been created between earth and heaven. By the life of God! Nothing can equal it. Blessed, then blessed is he who hath been adorned with the ornament of steadfastness. He is among the most exalted of creation in the Book of God. Thy Lord is indeed the All-Knowing.

Convey My Glory upon their faces and say: Blessed be your faces for having turned toward the Face of God, and your hearts for having drawn nigh unto the Ultimate Goal, and your souls for having advanced toward the Most Exalted Horizon. Ye have drunk the cup of tribulations in My path; drink ye today from the hand of My bounty My Most Glorious Wine and My Purest Kawthar, that I may say: Pleasant and wholesome be it unto you in the Kingdom of Creation. Thus doth God make mention of you with the most excellent mention. He is indeed the All-Bountiful. Rejoice ye in My Name and drink ye in My remembrance. We have turned toward you and glorify your faces from this beautiful station.

We were saddened by your grief, and We rejoice at this time in that God mentioneth you by His own Self, as a recompense for what ye have wrought in His straight path. Were My loved ones to taste the sweetness of tribulations in My path, they would offer gifts in My name to Mine enemies as a reward for what they have done unto them, for through them they have attained this station wherein the Ancient

Beauty maketh mention of them in this Great Prison. They have purchased for themselves a station in the Fire, while for you is a station at My Most Great Horizon. Exalted is He whom the harm of the world and the oppression of the nations harm not His loved ones. Glad tidings, then, to the soul that hath recognized that which My mighty tongue hath uttered."

O joy of My heart! Behold the divine favors. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of utterance that were all the people of the realm of possibility to ponder these revealed verses and contemplate the tenderness, compassion and favor of God—exalted be His glory—all would assuredly turn to the ocean of generosity and fix their gaze upon the horizon of grace. What benefit is there when the intoxication of passion hath seized all who are in creation, save those preserved by the hand of the power of our Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful.

As to what was written concerning the Greatest Holy Leaf, the Holy Sister, upon her be all the most glorious glory of God, it was presented to the Most Holy Court. According to His command: whosoever wishes to pay the Huququ'llah, and from such payment some portion reaches her, it is acceptable before God to the extent of sufficiency and payment of debt. However, it is not permissible to demand the Huquq from anyone. Ask God to assist the loved ones in paying the Huququ'llah, for this matter has been and will continue to be the cause of the purification of wealth, its preservation, and divine bounties and blessings.

Regarding the mention of the names of the loved ones of God, namely those souls who entered prison for the love of God, the servant bears witness to what the All-Merciful has revealed concerning them, which suffices the world and causes the tongues of nations to speak their praise and glorification. At one time, mention of these souls was heard from the Tongue of Grandeur. He mentioned each one with supreme kindness and then said: Ask God that they may preserve this most exalted station and greatest bounty for the sake of His truth and love for Him, and that they may not be disturbed by the imaginings of the servants. They should, with the utmost effort and endeavor, keep their gaze fixed upon this most sublime and exalted station, and at all times be engaged in divine thanksgiving.

Concerning what was written about Jinab-i-Aqa Mir Abdul-Baqi and two others, upon them be the glory of God, it was presented to the Most Holy Court. He said: Blessed are they, and theirs is the most splendid station in the Book of their Lord, the Mighty, the Wise. We have adorned those who were touched by tribulation in the path of God, the Lord of Names, with that which shall eternalize their remembrance in the Kingdom of God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: Be patient as your Lord was patient, and verily He is with you and will aid you as He pleaseth. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Powerful. Upon them be the glory of God and His mercy. Thus doth the Beloved of the world remember you in this manifest Prison. It behooveth you today to ask your Lord, the All-Merciful, to treasure up what ye have wrought in His path and to preserve you in your present state. By My life! This is indeed the greatest favor, to which the Lord of Destiny beareth witness. Blessed is every hearing and seeing one.

Section 2: "In truth, after the details about the prisoners…"

In truth, after the details about the prisoners were presented before the Most Holy Court, perfect grace was manifested concerning them, as is evident from the revealed verses. Blessed are they, and God

willing, they shall soon attain deliverance, though in reality they have already attained the greatest deliverance, having been imprisoned in the path of God.

According to His command, all the loved ones of God must conduct themselves with utmost calm and dignity, hold fast in all conditions to the cord of wisdom, and with the utmost joy and fragrance quicken the people of the world with the living waters. And He revealed in the verses sent down words to this effect: that if the loved ones were to taste the sweetness of tribulations in the path of God, they would surely offer gifts to those who enabled them to attain this supreme bounty. Now it is evident that the intention was to demonstrate the exalted nature of this station and the sublimity of this rank. Should anyone literally present gifts now, they would surely have departed from wisdom, as this would cause agitation, commotion and clamor.

Say: O friends! The Tongue of the All-Merciful commands you to hold fast to that which will cause joy, delight and tranquility among the servants. In most Tablets it hath been revealed that the children of the age must be nourished with milk that is mild and delicate until they attain maturity, for surely they cannot bear heavy food. He remindeth them of that which profiteth them, and He is the best of rememberers. And glory be upon you and upon those who have turned and have attained to the hearing of the verses of God, the Lord of all worlds.

O Ali! Once again My Most Exalted Pen speaketh and counseleth His loved ones to unity in the Cause of God. By My life! Through it are opened the gates of goodly things. Thy Lord is verily the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing. Blessed is he who setteth this Word before his eyes. We bear witness that he is of them that have attained.

Although divine favors have been manifested towards these souls in the revealed verses to such a degree that nothing higher can be imagined, after your visitation they too will testify to what was presented. Nevertheless, at the time of the revelation of verses, a word was heard from the Tongue of Grandeur indicating that Tablets would be specifically revealed for those souls, even if but a single verse. Blessed are they for having attained the grace of their Lord while most people are deprived of this most holy, most mighty, most great, most wondrous and most glorious bounty.

Say: Another entreaty is that unto all the friends—that is, those souls who are inebriated with the wine of divine remembrance and content in the remembrance of the Beloved—convey from this evanescent one a wondrous and sublime greeting, and say to them: This is the Day for which all the Prophets and Messengers have waited, and from the Truth, exalted and glorified be He, have sought to attain its presence and yearned for it. This is the Day wherein God hath come, this is the Day wherein the Furqan hath spoken: “The Kingdom on that Day shall be God’s.” This is that Day by whose mention all the sacred Books have been adorned. The loved ones of God must remain steadfast and firm in God’s Cause with perfect unity, oneness and singleness of purpose.

He hath said: Write to his honor ʿAli-Akbar, upon him be 96 [Baha’u’llah], that today the souls who have accepted the Faith must be given to drink, cup after cup, from the chalice of recognition, and be nurtured by the wondrous and glorious heavenly food, that they may become steadfast and firm in the Cause of God to such degree that none among the peoples of the world would be able to alter or change them.

The people are weak, and certain unprofitable and useless utterances of the people of the Furqan remain in their minds and hearts. Therefore they may give ear to certain vain imaginings. Say: The matter is not as such. Were that which is hidden from you to be unveiled, ye would abandon the world and whatsoever words and allusions are therein, and would hold fast unto the Word that hath encompassed the world. O friends! Purify and sanctify your hearts from vain imaginings and mention of the past, that ye may perchance become illumined with wondrous lights. Reflect and ponder upon that which they have said and that which hath come to pass. In this way ye shall become aware of the falsity of the narrators who arose in the first generation.

By God's life! Then shall ye behold the sun of certitude rising from the horizons of your hearts and the moon of assurance shining from the heavens of your being, and ye shall find yourselves at a station that none other than you can attain, and ye shall see all others among the Concourse of the Bayan at the lowest of stations. Say: O My loved ones! Leave them to their vain imaginings and to that which their lying tongues utter. By God's life! This is a Day wherein that which they possess is not mentioned. The Supreme Pen and the Tongue of God in the kingdom of creation bear witness to this. He, verily, is the Expositor, the All-Informed.

God willing, the loved ones of the Beloved of the worlds must reflect upon these passages and other passages that have streamed forth from the Pen of Revelation. In this way, they shall behold all souls—that is, those who have been deprived and forbidden from the true wine—as mere nothingness and utter non-existence. By the Beloved's right! The hearing soul shall witness from the words of these ungodly, rebellious, false, and imaginary souls the power of Truth, how after the rending of imaginary veils they have again become afflicted with other vain imaginings. By the Most Great Name! They have not understood aught of the Day of God and have not drunk a drop from the divine ocean of utterance. Leave them to their vain discourse wherein they sport.

However, the loved ones must be trained until they regard a hundred thousand such imaginary souls as non-existent and evanescent. They have newly intended a new well and wish to proceed to Jabulqa. Say: Establish ye also a holy precinct and occasionally issue forth numerous epistles therefrom. Say: Well done to your understanding and perception, that ye have still not comprehended that which ye possessed, and that which you took pride in was not mentioned before God. A few arose and took the reins of the hapless people, and how many falsehoods and vain imaginings were spread by those souls who counted themselves as leaders of the people and chiefs of the earth. Were one to be fair, one would observe that these lying souls were the cause of the martyrdom of the Primal Point, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him. Would that I were permitted by God to express and mention that which is hidden from them and from most people. The Command is in His hands; He commands and forbids, and He shall not be asked of His doings, and He is the Questioner, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Now observe that which was mentioned—all the people of the Bayan are aware of it, yet one cannot clearly mention this station, for they are seen to be disturbed and shaken. Now observe the power of vain imaginings, how it hath encompassed and seized these imaginary souls. Say: if ye were to busy yourselves with the construction of a cellar, it would be far better, for as someone hath said, what follows must conform to what precedes. There is no doubt that the imaginary conformeth with imagination through

imagination. Woe unto them and unto those who follow them! The All-Merciful hath testified that this is a wondrous Cause which God hath made sanctified above similitudes and comparisons, and above before and after, and verily He is the Originator of the heavens and the earth. Blessed are they who understand. In any case, that honored one must speak with the utmost wisdom, for there are certain statements which, though clear and manifest as the sun, would cause the hearts to be disturbed were one to utter them. The mysteries of inner meanings and utterance cannot be mentioned among the manifestations of the animal kingdom. God willing, whatever strength and power ye possess shall be expended in wisdom and utterance in service to the Cause of the All-Merciful.

BH02583: Praise be to God Who created the Point through…

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

Praise be to God Who created the Point through the Will which none has comprehended save God, the Lord of all creation. Then He turned toward it with the gaze of grandeur, whereupon it was differentiated and there appeared from it the Book of Names in the Kingdom of creation. Then He turned toward it with the sovereignty of power and might, whereupon the treasures of divine knowledge were revealed among the followers of all religions and the Kawthar of life flowed throughout all contingent being. Blessed, then blessed is he who turned, drew near, partook and drank in the name of our Lord, the All-Merciful. And when it stirred within itself, there appeared from nothingness the mysteries of existence, successively, continuously, and manifestly, through the appearance of what was intended by the Desired One, He Who oversees all that witnesses and is witnessed. Glorified be He Who gave speech to the tongueless, healed the sick, and made known to every hearing ear what He desired in His precious and mighty Day.

The glory which has shone forth from the horizon of grace and the praise which has dawned from the heaven of justice—and the first light whereby the niche of existence was illumined and the lamps of the unseen and the seen were lit—be upon His Afnans, His chosen ones, His loved ones and His friends. We beseech God to assist them, strengthen them and make them steadfast in their current state, for this is what will maintain their vibrancy upon the Divine Lote-Tree, their attachment to it, their clinging to its root, and their nearness to it in all conditions. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

My soul be a sacrifice for the adornment of your love. This ancient one has been renewed through your beautiful remembrance, our mighty and majestic Lord, and this thirsty one has drunk from the Salsabil of your love, O God, the Beloved of all worlds. When you attained and recognized, it was presented before the Face, whereupon the tongue of the Beloved spoke what appeared from the horizon of bounty that which none in creation can adequately praise. He spoke, and His word is the truth:

> “Blessed is he who has arisen to serve the Cause in such wise that neither what was created between earth [and heaven] moved him, nor what was uttered by the tongues of the wicked caused him to slip. Verily We love Our Afnan and make mention of them in a manner that will adorn them with My ornament. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Bestower, the Giver, the Mighty, the Generous.”

From His Honor the Teacher, upon whom be all the Glory of God, the Most Glorious: Although outwardly I have not heard mention of them, which would be a source of joy and delight, in every state this servant is gladdened by their remembrance and adorned with their love. We beseech God to strengthen me in this, for verily He is the Helper, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

In Jumada II, 1295

BH01796: Praise be to God Who, when He desires…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful!

Praise be to God Who, when He desires to open the First Treasury wherein were deposited the mysteries that were manifest from His Most Hidden Name, the Most Glorious, arises and speaks forth the Most Great Word. Then appears that which had not appeared in creation. Among the people are those who, having caught the fragrance, turn towards Him, detached from the world, and those who deny and disbelieve in God, the Most High, the Most Great. Exalted, exalted is He towards Whose atmosphere of love every sincere one soars, towards Whose ocean of beauty every seeker turns, towards Whose horizon of good-pleasure every searcher advances, and towards Whose Throne every humble one directs himself by His leave. Then exalted, exalted is He Whom all else fails to know and whose inadequacy to know His Essence all confess.

He is the One remembered Who is not remembered by any rememberer's remembrance, the Beloved Who is not described by any lover's description, the Adored One Who is not characterized by any adorer's attribute. Were I to say that the Living Waters tell of His utterance, this would be manifest unbelief, and were I to say that light derives from the lights of His countenance, this would be denied by every knowing sage. The Tongue of Grandeur has testified to this, as has His Most Exalted Pen, at eventide and at dawn.

Furthermore, my spirit be a sacrifice for you, O beloved of my heart, mentioned by my pen, my heart and my tongue! I bear witness that I have suffered loss upon loss, and what loss can compare with the loss of the letter Ha as he claims, or the loss of any in creation? For I was lying upon my bed, afflicted with what had weakened me for numbered days. I knew not nor was I aware when the fragrances of your pen and the perfume of your love reached me. When I was granted healing, I heard and took and read and praised God, the Lord of the seen and unseen, and the Lord of all worlds. You know that I have loved to hear at all times your call and whatsoever proceeds from you in the love of God, our Lord and your Lord, our Master and the Master of all worlds. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to enable me to hearken unto your call, your mention, your description and your praise, O Beloved of the mystics! When I attained your most pure letter, I turned to the Most Great Scene and presented it before the Throne. He spoke, and His word is the truth:

> "Blessed is he, then blessed is he, in that he has occupied himself with the remembrance of God in all conditions and has spoken His praise among the servants. My tongue bears witness to this, even as My mighty, exalted Pen bore witness before."

And concerning what you mentioned about the people of Iraq, I presented both the verse sent by him and the prose that flowed from your pen in remembrance of God's loved ones there. The Tongue of Grandeur spoke:

> "We make mention of them, but it behooveth not that mention from this quarter be sent to them, for the people are in great waywardness. We act in accordance with wisdom."

Thus hath it been sent down from One mighty, wise. Blessed is he who hath spoken the praise of God and composed in His remembrance that which gladdeneth the Concourse on High and those who circle round this exalted station. We have counseled them with wisdom. By My life! Whoso holdeth fast unto it, God will preserve him through a sovereignty from His presence. He is, verily, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

And concerning what you wrote about the dervish and what befell him, We beseech God to grant him double what was taken from him through deception and intrigue, and to adorn the servants with the raiment of justice and fairness. I hope that you will convey greetings from this evanescent one to him and to those whom you find upon a straight path. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant 1st of Rajab 1295

BH02193: The evanescent servant cries out before the face…

He is the One Who has power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is!

The evanescent servant cries out before the face of the world and mentions what his ear has been blessed to hear of what the Tongue of Grandeur and Glory has spoken. He said—and His word is the truth: By God! The horizon of trustworthiness has darkened, the countenance of friendship has changed, and the hem of faithfulness between earth and heaven has been sullied. That which is unworthy of God's Cause, His days, His grandeur and His glory has appeared in this land which was named the Crimson Spot among the Concourse of Names and under this heaven from My Most Exalted Pen. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to set right what we have neglected regarding Him, to forgive what we have wrought in His presence, and to ordain for us justice and that whereby His Cause and sovereignty may be uplifted among His servants.

O beloved of my heart! Though sorrows have taken hold and the hearts of the pure ones in God's lands and countries have been troubled by what has occurred in the prison land, yet we thank the Beloved that the world has been honored with the Most Great Joy, and verily He is the One seated upon the throne before the face of the nations. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower.

This is a petition from the evanescent one to him who has dawned from the horizon of Sad for the love of God, our Lord and the Lord of the sincere ones, informing him of what the Ancient Beauty has commanded me in this station. He said—and His sweetest utterance is: O My Name Ha! No one should proceed to the land of Kha and inform its people of matters that have occurred in this White Land whose atoms proclaim that there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Loving. According to the command, I am to inform your honor that no one should specifically proceed to the land of Kha regarding occurred matters. If anyone has proceeded or taken anything, let him send it to the direction of the Intended One and

definitely return it to its owner, and likewise that person himself should abandon the journey and return. This is what the Beloved of the Worlds has decreed.

And whatever has been given in the lands of Ta and Kaf—if they have sent it, the matter is finished, otherwise let it remain with your honor and send the names of those souls to the Most Holy Court. Verily He is the Ruler over what He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Wise.

May my soul be a sacrifice for your love and a sacrifice for your steadfastness. Everything beareth witness that you have not fallen short in God's Cause, His service, His remembrance, His praise, His assistance and the exaltation of His mighty Cause. Now there is no opportunity to submit more. God willing, in a few days this servant's petition will reach your honor. I beseech and hope from the True One, glorified and mighty be He, that you may be blessed in all times with wondrous and sublime fragrances. Glory, nay all glory, be upon your honor and upon those who love you and upon those who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

On 10 Rajab 1295.

BH00396: Blessed is this day whereon God's reed-pen hath moved…

Section 1: "Blessed is this day whereon God's reed-pen hath…"

He is God, Exalted is He is Might and Power

Blessed is this day whereon God's reed-pen hath moved within the field of remembrance and utterance, and His Most Exalted Pen in the arena of wisdom and exposition. Praise be unto Him, and the spirit of the Spirit unto His favors, for He hath caused us to hear that which the chosen ones and the saints died in their yearning to hear, and hath taught us that which none among the peoples of creation had known. Exalted, exalted be His grace through which existence hath been adorned with the raiment of attainment! Exalted, exalted be His generosity through which the sincere ones have been immersed in the ocean of meeting!

By God! The Pen confesseth its powerlessness and the tongue its extinction. There is none possessed of being save he hath confessed his limitation, nor any wielder of authority save in his bewilderment and inability to reach. Exalted, exalted be He Whom if thou describest, thou limitest, and if thou leavest undescribed, thou fallest short of that which thou art commanded. Therefore it behoveth us to hold fast unto that which we have been commanded in His perspicuous Book. He hath said—and His Word is the truth—"Remember Me" and in another place "Thank Me." Were it not for the permission from the direction of His favor, who could soar in the atmosphere of His praise and who could draw nigh unto the ocean of His remembrance? Every atom testifieth that He is God, there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been sanctified above all things and will ever continue to be as He hath been. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Bestower.

And further: the servant was enraptured by your nightingale of utterance which called out upon the branches of love and affection, and attained unto hearing that which warbled with spirit and fragrance. God knoweth that whatsoever appeareth from you is indeed joy for the hearts and delight for the souls.

When I attained and visited, I turned toward the Dayspring of Revelation and presented it before the Beloved. Then the tongue of grace spoke and uttered with justice:

> "O My Name Zayn! Hearken unto the call from the direction of the Most Great Spirit. Verily, there is none other God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Verily, those who desired grace and forgiveness from the heaven of the bounty of their Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Generous—say: We have heard your call and forgiven those who sought His forgiveness. Verily their Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Bestower, the Compassionate. Give glad-tidings unto Muhammad with the remembrance of his Lord, that he may praise through these verses which have been sent down from the heaven of the bounty of his Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Say: O people! Hold fast unto that which ye have been commanded in the Book and adorn yourselves with the virtues which We have commanded all to observe in a clear Tablet. Verily, he who acteth in accordance with that which God hath commanded him is of the people of Baha—to this beareth witness the Concourse on High—and he who casteth it behind him is among the heedless."

As for what thou didst mention concerning him who arrived from the people of Ha and Nun, We have accepted that which thou didst command him. Blessed art thou for having prevented him from turning toward this exalted station. O My Name Zayn! By God! We love Our loved ones—We hear and see their condition, to this all things bear witness, but the people are in a mighty veil. We have commanded them with that which profiteth them, and We write for whomsoever thy Lord desireth that which the treasuries of the heavens and earth cannot equal. The Most Exalted Pen hath not moved upon anything except there was good in it for the servants. Verily thy Lord is the Expositor, the All-Knowing.

As for what you mentioned concerning my name, the letter Ha, by My life, he hath accomplished that which hath amazed the Concourse on High. We have answered his request before his supplication and mention. Verily thy Lord is He Who ordaineth, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Beauteous. Thy Lord sayeth: excellent is what he hath written for thee, and excellent is what thou hast written for him. We have heard and We are among those who bear witness. We bid him observe the Greater Wisdom. The first thing enjoined upon him is to protect himself—to this every fair-minded and discerning one beareth witness. Give thanks unto God for having aided both thee and him, and granted you both that which hath been denied to all on earth save those whom the All-Knowing, the All-Wise hath willed.

Regarding what you wrote about the practice of seeking guidance, it is not within this servant's purview. Ask Jinab-i-Aqa Jamal himself, upon him be the Glory of God. And what was sent from the books with the beloved Jinab-i-Tabib, upon him be all Glory most glorious, has arrived.

And concerning what was written about the guest, upon her be the Glory of God, I conveyed her greetings to the people of the pavilion of grandeur. God willing, may they always be engaged in mentioning the Beloved with utmost joy. Convey this servant's greetings to Jinab-i-Safi and her, upon them both be the Glory of God. And what they have arranged regarding the funds has been accepted in His presence.

Regarding what you wrote about Aqa ʿAbdu'l-Ghaffar, it was submitted before His presence. He said:

> "May he be blessed with God's infinite bounties and remain firm in a cause from which many men have slipped. Today the wine of steadfastness is desired. Blessed are they who drink thereof, blessed are they who drink thereof!"

God willing, may all be engaged in service, remembrance, praise and attentiveness with pure hearts, radiant faces, expanded breasts, sanctified souls, humble temples, prostrate foreheads, remembering tongues, and attentive ears. Verily We have mentioned the Most Truthful One when thy letter was presented before the Wronged One in this exalted station.

Concerning what you wrote about the funds that Jinab-i-Ism-i-N and Jinab-i-Ism-i-ʿAyn, upon them be the Glory of God, have sent, and that you have used some for your debts and bestowed some upon others—this servant submitted this before His presence. He said:

> "Excellent is what he hath done with it. We had given him permission for this beforehand. Verily We are the Ruler."

Regarding the book, if a trustworthy, intelligent and experienced person is found, send it. And concerning what you wrote about the mentioned one, would that non-consultation had sufficed. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Concealer, the Generous.

And concerning what you wrote about His Holiness Ism-i-Ha, upon him be all Glory most glorious, having sent a letter to the land of H.M. with the intention of opening a way for news from the Most Holy Land to arrive quickly—blessed is he and well is it with him. In truth, His Holiness has been and continues to be the guardian of all matters related to the Truth, and his is the excellence of both beginning and end.

As thou didst write regarding Muhammad-Baqir of the people of Nur, who with Asadu'llah had beseeched that their names be mentioned in the Most Holy Court—praise be to God, they attained to this most exalted and sublime station. At the first hour of this night, this evanescent one attained the Most Holy Presence and mentioned them. This is what the Tongue of Knowledge spoke in the Kingdom of Utterance:

> "O Ornament of the Near Ones! The servant in attendance hath made mention of them both, and We have turned toward them from this Station and have sent down for them that which caused the light to shine forth and the fragrance of the Revelation to be diffused, that they may give thanks unto their Lord and be assured through the grace of God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Make mention of them on behalf of the Wronged One and give them the glad-tidings of the lights of the Sun of the bounty of their Lord, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. We beseech God to preserve them and aid them to serve His Cause and draw them nigh in all conditions unto His praiseworthy station. Verily We hear the call of him who hath sought his Lord and We answer him even as We answered the sincere ones before. Thy Lord is, in truth, the Mighty, the Loving."

Section 2: "And regarding what thou didst write about Darvish…"

And regarding what thou didst write about Darvish Baqir who hath ascended unto God, and thy request for forgiveness—it was mentioned, and a wondrous and exalted bounty was directed towards him.

Blessed is he! As for what he hath willed and what is known, carry it out according to the command. Blessed is he who assisteth the House of Blessing. We beseech God to grant him success and bestow upon him the good of this world and the next.

Likewise mention was made of Haji Ghulam-ʿAli. The Beloved saith:

> "Blessed is he in that he heard the Call and entered not the Prison-land without permission from this Wronged One, the Peerless. We make mention of him and pronounce Our greetings upon his face from this distant Station."

That which Our servant Rida composed after Nabil, and which his sister recited, hath been presented before the Throne. Verily We were listening. We love Our loved ones and make mention of them in truth. Thy Lord is verily the All-Gentle, the All-Forgiving, the Merciful. Then know thou that Our servant who was present made mention of him who was named Muhammad. We had previously mentioned him in such wise that his remembrance would endure throughout the kingdom. The Tablets of the All-Merciful and this exalted Book bear witness to this. Convey My greetings unto him and give him the glad-tidings of this beauteous mention.

As for what thou didst mention regarding Mahmud from the land of Ha and Mim, We have made mention of him as a bounty from Our presence. It behooveth him to place his trust in God in all matters and to hold fast unto the Sure Handle, lest the intimations of the opposers cause him to slip. Say: Blessed is he who hath on this day attained unto the living waters which God causeth to flow by the fingers of grace and bounty between the heavens and the earth. The world hath been illumined by the lights of His countenance, yet the people are sleeping.

And concerning him who desired to come to the Prison, then returned and died—O Zayn, observe and then remember when We sent down unto thee regarding that. Thy Lord is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We informed thee that the people heeded not God's prohibition and command, and He would prevent them in another way. He is verily the Mighty, the Powerful. We have forgiven him as a bounty from Our presence. It behooveth thee to give thanks and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds!"

As for what remained of the inheritance, let the sugar and tea be used.

As for what you mentioned concerning Aqa Muhammad-Qasim and his father and brother, upon them be the glory of God, it was presented at the Most Holy Court. He said:

> "Verily We have heard their call and continue to hear it, and We love them and make mention of them in Our Luminous Book. They must follow that which they have been commanded. He, verily, inscribeth for whomsoever desireth it the reward of attaining His presence, time and again. He is, in truth, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Say: Be not grieved at separation. By the life of God! We love Our loved ones and make mention of them as being near, though they be in a place far distant. Convey My greetings unto them and counsel them with wisdom and that which beseemeth it. By My life! Whoso hath attained unto it hath attained unto a mighty good."

And as for what thou didst mention concerning Ali-Qabli-Akbar, We love to make mention of those whom thou hast mentioned in thy letter, even were they to number as many as the raindrops or the leaves on the trees. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing. We make mention at this hour of him who is named Ali-Qabli-Akbar, that he may rejoice with the Most Great Joy in the days of his Lord and be of them that have attained. Say: Blessed art thou for having refrained when thou didst hear the command of God. This, verily, is a manifest deed. We have accepted thy work and thy devotion, and make mention of thee on this night wherein the Ancient Beauty hath established Himself upon the Most Great Throne and revealeth verses in such wise that none can transcribe them save him who writeth by My leave, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Be thou steadfast in the Cause. Beware lest the affairs of the world veil thee or the intimations of the heedless sadden thee. Be thou as firm as the immovable mountain upon the earth. Thus doth command thee He Who maketh mention of thee at this hour.

The response to the petition of Aqa Muhammad-Ibrahim was sent. God willing, he will attain unto it.

Likewise, a Tablet hath been revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will specifically for the mother of Aqa Muhammad-Hasan and hath been sent. Read it unto her that she may perchance behold divine love and be not saddened by anything. By thy life, O Beloved of my heart! If a soul were to truly reflect upon this Tablet, he would witness God's love for the weak and the widows.

As can be inferred from the blessed verses, while pilgrimage to the Most Holy Court is not permitted, they have the choice to either remain in that land or return to the Land of Ta.

Furthermore, the petitions from among the Jewish people reached the Most Holy Court, and in response to each one, exalted words were revealed from the heaven of God's Will and sent forth. God willing, may they attain unto their meaning and act accordingly.

Regarding the inquiry about the day of Naw-Ruz and the first day of the Festival, thy reckoning was correct and in accordance with reality.

This servant beseecheth the favors of that Beloved One that thou mayest convey to all the friends in that land, both those who were previously captives of God and those who have arrived subsequently, one and all, the most wondrous, most holy, most exalted, supreme mention and the most elevated, most mighty, most glorious greetings from this evanescent one. All glory, all glory be upon thee and thy family.

The servant 19 Rajab 1295

One more submission: This servant hath written a letter to Nabil the traveler, that is, Haji Muhammad-Baqir. Please deliver it to him.

The page of verses was also sent.

BH01674: Praise be to God Who has established Himself upon…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatness and Power

Praise be to God Who has established Himself upon the throne once in the Ridvan, and again in the garden, and at times in the mansion which was the Greatest Scene by virtue of the One Who is the Lord of Power having turned towards it, and once He established Himself upon the seat of His Most Glorious Name amidst the Concourse on High, and at times upon the crimson spot which was designated in the Book of God as the heaven of this heaven. Exalted, exalted be His all-encompassing power, exalted, exalted be His pervading Will, and exalted be His dominion that exercises sovereignty over all things, and exalted be His Name, the All-Powerful over all names. I bear witness with my feeble tongue to that which the Supreme Pen has testified in the Kingdom of Utterance that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Gracious.

And furthermore, you had written that after the arrival of the blessed Tablets, gatherings were held for several days during the afternoon hours and the friends were engaged in the remembrance of God. These matters were presented in detail at the Most Holy Court. He said:

> "Blessed are they who have fulfilled the Covenant of God and His Testament, and blessed are they who have taken the choice wine of utterance and drunk it in His Name, the All-Merciful. God willing, the beloved friends and seekers of the Ka'bah of the Intended One should at all times be enabled to partake of the Kawthar of divine knowledge and be confirmed in the remembrance of Truth which is, in reality, the water of life for the body of contingent beings. Verily, He is the Confirmer, the All-Wise."

I beseech and implore God, exalted and mighty be He, to confirm you at every moment with a fresh confirmation so that you may entirely occupy yourself night and day in praise of the Beloved of the worlds.

Regarding what was mentioned about Safi, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], his mention has always been and continues to be at the Most Holy Court. In truth, he attained the most exalted station, for he took and drank the most pure and luminous choice wine from the hand of the Sovereign of the unseen and the seen. The Truth Himself called him and he responded, and this is a station whose mention shall never be erased from the Tablet of Creation. Blessed is he, again blessed is he, and blessed is she who dwelt in the sanctuary of God for successive years and was named "Guest" by the All-Merciful. In any case, their mention has been and continues to be in the divine pavilion of infallibility and among the people of the divine sanctuary. A hundred thousand thanks that they have reached this degree and attained this station. Convey these details that were mentioned on behalf of this evanescent one to them.

And regarding what was written about the Blessed Place, it was presented. This is what the Beloved uttered:

> "God willing, may the Truth, exalted be His glory, not withhold His blessing from it and may He enable the friends to preserve, support and serve it. Verily, He is the Ordainer, the All-Wise."

And regarding the mention that was made of Master Husayn the Coppersmith, it was presented before His presence. He said:

> “O Husayn! We have accepted thy turning if thou wilt be of the steadfast. He writes for whomsoever He willeth the reward of attaining His presence. Verily, He is the Powerful. Verily, He seeth and knoweth and He is the All-Informed. Verily, he who turneth toward God, verily he turneth toward Him and He commandeth him that which profiteth him and verily He is the All-Knowing. If thou wert to ponder and look with the eye of the heart upon what hath been revealed for thee, thou wouldst find therein that whereby thou wouldst soar in the atmosphere of thy Lord’s will, the Sanctified, the Powerful, the Speaker, the Transcendent, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.”

With expressions of praise, glory and splendor, I present my greetings to all the friends. Please convey mention of this evanescent one’s annihilation and sincerity to all. And further, this servant conveys on behalf of all the friends of this land greetings and praise to you and all the beloved ones. The glory of God and the praise of all atoms be upon you and your family.

The servant 19 Rajab 1295

BH00194: Exalted is He Who hath caused the Pen…

Section 1: “He is the Most Holy, the Most Great…”

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most High, the Most Glorious!

Exalted is He Who hath caused the Pen to speak, taught the nations, and revealed what He desired of the mysteries of eternity, whereby the sincere ones rejoice and the steadfast ones soar. Exalted is He Who hath caused gladness through the Most Great Joy and hath turned with the most pure heart toward the Most Sublime Vision, the Station wherein the Lord of Destiny proclaimeth that there is none other God but Him, the Omnipotent, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Again, exalted, exalted is He Who hath opened the gates of heaven with the key of His Most Glorious Name and hath made known unto all that which shone forth and glittered, dawned and illumined, gleamed and radiated. He is verily the Hidden Mystery though He walketh among His servants, and He is verily the Treasured Secret even as He speaketh throughout His lands. He is the Speaker in His silence and the Silent One when He uttereth the Most Exalted Word amongst creation. Can fancy comprehend Him? Nay, by the Lord of all beings! Can hearts know Him? Nay, by the Sovereign of existence! Can tongues describe Him? Nay, by His Name, the All-Bountiful! When the Supreme Pen desireth to move in the arena of His praise, it is overwhelmed and bewildered, and when the Tablet desireth to bear His wondrous mention, it is transformed and convulsed.

Were it not for His confirmation, the Pen would swoon away for all eternity in both the kingdom of earth and heaven, and were it not for His sustaining power, hearts would be annihilated by the force of the call of the Lord of the realms of might. Exalted, exalted is He Who hath, through His grace, caused the springs of wisdom to gush forth amidst all creation. Blessed is he who hath attained to hearing its flow and hath drunk of its nectar. He is of those whose hearts have been illumined by the lights of the Countenance that hath shone forth from the horizon of eternity after the passing of all things. Exalted is this praiseworthy Station, this Most Great and blessed Spot.

I beseech Him, exalted be He, to make known unto all that which hath appeared in creation. He is verily the Lord of invention. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

The servant hath attained unto the traces of your ink, which bore witness to your love and sincerity towards God, our Lord and the Lord of the worlds, our Creator and the Creator of all nations. After long periods of time, the bird of faithfulness brought glad tidings through your distinguished letter. I immediately took it, opened it, read it, and turned towards the Dawning-Place of Revelation, presenting its contents before His Presence. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke—may my spirit and the spirit of all in the realm of earth and heaven be a sacrifice for His utterance—and His sweetest words were these:

O Samandar! This Wronged One hath heard thy call from this Most Great Prison, and remembereth thee with that which hath caused the fragrance of utterance to waft among all things possible, the perfume of the garment amidst the concourse of holiness, and the sweet-scents of revelation between the heavens and the earth. Blessed is he who hath found the fragrance of God in His days and hath spoken that which His Most Exalted Pen hath spoken. There is none other God but He, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Blessed art thou for having heard, having turned, having drawn nigh, having entered the precincts of the Throne, and having heard that which none have heard save whom thy Lord, the Almighty, hath willed. Make mention of the Wronged One amongst the servants. Say: By God! He hath desired naught for Himself. He hath chosen tribulation that ye might draw nigh unto the Most Sublime Horizon. All things bear witness to this, yet most of the people are heedless. We mentioned thee before, and this is yet another time, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Lord of all beings, and arise to celebrate His Most Glorious Name. He, verily, is the All-Knowing Teacher. Hold fast unto the cord of remembrance in the kingdom of creation and say: O peoples of earth and heaven! By God, that which was hidden from time immemorial hath appeared. Behold ye, that ye may know your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Informed. We have heard that which thou didst call upon God in thy letter which thou didst send to the servant who standeth before the Throne. Thy Lord is, verily, the Faithful Witness.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who circumambulated around Thy Throne and was named Nabil-i-Ali, then bear witness that he circumambulated the Most Great Scene and heard the call of the Lord of Destiny from this exalted Prison. O Muhammad-Ali! Hearken unto the call of the Prisoner. He remembereth thee from this praiseworthy station at a time when sorrows have encompassed Him. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. Grieve not at anything. Rejoice in My remembrance, My loving-kindness, My mercy, and My grace which have preceded all creation, for I am the Merciful.

We make mention of Our servant Al-Baqi, who hath believed in God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: Blessed art thou for having been faithful to God's Covenant and His Testament, and for having believed in Him when every doubting misbeliever denied Him. Soar in the atmosphere of joy for the Lord of Revelation remembereth thee from the direction of His mighty Prison. By God's life! The conditions of the world have not troubled Me, nor the ranks of the enemies, but sorrows have seized Me on account of that

which the hands of those who have committed what was unseemly for the days of God have wrought. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing. Be thou assured of thy Lord's grace. He heareth the call of whosoever calleth upon Him and turneth unto whosoever hath turned unto His luminous countenance. Give thanks unto God for having caused thee to hear His call and for having acquainted thee with that whereof most of the servants are heedless. Thy Lord is, verily, the Helper, the Succourer.

O My loved ones who have soared in the atmosphere of My love and quaffed the choice wine of My favor and turned their faces toward My countenance after the turning away of My creatures and My people! Give them glad-tidings from Me and proclaim unto their faces from thy Lord, the All-Wise. Say: O My loved ones! Be united in My Cause and gather around My Word. This is My counsel and My command, and among the wondrous expressions of My novel wisdom. Blessed is he who hath attained unto that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Book; he is of them that have attained unto all good in a mighty tablet.

Were ye to become aware of what befalleth Me of sorrows, ye would abandon the world entirely and would act in accordance with that which ye have been bidden by your Lord, the All-Bountiful.

We make mention of him who hath uttered praise of his Lord among others, and the All-Merciful hath testified that he is among them that have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed. We have mentioned him once by his most noble name and at other times by another name. He, verily, is the Ruler over what He willeth. O Ashraf! The Most Exalted Pen giveth thee glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for thee in the Most Glorious Kingdom. Be steadfast and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the mystics. We have made mention of thee and do mention thee as a favor from Us, and I am the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O Husayn-i-Qaf! Hearken unto that which the Lord of the world calleth thee, while imprisoned in the prison of the nations who turned away when the Ocean of Meeting surged and who denied that which the All-Merciful had testified to in His wondrous Day. Be steadfast in this Most Great Cause and hold fast unto His [firm] cord. Reflect upon God's grace and His favors. Verily, He maketh mention of His loved ones from this exalted station. Say: This is a station which hath been mentioned by the Most Beautiful Names in the Book of God, the Creator of heaven—at times named the Most Great Prison, at others the Most Exalted Station and the Supreme Paradise, and yet again the Heaven of this Heaven. Thy Lord, verily, is the Powerful over whatsoever He pleaseth. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Then We make mention of him who was named Muhammad-i-Baqir, that he may rejoice in the glad-tidings of his Lord and hold fast unto the cord of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. O Nabil-i-Baqir! Rejoice in that the Lord of creation maketh mention of thee from this station which hath been honored by God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. We have called the servants unto the supreme horizon, yet they turned away from that which would profit them and turned unto that which every vain imaginer commanded them. Blessed art thou for having hearkened unto the verses of thy Lord and having received from the hand of bounty My choice sealed wine. Drink thereof once in My Name and again in remembrance of Me, the Mighty, the Beloved. Blessed art thou for having held fast unto the Book of God and dwelt beneath His extended shadow. Thus doth the Most Exalted Pen make mention of thee amidst

the concourse of creation. By the life of God! Through it thy mention shall endure throughout the permanence of the Kingdom.

Make mention of him who was named Isma'il. Say: O Siyyid! Give thanks unto God that the Wronged One hath uttered thy name in this Prison which hath become renowned throughout the world and which God hath made the seat of His mighty throne. The Wronged One calleth thee unto God and counseleth thee to manifest supreme steadfastness. Follow thou and be of them that hold fast. Grieve not over anything. By the life of God! All that causeth the hearts of men to be troubled shall pass away. It behooveth everyone who hath turned unto the supreme horizon to rejoice in that which hath been ordained for him in a perspicuous Book. When thou hearest the crowing of the crow, be not disturbed. Put thy trust in the One, the All-Informed. Beware lest anything prevent thee from the remembrance of God and His praise. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen counsel thee from this remote station.

We make mention of him who is named by Ha before Jim (Haji Aqa Baba), who turned towards the Dayspring of the Revelation of his Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. He is among those who turned and drew nigh until he entered the seat of the Wronged One in this Prison, which God hath made the Dawning-place of sorrows. Remember when thou wert present before the Countenance and didst hear the call of the Wronged One and didst behold the Hidden Beauty Who shone forth from the horizon of the Vesture with a sovereignty before which necks have bowed low. We make mention of thee as a favor from Us, that thou mayest arise to serve thy Lord and speak forth His remembrance which hath encompassed all lands. Rejoice thou in My remembrance, then drink the Kawthar of My loving-kindness from the hand of My bounty. Thus doth the Lord of all beings command thee. Convey My greetings unto the faces of My servants in those parts who have cast aside all else but Me and have taken what came to them from the heaven of My grace and the horizon of My mercy and the Dayspring of My bounty which hath encompassed all regions.

We make mention of Javad (from Ishtihard) who was mentioned in thy letter. Give him the glad-tidings of My remembrance and My grace and My loving-kindness, and say: We made mention of thee before and this is yet another time. Thy Lord is verily the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. Give thanks for having been remembered before the Wronged One, and for that which hath been sent down for thee that shall not perish, through the eternity of My Most Beautiful Names. Thy Lord is verily the All-Bountiful. Be thou of such character as befitteth the Cause of thy Lord. Thus doth the Prisoner command thee and counsel thee from this far-distant spot. Convey My greetings unto the faces of My loved ones in thy land and give them the glad-tidings of My manifest grace. Say: We hear and We see, and I am the Hearing, the Answering. Say: Act ye according to what ye have been commanded in the Book of God. Thus doth the Lord of Creation command you from this firm Stronghold.

Section 2: "And We make mention of him who…"

And We make mention of him who is named Muhammad (Ishtihard). By God! Were he to inhale the fragrance of My verses, he would soar in the atmosphere of longing and would summon the servants to the Covenant of their Lord, the All-Knowing. O Muhammad! Be thou steadfast in the Cause of God in such wise that all beings would bear witness thereto. Thy Lord commandeth thee with that which shall profit thee in the Hereafter and in this world. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

Then hearken unto what the Lord of the worlds calleth out to thee and maketh mention of him who is named Hasan (Mashhadi) who drew nigh and turned towards the horizon of his Lord's Cause, the Most Holy, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Hasan! We have heard thy call and have answered thee with that by which the Concourse on High and they that circle round the Throne of thy Lord, the Most Great, were attracted. Blessed art thou for having taken the choice wine of life in the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and drunk thereof despite those who disbelieved when there came unto them the Dayspring of Revelation with manifest sovereignty. Guard thou this most exalted station as thou wouldst guard thine eyes.

Thy Lord is verily the Commander, the All-Knowing. We make mention of thee and all who have newly entered the City of Reunion, and We give them glad-tidings of this Day whereby the Scriptures of God, the Lord of all worlds, have been adorned. Blessed are they for having turned towards and drawn nigh until they entered the stronghold of divine knowledge in the days of their Lord, the All-Merciful. We say: Happy are they, and all things proclaim that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered in this noble station. When ye have attained unto the sweet fragrances of God's verses, arise and say:

Praise and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Lord of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen! We beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the sincere ones hastened to the ocean of Thy reunion and the near ones to the seat of Thy nearness and Thy presence, to make us in all conditions be looking unto Thee and speaking Thy praise. Then write down for us, O Lord of Names, by Thy Most Exalted Pen, that which Thou hast written for Thy trusted ones and chosen ones who have drunk the Kawthar of Thy bounty and the choice wine of Thy bestowals. Thou art verily the Omnipotent over what Thou willest, and Thou art verily the Truth, the Bestower, the Forgiving, the Kind, the Generous.

Verily We make mention of Our servant Nasir, that he may rejoice in the verses of God, the Sovereign Lord, the All-Informed. O Nasir! Thy remembrance hath been mentioned before the Throne, and there hath been sent down for thee that which draweth the hearts of the sincere. Remember when thou didst turn thy face toward My countenance and didst traverse paths by land and sea until thou didst arrive at the Most Great Prison and enter beneath the canopy of My grandeur and the pavilion of My loving-kindness, and didst drink the choice wine of My verses, and didst hear My call, and didst recognize My Revelation and My sovereignty and My majesty. Thus doth God single out whom He willeth through His grace, and I am verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Can this remembrance be equaled by what the kings possess? Nay, by the Lord of Lords! The Pen of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, beareth witness to this. Rejoice thou in My Most Great Remembrance and say: I have turned toward Thee, O Lord of all nations. I beseech Thee by Thy Self not to deny me the Kawthar of Thy bounty nor to withhold from me the fragrances of Thy days. I testify that this Day is Thy Day and this Revelation Thy Revelation, and that Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

What else can this servant say or submit? Divine favors, like torrential rains, are flowing and streaming from the heaven of His Will in such wise that none hath ever been capable of describing them as they deserve. For every soul mentioned in thy letter, whether addressed to this servant or to Jud (upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah]), wondrous and sublime verses have been sent down from the heaven of grace, as thou

canst observe. All must reflect upon the tenderness, mercy and generosity of the True One—exalted be His remembrance, exalted be His Name, and exalted be His attributes—and with a hundred thousand tongues, hearts and souls thank the Beloved of the worlds. God willing, thou shouldst deliver or read to each person that which hath been specifically revealed for them. However, wisdom must be observed in all things, for if the divine verses were to be widely circulated among the people, it would surely give rise to hatred and opposition.

Regarding what thou didst mention about the trading goods, it was submitted before His presence and He commanded that, as before, they should continue trading with them and have permission to dispose of them. He hath said—sweet are His words:

> "O Samandar! We have accepted what thou didst send and have returned it to thee that thou mayest profit thereby among the servants and follow what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Book."

O beloved of My heart! Thou and the trustworthy and sincere souls bear witness how much wealth was brought to this land and was refused, and after supplication and entreaty only what was necessary was accepted. Furthermore, after the revelation of the Book of God and the establishment of divine rights, He specifically commanded that none should demand the Huqúqu'lláh. This depends on the good pleasure of the souls themselves—that is, the obedient, believing, devoted souls who pay the Huqúqu'lláh with perfect submission and contentment. And now the situation has become such that He has specifically commanded that whoever has Huqúqu'lláh with them should pay them. Thus it is evident what has transpired and what has become manifest.

Concerning what you wrote about the fixed contributions, all was presented before the Throne, and they will most assuredly dispatch them with utmost diligence to wherever they were sent. We beseech God to guide all to His straight path. O beloved of My soul! The Day of God hath appeared—this Day which hath been named by the tongue of all the Messengers as the Day of God. Nevertheless, these deluded people remain occupied with previous mention, heedless and deprived of the Truth, glorified and exalted be He. Beseech God to grant fairness and bestow sight. Say: On the Day of God none is mentioned save the Truth, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, despite those who have clung to the imaginary Qa'im, the fabricated successorship, and the false caliphate. Woe unto them! Again woe unto them! Would that they were aware of matters. By the Truth itself, they walk in the darkness of idle fancies and comprehend not.

Furthermore, regarding the letter of His Excellency ʿAli-Qabli-Akbar, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah], which was sent in the name of His Excellency Jud, upon him be Baha'u'llah—this servant was blessed to behold it, and truth was with His Excellency, for much time had passed and the sending of correspondence was neither expedient nor wise. However, a few days ago, a detailed petition that had been written some time ago was dispatched, as were other petitions to the honored and revered gentlemen, upon them be Baha'u'llah. This servant beseeches the Truth, glorified and exalted be He, to aid him at all times in mentioning the sincere ones and those near unto God. Verily, He is the Answerer, the Generous. The reply to the gentlemen's letters has never been and will never be delayed, unless some impediment arises or some excuse presents itself.

And concerning what His Honor Mulla Ali-Akbar (upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah]) wrote about Siyyid Baqir Isfahani, who is the brother of Mirza Murtada entitled Sadru'l-Ulama—this deluded one has been trained by Siyyid Muhammad Isfahani. The trainer and the trained are both in the depths of hell. This person was in Karbila and is a most deluded man. He never had and does not have any understanding or awareness, and he was never and is not at all informed about this Cause. Whatever he says he has heard from that malicious one and deluded souls, and he speaks without comprehension. He had gone to the Holy Land to acquire religious knowledge hoping to become a mujtahid and plunder the people, but he did not succeed and returned. This is his story.

God willing, His Honor ʿAli-Qabli-Akbar (upon him from all glory its most glorious) must bring the dead to life through divine fragrances and bring the unconscious to awareness, and must at all times be engaged with utmost effort in teaching the Cause of the Creator of existence, and strengthen weak souls through the Ancient Name, that they may attain to such a station where they behold the light of certitude and assurance and attain recognition of the Day of God and what beseemeth it. For most people now know not what is happening. The people of the Bayan who have turned away from the Countenance of the All-Merciful are in truth observed to be like the people of the Furqan. Without any change or alteration they cling to matters that those false souls cling to. They know not what they say or to whom they turn.

Say: By the Sun of the horizon of inner meanings, this Day hath no likeness or comparison. The Ancient Beauty and the Most Great Name speaks that wherewith the Point of the Bayan gave glad tidings to all creation. To this testifieth every just and knowing one. Those who have turned away today have indeed denied God and His verses. To this testifieth all that was revealed in the Bayan, but the people are in evident veils. This is not a day for anyone to cling to a word or hold fast to a former mention. This is a wondrous Day, the Sun of wonders is risen, the Sea of wonders surgeth, and that which hath appeared therein cannot be compared with what appeared before. Were it otherwise, all that was foretold would be meaningless and vain.

Say: O heedless ones! Is it permitted that on the Day of God ye should occupy yourselves with mention of aught else but Him and cling to former traditions? Nay, by the Self of God Who dominateth all the worlds! This is a Day wherein all must turn to the Dawning-Place of Revelation and speak of what appeareth from His presence. Whoso acteth contrary to what God hath commanded, he is assuredly among the perishing ones. To this testifieth all things and behind them the Lord of Names Who speaketh between the heavens and earth.

I end these words at this point and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds.

Another submission is that you should convey sublime and wondrous greetings from this servant to all the friends in that land and say: I hope, God willing, that you will drink from one sea and gather upon a single point. O friends! Today is the day of remembrance and praise, and today is the day of service and obedience. Strive to succeed in that which will cause the perpetuation of name and mention and spirit and soul. You made no mention of the son of Janab-i-Abhar, upon him and upon his father and mother be the Most Glorious Glory of God, and likewise of the relatives of Janab-i-Mulla Abdu'r-Rahim, upon him and them be the Glory of God, although mention was made of Janab-i-Mulla Abdu'r-Razzaq, upon him be the Glory of God, in the letter of Ism-i-Jud.

In any case, the purpose is that it be known and certain to the friends of God that they have been and are mentioned in the Most Holy Court. This is of His great bounty. What else can I say and in what tongue can I express it? Indeed, whatever I might say in mention of Janab-i-Nabil-i-Qabil-i-ʿAli, upon him be His most glorious splendor, would be insufficient. This is a station where both mention and its absence are bewildered. I beseech and hope from God, exalted and mighty be He, that He will, at all times, give him to drink of the sealed wine and waft unto him the fragrances of the stirred garment. Verily He is the Merciful Giver. Indeed the tongue falls short in mentioning the loved ones of God.

I remember all with utmost sincerity; none have been nor will be forgotten. The mention of submission of sincerity to the drinkers of the wine of divine knowledge depends on your attention, grace and bounty. The Glory be upon you and upon them and upon all who have attained unto the Straight Path of God. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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BH00329: Praise be to God Who hath raised up…

Section 1: "Praise be to God Who hath raised up…"

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

Praise be to God Who hath raised up the heaven of utterance and adorned it with brilliant stars, and illumined its horizon with the Sun of the remembrance of the Most Great Name, whereby the world was illumined. When the air stirred and the heaven moved, the ocean of knowledge surged and the Ark of God sailed thereon through His Most Glorious Name. Blessed is he who clung unto it and embarked upon it through the Name whereby the veils were rent asunder and the coverings were torn away. Glorified be He Who hath revealed what He desired through His exalted Word and hath spoken and caused all things to speak. Verily His Word is the path of truth and the balance of justice, whereby the lovers were attracted and soared in the atmosphere of longing, and whereby the sincere ones arose to promote the Cause of God between earth and heaven, and bore in His love such tribulations as none can reckon save God, the Lord of all names.

Through it were opened the gates of the treasuries of heaven and the Kingdom of Names was revealed. Through it the Trump was blown and the Call was raised amidst the concourse of creation. Through it the mountains of idle fancies were scattered and the heavens of vain imaginings were cleft asunder and the earth of knowledge were split among the peoples.

At times thou seest it flowing like water in the valleys, and at other times blazing like fire upon the heights. Through it were the hearts of the wretched consumed and the Concourse on High made glad. Can the Pen ever exhaust Its praise? Nay, by the Lord of Names! Can paper ever contain It? Nay, by the Creator of heaven! Verily, It is that through which the names and all things were manifested. There is nothing but that it hath withered at Its appearance and manifestation. Through It the fragrance of God was wafted throughout creation, the dwellers in the graves were stirred, and the Day of Resurrection

came to pass. Exalted, exalted be He Who revealed It and created It and made It the source and educator of all things. Exalted, exalted be He Who hath made Himself known and taught His servants what He desired. He is, verily, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

And further: the servant hath attained to that which flowed from your pen that moved in praise and glorification of God and in describing His attributes and names. When I opened it and read it and became aware of its contents, I turned toward the heaven of the Cause and presented what was presented before the Throne. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that whereby the world was gladdened and the mouldering bones were quickened. He—glorified and exalted be He—spoke:

O Ali! We were seated upon the throne in the Most Great Prison when the servant who is present before Us entered with thy letter and made known its contents—and verily We are the Hearing, the Answering One. We have heard thy call and recognized the depth of thy love for thy Lord. Remember when thou didst turn toward the Prison and stand before its gate, hearing the call of the Wronged One Who spoke from the most exalted station that there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. O Ali! Hearken unto what the ungodly say in this Most Great Revelation whereby the limbs of all nations have trembled. Thy Lord is verily the Expositor of Truth, and He is the All-Knowing. They say He hath claimed Divinity—a claim that beseemeth no one among His servants. Thus have their hearts hardened and their souls deceived them. Thus do We recount unto thee the utterances of the heedless ones, and We are the All-Informed, the All-Aware.

Say: By God! This is God's Day wherein none is mentioned save Him. He is verily the One Who speaketh in the Most Great Prison and calleth betwixt earth and heaven. No Prophet there was who did not herald this Day to all creation, and no Book exists but was adorned with this Most Great Name. Say: None is mentioned on this Day save God, His names, and that which hath appeared from Him. Thus hath the Command been sent down in all the Tablets, yet most of the people are heedless. Say: This is the Wondrous One through Whom the horizon of creation was illumined and through Whose Word was manifested that which lay hidden in the treasuries of God's protection, the Mighty, the Powerful. Say: Were He to speak other than what He hath spoken, then ye might have cause to object. Say: Reflect and be not among the opposers. Say: This is He Who hath come from the heaven of grandeur with manifest sovereignty and hath called all to God in such wise that neither ranks nor hosts nor the protestations of the ungodly could deter Him.

And those among the people of the Bayan who denied the All-Merciful forgot all they were promised, speaking as spoke the people of the Furqan before them. Say: Woe unto them and unto you, O company of doubters! They followed vain imaginings as did their forebears. Thus doth the Tongue of Grandeur speak the truth. Be thou thankful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all worlds! Blessed is he who hath cast behind him vain imaginings and stood firm in this Cause whereby the feet of the mystics have slipped. Say: Fear ye God and follow not your idle fancies. Follow Him Who hath come unto you with a proof that neither the heavens nor the earth can withstand.

Grieve thou not over anything. Verily He heareth and seeth, and We are the All-Seeing. We have remembered thee time and again, and this is yet another time. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of thy Lord's verses, arise and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Creator of the heavens! Glory be unto Thee, O

Thou in Whose grasp lieth the reins of all worlds! I praise Thee and thank Thee for having caused me to turn toward Thy most exalted horizon and to recognize Thy Beauty after every remote misbeliever had turned away therefrom, for having shown me Thy countenance after the passing away of all things, for having made me hear Thy most sweet call, for having enabled me to attain unto the ocean of Thy Most Great Name, and for having given me to drink, through Thy bountiful hands, the water of everlasting life.

Every limb of my body testifieth to Thy grace, Thy bestowal, Thy generosity and Thy gifts, and verily Thou art the Generous Giver. O my God! Thou seest that mine eyes are turned toward the horizon of Thy favor and mine ears are attentive to hear Thy call. O Lord! The yearning one's longing and rapture never cease, nor doth his love and ardor ever cool. I beseech Thee by Thine own Self to make me in all conditions enraptured by Thy verses, delighting in the fragrances of Thy raiment, clinging to Thy robe, and speaking Thy praise amongst Thy creatures. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Akbar! The Lord of Destiny calls thee from the direction of His Most Great Scene, as a token of His grace upon thee, that thou mayest be of the thankful ones. From this Most Holy Station We send greetings to the faces of those who have turned to the countenance of God and responded when the Call was raised between earth and heaven, and followed that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in a preserved Tablet. We make mention of them and give them glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for them in the Kingdom of God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: Beware lest the world prevent you from the Creator of heaven. Leave the people to their vain imaginings and take what hath come to you from God, the Mighty, the Great. He loveth him who loveth Him, and remembereth him who remembereth Him, and beholdeth him who standeth firm in His remembrance and the service of His Cause. He, verily, is the All-Hearing, the All-Wise.

At the end of the Tablet We make mention of him who is named Rida, who hath turned to the Face and believed in God, the Single, the One, the Powerful. Convey My greetings to him and give him the glad tidings of that which hath been sent down for him from God, the Ancient Revealer. We then make mention of the handmaidens who have turned, drawn nigh, recognized, and drunk of My luminous wine. Blessed are they in that they have fulfilled God's Covenant and His Testament, and remained steadfast in this wondrous Cause. The glory be upon thee, upon thy family, and upon those who have believed in God and held fast to His wise Book.

Section 2: "The verses sent down from the heaven…"

The verses sent down from the heaven of divine Will bear witness to the special favors that have been and continue to be directed toward you. Regarding what you wrote about this servant being remiss in sending letters—yes, indeed there was a delay, but this was neither due to laxity and indolence, nor, God forbid, from any lack of sincerity. God is aware and bears witness that your mention and love have been and will remain in heart and tongue.

And concerning what you wrote about circumambulating the Temple of Unity on your behalf—at the time of the revelation of verses, praise be to God, this evanescent servant attained this bounty and performed the visitation and circumambulation on your behalf.

And regarding what you wrote about the loved ones of Qamsar who have arisen to serve the Cause—this was presented before the Most Great Scene. This is what was revealed for them from God, the Lord of all worlds:

O My loved ones in that place! Hearken unto My sweetest call which hath been raised from this luminous Spot. Verily, there is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The glance of the Wronged One hath been directed towards you from this known Station. He, verily, is the Hearing, the Responding One. Blessed are ye for having believed and turned toward the Supreme Horizon, after the servants turned away save whom God, the Single, the All-Informed, willed. Hold fast to the cord of unity, then make mention of your Lord, the All-Merciful, with joy and fragrance. Thus doth command you the All-Knowing Commander. We have seen you and heard your call and have answered you with these verses through which the fragrance of utterance hath been wafted throughout all possibilities.

He, verily, is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. By God's life! There hath been ordained for you in My Most Glorious Kingdom that which the pen cannot describe, yet most of the people know not. Rejoice in My Name, then drink the water of life through My wondrous remembrance. We counsel you to show forth supreme steadfastness and to observe that which God hath revealed from the Supreme Pen in the Crimson Tablet. He commandeth you that which shall profit you in the Hereafter and in this world. To this beareth witness the Lord of creation in His mighty prison. Be gladdened by My remembrance of you. All the treasures of the heavens and earth cannot equal it. Hearken unto him who is among you and remindeth you of the remembrance of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Turn towards the Land of Kaf and make mention of them who have soared in the atmosphere of Thy nearness and have attained the recognition of Him Who caused thee to speak with truth. Verily thy Lord is the Bestower, the Generous. Blessed are ye for having attained and recognized the Wronged One when every heedless and remote one turned away from Him. The world and all that is therein shall perish, and there shall endure for you that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in His perspicuous Book. God hath testified to your acceptance and your faith. Rejoice then in this Most Great Remembrance, and drink of My luminous wine. Guard your stations with supreme steadfastness lest the allusions of them who have disbelieved in the Lord of all worlds cause you to slip. The glory be upon you and upon them who have laid hold of God's Book with His strength and have acted according to that which they were bidden by their Lord, the All-Wise.

The names mentioned in your letter were brought before the Most Great Presence. Praise be to the Beloved of the worlds that they were adorned with the ornament of His love and attained His recognition. They took and drank the wine of immortality from the hand of bounty. Happy are they and those who have attained this noble station. Wherever ye attain unto a divine Tablet, ye should deliver what is inscribed therein to its people or send it to them, and convey to each one specifically a wondrous and sublime greeting from God.

And concerning what ye wrote about the steadfast women, the submissive ones, the believing women, and the confined ones of that land—this was presented at the Divine Throne. Wondrous and sublime verses were revealed from the heaven of God's Will specifically for each one, and the glance of mercy was directed towards each. Blessed are they for having attained the recognition of God and the service of

His firm and wise Cause. It is clear and evident to every person of understanding that whatsoever is in this world has been and will be mutable and transient. Soon all that is visible shall vanish, and that which shall endure forever is the mention that floweth from the Most Exalted Pen specifically for each of the servants and handmaidens. Blessed are they who have attained this most exalted station. By God's life! Were We to fully describe this station, all the peoples of the world would turn to the most exalted horizon and engage in service to the Cause with the utmost joy and fragrance. Thus doth the Truth speak with truth and make mention of that which gladdeneth the hearts of the sincere ones and the minds of them who are firmly established.

Beseech ye God, and let them beseech, that they may remain firm and steadfast in the Cause of God. Say: O handmaidens of God! Be thankful that your mention was presented before the Throne and that your deeds were for God's sake and were accepted in the Most Holy Court. God willing, may ye be blessed at all times with the fragrances of divine verses and be gladdened by His remembrance.

And concerning what ye wrote about the word of forgiveness regarding the late Haji Mulla ʿAli-Akbar—this was presented before the Throne. This is what was sent down from the Kingdom of Utterance from God, the Mighty, the Bestower.

O My handmaiden! We give thee glad tidings of thy Lord's grace and make mention of that which will rejoice thy heart and the hearts of those women who have believed in God, the Mighty, the Bestower. Know thou that God hath forgiven him through His grace, purified him and caused him to ascend unto the Most Exalted Companion. Verily thy Lord's grace hath encompassed all created things. Thus doth God change whatsoever He willeth and ordain for whomsoever He pleaseth whatsoever He desireth. Nothing can frustrate Him and no affair can defeat Him. He doeth what He willeth through His power and ordaineth through His sovereignty what He desireth. Give thanks and make mention through these verses which have been sent down from the heaven of thy Lord's mercy, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. The glory be upon thee and upon those women who have perceived the fragrance of the garment in the days of God, have turned toward the horizon of Revelation and have hearkened unto the call of God, the Lord of Religions.

Furthermore, regarding the matters which His Holiness the Name of God "Ha"—upon him be all the most glorious glory and upon him be all the most excellent praise—hath undertaken, this servant hath briefly submitted according to the Most Holy, Most Exalted Command. Undoubtedly they will inform your honor thereof and it should be carried out accordingly.

Moreover, regarding the mother of the sacred household—upon her be the glory of God—who resideth in the Land of Kaf, let them emphasize strongly that the souls dwelling in that land should show her respect, for truly she hath endured manifold afflictions in the path of God. Blessed is she for what she hath patiently endured in the path of our Lord and the Lord of the worlds. Now she remaineth in a foreign land and with utmost distress she is patient and grateful. We beseech God to assist her and grant her what beseemeth His abounding grace, and to assist those who honor and revere her for the love of God, the Mighty, the Wise. If possible, convey glad tidings to her on behalf of this evanescent one, for mention is made of her at the Divine Throne and the glance of favor is directed towards her. Blessed is she and blessed her patience, her gratitude, her generosity and her turning unto God, the One, the Peerless.

This evanescent one entreateth your honor to convey most glorious, most sublime, most exalted greetings on behalf of this servant to the friends and notables of every land. Furthermore, the friends of the Prison Land and those who circle round it all remember your honor with most excellent remembrances and salutations. The glory of God be upon your honor and your family and upon all the loved ones of God, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant 17 Sha'ban 1295

BH00255: Praise be to God Who is unique in utterance…

Section 1: "Praise be to God Who is unique…"

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

Praise be to God Who is unique in utterance and peerless in explanation, Who is magnificent in majesty and transcendent in glory, Who hath shone forth through the influence of His Most Exalted Pen upon all who dwell in the kingdom of creation. Then were all created things thrown into commotion and all contingent beings were stirred by the fragrances that wafted from His Pen as it raced across the field of wisdom and knowledge. Glorified be He Who moved it, and glorified be He Who gave it speech, and glorified be He Who made it known, and glorified be He Who taught it the knowledge of what hath been and what shall be. Verily, He is the One through Whom the ocean of life surged in the realm of possibility and through Whom the Dove of the Cause warbled upon the branches.

There is none other God but Him. He hath ever been sanctified above all names and shall ever remain exalted above whatsoever the people of creation utter. Whosoever claimeth to know Him is gainsaid by the tongues of all created things. All things testify to His grandeur and His sovereignty. Exalted, immensely exalted, is His Cause that hath encompassed the kingdom of earth and heaven, and His sovereignty that hath dominated all who dwell in the realms of divine might. We praise Him for having illumined for us the horizon of Revelation and for having manifested that which lay hidden in His preserved Tablet, and for having caused His loved ones to turn toward the Most Sublime Horizon and to drink of His most glorious wine, whereby what was hidden hath appeared and what was treasured hath been revealed.

Exalted be His Hidden Name, Who hath come with the truth with the sovereignty of grandeur and power, and through Whom was established that which lay concealed within the scrolls of God, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the Unconstrained.

And furthermore, how pleased was the servant's eye to behold thy letter, and how gladdened was his heart to perceive the fragrance of thy words. We beseech God to assist thee and those with thee, and to strengthen thee and them to remain steadfast in this Cause whereby the mountains of learning were scattered, the heaven of vain imaginings was cleft asunder, the suns of idle fancies were darkened, and the moons of knowledge were eclipsed. By God's life! The Tongue of Grandeur hath repeatedly and continually spoken this word, saying—and His word is the truth: "By My life, the Cause is mighty, mighty indeed!" And when the land of Syria was honored by the footsteps of the Lord of all beings, and perceived the fragrance of inspiration, and attained the Water of Life after being consumed by the fire of

separation and awaiting the days of reunion, He then declared—and His word is the truth: “We have named this prison the Most Great Prison.”

Were anyone to reflect upon that which hath shone forth from the horizon of utterance, he would find a drop from the ocean that lieth concealed within the words of his Lord, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving, and would recognize the greatness of the Cause, its sovereignty, its loftiness, its power, its dominion and its glory, and would be numbered among those who are firm, steadfast and certain.

At this moment when the servant was occupied with penning this letter, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing summoned me and said: “O My servant in attendance! Take up the pen by My command and write to him who hath been named Kamal: O Kamal! Ponder upon the people of the Bayan and hearken unto what they say regarding this Remembrance at Whose appearance the Most Great Remembrance bowed down in submission and that which was recorded in the scrolls and books was fulfilled.

By God’s life! They are in dissension and hypocrisy, to which thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, doth testify. Among them are those who have claimed that He hath claimed Divinity. Say: Yea, by my Lord! This is the Day of God and He hath come, with the angels rank upon rank. The Qur’an foretold this in His words The Kingdom on that Day shall be God’s,’ and in this hour He verily speaketh the truth: There is no God but Me, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.’ Say: Fear God and follow not your idle fancies. Follow that which ye have been commanded by God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: By God! The Lord hath come and these are His signs. Have ye not heard what We revealed aforetime: On the day when thy Lord cometh, or some of the signs of thy Lord’? Be fair then, and be not of the heedless. Say: He is indeed the One foretold by the Revealer of the Bayan, Who said—and His word is the truth: He hath ever been, and will ever continue to proclaim: Verily, I am God, there is no God but Me. O My creation! Worship ye Me!’

O Kamal! We desired to raise them to the kingdom of utterance and the heaven of certitude, yet they retreated until they returned to their abode in the nethermost fire. They have followed the people of the Qur’an after having rejected it, and have clung to the mention of the Caliphate and its sister after We had desired to sanctify hearts from that which had veiled and hindered them. Thus do We recount unto thee that thou mayest be among those who are possessed of understanding. Say: Nothing shall profit you this Day, though ye should cling to all the things in heaven and earth, except that ye repent and return unto God, the Mighty, the Most Praiseworthy.

O Kamal! Say: O ye that are devoid of justice! What profit did the people of the Dispensation of the Qur’an gain after being occupied with such matters for twelve hundred years, and what was their fruit? Say: Fear ye the one true God and be not of those who disbelieved in His divine proof and His evidence. This is the Word of Truth that hath shone forth from the Dayspring of the divine utterance, and after it there is naught but manifest error. Those who have never had, nor now have, any knowledge of this Cause are now claiming knowledge thereof and have arisen to lead the servants astray. Beseech ye God that He may strengthen the people of Baha to guide all men through consummate wisdom, praiseworthy character and goodly deeds, and draw them to the Source of divine bounties that they may quaff the wine of mystical knowledge and become moved to celebrate the praise of the Beloved of the world in the assemblage of creation.

O Kamal! This is the Day wherein sanctified souls should appear adorned with the ornament of pure servitude—that is, with utmost humility and lowliness, engaging in the mention and praise of the Lord of men amongst the people. By God's life! This is the most exalted station, the most glorious station, and the most sublime station, were ye to know. And should anyone speak of aught else besides what hath been mentioned, he hath not been nor will ever be mentioned before the Throne. Your honor should regard this matter with utmost enthusiasm, attraction and endeavor, for We have previously announced in the Tablets that the heralds of Satan would appear and false claimants would arise. Say: Fear God and be not of the transgressors. Thus hath the Supreme Pen spoken by God's command, the Creator of the heavens and the Lord of Names, and hath enjoined upon thee what He hath been bidden by God, the Mighty, the Clear, the All-Wise.

Take thou the Book of God by Our command, then follow what thou hast been commanded, and be not of the heedless. Know thou the value of these days. By God! Therein hath appeared what hath never appeared from time immemorial. Behold thou the Most Exalted Horizon that thou mayest see how the Throne hath been established, and seated thereon is the Lord of Names with a sovereignty that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thus hath spoken the Lord of Eternity in the Most Great Prison, and He, verily, is the All-Informed Speaker.

As to what you wrote regarding your visit to the Land of Ha, where you inhaled the sweet fragrances of the garment of the All-Merciful's love from its wise ones, upon whom be the Glory of God, this was presented at the Most Holy Court and the Greatest Scene, and their mention hath flowed from the Supreme Pen in several instances. We beseech God to grant sight unto all who dwell on earth that they may not be deprived of beholding the lights of the Countenance of the All-Glorious in this spiritual morn and luminous dawn.

Likewise, may He bestow upon all the sense of smell that they may detect the fragrance of His garment and find their way to the true Friend and the spiritual Sun. And may He grant them taste that they may take hold of the everlasting bounty and heavenly food with the hand of certitude and assurance and be sustained thereby. O My loved one! It is not known what hath befallen the world and what intoxication hath seized it. Though at all times the cry is raised and the call of the All-Merciful is elevated among all possibilities, none hath awakened from the wine of heedlessness save whom God hath willed. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist your honor to act and speak in accordance with that which is His good-pleasure in this Day. Verily, He is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth, and He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the Most Manifest.

In truth, Tablets were previously revealed specifically for the philosophers and were sent through Hadba, and likewise in the letter of Aqa Muhammad-Baqir, upon him be [Baha'u'llah's glory], mention was made of them and their questions were answered. We beseech God to assist them to be steadfast and to aid those who convey to them the Cause of their Lord, the Mighty, the Wondrous. You should also convey to them mention of divine favors, that they may rejoice in God's grace and heavenly gifts and engage with utmost joy and gladness in the remembrance of the Beloved of the world.

At this moment, this ephemeral one was again summoned to the Most Holy Presence. He said: "Write to Kamalu'd-Din that answers have been revealed to the questions posed by the aforementioned

philosophers, and this was due to divine grace bestowed upon them. Otherwise, the Most Exalted Pen has not wished to set forth interpretations of previous utterances, or their explanation, or commentary on past events." O Kamal, by God the Truth! Verily He has not come to interpret what was revealed before or to explain what people possess. Say: He has come from the Dayspring of eternity with hosts from the Supreme Concourse and with an utterance which none knoweth save the people of Baha, whom God hath described in His wondrous Book.

Say: His eye hath appeared that thou mayest behold His most holy, most mighty, and most inaccessible Beauty, and His ear that thou mayest hearken unto His verses, at the revelation of which the necks of the proud were humbled. Say: His tongue hath appeared that He may speak that which the Point of the Bayan foretold when He said: "Verily He speaketh in all things: 'There is no God but Me. O My creation! Worship ye Me."' We have revealed unto thee these verses that thou mayest become aware of thy Lord's favor and bounty which have encompassed the philosophers who have attained unto My manifest remembrance.

Section 2: "O ye people of Nun, hearken unto…"

O ye people of Nun, hearken unto the call of the Hidden Mystery that speaketh from the Most Great Prison and addresseth the nations, summoning them unto God, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. O people of Naraq! The Luminary of the horizons maketh mention of you with a remembrance whose fragrance hath spread throughout all creation. Be grateful unto God and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the world, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Revealer of the Tablets!"

By God's life! Through His mention your remembrance shall endure and your names shall be immortalized in the Book adorned by My Most Exalted Pen. Thus doth God single out whom He willeth through His grace. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Bounteous.

O My loved ones in that place! Abandon what the people possess. Take ye hold of My Book through which the breath of God hath wafted over all else and by which all regions have been perfumed. Thus hath God honored you with His mention and His grace that ye may thank Him at all hours of the night and ends of the day. Say: Verily His Pen moveth to make mention of His loved ones, and His tongue uttereth that which they have wrought in His love and good-pleasure. To this testifieth this Tablet which hath spoken betwixt earth and heaven that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

Convey My glorification unto their faces and remind them of My days, My manifestation, My sovereignty, My power, My fragrances, My sweet savors, My kingdom and My dominion, and that which hath appeared from My Word that hath encompassed the horizons. Glory be upon the people of Baha who have fulfilled God's covenant and testament and held fast unto the Book. Then the face of Baha turneth unto those women who have believed in God, the Lord of creation. Blessed are they inasmuch as they have heard, turned towards, and set their faces toward the countenance of God, the Revealer of clear tokens.

O My handmaidens! Turn with your hearts toward the Most Exalted Horizon, then drink in My name the Kawthar of My utterance, the wine of My loving-kindness, and the pure water of My bounty which hath encompassed creation. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen make mention of you. Verily it is that through which the winds were subdued and the verses were sent down. Glory be upon you and upon every believing woman who hath believed in God, the Lord of lords.

That which is incumbent upon you and all the friends of God in this day is steadfastness and arising to serve the Cause. You must, God willing, at all times educate the people of possibility through prescribed means and summon them to the Most Exalted Horizon. A hundred thousand paradises, blessings and gardens await those souls who have recognized the Day of God and acted according to its requirements, which have been and shall ever be steadfastness in the Divine Word. Say: O friends of Truth! God, exalted be His glory, declareth: Ye must be so enkindled by the wine of the loving-kindness of the Beloved of the worlds that its heat shall influence human souls and draw them all to the court of oneness. The manifestations of falsehood and dawning-places of error exist; ye must at all times take refuge in the Lord of possibility that ye may remain protected from the whisperings of the sources of evil suggestion.

Glorified be God! In this letter thou hast been blessed several times with mention of the Beloved. By God, besides Whom there is none other God, were we to render thanks night and day, we would never fulfill the right of this bounty. Not only was a Tablet revealed and bestowed from the heaven of divine will, but divine verses were also revealed on numerous occasions. All things testify that His grace hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. All the names that were in the book of that honored one and of Aqa Muhammad-Baqir, upon him be Baha'u'llah, were presented before the Throne, and for each one specifically there were revealed and sent from the heaven of loving-kindness wondrous and exalted verses. God willing, they will attain unto them. Praise be to God that all were mentioned in the Most Great Prison before the throne of the All-Merciful and were blessed with countless favors. His is the praise and the bounty, and His is the gratitude and grace.

And mention was made of thy kinsmen in the Most Holy Court. He said:

> "O Kamal! The Light hath been honored and hath attained unto the Most Great Luminary when He shone forth from the horizon of Iraq amidst the peoples. Blessed are the people of the world who have been honored and have attained, and woe unto the heedless. Blessed is thy son who hath drunk the wine of reunion time and again, cup after cup, and from the ocean of attainment, again and again, goblet after goblet. Verily thy Lord is the Ancient Bestower. And We make mention of thy other son who hath attained unto that which shall cause his remembrance and thy remembrance to endure throughout the dominion of the Kingdom. Verily thy Lord is the One, the All-Informed. And the glory be upon him and upon him and upon them both from among thy progeny and upon their mother who hath attained and turned and arrived at the spot of Paradise and heard the call of God, the Lord of the worlds."

O Kamal! God willing, mayest thou be blessed by divine bounty and be sustained by the outpourings of the All-Merciful. Gladden all the friends in that land, both men and women, with the sweet savors of the mention of the Beloved, and convey to the Distinguished Lady wondrous and exalted greetings from the Wronged One, and say:

> "God willing, the All-Merciful, thou shouldst at all times and moments be engaged in the mention of the Beloved of the worlds with utmost sanctity and detachment, and hold fast to the cord of His loving-kindness. Praise be to God that thou didst arrive at the shore of the sea and didst drink from the Kawthar of attainment and didst hear the call of Truth, and besides that thou wert blessed repeatedly with His mention. These infinite bounties should not vanish from thy sight, and thou shouldst hold fast and cling to and be engaged in that which is befitting this day and worthy of the days of the Beloved."

The glory be upon thee and upon her who was named with the letters B and Y (Aqa Baygum), and verily she is among those who heard the call of the Wronged One in His noble station. Beseech God's loving-kindness that He may bestow upon all the women of that land a portion from the Kawthar of eternity, that all may become detached with utmost sanctity and purity from all who dwell within the realm of possibility, and with radiant faces and illumined hearts may turn toward the highest horizon. The command is in God's hand—He giveth to whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He desireth. Verily He is the One, the Bountiful.

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Mahmud, who hath drunk the choice wine of the love of his Lord, the All-Loving, and turned unto God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. We have made mention of him, and do mention him as a token of Our grace, for verily I am the All-Knowing, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee. By God! Through it the Most Great Ocean hath surged, and all who dwell in the world have proclaimed that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Loving. Make mention, on My behalf, of My loved ones who have drunk the wine of steadfastness in My days, who have clung to My robe, who have cast aside all else besides Me, who have soared in the atmosphere of My nearness, who have been nourished by the fruits of the Tree of My knowledge, and who have been illumined by the Luminary that hath shone forth from the horizon of My tender mercy.

By the life of God! They are the people of Baha, whom the Supreme Pen hath mentioned in Its Preserved Book. Say: Blessed are ye, and glad tidings be unto you, for ye have attained, and have tasted, and have turned towards God, and have hearkened to the call of the Wronged One from this forbidden place. The glory be upon thee and upon them that have believed in God, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

After the dawning of the Sun of divine favor and the manifestation of the grace of the eternal Sovereign, what else can this servant mention that would be worthy of utterance or acceptable in the presence of the friends? Yet the fire of love moveth one to action, such that neither pen can cease from writing nor tongue from mentioning. Were one to speak unceasingly, night and day, in praise of but a single leaf among the leaves of a tree that hath grown in the courtyard of one of the friends who is adorned with the robe of steadfastness, it would still seem insufficient, nay rather, as nothing.

Finally, convey my greetings of pure devotion and self-effacement, and my praise and salutations, to all who have spoken in remembrance of the Beloved and believed in the Object of all desire. I hope that each one may drink, cup after cup, from the life-giving waters of the love of the Lord of all possibilities, in spite of those who have denied, turned away, and objected until they disbelieved in God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Let them take the trouble to make a clear copy of this letter, and after comparing and reviewing it, send it to the Land of Ha. The glory be upon you and upon those who are with you.

The servant 14 Ramadan 1295

BH01111: Praise be to God Who hath illumined the horizon…

He is God—exalted be His station, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

Praise be to God Who hath illumined the horizon of the world with the Sun of His Most Great Name, and hath commanded all to be trustworthy and faithful, and to that whereby His Cause may be exalted amongst the peoples. Among men are those who have turned to the Supreme Horizon and acted according to that which was commanded by God, the Lord of Names; among them are those who have halted in perplexity; and among them are those who have turned away and committed that which hath caused the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Cities of Names to lament, until matters reached such a pass that, by God, the sun of trustworthiness hath been darkened among creatures and the moon of faithfulness hath been eclipsed among men. Blessed, blessed, then joy be to him who hath been faithful to God's Covenant and His Testament, and hath acted in such wise as to exalt the Cause of God above all else. And woe betide him who hath been overcome by his passions and hath committed that which is forbidden in the Book of God, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most High, the Most Great.

I have received your letter and learned of your love for God and service to His Cause. After gaining this knowledge and understanding, I approached the Most Exalted Presence until I stood before His countenance and presented what you had mentioned. Thereupon the tongue of the Beloved uttered that which was a remedy for the world's ills and healing for whosoever desireth his Ancient Lord. We beseech God to assist you in your current endeavors and aid you in that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily, He is the Protector of the sincere ones and the Answerer of the prayers of the supplicants.

My soul be a sacrifice for your love! God knoweth, and all else bear witness, that this servant loveth to hear at all times that which your tongue uttereth in remembrance of my Beloved and your Beloved. My ear is ever attentive to your address, for through it my breast is dilated, my frame is stirred, and my heart is gladdened. Should my reply be delayed, this is not due to heedlessness or indifference—to this both heart and soul bear witness, and they are with you; ask them, for they are just and truthful, and it is hoped their testimony will be accepted by you. And beyond and above them is the testimony of Him Who hath spoken and speaketh the truth. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Furthermore, regarding what you mentioned about the name Qurratu'l-ʿAyn, this servant had not seen that letter nor was it presented before His countenance. After my learning of it, turning toward Him, ascending and presenting it, he was named "The Trustworthy", entitled "The Wondrous", and given the kunyih "Father of Faithfulness" in the presence of Him Whom I cannot adequately describe before the peoples who have been veiled by the veils of idle fancies and thereby been prevented from witnessing that which hath appeared, shone forth, emerged and risen from the horizon of possibility. Exalted, exalted is He! Whosoever pondereth upon the Manifestation of God and His power, and the sovereignty of God and His grandeur! Can the Pen bear to carry remembrances, or the Tablet have strength to be the

bearer of mysteries? Nay, by His chosen Self! All have proven powerless, and the tongue of God hath testified to the powerlessness of all, before the creation of all, the mention of all, the description of all, and the appearance of all. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

By thy life, at the time it was presented before the Countenance, I found the Lord of all beings to be saddened, and this was not due to any causes but out of compassion for him who was named Khidmat-ʿAli. Blessed is he for having been honored by the mention of the Beloved and adorned with the loving-kindness of the Desired One. It behooveth him to strive with the utmost effort and endeavor to discharge what is due from him of the rights of the servants. Thus hath the Lord of creation decreed in the Books, the Psalms, the Scriptures and the Tablets.

I know not, O My beloved, whether the world hath been perfumed by the fragrance of the Beloved or hath been deprived thereof, and whether the heaven hath recognized the Sun shining from its horizon or remaineth heedless and bare, and whether the earth hath recognized the honor of His footsteps upon it or remaineth ignorant and negligent, and whether the trees have become aware of the breezes of reunion wafting upon them or remain veiled behind the veils. Yet I observe the air to be of utmost delicacy and gentleness, and the light as though it hath acquired radiance from the face of Him unto Whom all things turn. Blessed is he who hath turned unto, clung to, sought after and held fast unto God, the Lord of Names and Creator of heaven.

At times the Spirit turneth toward the mountains and saith: I perceive from thee the fragrances of the Beloved, as though He had passed over thee—hast thou recognized this or art thou among the heedless? And at times it wandereth through the dwellings and saith: I perceive from thee the sweet savors of the Manifestation—hast thou known this or art thou among the veiled ones? By thy life, O My beloved, the Pen hath taken from Me its reins and moveth, and I know not toward which direction it turneth—toward the hilltops or the branches, or toward the deserts and wilderness. He verily knoweth best what moveth upon the earth or ascendeth into the air, and He is in truth the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

In all circumstances, I beseech Him, exalted be He, to grant him success and assistance, and to open before his face a door whereby his affairs and the affairs of those who have believed in God, the Single One, the All-Informed, may be set right.

As to what ye mentioned concerning Haji ʿAbbas, upon him be the glory of his Lord, We beseech God to send down upon him a blessing from His presence and to protect him from all that He abhorreth. The servant conveyeth his greetings to him and to the loved ones of God in that place. His teaching work hath been entrusted to your care and kindness. Glory be upon you and upon your household, and may he present himself before you and receive from you that which shall profit him in the Cause of God, your Creator and the Creator of all worlds. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant, 4 Ramadan 1295

BH00091: Lawh-i-Haji Mirza Kamalu'd-Din

Section 1: "He is the Most Great, the Most Holy..."

He is the Most Great, the Most Holy, the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Praise be to God Who is unique in His might and peerless in His grandeur, Who uttered the Word amongst all created things whereupon the mountains were moved, the heaven of the vain imaginings of the people of error was cleft asunder, the earth of idle fancies was made to sink, and the sun of certitude shone forth on the appointed day. Exalted is He Who hath appeared and caused to appear, Who hath spoken and caused to speak. He is indeed the One through Whom the gate of the Divine Presence was opened and the ocean of reunion surged in the kingdom of creation. Say: He is indeed the One established upon the Most Great Throne, Who judgeth with pure truth and calleth mankind unto God.

Blessed is he who is attracted by the call of the Lord, who turneth unto Him, detached from all else, who taketh the choice wine of immortality from the hands of the people of Baha and drinketh it in the name of God, the Creator of heaven. The Concourse on High, even the dwellers of the cities of names, circle round him. And shame upon him who casteth the Lord behind his back, who followeth the vain imaginings of men, and turneth away from the Supreme Horizon. He is of those from whom the denizens of the fire dissociate themselves—they who denied the All-Merciful when the horizon of utterance was illumined with the sun of the remembrance of God, the Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Great.

Praise be to God Who hath made known unto him who turned unto Him that which lay concealed within the pavilion of His protection, and aided him to turn towards this Horizon wherefrom the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken. By God! The appointed time hath passed, and the Promised One hath appeared with a sovereignty that neither the veils of glory nor the ranks of men who have clung to their desires and denied God, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, can withstand.

And further: thy letter reached this evanescent servant. I took it, opened it, and found therein the fragrance of thy sincerity towards God, thy turning unto His horizon, and thy standing firm in the service of His Cause, His remembrance and His praise. When I perceived its fragrance and recognized its contents, I repaired to the Most Exalted Goal and attained the presence of the throne of our Lord, the Lord of Names, and presented what was therein before His Face. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which caused the Pen to swoon. How can this evanescent one be capable of mentioning that which was uttered by the Tongue of Eternity? By the life of God! The pens of creation are powerless to recount or enumerate it, and the tongues of the world fall short of its description and praise. Blessed are ye for having attained unto the remembrance of the Beloved, by which hearts and minds have taken flight. We beseech God to assist you and aid you in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to provide you with the wondrous, fresh, heavenly food which hath been sent down from God, the Lord of the worlds.

Praise be to the Beloved of the worlds Who hath made His friends steadfast in His Cause, from whom the fragrance of divine love is wafting and flowing. Blessed are ye for having attained on this Day of God that which most of mankind hath failed to attain. We hope that at all times ye will drink from the living waters

and bestow them upon the dead in the valley of bewilderment and heedlessness, that perchance through its drops they may attain unto a wondrous and glorious life and arise to make good what they have missed. This is a Day wherein all atoms proclaim the praise of the Lord of Names and Attributes. The Truth, exalted be His praise and glorified be His station, hath testified that this Day hath no peer or likeness.

In such wise, the station of those souls who have recognized it and attained unto it is evident and manifest, requiring no mention. Yet we beseech God, exalted and mighty be He, that the heedless souls who have been seized by slumber may become aware through the call of His loved ones and not remain deprived of the heavenly waters in this spiritual morn. Verily, He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth, and He is indeed the Single, the One, the Bestower, the Bountiful.

As to what ye wrote concerning the divine philosophers and true sages who have, praise be to God, through His infinite favors turned towards the Dayspring of divine revelation and have drunk from the choice wine of the irfan of the Beloved of the worlds—all these matters were presented in detail at the Most Holy Court. The Sun of favor hath dawned upon each one, and some time ago their petitions were also forwarded through Hadba by His Honour Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, and were presented before His presence. A specific response was revealed from the heaven of divine will for each one and was dispatched. On behalf of this lowly one, convey to each of them greetings, salutations and congratulations, and say: Blessed are ye for having attained unto that which was recorded in God's scrolls and concealed in the treasury of His all-encompassing knowledge. All the appointed times, promises and signs that were in the former books have been made manifest.

In one of the Divine Tablets revealed to the new believers of Kha, these exalted words are recorded—exalted be His glory: The divine promises recorded in the Holy Books have all been fulfilled. The Law of God has flowed from Zion and the Call of God has been raised from Jerusalem. Its lands and mountains have been adorned with the effulgences of the lights of the Lord. Blessed is he who ponders on that which hath been revealed in the Books of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling.

O friends of God! Reflect and with attentive ears hearken unto the Word of God, that through His grace and mercy ye may drink from the pure water of steadfastness and be firm and immovable as mountains in the Cause of God. Verily the Cause is mighty, mighty, and this Day is mighty, mighty. In the Book of Isaiah it is stated: "Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of His majesty." Should one reflect upon this verse alone, he would become aware of the greatness of the Cause and the majesty of this Day of God. And at the end of the aforementioned verse it states: "And the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day."

This is the Day in which the throne of David hath been adorned by the Promised Countenance, and this is the Day the mention of which hath been recorded by the Pen of Command in all the Books. There is not a single verse but proclaimeth this Name, nor a Book but testifieth to this most evident Remembrance. Were We to mention that which hath been revealed in the Books and Scriptures concerning this Revelation, this Tablet would assume enormous proportions.

Today all must be confident in the divine favors and strive with the utmost wisdom to teach the Cause, that all may be illumined by the lights of the dawn of inner meanings.

I beseech and implore God to preserve them in His protection and care, and enable them to hearken unto His Call, for in truth whosoever attaineth unto hearing the Call of God will never stray from the path of His Cause, and will regard all cries and clamors, voices and shouts, screams and braying as mere nothingness. That most of the followers of religions have not yet attained this most great bounty is due to their not having truly understood their own Book.

The purpose of all divine Books is the recognition of the Dayspring of His Revelation and the Dawning-Place of His Cause. This is that most mighty matter at the mention of which most souls have been thunderstruck and bewildered. All the laws and ordinances recorded in the Books revolve around the recognition of God, for if one attaineth not unto the recognition of God, all his deeds have been and will be as scattered dust.

In the first chapter of the Book of Isaiah it is recorded:

> "To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the Lord: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats. When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts? Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, and your festivals are mere corruption. Your new moons and your feasts my soul hateth; they are a burden unto me; I am weary to bear them."

Should any soul contemplate these aforementioned passages and inscribed verses that have been recorded from the Book of Isaiah, lifting his gaze from secondary causes to fix it upon the Prime Mover, and thereafter regard whatsoever may be manifested by Him as the true causes, cleaving fast thereunto—it would be well for those souls who have received the glad-tidings of the sages of bygone ages and the drinkers from the Kawthar of divine knowledge concerning the inhabitants dwelling in Jerusalem, to observe these passages, that they may know with certitude that God doeth whatsoever He willeth. One day He commandeth by the sacrifice of a decree, and another day He may lift that very ordinance. He shall not be asked of what He doeth, and He is the All-Knowing Questioner.

Behold how greatly these aforementioned passages stand at variance with that which is in the hands of this people! In truth, today is the Day whereon all these matters have been abrogated, and a new Law of God hath flowed forth from the finger of divine bounty. He it is Who is the true Zion, and in Zion and Jerusalem hath this Call been raised, and the Hill of God hath become the seat of the Throne. Blessed is the ear that hath heard, the heart that hath recognized, the sense that hath perceived, and the eye that hath seen in these days of God, the Almighty, the Powerful.

Were this servant to wish to present to the friends the allusions and references in previous Books, he would need to spend much time writing, but time is lacking, for verily the servant is engaged in a momentous task, as he writeth down that which descendeth from the heaven of the will of our Lord, the All-Knowing Revealer. Say: O masters! Today is that Day when all things have been transformed—brother

hath shunned brother, father hath dissociated from son, and likewise son from father. How many friends whose bonds of fellowship were severed because of the Word of God, and how many distant ones who drew near, and how many near ones who became distant! How many thirsty ones remained bewildered in the deserts of error and perished, and how many of them made their way to the Most Great Ocean, attained unto it and drank therefrom! This is the Day wherein kinship is not observed. The souls who have accepted are both fathers and sons, for they walk on one path, drink from one wine, gaze toward one horizon, and dwell in one house. Their relationship is made firm through the Name of God. Blessed are they and those who love them.

This is the Day when the earthquakes have seized the tribes of the earth, and people are seen fallen upon the ground. They speak but have no awareness; they walk but are deprived of spirit; they have ears but are forbidden to hear; they are gathered blind, appear deaf, and are observed to be dumb. Say: This is the Day when all trees are in rapture and ecstasy, and the nightingales in melody and joy. No fresh eye remains to observe the fresh world. The eyes have grown old and lost their power, for the ophthalmia of desire hath made them sick. Otherwise, they would observe the mountains, deserts, sands, rocks, hills, plains, stars, and heavens all in rapture, longing and ecstasy. In one of the Persian utterances which hath been revealed by the Divine Pen specifically for someone, this blessed word appears:

> "O sons of knowledge! If the eyelid, with all its delicacy, veils the eye from beholding the world and all that is therein, consider what would befall if the veil of covetousness were to descend upon the eye of the heart!"

Section 2: "Say to those wise ones who have turned…"

Say to those wise ones who have turned to God—upon them be the Glory of God—on behalf of this servant, that ye are those souls of whom Isaiah the Prophet gave tidings in the sixty-fifth chapter. For ye have drunk from the Living Waters while your companions remained deprived, and ye have attained the eternal bounty while your fellow believers were forbidden. Thus it is that in the Book of Isaiah He says:

> "Behold, my servants shall eat, but ye shall be hungry; behold, my servants shall drink, but ye shall be thirsty; behold, my servants shall rejoice, but ye shall be ashamed; behold, my servants shall sing for joy of heart, but ye shall cry for sorrow of heart, and shall howl for vexation of spirit."

Observe how He even foretold that oaths would change in that Day, as He says:

> "He who swears in the earth shall swear by the God of truth; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hid from mine eyes. For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind."

Ponder deeply on these passages. In Iraq, some said,

> "These people have even changed their oaths, swearing by the truth of Truth—such an oath has never been heard before."

Thus did their souls beguile them in their matter, and they are a people in denial. They were heedless that whatsoever was recorded in the Books must needs be made manifest. By thy life, O thou who art mentioned before the Throne! They are deaf, they are blind, they know not, they hear not, they perceive not, they understand not, and they see not. Woe unto them and unto those who follow their vain desires! I testify that they are the lost. Most of the people of the world cling to their own desires, imagining themselves to be turning toward the truth. If the Hand of Divine Power should rend asunder one veil, they would take up other veils for themselves, whereby they remain deprived of the Lord of Names and the Creator of Heaven.

All souls have been promised the Day of God and have been given the promise of the manifestation of Truth, as mentioned countless times in the Qur'an, the Bayan, and the heavenly Books. This is the foundation of the Book and its essence. Nevertheless, none has understood this station. Rather, they have objected to the Dawning Place of Revelation and the Dayspring of Inspiration, saying that He has claimed Divinity. Yet if the Tongue of Grandeur had spoken otherwise, they should have objected, for this is the Day of God—naught can be mentioned or shall be mentioned save the Truth and Its manifestations. Fie upon them for following their desires and denying God, our Lord, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate.

The followers of the Qur'an, both high and low, learned and ignorant, did for twelve hundred years repeat vain and false utterances and speak words devoid of meaning. Thus from the beginning of Islam until the present time, they continually spoke of the Qa'im as dwelling in Jabulqa with his sons and wives, and that whosoever should say He would be born is a liar and calumniator, nay, an infidel. Then did God, exalted be His glory, His majesty and His power, rend asunder the veil, and all beheld and heard that He appeared from Persia and was born of a mother. Now ponder how all these divines, scholars, philosophers, men of letters and mystics were heedless of the truth, wandering in the wilderness of idle fancies—fancies which became the cause of the martyrdom of the Point of the Bayan, may the life of all else be a sacrifice unto Him.

And now certain souls who have no knowledge whatsoever and yet count themselves among the people of the Bayan are occupied with false claims of succession and spurious assertions of vicegerency, perchance to prevent the weak from recognizing the truth and to nourish them with vain and profitless imaginings. Consider now how heedless they are and how far they have strayed from the straight path. We hope that the people of Baha will attain to such a station that they will regard all these sayings and utterances as utter nothingness and absolute void, and will hold fast to the firm cord of "thy Lord shall come and the angels rank on rank" and cling to the hem of the blessed words "the Kingdom on that day shall be God's". These are they who are accounted among the people of Baha, concerning whom He saith that they dwell in the Crimson Ark. By the Sun of the horizon of the Bayan! Such vain imaginings have appeared from the direction of the false ones that man is struck with wonderment.

In brief, they who today have turned away from the Truth among the people of the Bayan are observed to be a hundred thousand degrees lower than the people of the Qur'an, and are uttering the same words which were uttered throughout twelve hundred years by this false band. All must ponder on what hath been mentioned. The wine of steadfastness is today more precious and more beloved than all else. It

must be offered with the utmost wisdom that the friends may drink thereof and not stumble at the utterances of the ungodly. I beseech God to preserve all through His power and to raise His loved ones to the most exalted station, that they may behold none save Him, hear naught but His voice, and turn to none but Him. He, verily, is the Ordainer, the Answerer, the All-Knowing.

The Primal Point, may the life of all else be a sacrifice unto Him, hath spoken thus concerning the Beauty of the Ancient of Days, that He, from eternity unto eternity, declareth "Verily I am God, there is none other God but Me; O My creation, worship ye Me!" Now observe this blessed word and consider the vain imaginings of the people, even to where He saith: Let not the mention of Prophet or Successor or aught else veil you, nor deprive you from the Dawning-Place of the divine Manifestation, for He is the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Secret. All have been created for His revelation. He hath spoken of this matter in such wise that the pen is powerless to describe it. He, verily, beareth witness unto His own Self by His own Self. He is the Speaker, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We beseech God to aid all to stand firm in His Cause and to be detached from all else besides Him. Verily, He is the Protector of them that are nigh unto Him, the sincere ones and the obedient.

They who were mentioned in your book—for each one separately from the heaven of the Divine Will have blessed verses been revealed. God willing, may all attain unto them and cling to the hem of His grace. Likewise, for those souls who had written petitions, for each one separately was revealed and sent a wondrous and exalted Tablet. Praise be to God that mention of all hath been made in the Most Great Scene and they have attained unto and been honored by the lights of His countenance. Upon them be the glory of God and His mercy, the loving-kindness of God and His bounty. His words, blessed and exalted be He:

O Mahmud (Aqa Mahmud Bayk)! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the All-Loving, from this renowned Prison. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Generous. Thy mention hath come before the Wronged One, and there hath been revealed for thee that which hath diffused the fragrance of the Divine Robe throughout the world. Thy Lord is indeed the All-Giving, the Merciful. He maketh mention of His loved ones in the Most Great Prison and calleth them unto a station revealed in the Scriptures of God, the Lord of all worlds. Hold thou fast unto the cord of steadfastness and cling to the hem of God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. We make mention of everyone who hath desired My presence, soared in the atmosphere of My nearness, and spoken in praise of My Beautiful Name. Say: By God! The Fountain of Life hath appeared and been circulated by the fingers of the loving-kindness of your Lord, the All-Merciful. Draw ye nigh through His Most Great Name and partake thereof in remembrance of His All-Wise Name. Thus hath the Wronged One spoken while in the midst of the heedless ones.

O Ahmad (Aqa Ahmad Bayk)! The Lamp hath appeared when the world was wrapped in manifest darkness. Among the people are those who have seen, turned towards it and attained unto the light of the Cause. Thy Lord is indeed the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing. And among them are those who have shunned it, turned away and sought to extinguish it. Thereupon the hand of thy Lord's will, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing, prevented them. Blessed art thou for having drawn nigh and turned towards Him when every heedless and remote one turned away. Say: O people! By God! The horizon of the world hath been illumined by the Most Great Luminary. Leave behind what ye possess and turn with enlightened

hearts unto the Most Exalted Horizon, the station wherefrom hath been raised the call of God, the Lord of Names. He is indeed the All-Speaking, the All-Wise. Say: This is the Path of God amongst you. Draw ye nigh and be not of those who turn aside. Beware lest the affairs of the world hold you back from the Lord of all creation. Thus doth the Prisoner make mention of you in this manifest stronghold.

O Ancient Beauty! Turn from this Most Pure Station and Most Great Scene towards him who was named Muhammad-i-Baqir and give him the glad tidings of the verses of his Lord through which the ocean of bounty hath surged and the fragrance of the Beloved hath wafted among the servants. By My life! The gate of heaven hath been opened by the key of My Most Glorious Name, and the horizon of divine knowledge hath been illumined by the Sun of the utterance of your Lord, the All-Merciful. Grieve not over anything. In all matters place your trust in God. Verily, He ordaineth what He pleaseth for whomsoever He pleaseth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. He calleth betwixt earth and heaven and summoneth all unto a station which the All-Merciful hath revealed in His Tablets. Thus hath the Tongue of Antiquity spoken amongst the peoples. He is verily the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful. Give thanks unto God for having been mentioned by His Most Exalted Pen while the Promised One was imprisoned in the most remote of lands.

O My Pen! From this forbidden place turn towards him who hath been named Nasrullah (Aqa Siyyid Nasrullah), that he may arise to serve his Lord in all things and celebrate the praise of his Lord at eventide and at dawn. O Nasrullah! Be true to thy name, that there may appear from thee that which will cause thy mention to endure throughout the eternity of God, the Lord of all men. Reflect upon God's grace and bounty, that He remembereth thee from this spot which hath been designated the Most Great Prison. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Give thanks that thy name hath been honored from this spot wherein the Beloved calleth aloud with the most exalted call and guideth all to the most exalted station. Thus hath the Divine Lote-Tree spoken, and the Cock of the Throne hath crowed, when it was saddened by that which the hands of the servants had wrought.

A remembrance from Us unto him who hath turned unto God and heard His most sweet call when it was raised betwixt earth and heaven, that he may give thanks unto his Lord, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The Promise hath come and the Promised One hath appeared, yet the people are lost in doubts and idle fancies. Beseech God to rend asunder the veils of the world and draw them nigh unto the station which in the Qur'an hath been named the Praised Station. Blessed is he who hath found the fragrance of the Day of God and acted according to that which God, the Lord of the seen and unseen, hath commanded.

O Javad (Aqa Siyyid Javad)! We make mention of thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord and remember Him amongst His servants, that they may recognize that which hath appeared in creation and turn unto God, the Mighty, the Loving.

Section 3: "We make mention of him who hath been…"

We make mention of him who hath been named Muhammad, that he may rejoice in the verses of his Lord and be of the thankful. Hearken unto the call of God which hath been raised from the blessed white spot: "There is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise." The world hath been honored by the advent of the Lord of Eternity, yet most of the people are heedless. Say: Open your eyes! By God, the

Most Exalted Horizon hath been illumined and the Lord of Names hath appeared with mighty sovereignty. We counsel thee and My loved ones to manifest great steadfastness, for Satan calleth and inviteth the people to the very foundation of hell. Be steadfast in the Cause of God through His might and power. Thus doth the Pen of Command enjoin you from the presence of the Ordainer, the Ancient of Days.

A book from Us unto him who hath heard the Call and turned unto God, the Lord of the worlds. O Hasan (Hasan Aqa)! Mention hath been made of thee before the Throne, and there have been sent down for thee these verses whereby all things have been attracted and the Dove of the Cause hath warbled upon the twigs of the Ultimate Tree. Thus doth the Wronged One make mention of thee that thou mayest be of them that remember. By God! The tongue hath been created for My remembrance, hearts for My knowledge, and eyes to behold the lights of My manifestations which have encompassed the worlds. This is the Day of God wherein every atom proclaimeth: The Worshipped One hath appeared with a sovereignty that hath encompassed those who are in the heavens and on earth.

Hold fast unto the cord of God and leave those who have denied the verses of God when they were sent down in truth. Verily thy Lord is the Counsellor, the All-Informed. This is a Tablet through which the Kingdom of Utterance hath shone forth, and wherein We make mention of him who hath turned unto God, the Lord of mankind, that the attraction of his Lord's verses may seize him and render him steadfast in this Cause whereby hearts have been perturbed and feet have slipped.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Baqir (Aqa Mirza Muhammad)! Thou art in thy place while the Best-Beloved of the world remembereth thee from His Most Great Prison. Know thou this and give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. By God! We, at all times, summon the servants unto the Most Merciful. Among them are those who have heard and responded, and those who have witnessed yet denied and followed every doubtful objector. Say: Have vain imaginings prevented you from the Lord of all days, or idle fancies from My Hidden Name? Remember, then be fair, and follow not every ignorant infidel. By God! He hath appeared with the truth, and circling round Him are the Concourse on High and those who were created from the light of their Lord, the Subduer of the winds.

Thus have We made thee to hear and have answered thee through Our grace, for We are the Powerful, the All-Bountiful. O thou servant who art mentioned before the Wronged One! Read thou unto each one of My loved ones that which hath been sent down for him from the heaven of the will of his Lord, the Mighty, the Unconstrained. Remind all of God's favors and bounties, and give them the glad-tidings of this grace which hath no equal in all creation. God willing, thou shouldst, with the utmost joy and fragrance, recite the verses sent down from the heaven of the will of the Most Merciful unto each of the mentioned loved ones, that all may witness the Sun of bounty and engage in praise and thanksgiving to the Beloved of the world.

And furthermore, in the letter of the noble Haji Kamalu'd-Din, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, Dr. Hezekiel Haim had posed two questions.

First, he mentioned that in previous Books the sacrifice of God was Isaac, while in the Qur'an this station was revealed in the name of Ishmael, meaning that the station of being God's sacrifice is recorded in the Qur'an in his name.

What he asks is the truth without doubt, but all souls must fix their gaze upon the Word that has dawned from the horizon of divine utterance, and every soul must ponder its sovereignty, its penetrating influence, its power and its all-encompassing nature. There is no doubt that these matters have been realized and established through the Word of God, and the Word of God is the overseer of all things. It is the creator of the world and the educator of the world. It is that which summons those who thirst in the valley of separation to the ocean of reunion, and it is that which illumines the darkness of ignorance with the dawn of knowledge. Consider how all people who lived in the past affirmed that Isaac was the sacrifice, and likewise the followers of the Qur'an have affirmed this station for Ishmael, even though it is clear and evident to every person of insight and understanding that, outwardly, no sacrifice actually took place, and by universal agreement, it was an animal that was sacrificed.

Now ponder what is the cause and reason that one who went to the altar of the Friend and was not sacrificed was honored with the mantle of being God's sacrifice and attained the ornament of divine acceptance. There is no doubt that it was through the Word of God that he attained this station and was honored with this most great bestowal. Therefore, the appearance, manifestation, establishment and realization of all names, things and stations depend upon and are contingent on the Word of God. Likewise, there is no doubt that the Unknowable Essence does not speak directly, for It has been and ever will be sanctified above known conditions and mentioned signs. Rather, It speaks through the tongue of Its Manifestations, just as the Torah was revealed through the tongue of Moses, and God, exalted be His glory, mentioned all the laws of that time through the tongue of Him Who conversed with God.

The same is true of other Holy Books which outwardly appeared from the tongue of the Prophets and Messengers, while in all cases the Speaker and Utterer was God—exalted be His glory, universal be His bounty, mighty be His power, and great be His station. From what has been mentioned, it is established and proven that the station of being God's sacrifice was bestowed upon Isaac according to what is in previous Books through the word of Abraham, peace be upon him, and that same word appeared and became manifest in the Qur'anic Dispensation from the Dawning-Place of divine verses and the Dayspring of divine revelation regarding Ishmael.

Man must reflect upon the Self of Truth. After attaining certitude, whatsoever He ordains is beloved and acceptable, and none may say why or wherefore. This is a matter whose mysteries may not be divulged at this time, for all people are deprived of its foundation—that is to say, they have not truly comprehended the divine purpose in the revealed Books, but have contented themselves with whatever they have deduced from or heard from their divines. Should anyone transgress even slightly from these theological limitations, they pronounce him an infidel. This fact is evident to you and to all fair-minded souls. One cannot yet say to the followers of the Qur'an that the promised Qa'im has appeared contrary to their vain imaginings, for if this were said, they would arise in utter opposition, as indeed they have done.

The Beloved declares: By My life! If God wished to honor those on earth with that glorious station and beloved name, He would be able to do so through a single word from His presence. He is verily the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. The conditions of creation cannot prevent Him, nor can the utterances of every heedless and remote soul. Fix your gaze upon the Most Exalted Horizon and illumine your hearts with the lights of the countenance of your Lord, the Speaking, the All-Knowing. Thus doth the

Wronged One counsel you, when most of the servants have turned away from Him and every iniquitous doubter hath opposed Him.

Furthermore, for the Prophets—they who have been the Dawning-Places of divine revelation and the Daysprings of divine inspiration—there are stations which names cannot access. They are all seen as one soul, for they speak but one word and stand firm upon one cause. Blessed is he who immerseth himself in this vast ocean whose shores none hath reached, how much less its depths. This is the station of the Sun of unity and the Ocean of oneness. Should a soul ascend and soar in this holy, sublime atmosphere, he would testify to all that the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Books, and would cling to it with complete certitude and assurance. This station hath been revealed in detail by the Supreme Pen in some of the Books revealed in this Most Great Manifestation. Blessed are they that are informed thereof and they that comprehend.

The second question concerns the blessed verse of the Qur'an which states, exalted be His station and His sovereignty: "And remember when Jesus, son of Mary, said: O Children of Israel! Lo! I am the messenger of God unto you, confirming that which was (revealed) before me in the Torah, and bringing good tidings of a messenger who cometh after me, whose name is Ahmad.' Yet when he came unto them with clear proofs, they said: This is mere magic."'

Their question concerns the fact that this passage was not and is not in the Gospel, yet the Messenger of God, peace be upon Him, mentioned it in the Qur'an. Yea, this is true and we acknowledge it, but He did not say it was revealed in the Gospel. We testify that He said Jesus son of Mary spoke what the All-Merciful revealed in the Qur'an. Assuredly, whatsoever He spoke and was revealed in the Qur'an from the All-Merciful was and ever shall be the pure truth, for none but God knoweth the hidden knowledge and comprehendeth what hath occurred and shall occur in creation. God, exalted be His station, reveals and teaches to His chosen ones and His Prophets whatsoever He willeth. He is verily the All-Wise Teacher.

And this blessed verse, sent down from on high, is among those matters whereof the Most High—exalted be His station—hath apprised His Messenger. That it is not found in the Gospel doth not, and cannot, constitute proof that Christ Himself spoke not according to the purport of the aforementioned verse. For the four Gospels were written after Him: John, Luke, Mark, and Matthew—these four, after Christ, recorded such utterances of His as were present to their minds, that His companions might occupy themselves with the reading thereof and the pondering of its meaning.

Many, indeed, were the sayings of that blessed One which had been effaced from their remembrance; and many were the words He uttered to which none of these aforementioned souls gave ear. None can be acquainted with what the Messiah truly spake save Him Who sent Him, taught Him, and strengthened Him. Apart from the Most High—glorified be His Name—no one hath possessed, nor doth possess, knowledge of all the affairs of the world. He is the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing, the Omniscient, the Omnipotent. All atoms bear witness that His knowledge hath preceded all things, and embraceth the whole of creation; and verily He is the One, the Single, the Almighty, the Expounder, the All-Knowing, the All-Aware.

The Supreme Pen declares that God, exalted be His glory, in every Dispensation has confirmed His previously revealed Books. Thus did the Messenger of God, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him, confirm the Torah and the Gospel. Likewise in this Dispensation the Qurqan and other holy books have been confirmed. However, the Torah that God has accepted comprises the very words that flowed from the tongue of Moses from God. This matter has now been briefly mentioned. Should God, exalted be His glory, will it, it shall flow in detail from the Supreme Pen hereafter.

This servant, the attendant, hopes that the friends of God who have drunk from the wine of inner meanings and who dwell in that land will arise in perfect unity to love God and mention and praise Him. Unity is the mightiest pillar today—it is the cause of the exaltation, spread and elevation of God's Cause. Blessed are they who have held fast to the cord of unity and followed what they were commanded by God, the Lord of creation.

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Section 1: "Glorified be He Who hath illumined the horizon…"

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

Glorified be He Who hath illumined the horizon of the world with the Day-Star of His Most Great Name, whereby all the tribes were seized with trembling and the nations were shaken, save those whom the hand of divine power did rescue. He, verily, is the Peerless, the Chosen One. He, verily, is the One through Whom the Most Exalted Pen hath spoken amidst the concourse of creation, and the Lord of Names hath testified to that which He hath testified. He, verily, is the Sovereign Whom the understanding of all who dwell within the realm of possibilities cannot comprehend, Whom the birds of the hearts of the people of certitude cannot reach. Every mighty one hath been abased before the manifestation of His power, and every powerful one rendered impotent before the revelation of His might and grandeur. The Books of Heaven have been adorned with His mention and praise, and the Preserved Tablet with His Name and sovereignty.

Were it not for Him, the All-Merciful would not have revealed the secrets of what was and what would be. Through Him the Hidden Name bore witness and the Treasured Name prostrated, and through Him the door of the Treasury was opened and the Hidden Mystery which was recorded in the Scriptures, the Psalms and the Books was revealed. He calleth aloud, saying:

> "O concourse of creation! The All-Merciful hath come with clear proof and evidence. Blessed is the soul that hath turned unto Him and hath attained unto the Most Great Ocean which hath flowed from the wellspring of His utterance amongst His creatures."

I beseech God to aid His servants to turn toward the Most Exalted Horizon and to recognize that which is hidden from the eyes of all who dwell in creation. He, verily, is the One Who is supreme over all names. There is no God but Him, the Omnipotent, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And further: the servant hath received thy letter and perceived from it the fragrance of thy sincerity toward God, the Lord of the worlds. When I came to know and learn and became acquainted with its

contents, I turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon and drew nigh unto the Ultimate Goal, until I attained His presence and presented that which thou didst call upon our Lord and the Lord of the mystics. Thereupon the door of grace was opened and the Day-Star of the bounty of the Lord of Justice shone forth. He, exalted be His grandeur, saith: "O ʿAli-Qabli-Nabil! Blessed be thine eyes for having been honored to behold the Ancient Beauty, and thine ears for having heard His sweetest call in the land of Zawra, and thy form for having attained the presence of the Wronged One. Thus doth the Self-Subsisting remember thee in this Most Great Prison.

Moreover, blessed be thy mother who turned toward Him, attained His presence, and won that which is the object of the Books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed again and again be thy father through whom servitude unto God, the True One, was adorned. By My life! He truly attained, when he stood before the Throne, that which most of the servants have failed to attain. He is the one in whose affliction the Most Exalted Pen spoke that whereby his remembrance shall endure in the Kingdom of God, the Almighty, the Exalted, the Bountiful. We bear witness that he left his home at the bidding of his Lord, detached from all else but Him, and traversed deserts, wilderness, mountains and hills until he reached the seashore and crossed it in His name until he entered the Luminous Spot and the White Land—the place which the Sinaitic Tree did circle and where he heard the call of God, the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven.

Blessed be he and whoever visiteth it through My binding command. That hath been revealed for him whereby the fragrance of the Beloved hath wafted throughout the world. Verily, thy Lord is the True Informer. Be thou thankful unto God for having made you to know Him and aided you and raised up your names among all peoples. He, verily, is the Protector of the sincere ones."

God willing, through His infinite bounty, thou shouldst at all times be joyous, and with the utmost spirit and fragrance be occupied with the remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds. Praise be to God that thou didst attain the shore of the Most Great Ocean and didst drink from the Kawthar of reunion, and wert blessed with the presence of the Beloved's countenance in days when all things shall return to nothingness. Know ye the value of this supreme bounty and preserve it as thou wouldst thy very life. O ʿAli-Qabli-Nabil! God is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing. Whatsoever hath befallen you in His path, He hath witnessed it all and recorded it by the Most Exalted Pen in the Preserved Tablet. No grace can equal or will ever equal this grace. Look not unto the people and their ways, but rather gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon and say:

> "O Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens! I have turned with my whole being unto Thee. Aid me to act as befitteth Thy days and my connection to Thy Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous."

Every thing hath and shall have its fragrance. Assuredly the fragrance of deeds performed purely for God's sake shall encompass the world, and every person possessed of smell shall perceive it. Be thou assured of thy Lord's favor and hold fast to His luminous hem. In all matters—be they goodly deeds, spiritual qualities, or praiseworthy actions—follow the example of My Most Truthful and Holy Name. He is among those souls who have in truth been adorned with the ornament of servitude unto God. It behoveth every soul to remember him as the Tongue of Grandeur hath remembered him in the kingdom

of My wondrous utterance. O ʿAli-Qabli-Nabil! Hearken unto that which the Glorious Lord calleth unto thee from this beautiful spot: Verily there is no God but Me, the Almighty, the Powerful.

Hear what the idolaters say—they utter that which the people of the Torah, the Gospel, and the Furqan have not said. Among them are those who claim He hath asserted Lordship. Say: Yea, by the Lord of creation! He hath spoken that which the All-Merciful foretold in the Bayan. To this testifieth whosoever hath found the fragrance of My garment, turned toward the horizon of My grace, soared in My atmosphere, and become detached from all else besides Me. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen make mention of thee, and I am the All-Informed.

The people of the Bayan, they who have turned away from the Lord of all creation, cling to the words and allusions of the people of the Furqan and utter them. Now observe in what station standeth the Cause of Truth, and in what station the understanding of the heedless ones. Shame upon them! Perdition upon them for having turned away from the Truth and spoken that which even the children of this Revelation would not speak! To this testifieth every possessor of vision and understanding, and beyond these the Pen of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O ʿAli-Qabli-Nabil! Through divine grace and the boundless heavenly favor, thou must remain steadfast and immovable in the Cause of God with complete firmness, and dispense the wine of steadfastness in the name of Truth, that the friends of God may rise resplendent from the horizon of certitude and assurance. Certain vain and false souls who have turned away from the Countenance of Unity and clung to the form of fancy are, at all times, occupied with leading astray poor souls through satanic whispers and devilish promptings, and have taken hold of the vain imaginings of the people of the Furqan. Say: O ye who possess sight, the people of the Most Sublime Vision soar above the world. At all times ye must fix your gaze upon the highest horizon and regard as absolute nothingness and sheer non-existence all else save God—that is, those souls who have passed by the Intended One and clung to vain imaginings.

That which hath been manifested from thee in service to the Cause hath been and shall ever be remembered before the Throne. We were with thee when thou didst speak in the Ridvan among the loved ones of God, and We heard what thou didst utter in praise of thy Ancient Lord. I beseech God to aid thee and strengthen thee to serve Him in all conditions. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful. We saw thee in the land of Ha and Mim and in other regions, and We heard what thou didst mention in this Wise Remembrance. God willing, that beloved one should at all times be occupied with the promotion of God's Cause through wisdom and utterance, that perchance withered hearts may be refreshed by the choice wine of the mention of the One True God and turn toward the horizon of His Cause. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to protect all.

Section 2: "Most people still know not what Day this…"

Most people still know not what Day this is and what Cause this is. They are like sheep—when one goes forth on a path, all the others follow behind it. Observe the very foundation of the religious beliefs of those heedless souls among the followers of the Qur'an who counted themselves the most exalted of creatures and knew themselves greatest of all, yet for ages and centuries followed imaginary words. They

arranged a Jabulqa, built a cellar with the clay of fancy, established an imaginary place with foundations of conjecture, and named it the Sacred Precinct.

Is there any possessor of sight to see, and any possessor of hearing to hear what the Truthful, the Trusted One speaks? O true brother and real beloved! One cannot speak the truth, as in most instances flows from the Pen of the All-Merciful:

> "Whatever thick veils and massive coverings We rent asunder by the finger of power, yet it was observed that the people had fashioned for themselves veils thicker than those and coverings greater than those."

For a thousand years and more, imaginary creatures who deemed themselves the gems of existence were gazing toward and turned to an imaginary city, an unknown cellar, and a precinct of fancy. And from time to time mention was made of communications that would emerge from that precinct. O God! Is there any one strong whom the fancies of men cannot weaken, and any one assured whom the clamor of the servants cannot frighten?

It is observed that some among the people of the Bayan who have shunned the Countenance of the All-Merciful are occupied with the same imaginings. His blessed and exalted Word states:

> "Say: Fie upon you, O Concourse of the Bayan, for having done what none among the people of the Qur'an had done. They followed vain imaginings, and you followed their fancies after having renounced them."

I beseech God to raise up assured, mighty souls who may, with wisdom and utterance, summon the heedless people to the wellspring of the All-Merciful. Although the people of the Bayan witnessed that whatever they previously possessed had an imaginary foundation, yet one cannot properly convey even this single point to them, for they are seen to be presently wavering and disturbed. For instance, they observe that the lamp of knowledge is extinguished, yet if even this very thing which they witness were to be spoken, they would be transformed and would turn upon their heels, retreating until they return to their abode in the fire. Were I permitted, I would mention that which would open eyes. In any case, they have carried fancies and imaginings to such a point that they became the cause and reason for the martyrdom of the Beloved of the worlds, the Point of the Bayan—may the spirit of all existence be sacrificed for Him.

For had there not been false and fabricated communications and mention of two imaginary cities and what pertained to them, with which the books were filled, they would not have denied the Countenance of the All-Merciful and would not have risen to shed His most pure blood. Were this to be explained further, clamor and lamentation would be raised from all directions. Most strange of all that they deny what they themselves witness! We beseech God by His sovereignty to raise up men possessed of mighty steadfastness and severe strength who may acquaint the people of the earth with what benefits them in this world and the next. Verily He is the Protector of the sincere ones.

Concerning what you wrote about dependents, this was presented before the Most Holy Court. He said:

> "God willing, the True One will assist those souls who pay the Huqúqu'lláh according to their means and provide for their dependents according to their needs. O ʿAlí-Qabil-Nabil! There has never been any doubt that whatever has been revealed and issued forth from the Most Exalted Pen regarding commandments and prohibitions redounds to the benefit of the servants themselves. For example, among these is the Huqúqu'lláh that hath been revealed. If people succeed in paying it, assuredly God, glorified and exalted be He, will bestow His blessing, and that wealth will benefit that person and his posterity. As thou observest, most people's wealth does not benefit them, and God causes others to gain mastery over it, or it passes to heirs who are strangers to them. The consummate divine wisdom transcends mention and description. People witness, then deny; they recognize, then remain ignorant. Were they to act upon the commandments, they would attain the good of this world and the next. I beseech God to assist His servants in that which will profit them. He is verily the Helper, the Generous."

This servant submits that whenever you write something for the relatives of His Holiness the Most Truthful, the Most Holy—upon him be all the most glorious Glory, all the most excellent praise, all the most brilliant Light, and all the most beautiful Radiance—convey countless greetings from this ephemeral one. The Glory be upon him and upon you and upon them.

Another submission: As commanded, in these days travel to the Desired Land is not permitted. God willing, you must engage in service to His Cause in the divine realm with utmost joy and fragrance, that perchance the cities of hearts may become illumined by the rays of the Sun of Truth. This is among the greatest of deeds, by My Self that ruleth over the worlds.

All those circumambulating and those who dwell nearby send greetings to your honor and those with you. Furthermore, this servant sends greetings and praise to the spiritual beloved, Aqa Muhammad-ʿAlí, upon him be the Glory of God.

Concerning what you mentioned about one named Ali from the people of Qa'in, it was presented before His Presence. He, exalted be His grandeur, said:

> "O Ali! The ocean of certitude is surging and the Sun of assurance is shining and manifest from the horizon of the heaven of the Will of the Beloved of the world. Take steps in remembrance of the Truth and by His Name ascend to a station that transcendeth all people and their imaginings and conjectures. O ʿAlí! Among the conditions of the believer today is that he should, like the morning breeze, pass fresh and invigorating through the realm of possibility and enter, through the blessing of the Most Great Name, into the realm of the placeless. If the unfair people had not denied the Truth and imprisoned Him through the greatest oppression in the prison of envious souls, He would assuredly have manifested that whereby the whole world would have become rich and independent of all things. In any case, the possessors of rancor and hatred have desired to conceal this spiritual Sun of Truth behind the veils of fancy and imagination. By God's life! The Pen is bewildered at mentioning what they have wrought in their vain life. Soon shall they find themselves in evident loss. If anyone denies this station, to

what station will he turn? All existence, both seen and unseen, beareth witness unto it, but the people are in a mighty veil. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds."

Another matter is to convey from this evanescent one most glorious greetings to his honor Aqa Muhammad-ʿAli, upon whom be all the most glorious Glory of God. We beseech God to grant him success and to assist him in His Most Great Cause, to bestow upon him the good of this world and the next, and to ordain for him that which brings joy to the eyes and gladdens the hearts. A most wondrous, impregnable and most holy Tablet specifically for him has been revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will and has been sent. God willing, he will attain unto it. Then peace be upon you and upon him and upon all who have believed in God and are guided.

The servant 25 Ramadan 1295

BH00678: May my spirit be a sacrifice for your love…

May my spirit be a sacrifice for your love and a sacrifice for your service! After visiting your letter which was in truth a dawning-place of joy and a dayspring of delight, it was presented before the Throne and all was laid before His countenance. In truth, the sweet fragrances of the Beloved were wafting from that blessed letter. No other proof or evidence is needed—the very verses sent down from the heaven of Divine Will bear witness to the Most Great Bounty and the Supreme Favor. Therefore you must at all times praise the Beloved of all creation with the utmost joy and delight. This servant, after the revelation of these exalted verses, with faltering tongue expressed on your behalf our nothingness, evanescence and unworthiness of these infinite divine bestowals, and with a hundred thousand tongues I offer thanks to the Beloved of the world, for He has manifested the perfection of favors toward you. Verily the servant thanks Him with the tongue of all things, the atoms of the world, and the sands of the desert, and with a hundred thousand expressions of powerlessness and supplication I beseech that it may find acceptance with God. In any case, the Divine bounty toward you has been and will be greater than what this evanescent one can mention.

For each of the names that was in your letter, one after another, wondrous and exalted verses were revealed from the heaven of the All-Merciful's favor and were sent. God willing, may they reach their recipients that they may drink from the Salsabil of revelation and receive their portion from the Kawthar of the All-Merciful's utterance. Happy are they! For some of the souls mentioned, Divine Tablets were sent repeatedly and successively, and specifically for Mulla ʿAli-Jan, one wondrous and exalted Tablet was revealed from the heaven of utterance and was previously sent. However, it is strange that some souls are very eager and diligent in obtaining Tablets meant for the divine loved ones, and after obtaining them deliver some while keeping others. I beseech God to enable all to be trustworthy and honest. Alas, alas! Then alas, alas! The servant's eye weeps for what has befallen the temple of [trustworthiness] among the people. Were I permitted, I would mention that which would cause the world to lament, but conceal and be patient. Verily my Lord is the Concealer, the Patient, the Forgiving, the Generous.

And another submission is that the response to the petition of Maneckji Sahib has descended from the heaven of divine will and been sent. And since it was revealed in the Persian tongue, perchance it may influence some and its fruits become manifest. This servant has written a copy of it in clear script and

sent it, so that any of the friends who wish may make copies from it, allowing the original Tablet to reach its recipient without defect or flaw. In any case, if copies are made, corrected, and given to some, perhaps it will bear fruit. But in all circumstances act with wisdom. I swear by the fragrance of His garment that if all people were receptive, this one Tablet alone would suffice.

And regarding what you wrote about whether to move openly or remain concealed, it was submitted before the throne and He said concealment is better and you will be more at ease. It is strange that people have not yet realized that the Dawning Place of divine revelation and the Dayspring of the Lord's Cause has never intended corruption, conflict and contention. Would that they could perceive even an atom's weight of the fragrance of God's will! In that case they would surely know that what He has willed is more precious than red sulfur and more exalted than all that exists on earth. Since they have not caught a whiff from the rose garden of God's will, they oppose the friends of Truth out of fear for themselves. In all matters and circumstances keep your gaze fixed on wisdom.

It is not fitting for anyone to speak an improper word regarding the government at this time. In truth, considering the opposition of the clergy and the hardness that has seized those souls, His Majesty the Sultan has conducted himself very well. In any case, the government shows consideration for the people of the nation, as undertaking anything that would cause general public disturbance has never been and is not acceptable to the government, for it must preserve its throne and sovereignty. This much has been clear to your honor, that in the Most Great Scene mention was made of the Sultan favorably. If one of these oppressive clerics were to become sultan, then the worth of all sovereigns would become clear and evident to you. Would that you could see Shaykh Hussein, the oppressor and oppressed one of Shiraz—one whose name is "oppressed" but from whose evil and tyranny hundreds of thousands of oppressors have sought and seek refuge in God. Thus does your Lord speak to you and jest that you may rejoice, and that every insightful servant may rejoice.

As to what you wrote concerning Muhammad-Taqi, yes, he arrived and attained the Most Holy Presence for several days, and at the time of his departure, He specifically told him: "Be vigilant lest the satans take you from the highest heaven to the lowest depths"—this was the essence of the blessed words. Now this servant hopes he will return. If anyone sees him, let them say: "You are a servant of God and I am a servant of God. In utmost poverty and nothingness I say, I swear by the Sun of Sanctity that you were confused and deceived, and I beseech you to return and associate for a time with those souls in that land, but with complete insight until what is hidden from you becomes clear." Today you reached that station but were not aware. This servant was with Him for twelve years and engaged in His service by God's command. Would that you had been with me and known what I knew. These few words were mentioned for God's sake that perchance you might not exchange the pure wine for the murky cup. The command is in God's hand—He gives to drink and withholds. Verily He has power over whatsoever He willeth.

As to what you wrote asking whether previous petitions had received replies—whatever has descended from the heaven of grace, before, after and during, will suffice for all. And concerning what you wrote about the fiery Tablets he brought for some—if those same Tablets' owners would reflect upon them, they would testify to the writer's heedlessness and would become aware.

The mention of Ali-Askar and Shir-Ali and Mirza that was at the end of your letter was presented, and divine favors were manifest and dawning in relation to each one. We beseech God to assist them, make them successful, and grant them the best of what lies with Him. Verily He is the Generous Giver.

As commanded, you must strive greatly to keep matters concealed and in sending mail, for if the internal and external satans discover that news arrives from the Most Holy Presence, they will surely cause mischief, and perhaps some may be moved to attempt service in their imagination and inform certain princes and ministers hoping to gain favor. In any case, concealment is necessary and obligatory, and this has been and will be the main reason for delay in responding to petitions. If some way could be found to keep this matter concealed, wondrous and novel Tablets would always be sent specifically for the friends.

Another submission: Convey the Most Glorious Ancient Greeting from this evanescent servant to the friends of God—those souls who gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon and have drunk from the wine of steadfastness. The son of His Honor A.T., upon him and his father be the Glory of God, whose mention was in your letter—countless greetings from this servant dependent on your favors are extended to him. Likewise to Karbila'i Mihdi and the other friends, upon them be the Glory of the All-Merciful. And the Most Glorious Glory be upon you and those with you. The people of the pavilion of divine protection remember your honor with the most wondrous, exalted and glorious mentions and greet you with the most impregnable, holy greeting. Similarly all the friends in the Prison Land, one and all, express their sincere greetings to your honor.

The servant 25 Ramadan 1295

BH04607: I render praise and thanksgiving unto Him Who hath…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Wondrous, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious.

I render praise and thanksgiving unto Him Who hath enabled me to partake of the quickening breezes of Thy utterance; I magnify and sanctify Him Who hath caused my whole being to tremble beneath the revelations of Thy affection and the manifold tokens of Thy love; and I extol Him—Whom none can worthily extol save through His own aid—for that He hath vouchsafed unto this evanescent servant the honour of receiving Thy letter, every word—nay every letter—whereof beareth witness unto Thy purity of heart for the sake of God, the Lord of the Throne above and of the dust beneath, and unto thy love for Him Who, verily, was a Prisoner in the midst of men. By thy life, O thou whom God hath made His chosen friend and the Herald of His Cause!

This servant delighteth in the remembrance of thee, in thy praises, and in that luminous expanse wherein thy pen moveth with such power that neither pen can recount it nor tongue set it forth. To this my heart and thine bear testimony, and beyond them both our Lord, the Beloved of all beings—my Beloved and thy Beloved. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to cause the river of thy loving-kindness to flow, the ink of thy favours to stream unceasingly, and the fragrance of thy words to breathe abroad, that my heart may be gladdened thereby and mine eyes comforted; verily He is the Most High, the Bestower, the Answering, the Generous.

My very being, and whatsoever God hath bestowed upon me, be a sacrifice for thy remembrance! After a long space of time, after ages and centuries and unnumbered covenants, I have at last been admitted unto that for which I yearned by night and by day. When I opened and read, I seemed to ascend and to be brought before the face of God, the Omnipotent, the Exalted, the Most Great. And when thy mention and thy supplication were ended, then did the Tongue of Grandeur speak and say—exalted be His glory:

"O thou My friend! Thy call hath arisen unto the point whereat thou hast been honoured to hearken unto thy Lord, the Exalted, the All-Glorious; and thy letter hath attained this noble Presence. We have heard thy remembrance from the lips of the servant standing before the Throne, whilst he arose and presented that wherewith thou didst cry out unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Rejoice in that which the Beloved mentioneth concerning thee from His Most Exalted Kingdom. He, verily, is the Gracious One. Though the clouds have veiled the horizon of joy, yet the Beloved, in the very midst of affliction, summoneth all mankind. He, verily, is the All-Remembering, the All-Informed. Be thou assured through the favour of God and His knowledge; He knoweth full well thine estate, and I am the All-Aware. He hath accepted that which thou hast wrought in His path, and that which thou hast desired upon this Day whereon the denizens of the kingdom and the realm beyond cry aloud at the stirring of My Most Exalted Pen, and I am the All-Hearing. Rejoice in My remembrance, and then recite that which hath been sent down from the heaven of My Will. Thus doth the Wronged One remember thee whilst He was in the hands of the heedless.

"Say: that which hath befallen Me at the hands of Mine enemies hath been the supreme means for the exaltation of My Cause amongst My servants and the spreading of My fame amongst My creatures, and I am the All-Seeing. Call to mind My days, then drink, in My Name and through My favour, of the pure wine of joy, and I am the Helper. He is with thee in all conditions; to this beareth witness that which We have revealed in thy name. Thy Lord is, verily, the Most Bountiful, the Wondrous, the Inaccessible. Magnify on My behalf those who are with thee; then remember him through My goodly remembrance." Such were His words.

As to that which thou hast written—that it is well thus, yet they leave the flame without assistance, and so forth—this, in particular, was laid before the Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible Court. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur uttered words whereat the rock itself took wing, and He spake—sweet beyond all sweetness: "O My friend! We have sustained thee with the means of heaven and earth, and shall yet sustain thee with that whereof none is aware save God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. We have caused thee to hear My call, have shown thee the horizon of My Cause, have given thee to drink of the choice wine of My Revelation, and have kindled thee with a Fire untouched by smoke. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Loving. The melody of My Most Exalted Pen hath drawn thee unto My All-Glorious Horizon, and hath taught thee that which is intended in the worlds of the unseen and the seen. By My life! thine is the station, and I am the One extolled. We have created thee, made thee manifest, strengthened thee, and revealed unto thee that which was hidden from the eyes. Thou art, indeed, the witness thereto, and I am the One witnessed. When the wine of My utterance and the Kawthar of My speech have intoxicated thee, say:

ʻO Thou Who holdest my forelock in Thy grasp, and art the Beloved of my heart! I testify that Thy bounty hath encompassed me and Thy mercy hath outstripped me. Thou art He Who hath adorned me with the ornament of Thy Most Glorious Name in the Kingdom of Names. All things bear witness thereto, and beyond them Thine own Self, Who rulest over the kingdom and the realm beyond."'

Thus have We sprinkled upon thee from the ocean of Our loving-kindness, that thou mayest be of them that rejoice.

And as to that which thou hast written concerning Sarkar Khan—upon him be the glory of God—and the tale of that perfidious, rebellious traitor: such stealthy mischief-makers and base impostors have, from time immemorial and for evermore, been found amongst men. Indeed, in certain of the letters which this servant hath addressed to the friends of God and the drinkers of the choice wine of the merciful love, these matters have been set forth in detail—how many are they who, being in truth falsehood itself and the very essence of treachery, yet appear amongst the servants in the guise of trustworthiness and sincerity. The friends of God must not be deceived by such persons, nor accept, by reason of their empty pretensions, whatsoever they may utter.

Notwithstanding this, a certain believer from the land of Hadba journeyed to the Most Holy Court, and that guileful, crafty man accompanied him, displaying servitude, faith, and love in such wise as none could imagine beyond it. Then, in one of the stages of the journey, he took whatsoever was at hand and set out for another land. Yet in these countries he could not show himself in any place; fear and dread so seized him that he telegraphed the price of those goods, declaring that he would deliver them—and he did deliver them. Even so, a few days thereafter, another of the friends became acquainted with one of the highwaymen, and that same lying deceiver professed friendship and affection; and on that very first night he took all that the man possessed and fled. We implore the Truth, exalted be His glory, to confirm all in acting with wisdom, that all may proceed with clear-sightedness, and not repose confidence in a mere handful of sayings.

And as to what thou hast written concerning Aqa Khan, it was laid before the Most Holy Presence. He replied:

> "This is what the truthful, the trusted one hath informed thee. Assuredly, after the appearance of proof and testimony, whosoever turneth away from the Beloved of the worlds shall meet the recompense of his deeds. The world is in travail, and its agitation waxeth day by day. Its face is turned towards waywardness and unbelief. Such shall be its plight, that to disclose it now would not be meet and seemly. Its perversity will long continue. And when the appointed hour is come, there shall suddenly appear that which shall cause the limbs of mankind to quake. Then, and only then, will the Divine Standard be unfurled, and the Nightingale of Paradise warble its melody."

Such were His words.

And as to what thou hast written concerning Mulla Hasan, his supplication was submitted in the Most Holy Court, and the Sun of utterance dawned from the horizon of the Will of the Beloved of mankind. God willing, the one mentioned shall attain unto that bounty.

And as to the passages thou hast written concerning Jinab-i-Dhabih—upon him be the glory of God—in very truth he hath, from the first day of the Cause until now, with the utmost steadfastness occupied himself with the remembrance of God, and hath repeatedly become the target of the arrows of affliction. I beseech God, exalted and glorified be He, to confirm him in all conditions, and to preserve him from the malice of the seditious and the rebellious.

And as for Jinab-i-Aba-Badi'—upon them both be the glory of God—of whom thou hast written: "Blessed is he, then blessed is he!"—they, with perfect constancy, offered up their lives in the path of the Friend. He drank of that cup whereof his son had drunk before him. From the Most Exalted Pen was revealed in his honour that wherefrom the fragrance of the garment was diffused throughout the world. How well it came to pass that, at the outset, there appeared from him no act contrary to wisdom or at variance therewith; and after his apprehension and imprisonment, there proceeded from him that which proceeded. The tongues of the enemies bore witness to his true condition, how much more the loved ones who have turned with their faces and their hearts unto the Face of God, the Ever-Abiding, the Ever-Enduring, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

Another matter: to the drinkers of the Kawthar of inner meanings who are present in that land, I offer, in the name of each and every one, the expression of utter self-effacement and nothingness, and I entreat of God to ordain for all that which is the cause of abiding life and true existence. He, verily, is the Generous Bestower.

And may Jinab Haji Mirza Husayn, God willing, be in all conditions successful and confirmed, steadfast and immovable in the Cause of God. It is hoped that at all times the fragrant breaths of thy pen—breaths which are in very truth the source of joy and the cause of gladness—may be diffused abroad. Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who love thee for the sake of God, the Lord of all worlds. The loved ones and they that circle around thee offer, each and every one, the assurance of sincerity and of pure self-surrender in thy presence.

The servant, 12 Shavval 1295

BH00736: Praise befitteth and beseemeth my Beloved Who…

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

Praise befitteth and beseemeth my Beloved Who, with the finger of might, hath unsealed the seal of the Choice Wine and, with the hands of bounty, hath bestowed it upon all peoples. Whosoever turned unto it, partook thereof and attained unto the infinite divine bounties, and whosoever turned away remained, in truth, deprived of the fruit of existence. A hundred thousand regrets and sorrows that while the hands of the mercy of the All-Merciful proffer the water of life, most of the people of the world remain bereft thereof and wander, in utmost bewilderment and heedlessness, through the wilderness of idle fancies.

This Wine is, in one sense, the Word of God that lay hidden in the treasury of everlasting knowledge and was sealed with the seal of protection, and in another sense it is the recognition of the Dayspring of Names—a recognition that hath flowed from the Supreme Pen, not one born of vain imaginings. Blessed

is the soul that hath attained, recognized and partaken thereof, and woe betide those who have turned away by following every heedless and remote one.

Should this servant attempt to explain and set forth this station as it truly is, the pen would assuredly prove powerless. I beseech God not to deprive the peoples of the world of the fragrances of His days. Though all days belong to God and are from God, yet this Day hath been singled out, even as mention hath been made of it in the heavenly Books, Tablets and Scriptures, and they who are endued with vision have perceived it and hastened to the supreme Scene. Blessed art thou and blessed are they who have attained unto the Water of Life in the days of their Lord, the All-Merciful.

God willing, ye shall, through divine grace, illumine and revive darkened hearts and gloomy souls with the light of the divine Word. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of understanding that if a soul should arise to serve the Cause for the sake of God, he will assuredly attract the hearts of men and draw them to the most exalted horizon. The Command is in God's hands—He giveth what He willeth to whomsoever He willeth. He, verily, is the Munificent, the Generous.

This evanescent one submitteth to your honour that this servant hath been honoured to receive your letter, and whatsoever was inscribed therein was presented at the Most Holy Court. He said:

> "God willing, through the blessedness of the Most Great Name, they must enlighten and guide some of the people of the world who are somewhat free from idle fancies and suppositions and are illumined with the lights of certitude, and must draw them to the eternal city. Many souls are observed to be exceedingly remote. When will the hand of the mercy of the All-Merciful draw them to the ocean of nearness and reunion? He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. Take thou the cup of life in the name of thy Lord and say: O concourse of possibility! Hasten ye and come unto that which hath been ordained for you. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of that for which ye were created. Fear ye God and be not of them that are veiled."

And as to what you wrote concerning Siyyid Abdullah, it is most strange that this servant has neither seen him nor been informed of his circumstances. Many are the souls who have caused and continue to cause corruption and waste in God's Cause. The world hath no constancy, and these continuances after which we see one creation come and another go, outwardly display their own extinction at every moment, but eyes are lacking to perceive it. In any case, we beseech God to guide the rebellious, transgressing, heedless souls and confirm them in the knowledge of their own selves, that perchance they may not exceed their bounds nor rise up with calumnies. Once these blessed words were heard from the Blessed Tongue, saying:

> "Behold the Cause as a temple whose spirit is detachment and whose wings are the fear of God. Blessed is he who adorneth himself with the fear of God and detacheth himself from all else."

As to what you wrote concerning that treacherous thief—had people acted in accordance with trustworthiness, religion, and that which was commanded from the Source of the Cause, all would assuredly have been observed in the utmost comfort and glory. The horizon of trustworthiness remains darkened and the horizon of truthfulness and faithfulness is seen to be dust-laden. I beseech and implore

God, exalted be His glory, to raise up souls through whose religiosity, trustworthiness, truthfulness and faithfulness the world may be adorned and illumined. This is not difficult for God. And assuredly that soul who committed treachery shall receive the recompense of his deeds. Last year in these parts similar incidents occurred where some, claiming faith and knowledge and love and affection, afterward stole the belongings of the emigrants and seekers and chose to flee. He said:

> "Believe not what thou hearest, and trust not him who showeth submission."

Many are the souls who have made humility, submissiveness and sweet words their snare. We beseech God to purify and cleanse the earth from evil and wicked souls. These afflictions that have befallen you, since they were in God's path, will surely yield universal fruits and you shall attain their recompense.

You mentioned Mukhtaru'l-Mulk. This was presented, and He said: "God willing, may they be blessed with divine favors." We beseech God to assist those who have turned to Him in rending all veils. It is most difficult for a soul to arise with Abrahamic might and power and shatter the idols of the ungodly with the arm of power. For years people have been nurtured on suppositions and vain imaginings, having never inhaled a fragrance from the rose-garden of certitude. Yet in any case one must not despair, nor be heedless of teaching the Cause with wisdom and utterance. One must speak for God's sake and summon unto God, that perchance the children of the age may mature through the milk of the knowledge of the free and gaze upon the Most Great Scene.

The petition of Mulla Shah-Rida was presented and an answer was revealed from the heaven of grace and sent. Likewise the Captain's petition was presented at the Most Holy Court and its answer was graciously given and sent. Also three most wonderful and most holy Tablets were sent without names from the horizon of grace—they may bestow them upon whomsoever they deem advisable.

Concerning what was written about the news, the matter is as before, as was revealed in the Suriy-i-Ra'is and other Tablets. After all the assemblies and reconciliations, the dust of contention remains aloft and the fire of hatred still blazes. The Ottoman territories are in upheaval, with tumult arising from every corner. However, a prayer hath been revealed from the heaven of grace on behalf of the government, and the friends have been commanded to recite it. After this manifestation of grace, there is hope that some measure of relief may yet be obtained. The Command is in His hands; He doeth as He willeth.

The world is in turmoil, and no soul hath comprehended its cause and reason. They have prevented the true Physician from healing these ailments, while they themselves know neither the malady nor its cure. Glory be to God! What heedlessness hath seized them all—they have forsaken the ocean of divine meanings and turned to the salt and bitter pools. Though the Sun of knowledge shineth from the horizon of heaven, they have nonetheless clung to and sought after the ignorant ones of the earth. What regret and remorse! Thus it is that each day they are afflicted with fresh trials and are tormented with grievous punishment.

Here do I end My words: Verily, there is no God but Him. He hath ever been supreme over all things and will ever remain transcendent above the mention of all names. None hath befittingly described Him. He is the Sanctified, the Holy, the Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Glory be upon you and upon those who are with you, who have quaffed the wine of steadfastness and have attained unto this wondrous Cause.

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BH00282: Praise be to God Who hath manifested through His…

Section 1: "Praise be to God Who hath manifested through…"

He is the Dawning-Place from the horizon of utterance, through remembrance and clear exposition.

Praise be to God Who hath manifested through His all-prevailing power that which was concealed, and brought forth through His Most Exalted Pen that which was recorded in the scrolls of creation—He through Whose Name the Tablets have been adorned and all things have been stirred, through Whom necks have been freed and the All-Bountiful hath come in the clouds of heaven. He is the One through Whose manifestation the fragrances of the All-Merciful have wafted throughout all possibility, and when He was established upon the throne with majesty and sovereignty, thereupon did the Dove of the Cause warble upon the twig of eternity, and the Bird of Faithfulness coo upon the branches of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, and the Nightingale of Utterance sing upon the leaves of the Tree of Blessedness, and behind it all the Tongue of Grandeur between earth and heaven.

By My life! That which was hidden hath appeared, and that which was treasured hath shone forth from the horizon of creation. Come ye and draw near, O Concourse of Names! Then hasten and approach, O Denizens of the highest paradise! Raise your voices and come quickly, O people of creation! Hearken, O people of earth, unto My sweetest call once again, and deprive not yourselves of that which hath been ordained for you in My most exalted Kingdom. Behold and observe: in My right hand is My crimson scroll, and in My left is My purest wine, whose seal hath been broken through My Most Glorious Name. By God! Through it the Most Great Ocean hath surged, and the mountains have moved, and earthquakes have seized the tribes of the earth in all regions, and through it the heaven of idle fancies hath been cleft asunder and the ground of the hearts of those who denied the beginning and the end hath been split.

And praise be to God Who hath caused His loved ones to hear the rustling of His branches upon the Tree that hath overshadowed all regions with its shade. Blessed and exalted is He Who hath caused them to hear His call and summoned them by Himself unto Himself, and made known to them His beauty, and caused them to soar in His atmosphere, and taught them His path, and inspired them with His remembrance and praise, and expanded their breasts for His utterance and their hearts for His establishment, and nourished them with the wine of His revelation and the fountain of His inspiration, and caused them to speak His words. He is indeed the Single One Whom the calumnies of the ungodly cannot harm, and the One Whom the ascription of partners by satans cannot prevent. Verily, He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Inspirer, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The servant has attained unto the dewdrops from your pen, which have sprinkled forth from the ocean of your love—our Beloved and your Beloved, our Goal and the Goal of all the worlds. When the wine of your affection's Kawthar overwhelmed me and the fragrances of your mention stirred me, and while I was repeatedly reading your letter, I was summoned to ascend unto the seat of the Desired One. When I attained His presence and presented it, thereupon the Kingdom of Utterance was stirred and the Tongue

of Grandeur spoke that which the people of creation cannot bear, save those whom His prevailing Will and His all-encompassing Purpose have chosen. By God's life! I have drunk from the ocean of bounty that which I cannot mention, nor can pens describe, nor tongues express. And I gave thanks unto God that I beheld the countenance of the Beloved turned towards His Afnan who have attained the Most Great Bounty in His days. He, verily, is the All-Compelling, the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing. My very being and all I possess be a sacrifice for your love!

The exalted letter which was inscribed with this evanescent one's name dispelled sorrows and extinguished the fire of grief. Praise be to God, it bestowed the Salsabil of joy and granted the Kawthar of delight. His be the praise in all conditions. Three letters were received from your honor, but since outwardly the passages requiring response were not clear, therefore there was delay. Otherwise, how could this servant, according to his capacity, postpone or be negligent? In all conditions I beseech and hope from the True One that He may assist this servant to manifest that which brings joy to the luminous heart.

At this moment when this servant was occupied with this petition, he again observed your honor's letters to present answers to the passages written therein. After visiting the first letter and reading the prayer mentioned therein, I took it once again and proceeded with it to the Ultimate Goal and the Most Exalted Horizon, and presented it before His countenance time and again. Thereupon the Tongue of God, the Lord of the first and the last, spoke. He said, exalted be His glory and universal be His bounty:

"O My Afnan! We have heard thy rustling and thy call, and witnessed thy clinging and thy steadfastness and thy turning unto Us, and We know the state thou art in regarding the love of thy Lord, Who was banished time after time and imprisoned again and again in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. We take pride in what hath befallen Us at the hands of the enemies, and through it the Cause of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, hath been exalted. We have named this prison the Most Great Prison. It behooveth everyone to reflect upon it and upon that wherewith it hath been named by the Mighty, the Wise. We have mentioned thee before from My Most Exalted Pen, and We have turned unto thee at this time from this noble station.

Thou hast been beneath the glances of thy Lord's loving-kindness, and the Wronged One greeteth thee from this glorious spot. Blessed art thou for having drunk the choice wine of utterance from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and for having attained unto that which most of mankind hath been deprived of. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this in this Clear Book. We have heard thy call which was raised in the days of thy Lord, and We know that wherewith thou didst commune with God, the True Sovereign, the Manifest. We beseech Him to strengthen thee in all conditions and to send down upon thee from the heaven of grace that which beseemeth His mercy that hath preceded the world and His generosity that hath encompassed the heavens and the earth." End.

Praise be to God! The ocean of bounty is surging, the sun of grace is shining, and the heaven of mercy is elevated. From the verses sent down from the heaven of God's Will, His infinite favor is made manifest. Blessed is the nose that perceiveth its perfume, blessed the mouth that tasteth its sweetness, blessed the heart that discerneth its station, and blessed the body that is stirred by its breezes. In truth, for every member of the body a portion is ordained. O how excellent is the blessing that hath been destined for the

souls of the sincere ones, which is the verses of God and His words, and the utterance of God and His proof. I beseech Him, exalted be His glory, not to deprive the people of the world from the fragrances of the Most Great Name. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

In a Tablet revealed from the horizon of God's will during the days when the military barracks served as the seat of the throne, those who circle the divine throne were mentioned to be of three kinds. Some gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon and are nourished by the Most Glorious Nectar—these are souls who truly "speak not before He speaks and act by His command." Blessed are they and theirs is a goodly beginning and end. Another kind are below this station, while others rise at times and fall at others. Thus was it sent down in truth from God, the All-Knowing Revealer. Now, praise be to God, all are blessed with the eternal, everlasting bounty of attaining the presence of the Beloved of the worlds. We beseech God to assist all who circle and dwell in this land to achieve what befits this Day. All the loved ones lived in perfect comfort and bounty for several years until the horizon of trustworthiness darkened. The details of this matter cannot be revealed. Verses were revealed to one of the loved ones dwelling in Ottoman lands. Some of these verses are presented here, revealing what befell the Beloved of the world.

Thus spoke the tongue of the Beloved:

> "O My Physician, My Physician! Your call has risen until it reached the ear of your All-Knowing Lord. The Present Servant appeared and presented before the Face what you called unto God, Lord of the worlds. Blessed is the tongue that speaks truth and the eye that beholds My luminous horizon. Blessed is the eye that weeps for My tribulations and the hearts that yearn in My great affliction. By My life! Were the veil to be lifted, wailing would rise between the heavens and earth. How many deeds melted My heart, yet I concealed them through My Name, the Concealer, the Gracious. How many acts caused My heart and pen to lament, yet I preserved them such that none in the world learned of them. How many afflictions seized Me and how many calamities surrounded Me in this mighty prison, yet My Name the Forgiving prevented Me from mentioning them, and My Name the Merciful took hold of My hem saying: 'Verily, Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful ones.' Thus did My tongue speak that you might learn what befell the Wronged One in this remote spot."

Section 2: "All matters that occurred in this land were…"

All matters that occurred in this land were previously mentioned in divine Tablets. Thus at first arrival this prison was named the Most Great Prison, and it was said its mystery would later be revealed. By the Sun of the horizon of inner meanings, the Cause of God was so exalted in this land that none could adequately describe it. The prison door was opened, although the original decree issued by Sultan Abdul-Aziz had stipulated that none should be allowed near, not even a barber for shaving without a guard present. Nevertheless, the prison door was opened such that companions could freely travel to any land they wished without question. This supreme power and mighty sovereignty appeared without material means, for it was never expected that such severity and harshness would be removed. We testify that He is truly powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Able, the Ruler, the Mighty, the Wise.

The people are heedless and do not reflect upon the power of God. At all times manifest signs and clear evidences appear, yet they remain unaware and have not raised their heads from the slumber of heedlessness. If the blessed Surih of Ra'is has reached your presence, you will have become aware of the degree of the heedlessness of the servants. The All-Glorious, Most Great God has spoken the truth. All that has occurred in these two years was mentioned and recorded in that Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet. That which was promised in the Book has appeared, and that which no one among the servants can today comprehend shall appear. In truth, the overwhelming attraction and rapturous yearning of this servant in your presence has caused this petition to become lengthy, yet in all cases pardon is hoped for.

And regarding what you had written about the Holy Land, this matter has been forbidden, and the decree concerning it was revealed from the Supreme Pen and sent beforehand. In this regard, this evanescent servant has deemed it necessary to submit a brief account of these matters so that you may be informed. For two years in this land, the price of things has been rising day by day, and likewise some of the pilgrims have taken large sums of money from the people and have not repaid them, claiming that the money was entirely lost. And the small amount of money that the government was giving to some of the prisoners has decreased due to the wars occurring between the two states, as they now give promissory notes worth one-third of what they used to give.

Some of the friends wrote about these hardships and difficulties that had befallen them by way of information to his honor, the Name of God (66), may all glory most glorious be upon him, and he, due to his being enkindled with the fire of divine love, thought it advisable to inform the friends. God knows that he intended nothing by this except to manifest that which he possessed in his love for God and His Cause. And afterward, he wrote the details to this servant.

After presenting it to the Most Holy Court, He instructed: Write to the Name of Ha that no one should proceed to the land of Kha, and they should not mention the details of this land in that region. Therefore, this servant submitted a letter to him, and in that letter mighty, impregnable verses were revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will. A copy of that letter is being submitted to your presence, that you may be informed of that which has shone forth from the horizon of the will of our Lord, the Powerful, the Mighty:

He is the One Who has power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is!

Verily the evanescent servant calleth out before the face of the world and maketh mention of that which hath reached his ears through hearkening unto that which the Tongue of Grandeur and Glory hath spoken. He hath spoken, and His word is the truth:

> "By God! The horizon of trustworthiness hath been darkened, the countenance of faithfulness hath been altered, and the hem of fidelity between earth and heaven hath been sullied. There hath appeared that which beseemeth not the Cause of God, His days, His majesty and His glory in this land which hath been named the Crimson Spot among the Concourse of Names and in the heaven of this heaven from My Most Exalted Pen."

We beseech Him, exalted be He, to set right what we have neglected in regard to Him, to forgive us for what we have wrought in His presence, and to ordain for us justice and that whereby His Cause and sovereignty may be uplifted among His servants.

O beloved of my heart! Although sorrows have taken their toll and the hearts of the pure ones in God's lands and realms have been troubled by what hath occurred in the Prison Land, yet we thank the Beloved that the world hath been honored with the Most Great Joy, and verily He is seated upon the throne before the face of the nations. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Bestower.

This is a petition from the evanescent one to him who hath dawned from the horizon of Sad for the love of God, our Lord and the Lord of the sincere ones, and I inform him of what the Ancient Beauty hath commanded me in this station. He hath spoken, and His most sweet utterance is:

> "O My Name Ha! No one should proceed to the land of Kha and inform its people of matters that have newly arisen in this White Land, whose very atoms proclaim that there is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Loving."

As commanded, inform His Excellency that no one should specifically proceed to the land of Kha regarding recent events, and if anyone has gone or taken anything, let him return it to the direction of the Intended One and surely restore it to its owner. Likewise, that person himself should abandon his intention and return. This is what the Beloved of the Worlds hath decreed.

And regarding what was given in the lands of Ta and Kaf, if it has been sent, the matter is concluded; if not, let it remain with His Excellency and let him send the names of those souls to the Most Holy Court. Verily, He is the Ruler over what He willeth. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Wise.

In view of this firm decree issued from the Source of Command, if what was taken has been returned, they have acted according to what God commanded them. If it still remains, according to the decree it must be given to the poor of the land of Kha. Verily, He does not allow to be lost the reward of one who spendeth in His path. He is the Giver, the Bestower, the Ordainer, the Generous.

The copy of those names to whom that sum should be given will be sent by Nabil-i-Qa'ini as commanded, and God is the guardian of the beneficent ones.

That which was issued from the Source of Command this year was that if anyone wishes to pay the Huququ'llah with complete willingness and satisfaction, the Trustees of the lands should receive it and present it. Until this year, although the law of Huquq was revealed in the Book of God with explicit text, not a word was heard from the blessed tongue regarding this matter. However, this year what was decreed was decreed. Verily, He is the Decreer, the All-Knowing.

This servant further begs of your honour that to each one of them that drink of the wine of divine love who attain your presence, and as you deem fit, mention this servant's utter effacement and nothingness. And another entreaty to be conveyed to the Afnan of the Sacred Tree—may my soul be a sacrifice for them—is an expression of pure devotion and absolute nothingness, contingent upon your honour's grace and favours, especially to his honour M and H—upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory—who was mentioned in your honour's letter. The essence of glory and remembrance be upon your honour and upon them and upon those who cling to the hem of God's sacred, pure, mighty and luminous robe. And praise be to God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Wise.

Additionally, it is submitted regarding the sum about which news arrived from the land of Kha, and which your honour directed payment for before its arrival and inquiry—when this was submitted in the Most Holy Presence, He smiled and said:

> "They have even added benefit to it for him. We have accepted all that was done in God's path. He has indeed done what was befitting of him and We have accepted double what he did for the love of God."

However, that sum must be handled according to the mentioned command, meaning it should be distributed in the land of Kha according to the list sent by Nabil-i-Akbar.

The servant, 9 Dhi'l-Hajjih 1295

BH02057: Unto God belongs the work of those who have…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most Powerful

Unto God belongs the work of those who have detached themselves from all else save Him and have attained unto that which was commanded them in the Book inscribed by His Most Exalted Pen. And unto God belongs the pearl of those who have hearkened to His sweetest call, have turned toward His most exalted horizon, and have testified to that which God Himself hath testified—they are the ones through whom the horizon of utterance hath shone forth and through whom the fragrance of the garment of the All-Merciful hath been wafted throughout all possibility. And upon God rests the recompense of those who have recognized His days, whereby the Books, the Scriptures and the Tablets have been adorned.

Thereafter, there hath reached the servant thy letter which was perfumed with the mention of the Beloved and adorned with the praise of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. I read it and beseeched God, our Lord and your Lord, that He might aid you to celebrate the praise of the Dawning-Place of His verses, the Dayspring of His knowledge and the Source of His wisdom which hath encompassed the world. Verily, He is the Near One, the Responding One.

It is submitted that mention was made of your honor in the Most Holy Presence, and after presenting what you had written and sent, He said:

> "God willing, they must engage with the utmost diligence and effort in the mention of God, that perchance sleeping souls may attain the grace of awareness, may hearken to the call of the Wronged One, and may arise to serve the Cause. A hundred thousand regrets and reproaches be upon those souls who have not attained to the recognition of the Promised Day and who wander and journey in the gloomy wilderness of their own desires. Thinkest thou that they understand or hear? God testifieth that they are among the dead and perceive it not."

O servant of God! That which thou hast accomplished in the path of the Intended One hath not been and shall never be forgotten. Give thanks unto God for having enabled thee to serve His Cause. This, verily, is a supreme station. Convey My greetings unto those who are with thee. Thus doth command thee the Wronged One, the Stranger.

As to what thou didst write concerning Jinab-i-Safi and the guest, upon them be the glory of God—praise be to God, they have ever been the recipients of divine favors. Jinab-i-Safi is among those souls whom the Truth Himself hath taught, and for whom He hath opened the door of His great mercy with the key of His blessed Name. Well is it with him and with her. Convey on behalf of this servant wondrous and glorious greetings unto them, and likewise unto all the friends in that land who have been nourished by the wine of divine love and who have been adorned with His endless bounties—convey on behalf of this evanescent one greetings, mention and peace. I beseech God to aid and assist them all and to adorn them with the ornament of steadfastness. The glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have walked His straight path. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

It is further submitted that regarding what thou didst mention about the son of the servant, it was presented in the Most Holy Presence. He said:

> "God willing, may they be illumined by the Sun of divine favor and may they be occupied with His mention, which is the first gift of the Beloved. The glance of grace hath been and God willing shall be upon them. And their Lord, the All-Merciful, He is verily the Bestower, the Generous."

BH02929: Praise be to God Who hath decreed through His…

Praise be to God Who hath decreed through His command and revealed affliction through His behest, and through Him His Cause was raised up in the kingdom of creation….

As to what thou hadst written concerning Muhammad-Baqir of N and J, that he had written to thee that in former times he was engaged in commerce and had been somewhat negligent in the payment of the rights of God, such as being imprecise in his weighing, sometimes giving more or less, and now that he has learned that the Blessed Will requires the payment of dues, trustworthiness, and refraining from disposing of others' property without permission, he finds himself in difficulty since he knows neither the rightful owners nor the amounts. He has beseeched pardon for his past deeds. All these details were presented at the Most Holy Court, and this is what shone forth from the horizon of justice:

O Zayn, mayest thou, God willing, be ever engaged in service to the Cause and attain unto the fragrances of the days of the Beloved. Write to Muhammad-Baqir: Thy call was heard and thy petition accepted. Blessed art thou for having made acknowledgment in the days of the Wronged One and for having sought the good pleasure of thy imprisoned Lord. Beseech God to raise up souls who, through their trustworthiness and rectitude, may free and liberate the horizon of trustworthiness from these dark and obscuring clouds. O Zayn, injury hath reached such a point that mention of it is not permissible. The loved ones of this Revelation must walk among men with utmost sanctity and detachment, and must hold fast to trustworthiness and rectitude in such wise that their light may shine forth like the morning star unto all the world.

Write unto him what the Tongue of Grandeur uttereth in this exalted station: Say: That which thou didst write unto My Name hath come before the Wronged One and hath been honored to be heard by thy Lord in this station which God hath sanctified beyond mention and utterance. We have answered thee with

these verses which have shone forth and gleamed from the horizon of thy Lord's will, the All-Subduing. Blessed art thou for having turned, acknowledged, and sought the grace of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. We have forgiven thee and pardoned what is past. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Trust in God in all matters and hold fast unto what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Book. God willing, mayest thou be engaged in the mention of God with the utmost joy and fragrance, walking in the path of His good-pleasure and remaining steadfast in His love. Never let steadfastness in His Cause depart from thy sight, for this Cause is most mighty. Beseech God to aid His loved ones to act according to His will. Whatever He hath ordained and ordaineth hath been and shall be for the good of His servants themselves. To this beareth witness My tongue, My pen, and the kingdom of My utterance, the Mighty, the Impregnable….

O Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which all things have been encompassed to cause me to be among them who have soared in the atmosphere of Thy love, who have quaffed the choice wine of Thy favors, who have turned toward the horizon of Thy Cause, and who have detached themselves from all else but Thee out of love for Thy beauty. O my Lord! Thou seest the needy one standing before the gate of Thy grace, and the ailing one turning toward the ocean of Thy healing. I implore Thee not to drive me from the courts of Thy holiness, nor to keep me distant from the seat of Thy nearness. 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 command. Verily, Thou art the All-Protecting over what hath been and what shall be….

Concerning what thou didst mention about Ismu'llah al-Asdaq, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, according to the Covenant, this was presented, and this is what was revealed for him from God, the Mighty, the Loving:

> "O Zayn! We make mention of him who hath drunk the wine of My utterance, heard My call, turned to the horizon of My Cause, soared in the atmosphere of My nearness, entered My prison by My leave, circumambulated around Me through My grace, and heard My sweetest call in the White Spot. Upon him be My glory and the glory of the Concourse on High, and the light whereby Zawra was illumined when God made it the seat of His mighty throne. Thus did We make mention of him aforetime, and before that was revealed for him in My Preserved Tablet that which caused the world to quiver with longing for God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed is he and blessed is he who maketh mention of him and greeteth him. Thus doth God teach His servants, for verily He is the Teacher, the All-Wise."

BH02310: Praise be to God Who hath sent down…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful!

Praise be to God Who hath sent down the verses and revealed the clear proofs and spoken that wherewith all created things have spoken, that there is none other God but Him. He it is by Whose most sweet call all things cried out, and springs gushed forth from solid rock. Blessed be our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious, through Whom the horizon of utterance hath shone forth and the ocean of bounty hath surged amongst the peoples of possibility and the Beauty of the All-Merciful was established

upon the throne. He it is through Whom every motionless thing was set in motion, every seated one arose, every silent one spoke, every still one hastened, every extinguished one was ignited, every stone melted, and through Whom were opened the gates of wisdom and exposition. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Bestower.

Glory be unto Him! How great is His handiwork and how mighty that which appeareth from His presence! At one time He withholdeth and at another He giveth. He, verily, is the Witholder, the Giver, the Mighty, the Generous.

Through His sovereignty He hath manifested servants possessed of love and understanding, and made them the hands of His Cause amongst His creation and the lamps of His guidance amongst His creatures. The servant beareth witness, and every discerning one who knoweth and every learned one who is informed beareth witness that He is God, there is none other God but Him. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Furthermore, I have read what flowed from the ocean of your love and the words that shone forth from the horizon of your turning unto God, our Lord and your Lord. I beseech Him at all times to make us among those who circle round Him in all His worlds which none hath comprehended save God, the Numberer, the Informed. May my spirit and my soul be offered up for your love and your steadfastness and your remembrance.

After I became acquainted with what was in your letter, I ascended and approached the Beloved of the world and presented it before His face. He spoke, and His word is the truth:

> "He is among those whom God hath aided to love Him and show affection for Him and serve Him and remember Him among His servants. His Lord, the All-Merciful, is verily the All-Bountiful, the Generous."

As for what thou didst mention regarding Sasun, let him act according to what flowed from thy pen. By the life of God, this is more beneficial for him than traveling in the winter season. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist him and aid him in that which He loveth and is pleased with.

The servant conveyeth greetings and salutations to the faces of the brethren who are there, and I give them glad tidings of God's bounty and mercy and remembrance and favors, and I counsel them with that whereby the Cause of God may be exalted in all else. The servant hath heard that his honor Nasir, upon him be the glory of God, remained without employment. Let him work as he worked before. Thus hath commanded my Lord and the Lord of the worlds.

Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. Glory be upon you and upon your household and upon every steadfast and upright believer.

The servant 19 Dhi'l-Qa'dih 1295

BH00567: The Pen calleth out amidst the world and giveth…

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

The Pen calleth out amidst the world and giveth glad-tidings unto the peoples through the Most Great Name, whereby hath flowed the Kawthar of life throughout all contingent being, and whereby there hath gushed forth from the impenetrable rock the sweet-flowing waters of the All-Merciful's love. By the life of God! This Day is His Day, wherein He turneth at one time to the right, calling out to the companions of the right hand and summoning them unto God, the True Sovereign, the Manifest; and at another time He walketh before the faces of the servants, giving them glad-tidings of that which hath dawned forth and shone from the horizon of the will of the Lord of creation; and at yet another time He speaketh from the highest branches of the Tree of existence, warbling and singing with the most melodious of tunes, whereby the wine of recognition hath intoxicated the servants of the All-Merciful.

Of them are they who hastened unto the Dayspring of sacrifice between earth and heaven, and of them are they who sacrificed themselves by their own hands in the path of God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful. By the life of God! Were it not for the decree of wisdom sent down from the heaven of the will of our Lord, the All-Merciful, the sincere ones would surely hasten to attain that which the martyrs have attained. The command is God's, inasmuch as He hath forbidden all from this and enjoined upon them composure and dignity, and the preservation of their souls in private and in public. Verily, He is the Unconstrained, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower.

May my spirit and my soul be offered up for that which belongeth to Him and to it in the path of your love, O thou who hast arisen with thy whole being to serve God and to aid His Cause. Several days ago, as commanded, a brief petition was submitted to your presence. God willing, it will have arrived. In your previous letter you had made mention of Manekji Sahib. The answer to his petitions had been revealed through God's bounty and favor some time ago, but due to certain matters and divine wisdom it was not sent, and likewise the answer to Mulla ʿAli-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, and several others whose petitions were brought by Mirza Muhammad-Husayn, the physician, upon him be the Glory of God, was not sent, until in these days from the Dayspring of favors the Sun of permission arose and the answer to the aforementioned gentleman's petition was sent.

The original Tablet in the handwriting of the Greater Branch—may my spirit and being be offered up for the dust of His most mighty footsteps—was sent and should reach that person, and a copy in this servant's hand was sent so that any of the honored ones and friends of God who wish to make a copy may do so from this servant's handwriting, that the original Tablet may reach its owner safe and unblemished. Although that which hath been revealed from the heaven of divine Will in answer to them hath been revealed according to the requirements of the time and in consideration of the condition of the seeker, yet I swear by the beauty of the Beloved that were all who are on earth to be fair-minded and attain unto the perusal of that Tablet, all would enter the goodly City and behold the heavenly bounty with their outward and inner eyes, and be delighted thereby. My soul and the souls of all else be a sacrifice for His utterance and for His mention.

O beloved of my heart! This servant is at all times bewildered and thoughtful, for he sees heedlessness encompassing most of the people of the world to such an extent that pen and tongue are powerless to describe it. Observe how the ocean of inner meanings is surging, the Sun of grace is shining, and the heaven of utterance is raised high; yet the people remain heedless and veiled to such a degree that they

are counted among the dead. Soon, however, will the Divine Word encompass all and all shall turn toward the supreme horizon, save those souls who are utterly devoid of spirit—their judgment is as ashes. Blessed are the loved ones of God and His chosen ones—may my soul be a sacrifice for them—who have directed their hearts to the ultimate goal and turned their radiant faces to the supreme horizon, and have drunk the choice wine of life from the hands of bounty on this Day when the vibration of the Manifestation has seized all things.

Blessed is the ear that hath heard its call and the eye that hath witnessed its ways. All souls observe with their outward eyes the passing of one another and the changes of circumstances and days, yet they are seen to be far from the gathering-place of nearness and heedless of the Sun of knowledge which shineth at the zenith. They have neither ears nor eyes—they are like cattle, nay more astray.

From His blessed letters it was understood that after learning of the conditions in the Land of Purpose [Ard-i-Maqsud] and its constraints and the events occurring therein, they have become distressed and saddened. This servant submits that although the events occurring in this land are just as some of the friends have reported to them, yet God willing the hand of divine destiny shall protect. Yes, since God has ordained means for every matter, they look to the means and all are commanded to this station, but after the prevention of the appearance of outward means, assuredly the conquering power and the prevailing sovereignty will be made manifest and will effect the transformation of all that is visible. He is, verily, the Omnipotent, the Almighty. I swear by the Sun of wisdom that shineth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance that were this servant to describe this station as it truly is, all on earth would be bewildered, nay, thunderstruck by the greatness of the Cause.

May my soul be a sacrifice for thy detachment and may my life be offered up for thy service. In truth, tongue and pen fall short of mentioning thy struggles, efforts and endeavors in service to the Cause, and to this every person of insight bears witness and every hearing ear testifies. Praise be to God, then praise be to God, that thou hast attained to this exalted, supreme station which is today visible among the people of the earth. However, according to the blessed command, thou must conduct thyself with perfect wisdom and protect thyself as much as possible for the sake of serving the Truth. The Truth, the Inaccessible, has thus far preserved Himself for the salvation of the people, the freedom of the people, and the maturity of the people. But in these days, due to the ingratitude of the people, We are somewhat hesitant as to what We should will and what command We should manifest.

O My Name Ha! By thy life, We have desired the survival and salvation of creation, yet at every moment they strive for My extinction. Say: By the life of God! He shall never perish, but rather He loveth to veil His countenance from your eyes, O heedless ones. His are worlds beyond worlds, and realms which none hath known save He Who speaketh the truth and converseth with thee from this remote station.

O My Name Sin! Hearken unto My most sweet call. He remembereth thee, and giveth thee glad tidings, and confirmeth thee in thy love for God, the Lord of all worlds. My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness to thy sincerity, thy service, thy steadfastness and thy gracious mention. The Wronged One restraineth Himself from mentioning that which hath befallen Him in this manifest spot. We have named it the Most Great Prison. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Informed. That which hath appeared therein befitteth to be

concealed in a preserved tablet. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Wise. Grieve not at this, but put thy trust in God. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

God willing, may you ever be blessed through the mercy of the All-Merciful. Your mention hath been made in the Most Holy Court, thy call hath been heard, and thy love witnessed. The servant in attendance at this moment, when the meal was served, requested that a portion of this food be bestowed upon the Name of Ha, and at this moment he arose and engaged in visitation on thy behalf. We gave him leave for this, that he might be numbered among them that visit. Thus doth the Most Exalted Pen make mention of thee and give thee glad tidings of that which hath appeared at this moment.

As for what thou didst write concerning the Most Great Leaf, the honored sister—upon her be the Most Glorious of all Glory and the Most Excellent of all Praise—yea, this servant once heard from the blessed tongue that He said if one succeeds in paying the Huqúqu'lláh to the extent of paying debts and expenses allocated to them, this is beloved before the Throne. Until this year, this servant always heard these words from the tongue of Grandeur regarding the Huqúqu'lláh, saying that no one should demand Huqúqu'lláh from anyone, as this depends on the success and pleasure of the servants themselves to pay with complete contentment and submission. However, this year, in view of current affairs and apparent conditions, He said that each of the loved ones of God upon whom Huqúqu'lláh has become binding must pay it. We beseech God that all may be enabled to do this, as this matter is truly the cause of preservation and purity of wealth and of blessing, and has ever been so. And they said that were it not for these outward circumstances, never would such words have been uttered from the tongue of Grandeur, but the matter is decreed, and perhaps good will come of it.

I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to give His loved ones to drink, at all times, from the wine of steadfastness and to confirm them in the wisdom that hath been sent down. He, verily, is the Generous Giver. I request of thee to convey expressions of sincerity from this evanescent one to the brethren and to those whom God hath related to thee, one and all, and likewise to the friends. I beseech God to enable them, to assist them, and to draw them near unto Him in all conditions, and to make them aware of this world and its transience and its passing, that none may grieve at its loss nor rejoice in its existence. By the life of the Beloved! It shall perish, and naught shall endure save what hath been ordained for every soul by God, the Lord of all names. The glory of God be upon thee and upon them that are with thee and love thee and upon the assured ones among the loved ones of God. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH00847: Praise, sanctified beyond mention and utterance, befitteth the Most…

In the Name of the One True Loving God!

Praise, sanctified beyond mention and utterance, befitteth the Most Beloved Lord Who hath adorned creation with the ornament of knowledge and, after the dawning of the luminous morn, caused the sun of insight to appear from the horizon of the world. He is the Omnipotent One Who, from a single point, hath detailed all that was and shall be, bringing it forth to the realm of manifestation. The signs of His power are visible and evident in all things, and the tokens of His grandeur are manifest and apparent throughout all creation.

Through His consummate might He hath caused the Promised Day, which was inscribed and recorded in the Books and Scriptures, to be made manifest through the blessedness of His Most Great Name, and with but a single word hath breathed new life into the ancient world. How excellent is the state of the soul who, in this blessed Day, hath drunk from the fountain of awareness and reposed beneath the celestial Tree!

This is the Day which, among all ages, centuries and epochs, hath been specifically designated by and attributed to Truth – exalted be His glory. How many souls who counted themselves among the foremost, yet whose names are not mentioned in the Holy Court; and how many who were unknown, yet today are remembered with utmost elevation and nobility in the Court of the True One! Glorified, glorified is He Who maketh ocean waves to appear from a drop, and the effulgences of the Sun from an atom!

The ocean of knowledge hath appeared, yet the servants remain heedless of it; the sun of wisdom hath risen, yet people remain deprived and portionless thereof, save whom God willeth. Upon every leaf of the leaves of the world, the Supreme Pen hath inscribed and recorded the mysteries of evanescence, and on every page of the pages of existence, the symbols of impermanence are evident and written. Nevertheless, they have set their hearts upon it, occupied themselves with it, and rejoice in it.

They have lost indeed who have turned away from the Countenance and followed the dictates of their desires. These have not found the sweetness of the verses, nor recognized the fragrance of the days of God, nor attained to that which was the purpose of the creation of the world. I testify that they have strayed from the straight path.

My spirit be a sacrifice for your service, and a sacrifice for your steadfastness, O thou who art immersed in the ocean of the love of God, and O thou who art engaged in the service of the Cause of God, and O thou who art steadfast in His remembrance and praise amidst the concourse of creation! Thou art the one who hath sacrificed thy self, thy wealth, and all that is attributed unto thee in the path of God.

All things bear witness to your sincerity, your turning to God, your steadfastness, your praise, your remembrance, your testimony, and your service unto God, the Lord of the visible and invisible, and the Lord of the Mighty Throne. It behooveth every lover to praise God for this and to thank Him for having confirmed you in that whereunto ye have attained, and for having adorned you with the ornament of His Name, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

And moreover, the Star rising from the horizon of the heaven of the love of God arrived in the form of a letter, illumining the heart and soul, nay all limbs, with the light of joy and gladness. That which you had expressed, and your questioning of the reports concerning events in the Land of the Prison – nay, by Him Who illumined the horizon of the world with the Most Great Light! All atoms bear witness that your honor has ever been occupied with service to the Cause, and in expressing what has transpired had and has no purpose save the good-pleasure of God.

The Truth, exalted be His glory, His bounty and His grandeur, hath spoken with His blessed tongue, saying that “My Name Ha (upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious), due to his being set ablaze with the fire of divine love, informed the servants of God of events that had occurred in the Most Great Prison.

Verily he hath acted in accordance with what befitteth his sincerity, his love and his turning unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed."

These words having ended, this servant and all things testify that whatsoever existeth in the heavens and earth cannot equal these few words sent down from the heaven of divine favor. That petition of this servant which was dispatched to your presence, and that which was revealed therein from His Most Exalted Pen, testifieth that your honor hath spoken for God's sake, informed for God's sake, and arose for God's sake.

For a long time, extreme hardship and difficulty were daily manifest in this land, until new events also transpired […] However, so that grief and sorrow might not seize the heart of your honor and those who drink the choice wine of divine knowledge, these matters were concealed. Indeed, what they had reported was greater than this, but was not revealed. Verily He is the Concealer, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Another matter: your honor's letter and that of Shaykh S (upon him be the Glory of God) were in the Prison Land while this servant submits this reply from the farm. Therefore, if it does not accord exactly with reality, forgiveness is hoped for, as it is necessary to have the original letter at hand when submitting a reply. However, at present this servant is here while your esteemed letter and that of the Shaykh are in Akka. Thus was the matter decreed. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Decreer, the All-Knowing.

Concerning what was written about the threshold for Huququ'llah, it is as was written to Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin (upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious). The basic threshold upon which Huquq becomes applicable is nineteen, and this accords with the Most Holy Book, for in that verse the intention was to explain the amount, not the threshold. Verily He is the Expositor in the beginning and the end.

Until this year, mention of Huququ'llah had not been made – that is, this servant had not heard a word from the Most Holy Tongue indicating the collection of Huquq. However, in this year the firm decree was issued and appeared manifest from the horizon of the Cause. They stated that should anyone wish to pay Huququ'llah willingly and gladly, it would be accepted and the trustees should receive it and, as commanded, inform the Most Holy Court.

Although the Most Holy Book was revealed from the heaven of the Cause several years ago and the law of Huquq was established therein, nevertheless until this year They did not command its collection. Verily He is the Ruler, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

Another submission is that I convey expressions of sincere devotion to his honor Shaykh S, upon him be the Glory of God. He is among those who have been touched by harm and hardship in the path of God, the Lord of Names. These blessed words I once heard from the tongue of the Beloved of the worlds concerning him: "Blessed be he, then joy be unto him." I beseech the Most High to assist him in His remembrance and praise in all conditions. Verily, He is the Answerer, the Generous.

The Glory be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who are related to you, from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

In Dhi'l-Hajjih

BH01201: In the name of God, the Most Holy…

In the name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Impregnable, the Most Great, the Most Glorious, the Most Splendid!

Praise be to God Who hath manifested Him Who was manifested, at the time He was manifested, through that which was manifested, in that which was manifested. He hath ever been sanctified beyond the ascent to His holy court of the mention of the most sagacious, or the rising unto Him from nonexistence and nothingness of that which hath been uttered by the adherents of the two parties. When He desired to give glad-tidings unto the world of the Most Great Mystery, He manifested Him Who was established upon the throne of the Trinity, that He might convey unto mankind the Hidden Secret and the Treasured Mystery, Who appeared in the form of the Quaternary. Verily, by His sanctifying sovereignty, He hath been sanctified above the mention of all created things.

He is indeed the Quaternary Who deriveth not, whether outwardly or inwardly, from aught except His Own Self, the One Who dominateth the world. And were He to be mentioned as the Great One, no names would be mentioned with Him in the first degree. Through Him was manifested the Alif standing between the two letters, and that which appeared through the first letter was fulfilled, and the second letter was realized. Thereupon another heaven was spread forth after the rolling up of the first heaven. Blessed be God Who speaketh at the heart of creation and calleth unto all created things at all times that there is none other God but Him, the Omnipotent, the Exalted, the Most High, the Most Great.

I pray and I send greetings upon the first ocean from which appeared the pearls of wisdom and utterance and the gems of knowledge and exposition, and upon the first light that shone from a horizon that was sanctified above all horizons, and whom none hath known save him who hath detached himself from all else and remained faithful to the Covenant on the Day of Separation.

To continue: this evanescent servant was honored by receiving your letter, adorned with the praise and remembrance of God, from which I detected the sweet fragrance of your love and the redolence of your affection. I read it until I reached the passage wherein you communed with God, our Lord, the Master of all beings. Through it I ascended to the ultimate goal, the seat of the throne of our Most Glorious Lord, and presented its contents before the Throne. Thereupon the Beloved smiled and spoke that which all existence, both seen and unseen, cannot enumerate, and He bestowed upon you some of what I retained so that you might rejoice in the favors of our Lord, the Most Exalted, the All-Wise.

It is respectfully submitted that those verses which, after the presentation of thy supplication, were sent down from the heaven of the Will of the Lord of Names and Attributes—and which this servant was enabled to set down—were recorded on a separate sheet and dispatched.

From these firm and wondrously new-revealed verses the subtleties of the divine favours, and the manifestation of heavenly bounties vouchsafed unto thee, are as the sun clear and fully established—nay, clearer still. This much may be stated: thou hast ever been remembered before the Throne; and the suns of grace and loving-kindness have so shone forth that this servant is, and hath ever been, powerless to

record or recount them. Of this, Jinab Amin—upon him be the Glory of God—and others of the people of that land, upon them be the Glory of God, are witnesses and can testify; for they would, in particular, enquire concerning thee, and would evince solicitude for thy welfare. Throughout all the years, a mighty Tablet hath been revealed and sent especially for thee; whatsoever hath not reached thee, the messengers have failed to deliver.

All things bear witness to thy service and thy steadfastness in the Cause of God. We beseech God to grant thee success, and to confirm thee even as He hath confirmed thee, and to bestow upon thee the good of this world and of the world to come. Verily He is the Protector of them that have voiced His praise amongst all peoples.

What more can this servant mention that would be worthy of you? God the Exalted is my witness that upon beholding your letter, such joy and delight overtook me that I was and am unable to properly describe it. God willing, may we ever be blessed and gladdened by the trace of your pen. The remembrance of loved ones is auspicious to the Beloved.

Furthermore, in these days a letter arrived from his honor Makhdum-Zadih, upon him be the Glory of God, wherein he had inscribed several names. These were presented to the Most Holy Court, and wondrous, exalted Tablets were revealed and sent from the heaven of divine favor specifically for him and all the other names. Blessed is he for having attained unto a goodly end.

Regarding the query about the expression of his honor the Siyyid, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, it was presented at the Most Holy Court. He said:

> "O Mihdi! Verily, My Most Exalted Pen does not wish to move upon what was written before. If thou ponderest, thou wilt understand his intent, what allusions and metaphors it contains. He intended naught but the mention of this Most Great Revelation, whose effulgence hath encompassed the worlds."

God willing, may you be ever occupied with the remembrance of God and be blessed by His grace. The dispersion of outward means will, God willing, be transformed into unity through divine grace. Verily, He is the Giver, the Munificent, the Generous. The Glory be upon you and upon all who are with you, young and old.

The servant [of God] 66

One more submission: The mention, praise, and expression of servitude that you had offered to the Branches of the Divine Lote-Tree were presented, and all conveyed exalted greetings to you.

BH01254: Exalted is He Who hath spoken and caused all…

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

Exalted is He Who hath spoken and caused all things to speak in His remembrance and praise! Exalted is He Who hath revealed that which lay hidden within the pavilion of His Command and the tabernacle of His glory! Exalted is He Who hath taken the chalice of everlasting life and, with the fingers of bounty, hath

offered it unto the peoples of creation! Blessed is he who hath drawn nigh and taken hold of His Most Glorious Name, and hath drunk deep in remembrance of Him Who is sanctified above all mention! Exalted is He Who hath stood among His servants, at times speaking through His Most Beautiful Names, and at times through His Most Exalted Word! Exalted is he who hath hearkened unto His most sweet call and turned toward His Most Holy and Most Exalted Horizon, and hath heard from Him that which caused both Moses to tremble in the heights of Sinai and the Beloved to be transported on the night of His ascension when the lights of the Lord of Names were unveiled!

We beseech God to aid the peoples of the earth to attain unto that which hath appeared and been made manifest through His sovereignty that overshadoweth both earth and heaven.

Thereafter, this evanescent one received thy letter, which was traced by the pen of love and affection and adorned with the mention of God, the Lord of creation. When I opened and read it, I turned toward the Dayspring of the Throne and laid before Him all that was written therein. Thereupon did the Ancient Beauty smile and speak that which would be as spirit unto the bodies of the world and as light unto regions which none save God, the Lord of all nations, hath discovered. He spoke, and His Word is the truth:

> "We have heard his call and turned toward him, and have answered him through this perspicuous Book which itself beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and which proclaimeth that He is indeed the Most Great Name."

Thus hath the Pen of Revelation spoken, yet most of the people are heedless.

O servant! Rejoice and be glad that the gaze of thy Lord hath been directed toward thee, and that He hath sent down for thee that which shall cause thy remembrance to endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. When thou attainest unto this bounty, arise and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds, and light be unto Thee, O Light of the worlds!"

And concerning him who was named Aziz, blessed is he in that he hath been mentioned from before the Throne, and that the tongue of grandeur and glory hath been moved to make mention of him in this spot which hath been designated by the Most Beautiful Names and at times as the Most Great Prison. Thy Lord is, verily, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Convey My glorification unto him and say: Hold fast unto the cord of the Cause and say:"O Lord of all men! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the All-Bountiful, not to deprive me of that which lieth with Thee. Ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy righteous servants who have cast away the world and turned toward Thy most exalted horizon. O my Lord! I am he who hath turned with his whole being toward Thy countenance and hath clung to the hem of Thy bounty. Forgive me and have mercy upon me, for Thou art the best of them that show mercy and the best of them that give. And shouldst Thou chastise me, then every limb of my body would testify to Thy justice and to Thy favor. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

God willing, may you be blessed with the infinite favors of God, and adorned with the effulgence of the light of His countenance. Beseech ye the Almighty and Most High that He may render all successful in

attaining this most great bounty and may guide them to the supreme horizon. O my brother! Although the horizon of the Manifestation is resplendent and illumined with the Sun of Divine Beauty, yet most men are seen to be bewildered and perplexed, nay, dead and lost. Most strange it is that they have not yet found the sweetness of the most pure wine, and have not attained to that exalted station of nearness which is the recognition of God. We beseech God that He may awaken those who slumber through the breezes of the dawn of God's Day, and bestow eternal life upon the dead through the outpourings of the ocean of His grace. Verily, He is the Bestower, the Giver, the Generous One.

In every land a clamor hath been raised and will continue to be raised, for the Supreme Pen hath announced this in the Most Great Tablets and verses. Therefore must all take refuge in God, the Almighty and Most High, and hold fast to none but Him. This is the greatest bounty and the divine counsel recorded in all the Books. Today all friends must, in complete humility, submissiveness and utter servitude, summon the people to God without observing in themselves the slightest trace of life. By the Sun of the horizon of utterance! There is no station higher today than pure servitude, nor hath there ever been. We beseech God that all may attain thereunto and that the friends may fix their gaze upon this station. God guideth whom He willeth unto the straight path.

God willing, may you be occupied at all times with the mention of the All-Merciful in the utmost joy and delight, and remember with highest praise all the masters, friends, and well-wishers on behalf of this evanescent one. God is witness and testifier that this evanescent one hath been and is at all times occupied with the remembrance of the friends of God, and it is hoped that they may manifest, with the utmost love and ardor, in this Day for which there hath not been nor shall be any likeness or equal, and be engaged in the praise and glorification of God. The Glory be upon you.

BH01423: Praise be to God, Who is sanctified above all…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful!

Praise be to God, Who is sanctified above all names and exalted above whatsoever is mentioned in creation, Who when He speaketh, all things speak, and when He is silent, the Concourse on High falls silent. He is indeed the One Who when He moveth, all created things become still, and when He is still, all contingent things move. He is indeed the Meaning that no names can contain, and the Root that hath no branch in creation. In one station neither name nor meaning is mentioned in His presence, and all that the steed of the Pen may gallop through in the arena of utterance reacheth only to the station of the Word that appeareth from His Most Exalted Pen. Exalted, exalted is the station of this Word, whereby tongues are rendered mute and eyes are intoxicated, except as thy Lord, the Mighty, the Unconstrained, may will.

This evanescent servant hath been transported by your melodies and stirred by your warbling. God knoweth that it was as though I heard all the birds upon the branches, and as though from every word of your letter I discovered the fragrance of the love of God, and from every letter thereof that which gladdeneth hearts and moveth bodies. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to make me in all conditions among those who are occupied with the remembrance and praise of the loved ones of God, whom no hindrance

can hinder, no blame of the blamer can deter, and no scorn of the scorner can dismay—those who act according to His command and bid people to observe that which He hath revealed in His wondrous Book.

My soul be a sacrifice for your remembrance. After perusing your letter and becoming acquainted with its contents, I truly submit that it was as though this servant at that moment drank from the springs of joy and gladness, and was seized with such delight that he immediately proceeded to the Most Great Goal. From beginning to end it was presented in the Most Holy Court.

This is what the Beloved uttered: "O My physician, O My physician! Thy call was raised until it was honored to reach the ear of thy Lord, the All-Knowing. The servant in attendance appeared and laid before the Countenance that wherewith thou didst call upon God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed be thy tongue for having spoken the truth, and thine eye for having beheld My luminous horizon. Blessed art thou for having been seized with grief when thou didst learn what hath befallen the Wronged One in this manifest prison. Blessed is the eye that weepeth for My tribulations and the hearts that are touched by My supreme affliction.

"O My physician! By My life, were I to lift the veil, the lamentation of weeping would be raised between the heavens and the earth. How many deeds have melted My heart, yet I concealed them through My name, the Concealer, the All-Bountiful. How many acts have caused My heart and My Pen to lament, yet I preserved them in such wise that none among the peoples of the world gained knowledge thereof. How many afflictions have seized Me and how many tribulations have encompassed Me in this mighty prison, yet My name, the All-Forgiving, prevented Me from mentioning them, and My name, the All-Merciful, seized My hem and said: 'Verily, Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful ones.' Thus did My tongue speak that thou mightest know what hath befallen the Wronged One in this remote station.

"Know thou that We at this time make mention of the loved ones of God who have adorned the land of Hadba, that they may hear My sweetest call and be of them that are thankful. From this station We send Our greetings upon their faces and upon the faces of those who have turned toward the Most Sublime Horizon and have drunk the wine of steadfastness from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. Glory be upon thee and upon them from God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

> "We make mention in this station of thy son who was named Jalal, that he may rejoice in My gracious remembrance. We beseech God to ordain for him that which beseemeth His bounty. He, verily, is the All-Loving, the All-Merciful. Convey My greetings unto him and say: 'Blessed art thou for having heard and turned toward God, the Peerless, the All-Informed.' Glory be upon him, upon his mother, and upon those whom God hath related unto thee. He, verily, is the All-Seeing Witness."

Regarding what you wrote about the remainder of the estate of Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God, if it were to be deposited in the House of God in the name of those two children, it would be closer to righteousness, for it may be that their mother might not spend it on the children, as she has set her heart upon another husband. We beseech God not to deprive those children of the living waters of His bounty and to assign them a station beneath the canopy of His grace. Verily, He is their Guardian, their Creator, their Provider, their Helper, their Educator, and the Educator of all the worlds.

Glory be upon your honor and upon those who love you, have turned toward you, and have drunk the choice wine of your utterance in remembrance of God, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

In Dhi'l-Qa'dah

BH01424: Praise be to God Who hath adorned the world…

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

Praise be to God Who hath adorned the world through the manifestation of His Most Great Name—Who was the Dayspring of the lights of eternity amidst all peoples—Who cannot be indicated by any sign nor mentioned by any utterance, for signs and utterances are attributes of His creation and were created by His command. The essences of all mention cannot ascend to the heaven of His holiness, and the quintessence of all descriptions cannot return to the court of His glory.

If He is mentioned by the letters "Ha" and "Waw" [huwa], this is among the wondrous favors He hath bestowed upon His creation, having permitted them this as a token of His generosity and grace. Otherwise, how can mere verbal expressions compare with that station which transcendeth all meaning and utterance? Exalted is the All-Merciful above the mention of every mentioner, the description of every describer, and the praise of every praiser. He is the One Who hath manifested the Point, and from it detailed the knowledge of what was and what will be, though it was itself created by the Will that proceeded from Him and was brought into being by a stroke of His Pen.

How immeasurable the majesty of His creationâ€"a creation before which the mystic knowers stand confounded, and whereof the pure in heart confess their impotence to comprehend! We bear witness that there is none other God but Him. He hath, from eternity, been exalted above whatsoever is rehearsed in the world of being, and He shall, unto eternity, abide … as He hath ever abode. There is none other God but Him, the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH01601: Praise be to God Who hath sent down His…

He is God, the One with power over whatsoever He willeth

Praise be to God Who hath sent down His grace and revealed unto creation that which lay hidden in His revealed Books, wherein He gave glad tidings to His servants of the Most Great Name, through which the world was illumined and the foundations of the nations were shaken. Blessed is he who hath heard the Call and responded to his Lord. He is among those who have soared in the atmosphere of nearness and reunion, and have drunk the choice wine of meeting from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

By God's life! He is verily the whale in the sea of utterance, the singing Tree in the midst of Paradise, the Sun shining from the horizon of exposition, the brilliant Star in the heaven of mystical knowledge, and the Moon rising from the dawning-place of certitude. God knoweth that he is the light in the lamp of the

world, and that he is the one who hath turned toward the Supreme Horizon after most of the nations turned away from it.

If this evanescent servant desired to describe even one of the lovers who have detached themselves and been attracted by the Call of God—by God, the pens would be consumed, then the pages, before completing the descriptions recorded in the preserved and guarded scrolls. To this beareth witness what the Nightingale of Utterance spoke before in His words that the believer cannot be described.

O beloved of My heart! Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to turn unto Him and honored thee with attaining His presence when the Intended One was shining from the horizon of glory. I bear witness that thou didst turn, didst hear, didst advance, and didst respond to thy Lord. Blessed art thou for having remained firm when the lands were shaken, and for having turned toward Him when most of the servants turned away. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid thee in all conditions and assist thee in what is best for thee in the beginning and the end.

And furthermore, this evanescent one hath attained unto the letter which your honor sent in the name of his honor Jud. In truth it was a testimony speaking of your love for the Beloved of the worlds, and a manifest witness to your turning toward and steadfastness in the Cause of God, exalted be His glory. Praise be to God that your honor hath been among those who have attained unto the choice wine of meeting, the Kawthar of steadfastness, and the Salsabil of contentment. This servant giveth thee the glad tidings that he heard a hundredfold special mention of your honor from the tongue of Grandeur, mention that shall endure as long as the divine names and attributes endure. How excellent for your honor and how pleasing for your presence!

Regarding what you wrote about lack of success, this servant testifieth by God's testimony that your honor is successful, and if outward circumstances have again prevented your presence, you should not be saddened by this, for praise be to God, you have drunk from the ocean of meeting, entered the Most Great Scene, and heard the divine utterances with your own ear. And now you are commanded to wisdom, for after the martyrdom of his honor Badi, all the servants have been commanded to wisdom, and you must indeed hold fast to wisdom in all matters and keep your gaze upon it. This is a decree that hath been sent down from the heaven of the divine will in most of the divine Tablets. In this case, if the requirements of wisdom do not accord with your turning again, you should not be saddened, for this too is obedience to God's command. To this the Pen of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, beareth witness.

Those who circle round the divine throne offer most wondrous salutations to your honor, and likewise this evanescent servant conveyeth greetings to his honor Aqa Muhammad. I praise the Beloved of the worlds for having aided him to love Him and blessed him with recognition of His Beauty in His days. This is the enduring wine that hath been and shall be more precious than the rarest ruby and sweeter than all honey and sugar. How pleasing for him! And glory be upon your honor and upon him and upon those who have attained unto the Most Great News. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH04463: O my Lord and Master! I have been honored…

He is Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious

O my Lord and Master! I have been honored by what hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of your utterance in remembrance of God, our Creator and your Creator. When I read and understood and became informed thereof, I hastened and ascended until I attained the presence and presented it before the Throne of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, addressing your honor:

> "O My Afnan! Turn unto the Divine Lote-Tree. Verily the sun of permission hath dawned from the horizon of thy Lord's will, the Perspicuous, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. And also unto him who is with thee. We have turned toward you from the direction of the Ridvan and have mentioned you with such mention as hath enraptured the Concourse on High and those who are present before the Throne in this noble station. Behold thou in all circumstances the horizon of wisdom, for verily it is Our Command which hath been sent down in the Tablets of thy Lord, the All-Wise Director."

May my spirit be a sacrifice for your turning! After visiting your exalted letter, this evanescent servant immediately turned to the Most Holy Court, and after ascending and attaining the presence, presented it in its entirety. Then the Sun of Divine Permission shone forth from the Dayspring of Will, as may be understood from that which the All-Merciful hath revealed. And since this Most Great Glad-Tidings is in every respect independent of elaboration and detail, therefore in this station this servant hath deemed brevity sweeter than all mention. God willing, your honor will be successful and joyous through this spiritual glad-tidings which hath appeared from the horizon of divine favor. Blessed then be the glory unto your honor and unto him who is with you.

BH05774: In My Name, the Most Glorious

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Glorified art Thou, O Ocean of faithfulness! I beseech Thee by Thine own Self which Thou hast named the All-Glorious, to guide Thy servants to the horizon of Thy manifestation and draw them nigh unto the Dayspring of Thy knowledge and the Dawning-Place of Thy Cause.

O my Lord! The dawn of manifestation hath appeared and the Trump hath been sounded, and all who are in the heavens and on earth have swooned away save those whom the hand of Thy power hath preserved as a token of Thy grace.

O my Lord! This is the Day whereon Thou hast revealed Thyself through Thy most excellent names to all who are in Thy heaven and on Thy earth, and hast opened before the faces of Thy servants the gate of Thy presence.

O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen! Withhold not Thy servants from that for which Thou didst create them. Make known unto them, O my God, the path that leadeth to Thy reunion, and ordain

for them that which befitteth the ocean of Thy bounty. Thou art He Who hath ever been supreme over all names and their kingdoms, and all-compelling over all things and their dominions.

O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the lamp of Thy power and the light of Thy countenance to inspire Thy servants with Thy remembrance and praise and whatsoever will draw them nigh unto the horizon of Thy grace. Thou art the Lord of the worlds, He Who is mentioned by the Most Great Name, and the Almighty over the nations. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Possessing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, the Mighty, the Great.

BH06202: Glorified art Thou, O Thou in Whose right hand…

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

Glorified art Thou, O Thou in Whose right hand is the dominion of all created things and in Whose grasp are the reins of all contingent beings!

I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs, to enable Thy servants to exalt Thy Word and reveal that whereby Thy Cause may be uplifted.

O my Lord! Thou seest how darkness hath encompassed Thy creation and creatures. Illumine them, O my God, with the lights of Thy countenance and the effulgences of the Sun of Thy Revelation.

O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Self to make me in all conditions focused on the horizon of Thy bounty, seeking the ocean of Thy grace, content with what lieth with Thee and what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and ambassadors.

O my Lord! I have turned my face toward the Dayspring of the lights of Thy countenance. I beseech Thee not to deprive me of Thee in any world of Thy worlds. Thou, verily, art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest, and Thou art the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling.

Write down, then, for me that which will set aright the affairs of the first and last. Verily, Thou art potent over whatsoever Thou willest. I testify that in Thy hand are the keys of all things—Thou givest and Thou takest away, and Thou, verily, art the Almighty, the Unconstrained.

BH07330: In My Name which is sanctified above all names!

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O God of the Concourse on High and the One manifest from Thy Most Glorious Horizon! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy knowledge and the heaven of Thy wisdom and the sun of Thy wisdom to make me among those women who have drunk the choice wine of revelation from the hand of Thy bounty and whom the intoxication of recognition hath so seized that they have detached themselves from all contingent things and turned with their whole being to the Dawning-Place of Thy verses and the Day-Spring of Thy clear signs.

O my Lord! Behold this poor one who hath risen before the gate of Thy generosity and clung to the cord of Thy riches and held fast to the hem of the robe of Thy bounty. Hard it is for Thy handmaiden to

perceive Thy fragrance from the direction of Thy prison. By Thy glory, O God of the world! Hard it is for me to see Thy servants dwelling in palaces in Thy days while I behold Thee in the most desolate of Thy lands and the most distant of Thy realms.

O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy sovereignty which hath encompassed all created things to ordain for Thyself that which shall gladden the eyes of Thy creation and rejoice the hearts of Thy trusted ones and Thy leaves. Verily Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest and Thou art the Ordainer, the Answerer, the All-Knowing.

BH08437: In My Name, the Most Holy

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Say: O my leaf! O God of the realm of might and Sovereign of the Kingdom! I beseech Thee by Him through Whom the greatest terror seized all humanity and every hidden matter was revealed, to send down from the heaven of Thy grace that which will draw Thy handmaidens and leaves near to the ocean of Thy nearness and the Divine Lote Tree of Thy manifestation.

O Lord! I am she who hastened to the seat of Thy throne with heart and soul, answered Thy call, turned toward Thy horizon, and spoke Thy praise. O Lord! Aid Thy leaf to remember Thee amongst Thy handmaidens and ordain for her that which will bring joy to her eyes and gladden her breast. O Lord! Thou art the All-Bountiful and Thy handmaiden stands at Thy door. I beseech Thee to ordain for her that which will cause her to circle round Thy will and speak Thy name in all Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH08780: Night and day the Pen of the Lord…

In the name of God, the All-Knowing Lord of the worlds!

Night and day the Pen of the Lord of all beings hath not been still. In all conditions it hath been moved to mention the friends and hath uttered that which leadeth to the exaltation of the Cause, the upliftment of souls, and the tranquility of people. God willing, all must act according to what they have been commanded and detach themselves from aught else. Blessed is the maidservant who hath attained in the days of God and acted according to what she was commanded in His glorious Book. In all conditions hold fast unto God and fix your gaze upon the horizon of His good-pleasure. Nothing hath been or will be sweeter to the taste of lovers than the good-pleasure of God. Blessed is the servant who hath attained, and the maidservant who hath attained unto this exalted station. Glory be upon the people of Baha from God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH08786: A mention from Us to her who, when she…

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

A mention from Us to her who, when she heard the call of God, turned with her whole being unto Thee and believed in God, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O My handmaiden! Blessed art thou

for having recognized the Beloved and turned toward the Most Great Ocean, and attained the presence of the Wronged One in His mighty prison. Praise be to the Beloved of the worlds through Whose grace thou hast attained unto the Most Great Bounty and the Most Great Favor, and didst bear the hardships of travel until thou didst attain unto the Kaaba of the world and the Qiblih of existence and the Throne of Sinai. I swear by the Sun of Revelation that the mention of this shall never be erased from the Tablet of creation, and its effects shall appear and become manifest even as the sun from the horizon of divine grace. The glory be upon thee and upon thy son and upon those women who have believed in God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH09191: It was revealed aforetime from the Supreme Pen…

In the name of the Wronged One of the world

It was revealed aforetime from the Supreme Pen that the heaven of the human station hath been and shall ever be illumined by two luminaries: trustworthiness and steadfastness. Likewise the heaven of the station of the handmaidens of God hath been and shall ever be illumined by one luminary, and that is chastity.

God saith: O My handmaidens! This is the Day of mention and utterance, and this is the Day of service and recognition. Strive ye that ye may quaff from the living waters and behold yourselves abiding and enduring beneath the shade of the Divine Lote-Tree in the kingdom of earth and heaven. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

BH09971: The Supreme Pen hath remembered and will continue…

In the Name of the one true God!

The Supreme Pen hath remembered and will continue to remember His handmaidens. May they all be occupied at all times with the remembrance of God and be set ablaze with the fire of His love. Today it is binding and obligatory upon every handmaiden to fix her gaze upon the Most Exalted Horizon and to act in accordance with that which hath been revealed in the Book. Such is God's firm decree concerning His male and female servants. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Give thanks unto thy Lord for having aided thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of His signs and for having remembered thee in this Most Great Prison.

BH10018: The breezes of revelation have encompassed the world…

In the name of the one true God!

The breezes of revelation have encompassed the world, and the fragrance of the musk of inner meanings has perfumed the realm of existence. Nevertheless, most of the handmaidens and servants remain deprived and forbidden therefrom. Praise be to God that thou, His handmaiden, hast been adorned with the ornament of divine love, and that which hath caused the learned ones to be agitated and the mystics to tremble hath not prevented thee from the path of truth. God willing, thou shalt at all times drink from the choice wine of the love of the All-Merciful and remain focused on the supreme horizon.

Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Verily He is the Almighty, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. The glory be upon thee and upon those handmaidens who have turned toward My luminous horizon.

BH10425: O my God, my Lord and my Master! Thou…

He is the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious!

O my God, my Lord and my Master! Thou seest the Wronged One amidst the heedless ones among Thy creatures who have turned away from Thy sovereignty and denied Thy signs when Thou didst send them down from the heaven of Thy Will and the atmosphere of Thy Purpose. O Lord! The sorrowful one hath clung to Thy Name, the Joy-Giving, and the grief-stricken to Thy Name, the All-Subduing over all names. Send down, then, from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will gladden the hearts of Thy servants and Thy handmaidens. Verily, Thou art the All-Subduing over all names, and the All-Powerful over earth and heaven. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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BH00978: Praise be to Him Who hath, through a word…

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

Praise be to Him Who hath, through a word proceeding from Him, become the Sovereign of the world and hath adorned it with the ornament of His names and attributes, that all may testify that verily He is God, there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been supreme over His creation and powerful over His dominion. He is the Single One, the Mighty, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. Praise be to God Who hath forbidden His servants to dispose of His possessions without His leave. Should He permit anyone to do as he pleaseth for a time, this would be but a token of His wisdom that encompasseth all created things. He is indeed established upon the throne.

He heareth and seeth. He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Praise be to God unto Whose greatness and sovereignty all things have testified. He is the One Whose mercy hath preceded His servants. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Beloved. The horizons have been flooded with the light of the Sun of His bounty, and the world hath been illumined by the radiance of His grace which hath encompassed both the seen and the unseen. I offer praise, salutation and glory unto those whom neither fear nor perturbation have deterred from God, the Lord of the Beginning and the End. These are they who are the people of truth amidst mankind. Whoso gazeth upon their countenances perceiveth the freshness of the All-Merciful, and findeth their hearts firmer than mountains in the Cause of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

Thereafter, the horizon of this servant's heart hath been illumined by the dawning of the Sun of your remembrance, O Thou Who art our Beloved and the Beloved of the world, our Goal and the Goal of the nations. Blessed be your heart through which flow and have flowed the rivers of the All-Merciful's love throughout all possibility. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to unite us and to grant us from the heaven of His bounty that which befitteth His greatness and sovereignty. He is indeed the Mighty, the Powerful.

As to what ye wrote concerning the daughter of him who hath ascended unto God, it hath been presented before the Countenance. He hath said, and His word is the truth: It is not for her to turn toward the Most Exalted Horizon, but she may choose one from among those who have quaffed the wine of recognition and have attained the lights of the Countenance when all in creation turned away from it. Those who have made arrangements and wished to arrange the means of her journey, their reward is with God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. We glorify their faces from this station and counsel them to fear God and to do that which befitteth His Cause that dominateth all who are in earth and heaven.

As to what ye mentioned regarding the House, He hath said, and His word is the most sweet: No one should speak concerning it. Its owner hath suffered that which is greater than what befell it, as testified by the Mother Book which is with Him. We have spent all that we possessed in the path of God, the Lord of the Beginning and the End. He who hath disposed and disposeth of it without My leave hath indeed been heedless of My remembrance. We beseech God, exalted be He, to grant him success in returning. He is verily the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His Name, the Supreme over all possibility. Say: O My loved ones! Blessed are ye for having attained unto the remembrance and praise of God. Rejoice with exceeding joy, then give thanks to Him by night and day. Grieve not over what hath befallen the House. Be patient, for He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Patient. Consider what hath befallen the Wronged One when He was in the hands of His enemies, then remember the afflictions that encompassed Him from all directions. Thus doth the Prisoner speak. He hath in all conditions placed His trust in the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

As to what ye mentioned concerning Haji Muhammad and his wife, it hath been presented before the Countenance. The Beloved hath said: She should follow her husband in what is right. Thus hath the matter been decreed in the Book.

And as for what they desired regarding permission for the blessed place—this was presented and the sun of permission has dawned from the horizon of utterance. I beseech God the Exalted to aid them and us in that which unifies hearts and through which the remembrance of God is exalted among His servants. And concerning what you mentioned about Jinab-i-Nasir, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah]: excellent is what he has done and he has heeded what was commanded of him. I beseech God the Exalted to send down upon him blessings from the heaven of His bounty. Verily He is the Generous Giver.

O my beloved and the beloved of my heart! It behooveth the people of Zawra to conceal what is sent to them, for most people are heedless and contentious. None should object regarding the letter Mim and Vav, and the loved ones should hold fast to what they were previously commanded concerning him. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is indeed the Kind, the Generous. They must maintain silence regarding him and remain calm and quiet about what proceedeth from him. Verily He doth not allow to be lost the reward of one who hath arisen to serve Him and hath spoken His praise—to this every discerning soul doth testify. Your honor should counsel the people of Iraq to patience, calmness and pure wisdom, lest there be raised the clamor of those who have taken good for evil, who have considered justice to be tyranny and oppression, and reformation to be corruption. Would that they had known and understood what their Kind and Trustworthy Lord desired for them. We beseech your honor to convey

my greetings to the faces of God's loved ones in those parts. I ask Him, exalted be He, to ordain for them the good of this world and the next. Verily He is the Powerful, the Most High, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Then there reached the Servant a letter from Jinab-i-Muhammad-Ibrahim, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah]. He had previously written a letter to the Servant and desired to attain Our presence, but the command was issued to prevent it. I ask the Beloved to aid him in what He loveth and is pleased with. He is among those who have attained the presence time after time, again and again. He should hold fast in the Cause of his Lord to what he was commanded. In truth, he has attained the presence and drunk the choice wine of reunion, cup after cup, chalice after chalice. Today, after having attained what he has attained, it behooveth him to hold fast to that which will cause the Cause of God to be exalted, through the wisdom which the Most Merciful hath revealed in the Tablets.

The servant conveyeth his greetings to him and to both [of them] and to the faces of those who have believed in God, the Lord of Lords. I hope that your honor will convey my greetings and my sincerity to him, and what I have written in his name, that he may rejoice in God's grace and mercy and act according to what hath been commanded by the Wise Ordainer. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. Glory be upon your honor and upon all who are with you.

The servant 22 Muharram 1296

BH03007: This is a Book sent down by the Wronged…

He is exalted above mention and description.

This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One, Who hath at all times been sacrificed in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds.

There hath befallen Us that which hath befallen none of God's chosen ones before, to such extent that the rock hath cried out, the Divine Lote-Tree hath lamented, and the wailing of all things hath been raised—yet the people remain in evident blindness. Doth anyone reflect on that which befell Muhammad, the Apostle of God, from the people of the Gospel, and that which befell the Spirit from the Jews? Doth any ponder on all that hath appeared at every Revelation? Thus doth My grieving Pen make mention, that perchance the slumbering may awaken and the sleeping may arise. Oppression hath reached such a degree that the heavens have wept and the clouds been thrown into commotion, yet most of the people remain heedless.

This is a mention from Us to all who have believed and turned toward the All-Informed One. Know thou that thy brother, who was named after the First Pillar of this Name—whereby all in the heavens and earth were struck with terror save those whom the hand of grace took hold of and taught what appeared in creation by a command from the All-Knowing, the All-Wise—hath presented himself in the Most Great Prison. He hath drunk the Kawthar of immortality from the hands of bounty and mentioned thy name before the Countenance. Therefore have We sent down unto thee this clear Book. Recognize what the All-Merciful hath revealed, then preserve it in His Name, the Almighty, the Powerful.

O My loved ones in the land of Ta! Hearken unto the call of this Wronged One, Whom God hath made a target for the arrows of destiny and tribulation between earth and heaven, and be not of the heedless ones. By the life of God! Nothing preventeth Us from mentioning you and those who have believed, with a mention that shall endure as long as God, the Sovereign, the All-Glorious, the All-Praised, endureth. We cast upon the world that which We have been commanded by the Lord of Eternity. My Most Great Name beareth witness to this, speaking from the Throne: "There is none other God but I, the Mighty, the Generous."

Hold fast to the cord of patience and to the wisdom which the All-Merciful hath sent down in His wondrous Book. Thus hath the Tongue spoken in the midst of sorrows, to which every possessor of hearing and insight beareth witness. The glory be upon you, O My loved ones in that place, and upon those who have held fast to the cord of steadfastness in this Straight Path.

BH03161: O Zaynu'd-Din! Verily thy Lord grieveth for His loved…

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

O Zaynu'd-Din! Verily thy Lord grieveth for His loved ones who were martyred in His path with a martyrdom the like of which the eye of creation hath not seen, nor hath its equal been mentioned in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds.

At times We make mention of them with supreme joy, for they have detached themselves from the world and attained unto the Most Exalted Companion. By the life of God! The Supreme Pen hath inscribed upon all things their remembrance, their praise, their steadfastness, their ascension, their firmness, their sublimity and their sovereignty. By God! The mentions of earth shall be effaced, but their mentions shall not be effaced from the tablets of the world. To this doth the Lord of Eternity bear witness in His mighty prison.

O thou physician! We make mention of them at times with a grief that no records of existence can reckon. Verily thy Lord is the True One, the Faithful. The oppressors have wrought that which hath caused the dwellers of the kingdom of earth and heaven to lament, and there hath been sent down from the heaven of grace that which shall perpetuate the remembrance of those who gave up their spirits and all they possessed in the love of God, the Sovereign, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

At this moment We make mention of him who ascended unto the Most Sublime Horizon in that place—he who was named Safi in My Mighty Book, inasmuch as he believed when he attained the presence of the Countenance and acknowledged that which God had caused to be acknowledged on a day whereon the hearts of the learned and the mystics were troubled. To this doth thy Lord, the All-Informed, bear witness.

This is a Tablet from Us unto him who hath turned unto the Countenance and attained unto this praiseworthy station. O Husayn! Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to recognize Him Who hath caused the Most Great Terror to appear through His mention, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Sovereign of earth and heaven, for having made me to turn unto Thee, to speak in Thy remembrance, and to acknowledge that which the Tongue of Thy grandeur hath uttered in the kingdom of Thine utterance.

O my Lord! I am he who, by Thy leave, turned unto the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and entered the Ridvan when the Beloved of the world was lamenting for His loved ones and consoling His chosen ones and comforting His servants who circled round Him by night and by day. O my Lord! Ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, then make me steadfast in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH04446: A mention from His presence unto him who has…

In His name, the wronged and grief-stricken

A mention from His presence unto him who has turned to the Most Great Prison by God's leave, the Lord of antiquity, and attained to that Spot round which circle the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the cities of names, and heard the call of the Tree which speaks at all times: "There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower." Blessed art thou for having turned to Him Who is wronged, by leave of Him Who possesses authority. By God's life! This bounty cannot be equated with the treasures of princes nor all the riches of the earth. He with Whom is the knowledge of the Book bears witness to this.

Rejoice in that the Beloved makes mention of thee while seated upon the throne as the banners of sorrows were raised before His face. Thus has the decree been fulfilled by God, the Lord of all religions.

When thou arrivest in the land of Hadba (Mosul), convey My greetings to the faces of those who have loved Me and to the faces of those who have believed in the Beginning and the Return.

O Zayn! Behold and then make mention of what We have mentioned in various stations and informed all of the greatness of this Cause whereby souls have been bewildered and feet have slipped. By God! The tale of sacrifice has returned and there has been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen that which has caused hearts to burn and livers to melt.

O My loved ones in that land! Rejoice in My remembrance and loving-kindness. Verily, while in an ocean of grief He makes mention of you that ye may remember Him in spirit and fragrance. We make mention of grief to manifest My grace, My mercy and My loving-kindness. Know this, O ye who are endued with insight!

The glory be upon thee, upon thy wife, and upon God's captives who have borne in His path that which has caused livers to melt.

BH04662: O servant of God! Praise be to God…

In the name of the Lord, the Counselor

O servant of God! Praise be to God that through the grace of the Lord of Names thou hast drunk from the ocean of faith and turned unto the horizon of divine knowledge.

The whole world was created for this Day and was brought from nothingness into being. Nevertheless, all have risen in opposition and protest, and have committed such deeds that all atoms are engaged in lamentation and weeping, save those souls whom the hand of divine favor hath preserved. We beseech

God, glorified and mighty be He, to assuage with the waters of patience the ardor in the hearts of them that are sincere, which hath been kindled by manifest tribulations. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful.

Although thou didst turn without permission, yet God hath pardoned thee, as a token of His grace. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

When thou reachest the land of Hadba (Mosul) and attainest the presence of God's captives therein, convey to them My greetings and announce unto them the glad-tidings of the ocean of My mercy and the heaven of My loving-kindness. Thy Lord, verily, is the Rememberer, the Compassionate, the Kind, the Merciful.

Know ye the station of that land, the mention of which hath flowed from the Pen of God time and again, again and again. All this is from His favor unto you, as attesteth every discerning believer. We beseech God to assist you to preserve what He hath bestowed upon you and to enable you to do that which beseemeth this glorious and wondrous Day.

The glory be upon thee and upon them and upon him who hath ascended unto God, and upon the handmaidens who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

BH05118: The Most Glorious Pen makes mention of those who…

In the Name of God, the Composer of Hearts

The Most Glorious Pen makes mention of those who gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon, saying: O friends! Today you must, through divine grace, hold fast to such matters as will cause the exaltation of the Cause and the upliftment of the Word of God.

And this most great and most momentous station cannot be attained except through harmony and unity. Every soul must strive to bring about the reconciliation of hearts and the unity of souls.

We have enjoined wisdom upon all, but should wisdom in any instance become the cause of discord and difference, then those souls who are watchful for the sake of God's Cause must act with calm and dignity, for the harm of discord is greater than the benefit of wisdom. There is no doubt that all are commanded to wisdom in the Tablets of God, and should anyone act contrary to it, none should follow him. However, not a word should be uttered about him that would conflict with love and fellowship, lest two harms result: one, acting contrary to wisdom, and the other, the manifestation of discord.

God willing, you will be occupied at all times with service to the Cause. You are among those souls who have been and are remembered before the Throne. All the conditions of the world are transient, while this station has been and will ever be eternal. Preserve it and be among the thankful.

Convey My greetings to those who are with you, that they may rejoice in the remembrance of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

BH04989: We make mention of him who hath been named…

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

We make mention of him who hath been named Light of God, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of his Lord and be of them whom the blame of the blamer deterreth not in the path of God. Soar upon the wings of longing, inasmuch as the Wronged One of the horizons maketh mention of thee while encompassed by sorrows through that which the hands of them that have violated the Covenant and disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds, have wrought.

And We make mention of him who hath been named Muhammad, that he may praise his Lord throughout the nights and days. He, verily, is the Compassionate, the Bountiful. Thy mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and there hath been sent down for thee this mighty Tablet from which the near ones perceive the fragrance of the loving-kindness of their Merciful Lord.

O Pen! Make mention of My loved ones in that place and glorify them from this lonely Wronged One.

O My loved ones! When ye have attained unto My verses and My words have attracted you, and ye have been seized with the wine of the remembrance of Me and My utterance, turn your faces toward God, the Help in Peril, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of the worlds! I beseech Thee to make us among them that have fulfilled Thy Covenant and have arisen to serve Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest, and Thou art the Mighty, the Praiseworthy."

The glory be upon you both, and upon them that love Me, and upon My physician, and upon them that have turned with illumined hearts unto the Supreme Horizon, the Station wherein the Tree exclaimeth:

> "There is none other God besides Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Beautiful."

BH06546: A mention from Us to him who hath attained…

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

A mention from Us to him who hath attained unto the lights of faith and recognized the All-Merciful when He came with a sovereignty that encompassed all who are in existence.

Say: O people, fear God and follow not your desires. Turn ye unto the horizon of the Cause. By God! The Sun of Revelation hath shone forth and the birds have warbled upon the branches. All things bear witness to that which God hath testified, yet the people are in a strange slumber.

Those who have been awakened by the call of God—they are the people of this station. The Most Exalted Pen maketh mention of them and the Tongue of Grandeur giveth them glad tidings of a station from which the lights shine forth. Thus have We sent down the verses and revealed the clear proofs that thou mayest be assured of thy Lord's grace, the Mighty, the Bestower.

When thou hast drunk the choice wine of utterance from the hand of My bounty and My word hath drawn thee to the horizon of My manifestation, say: O Lord of the worlds! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name to make me in all conditions one who gazeth toward Thee, prostrateth himself before Thy countenance, boweth down before Thy name, and speaketh Thy praise and glorifieth Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

BH06709: He is the One warbling upon the highest branches!…

He is the One warbling upon the highest branches! This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down to them that have believed in Him and in His signs, and have turned away from those who have disbelieved in Him and His sovereignty. He is verily the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing.

Blessed is the face that hath turned toward the Countenance of God and the ear that hath heard His most sweet call and the tongue that hath confessed that which His glorious Book hath uttered.

We have adorned the Most Great Prison through the advent of the Sovereign of nations—He is, verily, this One, did ye but know. And when We arrived, We said:

> "Praise be to God for that which hath afflicted Us in His straight Path."

O peoples of the earth! Fear God, and say not that of which ye have no knowledge. With Him is the knowledge of the heavens and earth, but most people are among the ignorant.

This is the Day whereof God's Books and His Messengers have given glad tidings. Recognize ye its worth and be not of the lost. The Sun of eternity hath dawned and the Ocean of meeting hath surged. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of this mighty grace.

Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen acquainted thee and given thee glad tidings of that which hath rejoiced the hearts of them that are near unto God. The glory be upon thee and upon them that have spoken the truth and were possessed of manifest certitude.

BH07394: The Wronged One makes mention of thee from this…

In the Name of the All-Knowing Speaker

The Wronged One makes mention of thee from this Most Great Prison, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Say: O my God and the God of the nations, my Goal and the Goal of the world! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name, whereby Thou hast subdued all who are in the heavens and on earth, to make me in all conditions one who praises Thee with Thy praise, who speaks forth Thy remembrance, and who stands firm in Thy service.

O my Lord! I testify that Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee. Thou hast ever been powerful over Thy dominion and supreme over all who dwell in Thy earth and heaven, and Thou wilt ever be even as Thou hast been from time immemorial. I beseech Thee not to abandon me to my self and my desires.

O my Lord! Have mercy upon this poor one who hath sought Thy most exalted horizon, and upon this lowly one who hath turned toward the ocean of Thy knowledge.

O Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven! Thou art He to Whose might and exaltation and power all things have testified. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH11810: This is the Most Great, Most Holy, Most Exalted…

This is the Most Great, Most Holy, Most Exalted Book which hath been sent down in truth. Verily it is a revelation from God, the Lord of the worlds. Worship none but Him and follow that which hath been revealed in His mighty, wise Book.

These are the days wherein God hath prescribed the Fast unto His creatures. He, verily, is the One Who commandeth, the All-Knowing. They who circle round the Throne, and they who believed in Him when He was established upon His mighty throne, have observed the Fast. Blessed are they who follow the commandments of God—they, verily, are in an exalted station. Those who follow their own desires are numbered with the heedless.

We have adorned the heaven of utterance with the stars of divine wisdom and holy ordinances as a bounty on Our part. Verily, We are the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

O friends of God throughout the regions! Know ye the value of these days and cling unto whatsoever hath been sent down from God, the Most Great, the Most Exalted. Verily, He remembereth you in the Most Great Prison, and instructeth you in that which will cause you to draw nigh unto a station that delighteth the eyes of the pure in heart.

Glory rest upon you and upon those who have attained unto that living fountain which floweth forth from My wondrous Pen.

BH07554: O Sharif! May you attain unto the most great…

In the name of the all-knowing Lord

O Sharif! May you attain unto the most great nobility—that nobility which hath ever been and shall forever remain acceptable in the sight of God: the recognition of the Dawning-Place of His Cause and the Dayspring of His Revelation.

Whosoever attaineth unto the recognition of the Manifestation of His Cause hath attained unto the most great nobility, the most exalted station, the primal gem, and the uttermost Tree. But should anyone, God forbid, be deprived of this lofty station, he shall remain bereft of all stations of nobility, greatness, humanity and all that transcendeth them, even should he be of noble lineage, exalted descent, and possessed of outward knowledge and learning.

Strive thou to drink from the flowing spring of God—that same spring concerning which He saith: “A spring wherefrom drink they who are brought nigh.”

We beseech God to aid thee to remain steadfast in His love and to grant thee that which shall profit thee. Verily He is the Bestower, the Mighty, the Generous.

BH07449: Through God's infinite bounty, the spring of knowledge hath…

In the Name of the One God!

Through God's infinite bounty, the spring of knowledge hath appeared. Blessed is the soul that hath been adorned with the raiment of wisdom and hath drunk from the ocean of insight.

O friends! Strive that ye may not remain deprived of the fresh and pure fruits that have appeared from the divine Tree of humanity. This is the Day in which the vibration of the Word of the Lord hath taken hold of the world, for the fragrance of the sealed wine, which hath been unsealed by the Finger of Will, is wafting amongst mankind. Blessed is he who hath drunk and attained, and woe unto them that have turned away.

O ye who seek the Ka'bah of the intended Goal! Hearken with pure ears unto the call of this Wronged One and preserve it like your very soul. Ere long will the carpet of life be rolled up and another carpet spread out in another world. Whosoever attaineth unto that hath attained unto life everlasting.

Beseech ye God that He may enable all to undertake that which today conduceth to the exaltation of His Cause. Verily He is the Counselor, the Trustworthy.

BH07523: We make mention of him who desired to be…

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

We make mention of him who desired to be remembered by his Lord, after he turned and heard His mighty, wondrous call. By God! The Kingdom of utterance hath appeared and the Dove of Knowledge hath spoken, yet the people We behold as among the dead. They have not arisen at the Cry, nor found the breaths of the Days, and are among the perishing ones.

It behooveth thee to thank God for having aided thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of His Cause and given thee to drink of the Kawthar of knowledge from the hand of grace. He, verily, is the Munificent Giver. By God! He dealeth with grace after justice hath appeared through this straight Balance.

O My loved ones! Know ye the value of these days, then act according to that which ye have been commanded by God, the Lord of the worlds. He commandeth you that which profiteth you in the hereafter and the former life. To this testifieth every knowing, perceiving one.

We counsel you to be steadfast—this is a word which God hath revealed in most of the Tablets, yet most of the people are heedless. Hold ye fast unto it in My name, and cling to its hem by My binding, wise command.

BH07705: God beareth witness that there is none other God…

In His Name, the All-Knowing!

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who is seated upon the Throne, verily He is the Source of My inspiration, and the Dayspring of My signs, and the Manifestation of My Cause, the firm, the impregnable.

I bear witness to that which God hath testified, and to which testify the Concourse on High and those who circle round His mighty Throne. Those who have not borne witness, they have denied God and His signs, and have rejected what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the perspicuous Book. Soon shall the world pass away and they shall find themselves in grievous loss.

Blessed is he who hath heard the Call and responded to his Lord, and woe unto him who hath turned away from the Face unto which the Faithful Spirit hath turned.

O people! Ponder the Revelation of God and His proof, and follow not every oppressor who hath found not the fragrance of justice and was a messenger from the self and passion unto every remote transgressor.

We beseech God to assist thee and those who have believed to stand firm in His Great Steadfastness. He, verily, is the Bestower, the Generous.

BH07900: O handmaidens of God in Hadba! We make mention…

He is the Solitary, the Wronged One

O handmaidens of God in Hadba! We make mention of you from this Most Exalted Station. Blessed are you, inasmuch as you have inhaled the fragrance of the Garment and have turned towards God, the Lord of Lords. Happy is the servant who has turned to My horizon, and the handmaiden who has turned to the Dayspring of Lights. We send greetings from this Station upon the faces of My loved ones and upon you. It behooveth every one who hath turned to give thanks to his Lord for this bounty that hath encompassed all creation.

Where is My she-camel—is she grazing, or have the enemies of God who denied the Beginning and the Return hamstrung her? We have mentioned him and mention him as a bounty from Us, and I am the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Doth the wrongdoer think he hath profited? Nay, by My Self! Soon shall punishment seize him from every direction.

O My handmaiden! Rejoice thou in My remembrance and say:

> “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is the Kingdom of verses!”

Glory be upon thee and upon those handmaidens who have turned to the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

BH08371: He dawneth from the horizon of the world

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Say: Glory be to Thee, O God of the nations and the One manifest through the Most Great Name! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy Will and the heaven of Thy grace and the penetrating power of Thy decree to assist me in that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book.

O my Lord! I am he who was sleeping when the hand of Thy loving-kindness awakened me, and was heedless when Thy most sweet call, which was raised between earth and heaven, roused me. I beseech Thee by the grace which hath encompassed me and all who are in the kingdom of earth and heaven to make me in all conditions turned toward Thee, directing myself to the horizon of Thy bounty, speaking Thy praise and beholding the manifestations of Thy handiwork and the evidences of Thy might.

O my Lord! Illumine the eye of my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and my outward eye with the vision of the signs of Thine oneness. Verily Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH08043: In My Name, the Self-Subsisting! The sun has been…

In My Name, the Self-Subsisting! The sun has been prevented from its shining, and verily it calls out and cries from behind the clouds, saying:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds, in that Thou hast made my light to proceed from myself, and verily it was set ablaze before it was touched by fire. Blessed are they that understand!"

God hath manifested me through His grace, and caused me to speak that which the hearts of the doers and the accomplished ones are powerless to enumerate. We have testified to that whereunto God testified before the creation of the heavens and earth, and We have commanded all to testify even as He testified thereunto, whereat all upon the earth were thunderstruck save whom God willed, the Most High, the Most Great.

Be thou gladdened by that which the Wronged One maketh mention of thee from this remote spot. We have remembered all who have turned unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Among the people are they who have recognized their Lord, and among them are they who are in manifest doubt.

When thou receivest this Tablet say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the sincere ones!"

BH08385: The Book of God, in the form of man…

He is the Ever-Abiding, the Everlasting, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

The Book of God, in the form of man, proclaimeth throughout all creation: O peoples of the earth! The All-Merciful hath come with sovereignty and power. Fear ye God, and abandon that which ye possess. Take hold of that which ye are commanded by God, the Almighty, the Powerful, the Bestower.

The books of the learned profit you not, nor do your ancient tales. Cast them behind you and hold fast unto this Book. Reflect, then consider the generations of old and what they wrought in their vain life. God seized them for their sins. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Compelling.

Beware lest the affairs of the world withhold you from the Lord of all names. Thus doth the Most Exalted Pen counsel you from God, the Revealer of verses.

We have inhaled the fragrance of thy love and beheld thee turning toward God, and We have remembered thee in this Tablet whereby the horizons have been illumined. Take it with the hand of power, then recite it by night and by day.

BH08142: The heaven of human dignity is illumined…

In His Name, the Ever-Abiding, the All-Wise!

The heaven of human dignity is illumined by the light of truthfulness. O people of Baha! The All-Knowing, the All-Powerful hath ordained the earth as a scroll wherein the deeds and words of the children of Adam are to be recorded. And since this is so, pure must be the words and praiseworthy the deeds that befit it. Strive ye that like unto the morning star ye may shine forth from the horizon of the heaven of wisdom.

A human being without result is like a tree without fruit. At all times doth the Pen of the All-Merciful counsel those who drink of the wine of utterance to that which is the cause of tranquility for all and the means of exaltation of the Cause. God willing, may it be accepted by those who have turned unto Him. We beseech the One True God to gather all beneath the canopy of oneness in perfect unity, and to confirm them in His Cause. He is the Powerful, the All-Knowing, and He is the Subduer, the All-Powerful.

BH08988: In My Name, the Most Great

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This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down from the Most Great Prison that through it whosoever hath believed in the Self-Subsisting One may rejoice—He Who was announced by the Qa'im when He came from the heaven of divine Command with a perspicuous Book. The Day is come and the Self-Subsisting One announceth unto men the Ridvan of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. O people! Turn ye unto the Supreme Horizon. By God! It hath been illumined by My Most Glorious Name, yet the people know not, save whom God willeth. Thus doth He Who possesseth knowledge of all things inform you in this manifest Tablet. We have summoned all purely for the sake of God unto the Most Exalted Paradise, as attested by the Hidden Name Which speaketh in the world:

> "There is none other God but Me, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen."

It behooveth every soul that hath turned unto Me to rejoice in My remembrance and render thanks for My manifestation in this praiseworthy station.

BH09093: O My maidservant! The Face of the Wronged One…

In the Name of the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious!

O My maidservant! The Face of the Wronged One hath turned toward thee from this Spot, and remembereth thee with a remembrance through which the fragrance of the Garment is wafted to all

regions. His is the praise and the glory, and His is the remembrance and the splendor, inasmuch as He hath made thee recognize His Cause and hath caused thee to hear His Call and hath aided thee to acknowledge this Revelation before which all necks have bowed down.

Cling thou to the hem of thy Lord's robe and say: I beseech Thee, O Possessor of existence and Educator of the seen and the unseen, to grant me, in Thy Most Exalted Cause, the most great steadfastness. O my Lord! Thy handmaiden hath stood before the door of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee not to deprive her, through Thy grace and favor, of that which she seeketh, for through Thy loving-kindness I have recognized the greatness and sovereignty of Thy Cause. O my Lord! I am Thy weak handmaiden who hath sought refuge in Thee, and Thou art the Almighty, the All-Bountiful.

BH09090: O My handmaidens in Hadba! Verily My Most Exalted…

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

O My handmaidens in Hadba! Verily My Most Exalted Pen maketh mention of you when sorrows have encompassed it from those by whom were raised the standards of tyranny in the kingdom of creation. It behooveth every soul to remember that which hath befallen My loved ones in the land of Sad. Hath the star of faithfulness disappeared from its horizon, or hath its nightingale taken flight unto God, the Lord of existence?

O My loved ones and My handmaidens! Remember ye this calamity whereby have lamented the dwellers of Paradise who circle round the throne of your Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Glory be upon those who have believed, and upon those handmaidens who have believed in God, the One, the Chosen.

Verily, O My handmaiden, rejoice in that thou hast been mentioned before the Wronged One when He was making mention of His servant "Ha" who gave up his spirit in the path of God, the Lord of all lords.

BH09875: Glorified art Thou, O Sovereign of the Kingdom…

He is the One manifest with power!

Glorified art Thou, O Sovereign of the Kingdom of earth and heaven, and Ruler over kings and subjects!

I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thy power was revealed, Thy sovereignty exalted, and Thy will enforced, and by Thy most exalted Self, and by the blood that was shed in Thy path, O Lord of all names, and by the hearts that melted in Thy days, O Lord of all beings and Sovereign of the throne on high and of earth below, to preserve through Thy power Thy loved ones who have turned to the Dawning-Place of the lights of Thy countenance and have advanced toward the Dayspring of the manifestations of Thy Cause.

Aid them with Thy confirmations, then ordain for them through Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and the world to come. Verily, Thou art the Protector, the Succorer, the Helper, the Mighty, the Invincible.

BH01634: Praise be to God Who has aided His chosen…

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

Praise be to God Who has aided His chosen servants and His pure handmaidens to recognize the Dawning-Place of His Self and the Dayspring of His Revelation, and has made known to them and to them what draws them nigh unto Him in all conditions. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. And praise be to God Who has taught His loved ones the paths of guidance and directed them to the Path which hath appeared through His Most Glorious Name between earth and heaven. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the One sanctified from every similitude and utterance. Praise be to God Who hath manifested the River of Life amidst all created things and hath given them to drink from the hand of bounty as He desired, through His Name, the Most Merciful. Verily He is the One exalted above every mention and sanctified from every praise. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this at this moment, even as it bore witness in the beginning that hath no beginning.

And after praise to God, that honored and respected lady hath been adorned with the ornament of recognition in the days of the Most Merciful and hath testified to that which the Beloved hath testified. By the life of the Beloved, this is indeed an imperishable treasure, and this blessed deed God, exalted be His glory, preserveth in the treasuries of His protection, and its effect hath not vanished and shall never vanish. Verily He is the Generous, the All-Bountiful.

Although due to the abundance of revealed verses there hath not been and is not opportunity to express matters, yet purely for the sake of God I trouble to convey greetings to the loved ones of that land, namely those souls who are detached from all else save God and who in all conditions gaze toward the supreme horizon. I beseech God that He may strengthen those sanctified souls who have quaffed from the Most Glorious Wine, that they may arise with utmost endeavor to serve the Cause—that is, that they may engage in teaching the Cause of the Most Merciful with perfect wisdom and utterance.

O friends! Strive that the fruits of humanity may appear from the tree of existence. By the Ancient Beauty, if accepted souls had acted according to divine counsels, most of humanity would now partake of the ocean of knowledge. God willing, through divine grace there is hope that all the loved ones may drink from the Kawthar of certitude and quaff from the Salsabil of assurance, and strive to draw those of doubt and uncertainty to the holy and most holy station, that the breast of the world may be sanctified from the whisperings of satanic souls and turn toward the realm of oneness. All the atoms of creation have testified and do testify to the transience of the world and its transformation and change.

Blessed is the eye that seeth and readeth the word “transient” from the tablet of all things, that it may entirely pass beyond all else save God and hold fast and cling and adhere to the court of the One Friend. I beseech Him, exalted is He, to aid all to what He loveth and approveth, and to make His loved ones like mountains in this Cause whereby the greatest terror hath appeared and earthquakes have seized all the tribes of the earth. Verily He is the Powerful, the Most High, the Bestower, the Generous. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

And further, the sent handkerchiefs which numbered nine according to their letters ha and dal arrived and were accepted in the Most Holy Court. Several were distributed in His presence and bestowed upon those circling round, and several others were designated specifically for the blessed Person and the holy Branches—may my spirit and being be sacrificed for the dust of their footsteps. Rejoice thou at this and be of the thankful ones. How excellent is the reward of the workers, men and women! In truth the souls of that land have endured much hardship. Each year their handiwork hath been witnessed in the Most Great Prison before the Throne. I beseech Him, exalted is He, to ordain for them, men and women, that which will gladden hearts and bring joy to eyes.

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BH00117: Glorified art Thou, O God of Names and Creator…

Section 1: "Glorified art Thou, O God of Names…"

He is God, exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Glory!

Glorified art Thou, O God of Names and Creator of the heavens! Thou seest how tribulation hath encompassed Thy servants who have cast the world behind their backs, turning unto the horizon of Thy Revelation. O Lord! The banner of oppression hath been raised in such wise that the dwellers of Thy Kingdom and Thy Realm, and the inhabitants of the pavilions of Thy glory and holiness, have lamented. Such oppression hath reached a point where, night and day, the Servant hath heard the lamentation of the Supreme Pen and the sighing of Him in Whose grasp lieth the Kingdom of creation. Would that the world had ceased to exist rather than hear the wailing of the Pen that moveth between the fingers of the Will of the All-Merciful.

I beseech Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and earth, and Sovereign of all who are in the kingdom of command and creation, to ordain through this supreme calamity and great tribulation that which will cause the standards of Thy guidance to be raised in Thy lands and the banners of Thy triumph in Thy realm. Then pour forth upon Thy sincere loved ones patience from Thee and forbearance from Thy presence. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest, and verily, Thou art the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

My spirit be a sacrifice for your remembrance! The servant hath attained the choice wine of your utterance and the Kawthar of your love, whereby the thirst of my separation and the burning of my remoteness have been quenched. By Thy life! From each word of your words I have drunk that which hath expanded my heart and dilated my breast and the breasts of those who have turned unto God and clung to His luminous hem. O my Beloved and my Love! Whenever I desired to respond to that which you sent from the direction of your grace, sorrows prevented me, for I heard and saw that the Supreme Pen moved in such wise as to grieve the hearts of the chosen ones and the souls of the near ones.

Some time before Ridvan, the Ancient Beauty wrote with His blessed hand and recited certain verses indicating sorrows and grief, until a letter arrived from the Land of Ha containing news of the persecution of certain knights in the arena of the love of God, and a few days thereafter news arrived by telegram. He verily knoweth what befell Him at the hands of those who denied God, the Lord of the worlds. Nearly a

hundred Tablets were revealed in His blessed handwriting, all mentioning those holy souls and pure spirits. I swear by the Ancient Beauty, the ocean of bounty surged in such wise that the essence of life sought the place of sacrifice, that perchance it might attain this supreme bounty and greatest favor.

By God, besides Whom there is none other God! The very rocks were softened by the lamentations of those near ones, yet the people are in manifest error. I know not what hardness of heart moved them to do what they did. The Concourse on High and all who are adorned with the robe of names were bewildered by them. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid His loved ones and chosen ones to read what was revealed for the martyred victors, for by their mention hearts find rest and souls attain peace. This servant copied some of those wondrous and sublime Tablets from the Supreme Pen, and through His Holiness the Name of God M.H., upon him be all-glorious Baha, sent them to your presence. From beholding that ocean of divine favors and manifestations of heavenly bounties concerning those souls, it becomes clear and evident that until these days nothing like this hath been revealed concerning any of the chosen ones. Blessed, then blessed are they who were martyred in His path and attained unto His mention.

Let me know what was written regarding the two honored names, Haydar and Husayn, upon them be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness. It was presented. Praise be to God, divine favors have been and continue to be with them. In these days, due to atmospheric disturbances, personal affairs, and the manifestation of dark oppression, nothing was submitted to these two honored and exalted souls. They have not been forgotten and will not be forgotten. God willing, whenever it is deemed advisable, a letter will be sent to them.

Concerning what you wrote about the travelers, upon them be the Glory of God, they attained the Most Holy Presence and achieved their purpose. This year, whoever came did so with permission, except for three souls, including Aqa Muhammad Isma'il who had been in the surrounding areas. For a long time, whatever petition he submitted was not accepted until he returned to Aleppo. From there he submitted a petition to the Most Great Branch, may my spirit and being be a sacrifice for the dust of His most precious footsteps, and beseeched Him, and through His intercession was summoned. In His presence, he was told that his pilgrimage was accepted and he attained the adorning grace of forgiveness, but he must also seek forgiveness from Jinab-i-Zayn, upon him be the Glory of God. However, the elevated son of Jinab-i-Asdaq-i-Muqaddas, upon them both be the Glory of God, and Aqa Muhammad-ʿAli from the people of Ba who was with them, had permission before and after. We beseech God to assist all to that which He loves and is pleased with.

Regarding what you wrote about Aqa Husayn, relative of Aqa Asadu'llah from the people of N and R, it was presented. This is what the Beloved uttered in response:

He is the Mighty, the Beloved

O Husayn! The fire of tyranny and corruption has encompassed the world, and the dark smoke of heedlessness and oppression has prevented most people from turning to the Truth. The Manifestation of the Command of the All-Merciful and the Dawning-Place of the Revelation of the All-Glorious is captive in the hands of the rebellious ones. I swear by the Sun of Revelation that We eagerly seek with Our soul all

the tribulations of the earth in the path of the Friend. We beseech God that pure hearts which have been illumined by the lights of the recognition of the All-Merciful Lord be not darkened and sullied by the dust of the deeds of the oppressors. Behold the world as virtually non-existent, for soon all that is observed upon it shall find its abode in the bosom of dust, even as hath been witnessed at all times. Praise the Beloved of the world Who enabled thee to turn unto Him. God willing, thou shalt at all times drink from the choice wine of steadfastness in this mighty Cause.

Say: O my God! Thou seest how darkness hath encompassed Thy earth by reason of what the hands of Thy tyrannical servants have wrought. I beseech Thee to transform it through the light of Thy days and the manifestation of Thy justice. O my Lord! Ordain for him who hath turned unto Thee that which shall make him steadfast upon Thy path, firm in Thy service, speaking Thy praise, and hoping for Thy bountiful grace. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And that which was sent through Jinab-i-Muhammad-ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God, was received.

Concerning what you wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Abu'l-Fadl, upon him be the Glory of God, when it was presented, He said:

> "We have hearkened to his call time after time, and occasion after occasion. Although outwardly nothing has been specifically revealed for him from the Supreme Pen in these days, yet he has been and is remembered before the Throne. All that he has endured in the path of God has been and is remembered in the presence of Him from Whose knowledge nothing escapes. The ocean of oppression has surged and the winds of tyranny have blown. The Command is in God's hands, the Lord of the beginning and the end. O Zayn, reflect upon the deeds of the oppressors—they make mention of the Messenger yet kill his sons; they lament for the progeny of the Pure One yet cut out her liver. Thus have their souls made fair-seeming to them that from which Satan himself has disassociated himself. God willing, there shall flow from the Supreme Pen specifically for him that which shall endure throughout the permanence of the kingdom and the realm."

Mention was made of Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Abu-Talib, upon him be the Glory of God. After it was presented, He said:

> "Both before and after, mention of him has been made in the Most Holy Court, and numerous Tablets have been revealed and sent down from the heaven of divine grace. We beseech God to assist him to serve His Cause. Verily He heareth the call of him who maketh mention of Him and uttereth His praise. He is, verily, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing."

The mention of Jinab-i-ʿAli-Asghar that was in the letter of Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Abu'l-Fadl, upon them both be the Glory of God, wherein he had requested that they be remembered in the Most Holy Court, was presented. He showed the utmost loving-kindness towards them, saying:

> "During the days of his presence he attained unto countless bounties. Blessed is he and joy be unto him."

Furthermore, mention of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Baqir, upon him be the Glory of God (in the land of N and R), was made in the Most Holy Court. A wondrous and sublime Tablet specifically for him was given to the son of Jinab-i-Asdaq, upon them both be the Glory of God, to deliver. Likewise, this servant had previously written a letter in response to his letter which was addressed to this evanescent one. Its sending was delayed but has now been sent. Whenever appropriate, your honor may send it. Although in these days, due to the flames of the fire of oppression and tyranny, the more matters remain concealed the better. The son of Jinab-i-Asdaq, upon him be the Glory of God, must conduct himself with great wisdom, as was told to him in the presence of the Ancient Beauty. For the rest, your honor may act as deemed expedient. Verily He is the One Who has commanded all to wisdom, and His is the Command and the Creation, and for us is submission. There is no God but He, the Commander, the All-Wise.

Concerning what you wrote about Aqa Yusuf from the people of N and R through their honors, upon them both be the Glory of God, when it was presented to the Most Holy Court, this is what the Tongue of the Beloved uttered:

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Generous

O Zayn! We make mention of those who have believed in God and His signs and have turned with radiant hearts toward His countenance, as the Lord of Names beareth witness in this glorious station. The pebble hath heard My remembrance, the earth My utterance, the mountain My call, the heaven My lamentation, and the Concourse on High My sighs. Thus do We expound for thee that thou mayest be of the thankful. Say: O Joseph! By the life of God, We make mention of thee. Verily He seeth whosoever turneth unto Him and heareth the call of him who speaketh of this mighty Cause. O Joseph! Calumny was cast upon the first Wolf, but the Wolf of the land of Sad devoured Joseph the Apostle and the son of the Virgin before the faces of the heedless.

O Joseph! Reflect upon those who read the Qur'an and claim allegiance to Muhammad the Apostle of God, yet slay His sons and plunder their possessions without clear proof or manifest Book. Hold fast to the cord of grace and say: I beseech Thee, O Thou for Whose sake blood was shed and lamentations were raised, by Thy Name through which the trumpet was blown and the dwellers of the graves arose, to make me steadfast in Thy remembrance and firm in Thy praise among Thy servants in such wise that neither the might of any oppressor nor the tyranny of any denier may weaken me. Verily Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest, and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

And regarding Jinab Aqa Mirza Abu'l-Qasim, the physician, and others, what you wrote was presented before the Most Holy Court. This is what the Desired One hath spoken:

He is the Wronged One, the Stranger

O physician! Hearken unto the call from the direction of the Prison and reflect upon God's grace and justice, and the oppression of those who claim faith for themselves yet slay the sons of the Apostle without clear proof or Book. The world hath so deluded them that they deny Him Whom they mention night and day. They have slain their men and plundered their women and children. By God's life! They have committed that which hath caused the Spirit to lament at the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no

passing, and the Beloved One in the most exalted station. It behooveth every person of insight to observe their deeds and reflect upon what they have wrought both in former times and in these days.

Oppression hath reached such a state that every tongue is powerless to describe it, yet the oppressors are in joy and delight. God shall soon seize them with justice from His presence and purify the earth from the defilement of these people. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. When thou receivest My letter, give thanks unto God that thou hast been mentioned before the Wronged One, Who hath sent thee that which hath diffused the fragrance of the All-Merciful throughout all regions. From this station We send greetings to thy son, that the attraction of his Lord's verses may seize him and draw him nigh unto the Dawning-Place of inspiration.

O Husayn! Husayn hath been martyred in these days, and before him his brother Hasan in the path of God, the Lord of creation. Shame upon the people who have rent asunder the vitals of the Apostle while imagining themselves to be the protectors of Islam. Rejoice thou in that thou hast been mentioned by thy Lord, through Whom agitation hath seized all who dwell in the kingdom of creation, save whom God willeth, the Lord of all men.

Then make mention of him who is named Jamal, that he may hear the call of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. Say: We have manifested Ourself for the salvation of the world, yet the peoples have turned away and united to harm Us, as testifieth He with Whom is the Mother Book. Hold fast unto the Most Great Cord, then act according to what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Tablets. Thus doth the Wronged One command thee from this Prison which hath been named with all names in the Book of God, the Cleaver of the Dawn.

O Pen, turn towards him who is named Abdu'r-Rahman, then mention him that his heart may rejoice and he may remain steadfast on the path. Blessed is he who hath believed in God and acted according to what He hath commanded in the Book that speaketh with truth. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. Blessed is the soul that hath been adorned with My attributes; verily, such a one is of the people of Baha, as doth testify He in Whose grasp is the kingdom of earth and heaven.

O Zayn! The Supreme Pen hath mentioned and continueth to mention both great and small among the loved ones. At all times the mention of the All-Merciful is raised, and whatsoever proceedeth therefrom to the world of creation in its primal reality returneth unto those sanctified souls who have quaffed from the sealed wine and who are fixed upon the Name of the Self-Subsisting. Blessed are they for what they have recognized and attained in these days when the wine of vain imaginings hath intoxicated most of mankind. This station hath no peer or likeness. The grace of God hath reached such a degree that He mentioneth all. The rain from the clouds of this grace hath no equal, nor will it ever have; yet sight, hearing, and understanding are lacking.

As thou dost witness, One Who hath manifested all the divine proofs, evidences, and verses that exist in the world among the peoples—yet they do not acknowledge belief in Him, much less in that which is above Him. The Tree is raised with utmost grace, yet observe how on all its twigs and branches are seen the marks of the swords and stones of the ungodly and the hateful ones. Nevertheless, at every moment

it calleth the people to the supreme horizon with its most exalted call. We desire to end Our utterance at this time and say: All praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Section 2: "Likewise doth the Supreme Pen mention Ali…"

Likewise doth the Supreme Pen mention Ali, that he may be gladdened by the choice wine of the utterance of the All-Merciful, remain occupied with His remembrance and steadfast in His Cause. Convey My glory unto his face and give him the glad-tidings of My mention of him, that he may rejoice and be among the thankful ones. And mention was made of a handmaiden of God. We make mention of her as a grace from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath attained unto the Most Great Steadfastness. She is assuredly among the people of Paradise in a glorious Book. We have made mention of every servant who hath turned and every handmaiden who hath turned unto God, the Lord of the worlds. We beseech God to aid her and strengthen her in His remembrance and praise. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

Regarding what thou didst write about the Tablets of Dervish Baqir, by command they should remain with thee. And concerning what thou didst write about the prayer beads: Several years ago, one of the friends found a silver belt, and after it was presented before the Most Holy Court, they commanded in the name of bounty—95 (Baha'u'llah)—that a herald should announce it in the streets and markets for one day so that its owner might be found, and if after the announcement the owner was not found, to wait nineteen days and then take possession of it. Nevertheless, when this was submitted, They said that the friends of this Revelation have been commanded to observe the Most Great Trustworthiness; their eyes and hearts must be sanctified and purified from worthless, transient possessions belonging to others. In this year and the previous year, countless verses have been revealed from the heaven of God's command. Blessed is the eye that seeth and the soul that knoweth and acteth, and woe unto those who forsake and turn away. And in place of those prayer beads, We have sent one set of prayer beads that her supposition may attain to the station of certitude and she may be gladdened by God's grace. Blessed is she before God, the Lord of the worlds.

O thou who art adorned with the love of the Beloved of the world! In the Ridvan He appeared with utmost sorrow, and the radiance of that sorrow was reflected upon you. Blessed art thou and blessed am I; joyous art thou and joyous am I. Rejoice and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the worlds! Hadst thou been present before the Throne and heard the lamentation of My Most Exalted Pen at the time of revelation, thou wouldst have wept with the weeping of the bereft and been counted among those who have lost.

Thus far is the answer to the blessed letter written on the 17th of Muharram. And then thy letter dated the first of Safar illumined the star of the heart with the lights of the Sun of bounty, and bestowed upon the drop of knowledge the expression of an ocean. This evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory and might, that this supreme blessing be not withheld and this mighty gift be not delayed. The command is in His hand; He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

Concerning what thou didst write about Ismu'l-Kamal, upon him be the Glory of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, his mention hath been made in the presence of the Countenance, and that which he sent

was presented before the Throne. The servant sendeth greetings from this station upon him and upon those with him, and upon his family, both men and women. Blessed are they in that they have attained, acknowledged and confessed that which the Lord of the Invoked One hath uttered.

Regarding what thou didst write about Khwajih ʿAbdu'l-Ahad, it was presented. These wondrous and sublime words were revealed from the heaven of Will specifically for him, but they must be given according to the requirements of the time, for in these days the incident in the Land of Sad hath caused agitation. In any case, the loved ones must act with the utmost wisdom. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

He is the One Who descendeth with His mighty glory.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all created things and in Whose right hand is the kingdom of all existence! I beseech Thee to ordain for every one who hath turned unto Thee the Kawthar of Thy presence and the wine of reunion with Thee, and to make him aware of that which beseemeth Thy Revelation, Thy greatness and Thy days. O my Lord! Illumine my sight that I may behold Thee established upon the throne of Thy power and elevated above Thy creation and creatures. O my Lord! I have turned toward the ocean of Thy bounty and the ark of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by Thy generosity and Thy sovereignty not to deprive me of them. Thou art He to Whose exaltation and power all atoms testify, and to Whose transcendence and ascendancy all beings bear witness. O my Lord! Grant me from the wonders of Thy generosity that which will cause me to gaze in all conditions toward Thy horizon, to stand firm in Thy Cause, and to cling to Thy robe. Thou art He from Whose knowledge nothing escapeth. Thou knowest and seest my poverty and Thy wealth, my powerlessness and Thy might. Have mercy upon me through Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the Generous, the Bountiful.

As for what your honor mentioned regarding Nabil the traveler and his son, upon them be 966 [Baha'u'llah], it was presented. He said that divine favors have been and will be, God willing, bestowed upon him and his relatives. A Tablet was sent specifically for them with the son of Jinab-i-Asdaq, upon them be 966 [Baha'u'llah], and likewise previously, and We mention his son at this time as a favor from Us, and verily We are the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

He is the Mighty, the Beautiful.

The Bird of the Divine Throne hath taken flight because of the croaking of the raven. Verily thy Lord is the All-Mighty, the All-Knowing. O Muhammad-Rida! We make mention of thee in this station that thou mayest rejoice in this remembrance whereby the ocean of faith hath surged and the fragrance of thy Lord's mercy, the Lord of all religions, hath been wafted abroad. Beware lest anything whatsoever debar thee from God, the Creator of names. By My life! All the treasures of earth cannot equal one word of thy Lord. He Who hath manifested the kingdom of utterance in the realm of creation beareth witness to this. Although sorrows have encompassed all things, yet doth the All-Merciful call out with His most exalted voice: "There is none other God but He, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting." Nothing whatsoever can withhold Him from that which He desireth. He ordaineth as He pleaseth through His sovereign might. He is, in truth, the One, the All-Seeing.

The oppressors have slain the descendants of the Apostle, yet make mention of Him at morn and eventide. The kingdom of earth and heaven is bewildered at their deeds. Erelong shall the blasts of chastisement seize them from every direction. He shall seize them even as He seized those who preceded them. Behold them who confined Us to the most desolate of lands. Blessed is he who readeth the Tablet of Ra'is and learneth of that which flowed from the Most Exalted Pen when it was captive in the hands of the wicked. The glory rest upon thee, upon thy father, and upon those who have laid hold on the hem of grace and have acknowledged that which God hath acknowledged, both in the beginning and in the end.

O Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One from His Most Great Prison. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Most High, the Most Great. We have desired to make mention of the Glorious One who hath ascended unto God, the Lord of the worlds. By thy life, O Zayn! He attained Our presence in the land of Kaf, and We cast upon him the Word of God, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The fire of the Word so seized him that he was drawn to the Most Sublime Horizon. The Lord of Names in this glorious station beareth witness unto this. We testify that he believed in Me and acknowledged that which God acknowledged on the day when men turned away from God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. He bore witness as We bore witness when the Trump was blown and all who are in the heavens and earth swooned away, save those whom God willed to exempt, the True Sovereign, the Manifest. Blessed is he who remembereth him as recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in this wondrous Tablet.

The Tongue of Grandeur maketh mention of him in this station and saith:

> "Blessed art thou who hast laid hold on the Most Great Handle and clung to the hem of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Merciful."

I testify that thou art a servant who hath believed in God, the Manifestations of His Revelation, the Dawning-Places of His inspiration, and the Recipients of His imperative command, the All-Compelling, the Most Great. Thou art he who hath borne hardships in the path of God, and tribulation and adversity have touched thee in this straight Path.

Then We make mention of his son, Al-Wahhab, who was set ablaze with the fire of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He is the one who was martyred in the path of God. The Concourse on High and those who circle round His exalted throne bear witness unto this. Blessed is he who maketh mention of them both, who visiteth them, and who through them draweth nigh unto God, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

He is the All-Mentioning, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

O Zayn! We wish to make mention of thy son who ascended unto Us, attained Our presence, drank the choice wine of Our revelation, and immersed himself in the ocean of Our mercy which hath preceded all worlds. Blessed art thou, O son, in that thou wast in a house wherein was raised the remembrance and praise of God. This indeed is a great bounty. Thou art he upon whom We shed the lights of beauty, whereupon thou didst sacrifice thy spirit for God, the One, the All-Informed. We, verily, visit thee, O son, from this station and say: Upon thee be the glory of God, the glory of the Concourse on High, My remembrance and the remembrance of those who circle round the pavilion of grandeur. O thou who

didst drink the milk of faith from thy mother's breast and the Kawthar of exposition from thy father's hand—he who arose to serve this wronged and lonely One. Thus hath spoken the Tongue of Grandeur, and there hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen that which hath diffused the fragrance of the garment amongst the worlds.

Concerning the inquiry about the blessed verse of the Most Holy Book, His word, exalted be His glory:

> "We have appointed the two signs for the coming of age of the world"

to the end of His word, exalted and mighty is He—the inability to bear sovereignty mentioned in one of the Tablets is different from the two matters revealed in the Most Holy Book.

Furthermore, while this servant was engaged in writing this petition to your presence, they commanded: Write to Zayn, upon him be the Glory of God, that the delay in your reply was due to the gathering of travelers, but you should not be saddened, for whenever a reply is revealed, it is and will be nourishing and enriching, as each portion of the reply descends from the heaven of grace and is dispatched. Happy art thou!

Among others, the honored Aqa Siyyid ʿAli-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, set forth with numerous replies to petitions, and likewise Aqa Muhammad from the people of Qaf, and the honored Ibn-i-Asdaq and those with him, upon them be the Glory of God. It is known how many Tablets they carried, and likewise those souls who proceeded with permission, including Shaykh Salman. The purpose of mentioning this is that most times delays occur due to this servant's lack of time. In all cases, forgiveness is hoped for.

Another submission is that the honored Ustad Abdu'l-Ghani, upon him be the Glory of God, was with this servant in the small plot known as the large one, and this servant recalled your statement written previously expressing your wish to be present and attain to service. In view of that statement, this servant specifically mentioned to Ustad Abdu'l-Ghani that today you should engage in service to the small plot on behalf of Zayn, upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory of God, and he truly engaged in service that day with complete joy and delight like a skilled worker. He himself will submit the details.

Regarding what you had written about the honored Ism-i-Nasr, upon him be the Glory of God, it was submitted. They said: Divine favors have been bestowed upon him. God willing, may he be confirmed and assisted in the mention and praise of Truth and be adorned with the ornament of justice. O Zayn! In these days the temple of justice hath fallen into the hands of the manifestations of tyranny, as thou hast heard and continues to hear. Ask God, thy Lord, to deliver it and to transform the seat of oppression into the throne of justice. Verily thy Lord is the Powerful, the Mighty.

The honored Ism-i-Nasr has requested Tablets specifically for certain accepted souls. Should God will, We shall send them as a bounty from His presence. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

Another submission is that at the time of the departure of Jinab-i-Ibn-i-Asdaq, upon them both be the Glory of God, nothing was revealed from the heaven of bounty specifically for the known person who is in the land of Kha. However, in response to the request of the aforementioned one, They made a promise,

and therefore the Most Holy, Most Mighty Tablet was revealed specifically for them and was sent. If they honor that land with their presence, give it to them to deliver, and this matter must, according to the command, remain confidential and reach the known person in sealed form. And this too, if the time is appropriate, for They have said that at certain times some souls are observed to be fearful of certain events. Therefore, consideration of timing is necessary, and furthermore, the known souls have been and are being watched by the enemies who await an occurrence to arise that they might proclaim it. In this case, the protection of known souls is necessary. Blessed are they who conceal and act accordingly.

Another submission of this evanescent one is that you should convey the Most Glorious, Most Mighty, Most Wondrous greetings from this servant to all the friends of God who reside in that land, whether they be the captives of God or others. The Glory be upon your honor and upon them and upon His trustees and His loved ones and His friends in every direction of all directions.

The servant 6 Rajab 1296

BH01075: Praise be to God Who is unique in His…

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

Praise be to God Who is unique in His grandeur, singular in His call, and exalted through the Name that is the Sovereign of all names. Verily He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but He, the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And praise be to God Who hath sent down the Book and adorned it with verses of commandments and laws that the peoples might benefit therefrom, they who have cast away vain imaginings and turned to the horizon whence shone forth the sun of the knowledge of our Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Verily He hath desired naught from all that hath appeared except to manifest His generosity, His grace and His bounty to His servants. He, verily, is the Bestower, the Most Generous.

Thereafter, thy letter reached this servant, and I read what was therein and presented it before the Throne, offering it unto God, the Mighty, the All-Wise. I beseech God to assist thee and to raise up others like thee who shall acknowledge that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath acknowledged amongst the nations. He, verily, is the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful.

This ephemeral one makes mention that thy letter arrived and brought boundless joy, for the sweet savors of the love of the All-Merciful were inhaled therefrom. God willing, thou shalt at all times be assisted through the confirmations of the All-Merciful Lord and be engaged in the remembrance and utterance of the True Sovereign. The supplication thou didst present to the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court was offered, and forthwith a Tablet was revealed from the heaven of God's Will and sent forth. God willing, thou shalt attain unto its presence and be perfumed with its fragrances.

As to what thou didst mention regarding the Huqúqu'lláh, writing that a certain one possesseth both cash and property, and while the Huqúqu'lláh on the cash is clear, the property is in a place where none will purchase it so that the Huqúqu'lláh might be separated from it, and if he wished to pay from the cash it would not suffice, and the individual himself would lose his livelihood, and the property yields no rent—in such case what is required? The decree of God is that property from which no profit is derived, that is,

from which no benefit is obtained, no Huqúqu'lláh is payable thereon. He, verily, is the Ruler, the Most Generous.

As to what thou didst mention regarding the name Ibn, there is no objection, but outwardly he should be named after the manifest name ʿAbbás, the Most Great Branch of God—may my spirit and my very being be offered up for the dust of His footsteps.

As to what thou didst write regarding Aqa ʿAlí-Akbar who hath ascended unto God, it was presented, and the word of forgiveness was manifested from the Kingdom of the All-Merciful's utterance regarding him. Blessed is he in that he attained unto mention during his lifetime and unto God's forgiveness and mercy after his passing and ascension.

As to what thou didst write regarding Aqa Muhammad-ʿAlí, mention of him was made in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court. A brief prayer was revealed from the heaven of divine Will and was sent. Let him recite it. This is what God hath revealed from the heaven of Will and Purpose:

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O God, Lord of all things and Creator of names! I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thou didst shatter the idols and dispel all vain imaginings, to immerse me in the ocean of certitude, O Lord of all religions. My Lord! Aid me in that which Thou hast willed through Thy sovereignty and revealed in Thy perspicuous Book. My Lord! This is a day wherein the pages of contingent being and the Books which Thou didst reveal unto Thy Messengers and chosen ones have been adorned. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me the outpourings of the ocean of Thy grace, nor to shut me out from the door which Thou hast opened unto all who are in Thy heaven and on Thy earth. My Lord! I am weak and have clung to Thy Name, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Ordain for me from Thy bounty that which shall profit me in this world and the next. Verily, Thou art the Giving, the Bountiful, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

God willing, may they become blessed and confirmed through the reading of these exalted and blessed words which have appeared from the Dayspring of the Divine Will.

Furthermore, convey greetings on behalf of this poor and lowly one to all those souls in that land and in the land of N and R who have drunk from the Divine Chalice and are gazing toward the Most Exalted Horizon. O friends! O ye who drink the choice wine of the mercy of the All-Merciful! This is a great day. Great is its worth, great is its station, and great indeed is that which transpireth therein. Ye must regard the vain imaginings of the heedless souls and the suppositions of the idolatrous forms as null and void, and drink at all times from the Salsabíl of certitude in the name of the Lord of the Day of Judgment. The tongue was created for this day, and the eye came into being from the realm of nothingness for this blessed day.

By the life of God! This is the day of ears and hearts, that they might see and speak and hear and preserve in the treasury. Say: Strive, that ye may not remain deprived of the bounteous grace on such a day as this. Although, praise be to God, in that garden the flowers of inner meanings have bloomed in the name of the Eternal Beloved and the blossoms of utterance have appeared in the name of the Desired One of all

things, yet God willing, may their fire be seen as ever more enkindled and their light more manifest at all times through the influence of the Divine Word.

This evanescent servant beseecheth the true Sovereign to preserve those flowers of love from poisonous winds and cold blasts, that they may ever remain smiling with perfect freshness and delicacy. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Bountiful. Glory be upon you and upon those who are with you and upon those who have attained unto the recognition of God and are assured of His presence, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

The servant 6 Rajab 1296

BH01842: Praise sanctified above mention and glorification befitteth the Court…

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

Praise sanctified above mention and glorification befitteth the Court of the Lord of Names, Who through His complete power and the attraction of His Primal Word drew all creation to the supreme horizon, and in such wise did He kindle the fire of the divine Word in those who have turned towards Him, and in those who have drawn nigh, and in the sincere ones, that each with utmost eagerness and good-pleasure turned towards the dawning-place of sacrifice. Blessed are they and joy be unto them! We beseech God that He may cause new traces to appear in the earth from these holy souls who have attained unto complete sacrifice, inasmuch as sanctified spirits who ascend with perfect detachment and severance have ever been and shall ever be the cause of wondrous manifestations and exalted revelations.

Were this servant to attempt to mention the influences of those spirits upon the inner and outer world, he would need to spend long periods expounding this station. By the life of God! If an eye were to be opened and perceive this station, that one would surely sacrifice the entire world, were it in his possession—how much more these weak, frail, worthless lives and these transient, impermanent riches. However, today service to the Cause, meaning its propagation, takes precedence over all else, as may be understood from the blessed Tablets.

Thereafter thy letter arrived which, praise be to God, indicated the well-being of all the loved ones. At every moment one must speak forth with a hundred thousand tongues, and from each tongue offer a hundred thousand thanks and praises, for He hath, through His infinite bounty, honored these servants with the robe of His special favor and enabled them to recognize the Manifestation of His Revelation. His is the praise, His the thanks, His the mention, and His the glorification.

And regarding what thou didst mention about the dream, it was submitted and He said: “Behold then what the wrongdoers have done to My shirt and My garments in the Land of Sad. By God! All things have wailed, every eye hath shed tears, and every person of insight and discernment hath cried out. O servant of God! The Supreme Pen hath lamented their oppression. They claim to have faith yet deny Him Who did ordain and send it forth, and they weep for Husayn while they slay his children. Thus have their souls enticed them, and they are in a strange sleep. But those who believed have profited by what they did, while these are in manifest loss.” He further said: “God willing, as a result of what hath come to pass, the temples of existence shall be seen adorned with a luminous vesture, and all shall attain unto the garment

of divine bounty. The Command is in God's hands—He doeth what He willeth, and He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful."

And regarding what thou didst write about how, after receiving this evanescent one's letter and reading the verses revealed in the name of his honor the physician, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, the friends were seen both smiling and weeping—this was submitted and He said:

> "God willing, all must rejoice through God's grace and speak forth His praise. Blessed is the soul that hath taken the cup of joy and gladness in the name of the Lord of creation—such a one is truly of the people of this noble station. And assuredly those souls who have attained unto this station and have distinguished the True One from all else are gladdened by His gladness and saddened by His sadness."

I beseech thee to convey on behalf of this evanescent one greetings sanctified above mention and description. Blessed are they in that they have attained unto a goodly end. And praise be to God, the Lord of the beginning and the end.

6 Rajab 1296

The mention of thy praise and glorification and exaltation was submitted to the holy presence of the Branches of the Blessed Tree—may my spirit and being be sacrificed for the dust of their footsteps—and they remembered and conveyed greetings in more wondrous terms than what thou didst mention and express.

BH08552: O Zayn! We wish to make mention of thy…

He is the All-Mentioning, the All-Knowing.

O Zayn! We wish to make mention of thy son who ascended unto Us and attained unto Our horizon and drank the choice wine of Our Revelation and immersed himself in the ocean of Our mercy which hath preceded all created things. Blessed art thou, O son, for having been in a house wherein was raised the remembrance and praise of God. This, verily, is a great bounty. Thou art he upon whom We shed the lights of Beauty when thou didst sacrifice thy spirit for God, the One, the Peerless, the All-Informed. We, verily, visit thee, O son, from this station and say: Upon thee be the glory of God and the glory of the Concourse on High and My remembrance and the remembrance of them that circle round the pavilion of grandeur. O thou who didst drink the milk of faith from thy mother's breast and the Kawthar of exposition from thy father's hand—he who arose by himself to serve this wronged exile. Thus hath spoken the Tongue of Grandeur and there hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen that which hath caused the fragrance of the garment to waft among the worlds.

BH09211: Today it is essential that all the loved ones…

In the name of the one true Friend!

Today it is essential that all the loved ones of God observe incoming matters with new vision, for certain wolves have appeared and continue to appear in shepherds' clothing, and some, wearing various

garments, claim belief for the purpose of seizing people's property. Avoid these ones and believe not what they say.

You must occupy yourself with the remembrance of God with perfect steadfastness, and remind the loved ones of God of that which is the good-pleasure of Truth and the welfare of creation.

He has commanded all to wisdom, and therein lies the welfare of all, were they to know. Blessed is he who acts according to what is commanded, and woe unto him who casts behind him God's command and follows his own desires.

BH00698: Lawh-i-Manikchi Sahib

In the name of the one true God

Praise be to the all-perceiving, the ever-abiding Lord Who, from a dewdrop out of the ocean of His grace, hath reared the firmament of existence, adorned it with the stars of knowledge, and admitted man into the lofty court of insight and understanding. This dewdrop, which is the Primal Word of God, is at times called the Water of Life, inasmuch as it quickeneth with the waters of knowledge them that have perished in the wilderness of ignorance. Again it is called the Primal Light, a light born of the Sun of divine knowledge, through whose effulgence the first stirrings of existence were made plain and manifest. Such manifestations are the expressions of the grace of Him Who is the Peerless, the All-Wise. He it is who knoweth and bestoweth all. He it is who transcendeth all that hath been said or heard. His knowledge will remain forever above the grasp of human vision and understanding and beyond the reach of human words and deeds. To the truth of this utterance existence itself and all that hath appeared therefrom bear eloquent testimony.

It is clear and evident, therefore, that the first bestowal of God is the Word, and its discoverer and recipient is the power of understanding. This Word is the foremost instructor in the school of existence and the revealer of Him Who is the Almighty. All that is seen is visible only through the light of its wisdom. All that is manifest is but a token of its knowledge. All names are but its name, and the beginning and end of all matters must needs depend upon it.

Thy letter hath reached this captive of the world in His prison. It brought joy, strengthened the ties of friendship, and renewed the memory of bygone days. Praise be to the Lord of creation Who granted us the favour of meeting in the Arabian land, wherein we visited and held converse. It is Our hope that our encounter may never be forgotten nor effaced from the heart by the passage of time, but rather that, out of the seeds thus sown, the sweet herbs of friendship may spring forth and remain forever fresh and verdant for all to behold.

As to thy question concerning the heavenly Scriptures: The All-Knowing Physician hath His finger on the pulse of mankind. He perceiveth the disease, and prescribeth, in His unerring wisdom, the remedy. Every age hath its own problem, and every soul its particular aspiration. The remedy the world needeth in its present-day afflictions can never be the same as that which a subsequent age may require. Be anxiously concerned with the needs of the age ye live in, and centre your deliberations on its exigencies and requirements.

We can well perceive how the whole human race is encompassed with great, with incalculable afflictions. We see it languishing on its bed of sickness, sore-tried and disillusioned. They that are intoxicated by self-conceit have interposed themselves between it and the Divine and infallible Physician. Witness how they have entangled all men, themselves included, in the mesh of their devices. They can neither discover the cause of the disease, nor have they any knowledge of the remedy. They have conceived the straight to be crooked, and have imagined their friend an enemy.

Incline your ears to the sweet melody of this Prisoner. Arise, and lift up your voices, that haply they that are fast asleep may be awakened. Say: O ye who are as dead! The Hand of Divine bounty proffereth unto you the Water of Life. Hasten and drink your fill. Whoso hath been reborn in this Day, shall never die; whoso remaineth dead, shall never live.

Thou hast written concerning languages. Both Arabic and Persian are laudable. That which is desired of a language is that it convey the intent of the speaker, and either language can serve this purpose. And since in this Day the Orb of divine knowledge hath risen in the firmament of Persia, that tongue deserveth every praise.

O friend! When the Primal Word appeared amongst men in these latter days, a number of heavenly souls recognized the voice of the Beloved and bore allegiance unto it, whilst others, finding the deeds of some to be at variance with their words, remained far removed from the spreading rays of the Sun of divine knowledge.

Say: O children of dust! He Who is the Spirit of Purity saith: In this glorious Day whatsoever can purge you from defilement and ensure your peace and tranquillity, that indeed is the Straight Path, the Path that leadeth unto Me. To be purged from defilement is to be cleansed of that which is injurious to man and detracteth from his high station—among which is to take undue pleasure in one's own words and deeds, notwithstanding their unworthiness. True peace and tranquillity will only be realized when every soul will have become the well-wisher of all mankind. He Who is the All-Knowing beareth Me witness: were the peoples of the world to grasp the true significance of the words of God, they would never be deprived of their portion of the ocean of His bounty. In the firmament of truth there hath never been, nor will there ever be, a brighter star than this.

The first utterance of Him Who is the All-Wise is this: O children of dust! Turn your faces from the darkness of estrangement to the effulgent light of the daystar of unity. This is that which above all else will benefit the peoples of the earth. O friend! Upon the tree of utterance there hath never been, nor shall there ever be, a fairer leaf, and beneath the ocean of knowledge no pearl more wondrous can ever be found.

O children of understanding! If the eyelid, however delicate, can deprive man's outer eye from beholding the world and all that is therein, consider then what would be wrought if the veil of covetousness were to descend upon his inner eye. Say: O people! The darkness of greed and envy becloudeth the radiance of the soul even as the clouds obstruct the light of the sun. Should anyone hearken unto this utterance with a discerning ear, he will unfurl the wings of detachment and soar effortlessly in the atmosphere of true understanding.

At a time when darkness had encompassed the world, the ocean of divine favour surged and His Light was made manifest, that the doings of men might be laid bare. This, verily, is that Light which hath been foretold in the heavenly scriptures. Should the Almighty so please, the hearts of all men will be purged and purified through His goodly utterance, and the light of unity will shed its radiance upon every soul and revive the whole earth.

O people! Words must be supported by deeds, for deeds are the true test of words. Without the former, the latter can never quench the thirst of the yearning soul, nor unlock the portals of vision before the eyes of the blind. The Lord of celestial wisdom saith: A harsh word is even as a sword thrust; a gentle word as milk. The latter leadeth the children of men unto knowledge and conferreth upon them true distinction.

The Tongue of Wisdom proclaimeth: He that hath Me not is bereft of all things. Turn ye away from all that is on earth and seek none else but Me. I am the Sun of Wisdom and the Ocean of Knowledge. I cheer the faint and revive the dead. I am the guiding Light that illumineth the way. I am the royal Falcon on the arm of the Almighty. I unfold the drooping wings of every broken bird and start it on its flight.

The incomparable Friend saith: The path to freedom hath been outstretched; hasten ye thereunto. The wellspring of wisdom is overflowing; quaff ye therefrom. Say: O well-beloved ones! The tabernacle of unity hath been raised; regard ye not one another as strangers. Ye are the fruits of one tree, and the leaves of one branch. Verily I say, whatsoever leadeth to the decline of ignorance and the increase of knowledge hath been, and will ever remain, approved in the sight of the Lord of creation. Say: O people! Walk ye neath the shadow of justice and truthfulness and seek ye shelter within the tabernacle of unity.

Say: O ye that have eyes to see! The past is the mirror of the future. Gaze ye therein and be apprised thereof; perchance ye may be aided thereby to recognize the Friend and may be not the cause of His displeasure. In this Day the choicest fruit of the tree of knowledge is that which serveth the welfare of humanity and safeguardeth its interests.

Say: The tongue hath been created to bear witness to My truth; defile it not with falsehood. The heart is the treasury of My mystery; surrender it not into the hand of covetous desires. We fain would hope that in this resplendent morn, when the effulgent rays of the Sun of divine knowledge have enveloped the whole earth, we may all attain unto the good pleasure of the Friend and drink our fill from the ocean of His recognition.

O friend! As hearing ears are scarce to find, the pen hath for some time remained silent in its quarters. In truth, matters have come to such a pass that silence hath taken precedence over utterance and hath come to be regarded as preferable. Say: O people! These words are being uttered in due measure, that the newly born may thrive and the tender shoot flourish. Milk should be given in suitable proportion, that the children of the world may attain to the station of maturity and abide in the court of oneness.

O friend! We came upon a pure soil and sowed therein the seeds of true understanding. Let it now be seen what the rays of the sun will do—whether they will cause these seeds to wither or to grow. Say: Through the ascendancy of God, the All-Knowing, the Incomparable, the Luminary of divine understanding hath, in this Day, risen from behind the veil of the spirit, and the birds of every meadow

are intoxicated with the wine of knowledge and exhilarated with the remembrance of the Friend. Well is it with them that discover and hasten unto Him!

BH00779: All praise and glory be to God Who, through…

In the name of the All-Powerful Creator!

All praise and glory be to God Who, through the power of His might, hath delivered His creation from the nakedness of nonexistence, and clothed it with the mantle of life. From among all created things He hath singled out for His special favor the pure, the gem-like reality of man, and invested it with a unique capacity of knowing Him and of reflecting the greatness of His glory. This twofold distinction conferred upon him hath cleansed away from his heart the rust of every vain desire, and made him worthy of the vesture with which his Creator hath deigned to clothe him. It hath served to rescue his soul from the wretchedness of ignorance.

This robe with which the body and soul of man hath been adorned is the very foundation of his well-being and development. Oh, how blessed the day when, aided by the grace and might of the one true God, man will have freed himself from the bondage and corruption of the world and all that is therein, and will have attained unto true and abiding rest beneath the shadow of the Tree of Knowledge!

The songs which the bird of thine heart had uttered in its great love for its friends have reached their ears, and moved Me to answer thy questions, and reveal to thee such secrets as I am allowed to unfold. In thine esteemed letter thou hadst inquired which of the Prophets of God should be regarded as superior to others. Know thou assuredly that the essence of all the Prophets of God is one and the same. Their unity is absolute. God, the Creator, saith: There is no distinction whatsoever among the Bearers of My Message. They all have but one purpose; their secret is the same secret. To prefer one in honor to another, to exalt certain ones above the rest, is in no wise to be permitted. Every true Prophet hath regarded His Message as fundamentally the same as the Revelation of every other Prophet gone before Him. If any man, therefore, should fail to comprehend this truth, and should consequently indulge in vain and unseemly language, no one whose sight is keen and whose understanding is enlightened would ever allow such idle talk to cause him to waver in his belief.

The measure of the revelation of the Prophets of God in this world, however, must differ. Each and every one of them hath been the Bearer of a distinct Message, and hath been commissioned to reveal Himself through specific acts. It is for this reason that they appear to vary in their greatness. Their Revelation may be likened unto the light of the moon that sheddeth its radiance upon the earth. Though every time it appeareth, it revealeth a fresh measure of its brightness, yet its inherent splendor can never diminish, nor can its light suffer extinction.

It is clear and evident, therefore, that any apparent variation in the intensity of their light is not inherent in the light itself, but should rather be attributed to the varying receptivity of an ever-changing world. Every Prophet Whom the Almighty and Peerless Creator hath purposed to send to the peoples of the earth hath been entrusted with a Message, and charged to act in a manner, that would best meet the requirements of the age in which He appeared. God’s purpose in sending His Prophets unto men is

twofold. The first is to liberate the children of men from the darkness of ignorance, and guide them to the light of true understanding. The second is to ensure the peace and tranquillity of mankind, and provide all the means by which they can be established.

The Prophets of God should be regarded as physicians whose task is to foster the well-being of the world and its peoples, that, through the spirit of oneness, they may heal the sickness of a divided humanity. To none is given the right to question their words or disparage their conduct, for they are the only ones who can claim to have understood the patient and to have correctly diagnosed its ailments. No man, however acute his perception, can ever hope to reach the heights which the wisdom and understanding of the Divine Physician have attained. Little wonder, then, if the treatment prescribed by the physician in this day should not be found to be identical with that which he prescribed before.

How could it be otherwise when the ills affecting the sufferer necessitate at every stage of his sickness a special remedy? In like manner, every time the Prophets of God have illumined the world with the resplendent radiance of the Daystar of Divine knowledge, they have invariably summoned its peoples to embrace the light of God through such means as best befitted the exigencies of the age in which they appeared. They were thus able to scatter the darkness of ignorance, and to shed upon the world the glory of their own knowledge. It is towards the inmost essence of these Prophets, therefore, that the eye of every man of discernment must be directed, inasmuch as their one and only purpose hath always been to guide the erring, and give peace to the afflicted

Again it was set forth that there are some who imagine themselves leaders, and who act only in accordance with that which they have weighed in the balance of their own understanding. Yet although the one incomparable God hath kindled for mankind the lamp of reason and made it the means of their guidance, no soul can attain any station without due nurture and training. Even as the suckling child, if left untended, will assuredly fail to reach that condition which befitteth it, so likewise is it with man. The one true Lord declareth that We reveal not any thing save through the means and instrument appointed therefor.

It followeth, then, that education is indispensable unto man. Its consummation in loftiness and excellence is not at once apparent, nor doth whosoever hasten thereby attain pre-eminence; rather hath every day its own manner and measure suited to the condition thereof. O wise one! Were the measure of men's knowledge clearly manifest, obedience might indeed be accounted seemly. Wherefore must effort be made to seek out one who is above oneself, and to act according to his command. And when all are weighed in the balance of knowledge, none shall be found to possess this exalted station save the Messengers of God.

For this reason have the learned themselves cleaved unto the utterances of the Prophets, and have recognized in them the source of deliverance and guidance for the servants of God; inasmuch as the extent and limit of their own knowledge were not fully known unto them. Were We to discourse at length upon this theme, the page would be wearied and the pen itself would lose the power to write. If thou wilt ponder the sayings of the wise—most especially Galen, that learned one—the truth of this assertion shall become evident and manifest.

Furthermore, regarding the conduct of the followers of religions with one another, He declares in the new commandment: Associate with the followers of all religions with friendliness and fellowship. The divine commandments have always called people to the path of friendship and kindness, but people have followed some and abandoned others, engaging in their own imaginings, remaining deprived of the Word of the Lord and distant from the hearing of the people. Therefore, if the wise ones of the earth would observe the Word of the Creator with seeing eyes and ponder with intelligence and wisdom, they would inevitably discover its inner meanings and abandon the confused utterances of others.

Moreover, the seventh question the merciful Lord has answered in His commandment, the Persian of which is this: It is not permitted to compel anyone in matters of religion. Truth hath been distinguished from error. Therefore, whosoever believeth in God, turning away from others, hath grasped the divine cord of guidance and been delivered from the depths of darkness. Never hath it been permissible to force people into God's religion. When the world-illumining Sun of God enlightened the world, after some time people forgot the divine commandments and conducted themselves unseemingly. For if today someone from among the followers of a Prophet's religion were to drink wine, it is evident that this was not the desire of that pure Essence. Likewise, observe in all things—some have misunderstood God's commandments and engaged in unseemly deeds.

O friends, the sayings of the ancients and the ways of those gone by are not worthy of this triumphant day.

These are not days of prosperity and triumph. The whole of mankind is in the grip of manifold ills. Strive, therefore, to save its life through the wholesome medicine which the almighty hand of the unerring Physician hath prepared.

And now concerning thy question regarding the nature of religion. Know thou that they who are truly wise have likened the world unto the human temple. As the body of man needeth a garment to clothe it, so the body of mankind must needs be adorned with the mantle of justice and wisdom. Its robe is the Revelation vouchsafed unto it by God. Whenever this robe hath fulfilled its purpose, the Almighty will assuredly renew it. For every age requireth a fresh measure of the light of God. Every Divine Revelation hath been sent down in a manner that befitted the circumstances of the age in which it hath appeared.

As to thy question regarding the sayings of the leaders of past religions. Every wise and praiseworthy man will no doubt eschew such vain and profitless talk. The incomparable Creator hath created all men from one same substance, and hath exalted their reality above the rest of His creatures. Success or failure, gain or loss, must, therefore, depend upon man's own exertions. The more he striveth, the greater will be his progress. We fain would hope that the vernal showers of the bounty of God may cause the flowers of true understanding to spring from the soil of men's hearts, and may wash them from all earthly defilements.

As to certain questions contained in the letter, the pen hath not ventured to answer them, for it is not fitting at this time—as the Arab sayeth, not all that is known should be said, nor is every saying timely. God willing, We shall address these matters in writing when it is deemed appropriate.

BH11833: Regarding the response that was requested to the petition…

Regarding the response that was requested to the petition of Manakji Sahib—its sending was delayed, for today whatever occurs in any matter has been and will be the standard. Therefore, its sending is not permitted, even if the petitioner himself consents it is not permitted, unless he himself openly and explicitly requests it. If you yourself reflect on this, you will approve this ephemeral one's submission. Since the petition was submitted to the Most Holy Court, therefore nothing is permitted except what was submitted. And regarding what you wrote that its good refers to the Cause—we beseech Him to open for you a door whose good is greater than what those who enumerate can count. God willing, you will be assisted and confirmed at all times in the remembrance of Truth and the victory of the Cause of Truth through wisdom and utterance and through what He loves and is pleased with in all matters.

BH09452: Lawh-i-Mizan

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

The Hour hath come, and the Trumpet hath been sounded, and the Balance proclaimeth: "I am the Discerner, the All-Knowing. I make manifest and reveal before the face of the world the deeds of the peoples, and I am the Witness, the All-Informed. Not a single atom remaineth but I have brought it forth, and I am the Just, the Upright. The hand of justice hath made me to stand erect in the days of God, the Lord of the worlds.

This is the day wherein the Bugle resoundeth and the Bell ringeth out and the Trumpet proclaimeth: 'The Kingdom is God's, the Possessor of this wondrous Day.'

O thou who hearkeneth! When thou art blessed to hear the Tablet of thy Lord, turn thy face toward the Wronged One and say: 'May my soul be a sacrifice for Thy tribulations, O Thou Who hast spent all that Thou hadst in the path of God, the Exalted, the Great."'

BH01705: He it Is That Is Manifest, and Speaketh Forth…

He it Is That Is Manifest, and Speaketh Forth, above the Supreme Horizon

This is an Epistle from Us unto such as have cast away the world, and laid hold on whatsoever He Who is the Most Great Name hath revealed in this Day whereon the Crier hath cried out from the right hand of the snow-white Spot, announcing that the tale of sorrows hath been retold, in such wise that the Apostle hath lamented in the All-highest Paradise, and the Virgin hath wept beside the Sadratu'l-Muntaha: thus hath it been decreed by God, the Lord of Names and the Creator of the heavens, in a Scroll whereof none is informed save God, the Lord of the worlds. He it is, in truth, Who speaketh forth from His Most Great Prison, testifying to that whereunto God Himself had testified ere the creation of all things, and ere the creation of earth and heaven.

O ye beloved of the All-Merciful throughout the world! By My life! The morn of utterance hath broken, and the sun of testimony hath shone with such splendour that none save those who have disbelieved in God, the Exalted, the Great, hath denied it. Although beset by sorrows on every hand, yet is the Tongue

engaged in utterance; while the Pen of the Most High moveth and courseth in the arena of wisdom and understanding with such impetuosity that neither the hosts of the world, nor the imaginations of the ignorant who, without any clear proof or Book from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, pretend to learning, can arrest it.

Consider ye the people and their actions. They lament and weep at that which befell the Holy Family aforetime, disavowing all connection with those who wronged them; yet perpetrate their selfsame actions, albeit they comprehend it not. The Concourse on high have stood aghast at their actions, and the Most Great Spirit and the inmates of Paradise have lamented, yet the people perceive it not. They have given themselves up to their passions, turning aside from God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Thus hath this Wronged One spoken, and sent down unto you that wherefrom ye may inhale the sweet savour of God, the All-Powerful, the Loving. He, verily, loveth his loved ones, and watcheth over them from this forbidden Spot.

Hearken now in the Persian tongue unto the Call of Him Whom the world hath wronged, during these days when the dark clouds of oppression have prevented the resplendent face of the daystar of justice from shedding forth its light, and when the dove of equity is sore tried in the clutches of tyranny; that perchance ye may know with absolute certainty that the trials of earth and heaven cannot restrain the Pen of the Most High from extolling God and from celebrating His praise. Under all conditions it is occupied with the mention of Him Who is the All-Possessing, the Most High, that perchance even one of the peoples of the earth may inhale the fragrance of the utterance of the All-Merciful, and remain not deprived of the living ocean which hath been manifested in the name of Him Who is the Best-Beloved of all men.

O friends! Although the calamity that hath befallen was, and is, most grievous, yet is He who created them well able to create others like unto them; He, verily, is the Almighty, the Most Powerful. Ye must, by the grace of God, be so steadfast in the Cause that the vicissitudes of temporal existence shall not debar you from the eternal kingdom. The earth is even such as ye have witnessed and do now witness, and no discerning person, who hath fixed his gaze upon the Most Sublime Vision, hath ever been, or ever shall be, deceived as to its true nature, inasmuch as at every moment he beholdeth how one group arriveth and another group departeth. Wherefore ʿtis certain that no right-minded person hath ever been, or ever shall be, kept back thereby from the One True God. Strive that haply ye may become a means of quickening this wilting world with a new spirit. Thus commandeth you this Wronged One from this far-distant Spot.

He that directed himself hither, and attained unto the presence of his Lord, made mention of you before the throne, whence We have made mention of you as a bounty on Our part, and I am the Rememberer, the All-Knowing. All of you are present before the Eye of God: He, verily, witnesseth and seeth, and He, truly, is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Rejoice ye at this Most Great Remembrance; then give praise unto your Lord, the All-Merciful, at every moment. The Glory of God rest upon you, inasmuch as ye hearkened, yet forbore; beheld, yet forewent; and witnessed that which none hath witnessed in the path of God, the All-Possessing, the All-Highest, the Ever Forgiving, the Most Bountiful. The world and all that is therein

shall pass away, while that which hath been destined for you shall endure; thereto shall your names and your works be exalted on earth: thus informeth you He Who is the Truthful, the Trustworthy.

BH01958: A mention from Us unto him who hath attained…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great.

A mention from Us unto him who hath attained the presence of the Wronged One time and again, and hath heard the Call, and entered the Spot round which circled the Faithful Spirit.

O Rida! My tongue and My Pen and those around Me and he who writeth the verses before My face have testified for thee that thou hast turned toward the Supreme Horizon and attained the recognition of God, the Fashioner of the heavens. By My life! The treasures of the world cannot equal this testimony, if thou be of them that know. Wert thou to discover what hath proceeded for thee from the Most Exalted Pen, thou wouldst soar with longing. Thus do We expound for thee that thou mayest be of them that rejoice.

Thou didst enter the White Spot by the leave of God, the Lord of all men. This is from the bounty of thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. When thou didst arrive and present thyself and hear and see, return thou in the name of thy Lord, the Protector, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

When thou beholdest My loved ones, proclaim My glorification upon their faces, then recount unto them what hath befallen Us in this remote Spot. Say: By God! The wolf hath devoured a piece of the Virgin and the Messenger Joseph. Thus was the matter decreed in the Book of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Say: The people of the Furqan have cast the commandments of the All-Merciful behind their backs and committed that which hath caused all creation to lament. Every fair-minded and insightful one beareth witness to this. By God! The dwellers of Paradise have been shaken by their deeds, and the Virgin hath wailed in the Most Exalted Paradise at what their hands have wrought, and the Messenger crieth out saying:

> “Fie upon you, O company of wrongdoers! Ye make mention of Me night and day, yet ye slay him who was the consolation of Mine eyes and the joy of My heart and the dilation of My breast through his remembrance. What aileth you, O company of the ignorant!”

The leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree have turned yellow through your tyranny, and still the clouds weep while ye remain heedless. Thus hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen that which hath caused the eyes of them that are nigh to shed tears.

O My loved ones! Hearken unto My call in these days wherein the fire of oppression hath been kindled and the face of justice hath been veiled. There is no God but Me, the Wronged One, the Unique. We have seized him by whom all things have lamented, with an authority from Us and a power from Our presence. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Powerful. And We shall seize those who have acted unjustly without clear proof or illuminating Book.

O ye who drink the wine of divine mercy! Though the dark cloud of oppression hath prevented the Sun of Justice from shedding its radiance, yet the divine power prevaileth over all and standeth above all. Be not grieved by the fire of the souls of the ungodly. Fix your gaze upon the light of the Countenance of the One. Verily, He preserveth whom He willeth and ordaineth for whomsoever He desireth that which profiteth him in every world of His worlds. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Powerful. Soon shall the Hand of Divine Power seize the oppressors and unbelievers and requite them for their deeds. He, verily, is the Requiter, the All-Wise.

It behooveth you to rejoice in the remembrance of your Lord, the All-Merciful, and to be of them that are steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of the learned and the mystics and the jurists and the men of letters have slipped, save whom God, the Peerless, the All-Informed, hath willed.

And We send greetings to the handmaidens of God in that land. Each one hath been mentioned before God according to what she hath been enabled to achieve in His path, and hath been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in God's Book. Blessed is she who hath attained in the days of her Lord, the Mighty, the Unique.

BH02680: Fix thy gaze upon this utterance which, like…

In the Name of the True One

Fix thy gaze upon this utterance which, like the sun of the world, hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of divine commandments:

> "Be thou steadfast in My Cause and remind the people of that which hath been sent down from the Kingdom of Mine utterance."

O thou who hast fixed thy gaze upon My countenance! I swear by the pearls of the divine ocean of knowledge that this word is greater than whatsoever is in heaven and earth. Through God's grace thou must remind the servants, by day and by night, through wisdom and utterance, that perchance they may become aware and be adorned with the ornament of certitude after being cleansed of vain imaginings.

All people are in need of education. They who are endowed with insight must turn their attention to this momentous matter. The flowers of the rose-garden of the world drink and are nurtured from two streams: knowledge and vision. Whoso hath not attained unto these two hath never truly existed, nor doth he now exist.

That which today causeth the exaltation of the Word of God is goodly character. Say: O friends! The Pen of the All-Merciful declareth: Strive that ye may be adorned with such virtues as will cause the elevation of your station and glory. Ye have dwelt for a time beneath the Lote-Tree and have hearkened with your own ears to the words of the Wronged One. Say: Today befitting deeds and pleasing words are needed. Every goodly deed is in itself a teacher of the Cause. The proof of this utterance is what hath been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Tablets.

Were a man in this day to adorn himself with the raiment of trustworthiness it were better for him in the sight of God than that he should journey on foot towards the holy court and be blessed with meeting the

Adored One and standing before His Seat of Glory. Trustworthiness is as a stronghold to the city of humanity, and as eyes to the human temple. Whosoever remaineth deprived thereof shall, before His Throne, be reckoned as one bereft of vision, though in the sharpness of sight he be as Zarqa of Yemen.

Render thanks unto God for having made thee aware and granted thee the meeting which was mentioned in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. This is a matter which all the Messengers gave glad tidings of. Well is it with him that hath attained thereunto, and woe betide the heedless.

Gird up the loins of service and occupy thyself with the remembrance of thy Lord. The bounties of God are descending like rain from the heaven of His Will. He is, in truth, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Upon thee be glory, and upon those whom the tyranny of the divines, those Pharaohs of the earth, hath not frightened in the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH02938: O Husayn! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged…

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

O Husayn! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One Who hath been imprisoned in this place for having summoned the people unto God, the Lord of all worlds. It behooveth thee today to arise amidst the servants with a strength from Us and a power from Our presence, and to point unto them with thy finger and give them the glad-tidings of the Manifestation of God and His sovereignty, whereby the horizon of the world hath been illumined and the earth hath shone with the light of His resplendent countenance. Beware lest the censure of any censurer or the denial of those who have disbelieved in God, the Exalted, the Great, deter thee in the path of God. Take thou the choice wine of steadfastness in the name of the Dawning-Place of the light of oneness, then drink thereof once in My Most Glorious Name and again in My Most Generous Name.

In the Persian tongue do We speak, that all may comprehend the utterance of the Beloved of all creation and partake of His bounty. Today it is incumbent upon all the friends of God and those who have quaffed the choice wine of merciful bounty to endeavor to the extent possible to teach the Cause, for this is regarded as the most great of all deeds in the sight of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. If one should quicken a single soul with the sprinklings of the water of life, it is as though he had quickened all mankind. Thus hath it been aforetime decreed:

> “Whoso quickeneth a soul is as though he had quickened all mankind.”

O Husayn! This is the Day of utterance and the Day of the mention and praise of the All-Merciful Lord. For any land that possesseth even less than a mustard seed of germinating power, these divine words are like the outpouring rain. Thus doth the morn of inner meanings breathe forth, that it may give glad-tidings unto all creation of that wherewith the Revealer of the Bayan hath given glad-tidings. Thy Lord is, verily, the Commander, the All-Wise.

Thou must adorn the people of Mamaqan in this divine springtime with a new raiment. Take hold of the hem of teaching, turning aside from those who have denied the All-Merciful, the Compassionate. Today the manifestations of the whisperer are occupied with the promptings of self, and through a hundred

thousand wiles they prevent the hapless people who have no knowledge of the Ocean of divine wisdom and the Sun of insight from attaining unto the truth.

Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness, then guide the people unto God and His straight path. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH03340: This is a mention from Us to him who…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

This is a mention from Us to him who has turned to the Kingdom and heard the call of the Lord of the Realm of Might in this station which was named with the Most Beautiful Names in the Tablet of Names. He, verily, is the All-Wise Expounder.

The eyes were created to behold My horizon, the ears to hearken unto My verses, and the hearts to love Me, the Mighty. Yet the people remain in evident veils. Remember when thou didst attain the presence of the Wronged One and didst hear what the Son of ʿImran heard on the Mount of Knowledge. Thy Lord, verily, doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

Make mention of My loved ones on My behalf, then command them with wisdom lest there occur that which would grieve those who have turned to God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We make mention of thy father who turned to God in days wherein the people turned away from the Dawning-Place of Revelation, save those who cast away what they possessed and took up that which they were commanded in a wondrous Book.

Trust not every newcomer, nor believe every speaker. Make wisdom a lamp unto thyself and walk thereby in the darkness of the earth—then wilt thou be of those who are secure. Conceal what ye possess and reveal it not, lest there arise the clamor of those who have disbelieved in the Lord of the worlds. Blessed is the one strong enough to make mention of Me and praise Me among My servants with the wisdom that hath been sent down in My Mighty Book. The Glory be upon thee and upon those with thee and those who have turned to the One, the All-Informed.

We make mention at this time of thy brother who attained unto the Day of God, the Lord of the worlds. The Most Exalted Pen beareth witness that he turned to the horizon of his Lord's manifestation, the Lord of Names, and was honored to attain His presence while the people remained in evident veils. Grieve not for what befell him. He hath ascended unto heaven and reached the ultimate goal. Thy Lord, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. Thy Lord hath forgiven him as a bounty from His presence and purified him from the defilement of the world. He is in the highest companionship, speaking and saying: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!"

BH03915: The Herald of the All-Merciful gave glad tidings…

In the name of the Ever-Living, Ever-Abiding One

The Herald of the All-Merciful gave glad tidings to all who dwell in the realm of possibility that the divine promise has been fulfilled and that which was mentioned in the heavenly Books has appeared.

The One Who departed has returned—that is, He Who ascended has descended with great glory and a luminous countenance. As He says in the Gospel: "I go away and come again," and in another place: "I go away and the Comforter will come to complete what I have said and to say what I have not said." This blessed word is as a spirit to the temple of God's Book. Blessed is the soul that has recognized, the eye that has seen, and the ear that has heard this exalted and wondrous Call.

Nevertheless, none have heeded it, and the children of the Spirit are seen to be withered and dejected—nay, dead—except those whom God has willed, the Lord of this mighty Day. Reflect upon the days of the Spirit and what befell Him, that ye may become aware of people's condition. These people are the same people, and these souls are the same souls. God willing, that honored one should gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon and strive that in this blessed Day there may appear from them a matter that shall endure throughout the eternity of God's names.

As for what you mentioned about jafr—the comprehensive jafr in its primal reality is the Temple of the Manifestation. This station is a summary—God willing, after entering the depths of certitude you will become aware of a matter that is more precious in God's sight than all else. In these days, mention of the Truth and victory for the Truth take precedence over all deeds, and victory has been and shall be through utterance. Verily He is the Ordainer, the All-Knowing.

Glory be unto him who has attained unto that which God has commanded in His Book, the Lord of all worlds.

BH04072: Your letter was received and attained unto the hearing…

In the name of the one incomparable, all-knowing Lord

Your letter was received and attained unto the hearing of the Wronged One. O Husayn! Hearken unto the call of the Divine Lote-Tree which hath been raised in the prison-land by the command of the Lord of Names, and act according to that which proceedeth from the Dayspring of the Cause.

Today thou must purify thy heart with the Kawthar of detachment from all else save God and consume all the veils of idle fancies and vain imaginings through the effulgences of the Sun of certitude, that thou mayest gaze upon the horizon of Revelation with pure vision, sanctified heart and illumined breast. He verily ordaineth for whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He desireth. He is, in truth, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

All that hath appeared and shall appear on earth hath been recorded and inscribed in the divine Books. The Tablet of Ra'is was revealed at the time of departure from the Land of Mystery—read it that thou mayest become aware of divine knowledge. Likewise the Surih of Heykal and others like it, that thou mayest know of a certainty that not a leaf stirreth except that God knoweth its movement, its stability and its conditions. Not a thing escapeth His knowledge. To this all things bear witness, did ye but know.

That which hath been made manifest in this preeminent, this most exalted Revelation stands unparalleled in the annals of the past, nor will future ages witness its like. It hath never been permissible for anyone to test God, nor is it now. He verily testeth whom He willeth. He is, in truth, the Ruler over what He willeth.

God willing, mayest thou be successful through His grace, abide beneath the shade of His mercy, and act in accordance with that which He loveth and is pleased with. The glory be upon thee and upon him who was named Sadiq from the presence of a Generous Giver.

BH04022: A mention from Us to him who hath believed…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

A mention from Us to him who hath believed in God on a day wherein the greatest terror appeared and the Lord of Destiny came with a sovereignty that encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Verily thy Lord, the All-Merciful, is the One Who hath power over all contingent beings. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

O Hasan! Hearken unto what Husayn proclaimeth unto thee. By the life of God! The tale of the Wronged One Who was martyred in the path of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, hath recurred. The people of the Furqan have perpetrated what they perpetrated aforetime. Thereby hath the affliction of the Apostle and the Pure One been renewed. She crieth out saying:

> "Fie upon you, O people of the Furqan! Ye have committed once again that which hath caused hearts to melt and eyes to weep."

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who set his face toward the Most Exalted Horizon when he departed from the Land of Ta, turning unto the Divine Lote-Tree. By My life! He departed with such detachment that he passed by nothing except that he perceived therefrom the fragrance of the love of God, and all things pronounced blessings upon him, until he attained unto the praised station. I bear witness that he witnessed what God had witnessed, and acknowledged what God had acknowledged, and wandered far from his homeland purely for the sake of the All-Merciful, until he discovered the fragrance of reunion and ascended unto God, the Lord of existence.

He endured in the path of God that which most of mankind hath not endured. To this beareth witness the Lord of the last and the first in this preserved scroll. He found solace in adversity through his love for God, the Lord of all names. Blessed is he who loveth him and maketh mention of him through that which the All-Merciful hath sent down for him in this forbidden spot. I beseech God to aid his successors to serve His Cause, to make mention of Him and to praise Him. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Beloved.

BH03969: In the Name of the peerless Lord! Praise be…

In the Name of the peerless Lord! Praise be to God that ye have drunk from the ocean of divine knowledge of the All-Merciful and received your portion from the Sun of God's love. God willing, may this most exalted station be preserved through the grace of the Lord of Names.

Some souls, though they witness at every moment the evanescence of the world, remain heedless. I swear by the Sun of the heaven of inner meanings that if the world and its treasures and riches had any worth before God, His loved ones would never have been afflicted with hardship, much less with such grievous tribulations as the like of which have never appeared in creation. How excellent is the state of

one who sees with insight and the condition of one who ponders on past ages. Should a soul attain but a drop from the ocean of wisdom, surely neither the world nor aught within it would deter him from the Straight Path and the Strong Cord.

God willing, you must occupy yourself with complete dedication in remembering the Lord of all beings, and strive to the extent possible to awaken the heedless servants, that perchance a soul might be endowed with a new spirit and fresh vision. Verily your Lord is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Blessed art thou for having heard and turned to God, the Lord of all worlds, and recognized that which every learned one who claimed knowledge and every person of grandeur who saw himself in an exalted station failed to comprehend. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist thee to remember and praise Him, and to protect thee from every remote oppressor. Verily the Cause is in His hands—He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

The glory be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon them that have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

BH04220: The Most Great Spirit, upon whose breathings depends…

In the name of the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing

The Most Great Spirit, upon whose breathings depends the resurrection of all the dead, has been and ever shall be the Word of God. He is that Spirit through which, from time immemorial and unto eternity, the dead have risen from their graves and turned toward the most exalted horizon.

Therefore must the friends of God who have drunk from the living waters of the All-Merciful's love and have attained to hearkening unto the call of the Beloved of all creation, awaken the heedless to the blessedness of the divine Word and quicken the dead through the outpourings of the ocean of utterance. In all circumstances, however, they must observe wisdom, and wisdom is in this day accounted before God as the greatest and most excellent of all deeds, and hath been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the divine Tablet. Blessed is the soul that hath laid fast hold upon it, and woe betide the heedless. God willing, you must through the grace of the divine Word guide those who are lost to the eternal Kawthar and draw those who are remote unto the ocean of nearness.

O thou who hast turned thy face toward the Countenance! Rejoice in that thou hast been mentioned before the Wronged One and this Tablet hath been revealed for thee. Take hold of it with the power bestowed by Us and associate with people with the wisdom We have commanded all to observe in My mighty Book. One must speak with the utmost wisdom lest any commotion be raised that might cause disturbance and trepidation among souls. Whatsoever God commandeth and enjoineth upon His loved ones is for the benefit of those souls themselves. Blessed is he who pondereth, understandeth and acteth in accordance with that which hath been commanded by the All-Wise Ordainer.

Upon thee be glory, and upon those who have outstripped others on this straight path.

BH04313: In His Most Great Name

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O my handmaid! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My throne. Verily, there is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We wish to recount unto thee tidings of him who was named Mihdi in the Crimson Book from My Most Exalted Pen. He traversed land and sea in his longing to attain the presence of God until he entered the shore of the right-hand valley in the blessed crimson spot. We called out to him from behind the pavilions of grandeur, and when he heard it, the sweetness of the call so overwhelmed him that he was transformed. Then We shed upon him the lights of the countenance, and when he beheld the Most Great Sign, he surrendered his spirit at the advent of his Lord, the Lord of all beings.

Days passed, then We proceeded to the sepulcher, and when We arrived We stood before the grave and said:

> "O thou who didst race in the arena of the love of God! The fragrance of thy Lord's robe, the Lord of all names, stirred thee until thou didst seek the Most Exalted Horizon to attain the presence of the Throne and stand before the Gate. Now We see thee sleeping while the Beloved hath come and remembereth thee with a remembrance at which the clouds weep. I testify that thou didst drink the choice wine of mystical knowledge from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and didst hear the call and respond and turn and hasten until thou didst enter the noble station by the leave of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Blessed art thou, again blessed art thou, for thou didst remain faithful to God's Covenant when most of His servants broke it and most of His creation cast it behind them. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hearkened to thy words concerning the Cause of God, thy Beloved, and found solace in thy company, and heard with submission and contentment what thou didst utter regarding the Cause of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Verily we are God's and unto Him shall we return."

BH04242: He is the Most Holy, the Most Great. God…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great. God testifieth that there is none other God but Him and that He Who hath appeared with the truth is verily the Hidden Treasure, the Concealed Secret, the Veiled and Glorified Symbol, and the Beloved of what was and what shall be. Blessed be the soul that hath attained unto His days, and heard His call, and won His favors, and arose to serve Him amongst His servants, and proclaimed His praise throughout the lands. By My life! Such a soul is of the people of the highest Paradise and the Supreme Concourse.

Thus hath the matter been decreed in the Crimson Tablet by the Most Glorious Pen, through which the Trumpet was blown and all who are in earth and heaven were thunderstruck, save those whom the hand of My power did rescue and whom I caused to enter the pavilion of My protection and bounty. And I am verily the All-Bountiful, the Generous, the Bestower, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

The Kingdom is within My grasp, and the Realm of Might is in the right hand of My will. The heavens were raised up by My command and the earth was spread out by My leave. The rock wailed at My tribulation and the Divine Lote-Tree cried out at My ordeal. The eyes of the faithful shed tears at My calamities and what befell Me at the hands of those who denied My signs, turned away from My beauty, violated My covenant, broke My testament, cast aside My commandments, objected to My proof, and arose to frustrate My Cause among My creation.

Thus doth My Pen speak in this wondrous and glorious Temple. Verily it announceth unto the world the appearance of God and His sovereignty and His transcendence and His exaltation and His ascendancy. Blessed be the ear that hath turned unto it, and the tongue that hath acknowledged that which the Tongue of the All-Merciful hath spoken, and the eye that hath beheld the countenance of God, the All-Possessing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH04140: This is a Day wherein all names and all…

In the name of the All-Knowing, the All-Hearing

This is a Day wherein all names and all things cry out with the most exalted call, giving the glad tidings of the appearance of the Dawning-Place of revelation and the Rising-Point of inspiration to all men and women. Yet the intoxication of vain desire hath prevented all from the Lord of earth and heaven, save those souls who, through the power of the Most Great Name, have rent asunder the veils of the peoples and turned toward the horizon of unity. Blessed art thou for having heard and recognized and turned toward the horizon of the Manifestation. And woe unto every handmaid who hath turned away from the Self-Subsisting, the Self-Existing. We beseech God that He may enable all the leaves to attain unto the recognition of the Divine Lote-Tree and deprive them not from the ocean of bounty.

Today neither loftiness nor lowliness, poverty nor wealth, lineage nor descent, weakness nor strength can be observed. Whosoever hath recognized the peerless Beloved—his is true wealth and spiritual station. In this day the Queen of the realms hath not, before God, the weight of a mustard seed, although she speaketh in His Name and in her temple calleth upon the Lord of all mankind throughout all her days, and spendeth vast sums in promoting her own religion. Nevertheless she is deprived of the Sun of Revelation and barred from the Truth in Whose remembrance she is engaged.

Now consider thine own station and the station of those leaves who are holding fast to the Divine Lote-Tree, and say:

> “Praise be to Thee, O Beloved of the worlds! And glory be to Thee, O Thou the Goal of them that know! And bounty be to Thee, O Thou the Yearning of loving hearts!”

BH04829: The purpose underlaying the revelation of every heavenly Book…

In His name, the Most Glorious

The purpose underlaying the revelation of every heavenly Book, nay, of every divinely-revealed verse, is to endue all men with righteousness and understanding, so that peace and tranquillity may be firmly

established amongst them. Whatsoever instilleth assurance into the hearts of men, whatsoever exalteth their station or promoteth their contentment, is acceptable in the sight of God.

How lofty is the station which man, if he but choose to fulfill his high destiny, can attain! To what depths of degradation he can sink, depths which the meanest of creatures have never reached! Seize, O friends, the chance with this Day offereth you, and deprive not yourselves of the liberal effusions of His grace. I beseech God that He may graciously enable every one of you to adorn himself, in this blessed Day, with the ornament of pure and holy deeds. He, verily, doeth whatsoever He willeth.

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BH04944: In the Name of the peerless Lord! Though…

In the Name of the peerless Lord! Though the dark clouds of oppression have prevented the appearance of the countenance and lights of the Sun of Justice, yet this is not the first harm that hath befallen the chosen ones of God. Consider how much oppression and cruelty was inflicted upon the Manifestations of justice and faithfulness in previous ages. The influence of this new Cause will not be effaced from the world. Every person of insight will soon behold its traces throughout the earth. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

In all conditions that honored one must gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon and hold fast to the cord of God's grace. The first word recorded by the Supreme Pen in the Crimson Book was steadfastness in the Cause. That honored one must, God willing, drink and give others to drink from this cup according to his capacity.

I swear by the Sun of the heaven of inner meanings that this is that true Kawthar which floweth and streameth forth from the Finger of Divine favor. Blessed are they that drink thereof, and joy be unto them that drink thereof, and happiness be unto them that drink thereof.

We have heard thy call and have answered thee with this noble Tablet. By the life of God! What hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen cannot be equaled by the treasures of earth and heaven. To this doth bear witness the Lord of all beings from this mighty stronghold.

Be thou assured through God's grace and sovereignty. Verily, He is with whosoever hath turned unto Him and remembereth him who hath remembered Him in a perspicuous Book. The glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee from God, the One, the Peerless, the All-Informed.

BH05271: In this day, whosoever hath turned his face toward…

In the name of the one incomparable, all-knowing God

In this day, whosoever hath turned his face toward the Most Exalted Horizon and beheld the Sun of Truth which shineth forth therefrom, he verily is reckoned among those possessed of vision in this most transcendent Scene. Otherwise, even should he possess a hundred thousand eyes, he would still be

accounted blind in the presence of God and so recorded in His Holy Tablet. Render thanks unto the Beloved of the world Who hath enabled thee to recognize that which most of His servants have failed to comprehend. Drink thou the pure milk from My Most Exalted Pen and be of the thankful ones.

Be not grieved by the happenings of the time. The world hath never had, nor doth it now possess, any constancy. Woe unto him who hath clung to it and relied upon it, and light and mercy be upon him who hath remained detached therefrom and placed his trust in God, its Creator.

Ponder thou these words of the Spirit Who, addressing the people, proclaimed: "O generation of vipers!" Today the mystery of those blessed words hath been made manifest, for after the appearance and descent of that Luminous Temple from the heaven of divine Will, all turned away from Him and clung to their own idle fancies, save such souls as were endowed with true hearing and true sight. These are they who are God's chosen ones on earth, who have attained unto His presence and circumambulated His mighty Throne. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH05902: In the Name of the one incomparable God…

In the Name of the one incomparable God, the All-Knowing. Your letter attained the presence of the Most Great Horizon and was honored with the glance of the Lord of Destiny's loving-kindness. Verily, He answers whosoever calls upon Him, remembers whosoever remembers Him, and draws nigh unto whosoever draws nigh unto Him. He is indeed the All-Bountiful, the Kind.

Regarding what you wrote about "Do not deprive me of bounty"—no seeker has ever been deprived, and no one turning to Him has ever been forbidden from the lights of His countenance. At all times He has said and continues to say "Look and thou shalt behold Me."

Praise be to God, through God's infinite bounty you have attained recognition of the Dawning-Place of His Self and the Manifestation of His verses, and have drunk from the Kawthar of His love. This is the most exalted bounty and the most glorious station. Ask God that this station remain preserved, for there have been and are many satans who mislead people in the name of truth. Guard thou the pearls of recognition in the treasury of thy heart in the name of thy Lord, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

And regarding some friends who were not outwardly granted permission for attaining the presence—this was due to divine wisdom. Praise be to God, thou art mentioned in the Most Holy Court and hast attained the effects of the Most Exalted Pen. By My life, this is indeed a noble station. Make it the focus of thine eyes and say: Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds.

BH05807: The Call has been raised from this noble Scene…

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

The Call has been raised from this noble Scene, whereby the call of all things was raised, yet most of the people remain heedless. The horizon of utterance has shone forth and the All-Merciful has come with clear proof, yet the people have arisen in great opposition. They have denied God and His sovereignty and committed that which has caused every rock to cry out and every informed being to lament.

O Muhammad! God willing, may you attain His special favors and drink from the Kawthar of steadfastness at all times, and be so firm in the Cause of the Beloved of the worlds that neither the vicissitudes of time nor the oppression of the rebellious ones shall prevent you from the horizon of the All-Merciful.

That which you sent was presented before the Throne and was honored with acceptance. God, exalted be His glory, has loved to witness pleasing crafts from His loved ones. Blessed art thou for what thou hast crafted has been presented before the face of thy Lord, the Wronged One, the Stranger.

God willing, may each of the loved ones be enabled to manifest a craft from among the crafts and be assisted in that which they have been commanded in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Wise. The glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath held fast to the cord of steadfastness in this glorious and wondrous Day.

BH05694: O Shaykh, mention of you has come repeatedly before…

In the name of the All-Knowing Lord!

O Shaykh, mention of you has come repeatedly before the Wronged One of the horizons. Praise be to God that you have attained to these blessed days. Ask of the True One that you may attain to the recognition of His Manifestation and that which is manifested through Him. These days have no parallel, nor will they ever have, and mention of them hath been made in all the heavenly Books.

You must, God willing, occupy yourself with absolute certitude in reforming the edifices of God, and His edifices have been and ever shall be His servants. The world hath never had, nor will it ever have, any constancy, as you observe at all times. Blessed is the soul that today acquireth eternal stations and attaineth unto a matter whose mention floweth from the Supreme Pen, and if one attaineth not unto this station, he shall pass from this ephemeral world with utmost regret.

God willing, through divine grace you shall become eloquent in the mention of the True One and arise to serve Him. All make mention of the True One and imagine themselves oriented toward Him, but who shall attain to His acceptance and be adorned with the ornament of His good-pleasure?

We conclude with these words: Verily He is God, there is none other God but Him, the Most High, the Most Great. Praise be to God, the Lord of all the worlds.

BH05846: Say: By belief in divine unity is meant…

He is the One Who calleth aloud with the most exalted Call!

Say: By belief in divine unity is meant the recognition of My self that is sanctified above all who are in the world and exalted beyond the conditions of created things. Verily He is the One besides Whom there can be no numbers, and through Whom all existence hath appeared, if ye be of them that know.

Verily He is the First unto Whom there cometh no Last, and He proclaimeth from the Most Sublime Vision:

> "The Lord of Destiny hath come! Turn ye unto Him and be not of them that wander distracted."

Say: He hath existed in the eternity of eternities in the loftiness of His exaltation and the sublimity of His transcendence. None among all contingent beings hath truly known Him, as every discerning knower doth testify. No thing can be mentioned in His presence, and none hath any mention when His sovereign dominion is made manifest—He Who overshadoweth all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Whoso acknowledgeth what hath been revealed in this Tablet, by the life of God, he is of them that profess the divine unity. And whoso speaketh other than what God hath sent down in the Book, he is of the lost. Thus do We teach thee that thou mayest teach the people with wisdom and utterance. Verily thy Lord is the All-Explaining, the All-Informed.

Blessed is he who followeth the Command of God and knoweth what He intended in His wise remembrance. Grieve not at anything, but rejoice in the favors of thy Lord and be thou of them that are thankful.

BH06167: This remembrance is from the Wronged One to him…

In His Name, the All-Knowing

This remembrance is from the Wronged One to him who hath recognized God and His verses which have filled the horizons. Rejoice in that We have turned toward thee from this Spot and revealed unto thee that which hath caused the fragrance of the Spirit to waft throughout all contingent being. We have heard the call of those who have turned toward God and have answered them with that which causeth eyes to be consoled.

Act ye according to that which We have truthfully revealed and lean not toward every doubtful misbeliever. Blessed is he who hath adorned himself with the robe of steadfastness and taken that which was commanded in the Book.

Convey My greetings unto him who hath turned toward God and give glad-tidings to those who have believed in that place, and say:

> "Joy be unto you for having found the fragrance of the Beloved and turned toward the most exalted Station!"

By the life of God, ye were created for this Day. Strive ye that there may appear from you that whereby your mention shall endure throughout the eternity of God, the Lord of all existence.

Say: O My loved ones! Be ye dawning-places of faithfulness amidst the concourse of creation and daysprings of trustworthiness among the servants. Those who have cast the ordinances of God behind their backs are assuredly the people of the fire in the Scriptures and Tablets. The glory rest upon thee and upon those who have taken the cup of recognition in the name of God, the Lord of all religions.

BH06384: O Concourse on High! Hearken unto that which hath…

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

O Concourse on High! Hearken unto that which hath been raised from the luminous earth.

By God! The Most Great Remembrance calleth aloud amidst the nations, saying:

> "God hath come, and through Him hath appeared the dawning of the days."

He, verily, calleth by His own Self and summoneth the servants unto His most exalted horizon. To this testifieth he whom God hath made to be among those endowed with insight.

Say: O people of the Bayan! By the life of God! I have not claimed that which ye possess, nor do I desire to establish for Myself that which ye have. We speak and say as We have spoken in the beginning of beginnings. Fear ye God, and follow not your idle fancies, nor commit that which causeth the Concourse on High to lament. Fear ye the All-Merciful, and be not of them who desired the Face at eventide and at dawn, yet when He shone forth from the horizon of manifestation they disbelieved in God, the Lord of lords.

O thou who hast turned to God! Hearken unto that which they say. They claim faith for themselves, yet they disbelieve in Him through Whom the decree of faith was established. Thus have We mentioned thee and acquainted thee, that thou mayest become aware of that which hath befallen God, the Lord of all men.

The glory be upon thee and upon thy brother and upon them that have believed in God, the Cleaver of the dawn.

BH06080: O handmaiden of God! Praise be to God…

In the name of the knowing Lord

O handmaiden of God! Praise be to God that through divine bestowals and heavenly bounties thou hast attained recognition of the Manifestation of Mysteries and hast turned toward the Dawning-place of Revelation and the Rising-point of Inspiration, and hast partaken of the sealed wine, with a single drop of which none in existence can compare. That wine is the wine of the recognition of God, of which most people today are debarred and deprived. The whole world was created for it, yet they are seen to be veiled except for those souls who through His Name have detached themselves from all else and turned toward His horizon. Rejoice thou in His remembrance and give thanks to thy All-Knowing Lord.

His Holiness Mihdi, a Name of God, upon him be the Glory of God, made mention of you, and that mention was honored to reach the ears of the Lord of Names. This is the enduring bounty that hath descended and continueth to descend from the heaven of the bestowal of the Lord of creation. Blessed are they who preserve it, blessed are they who recognize it, blessed are they who partake of it. Know thou the value of this bounty and preserve it with the eye and soul.

Glory be upon thee and upon those women who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

BH06765: The Light of proof hath verily been witnessed…

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

The Light of proof hath verily been witnessed from the presence of the All-Merciful. Indeed it hath dawned from the horizon of man—exalted be the All-Merciful Who hath manifested it in truth on a Day renowned among the worlds.

O people of the earth! Hearken unto that whereunto the Lord of the world calleth you, then follow what hath been inscribed in truth by the Pen of God. Blessed is the soul that hath drunk the nectar of life, and the spirit that hath tasted the sweetness of what the All-Merciful hath revealed. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen make mention when blessed by the Finger of Truth.

O thou who art mentioned before the Countenance! When thou hearest My call and art intoxicated with the wine of Mine utterance, turn with thy heart to the horizon of My loving-kindness, My grace and My bounty. Thus doth He command thee Who is imprisoned in this land through tyranny.

Convey My glorification unto thy brother and say: It behooveth thee to arise to serve the Cause and to gladden the people with this Day which was inscribed in the Tablets by the Pen of Revelation. Thus hath the Wronged One mentioned thee that thou mayest rejoice and give thanks unto thy Lord Who hath power over all things.

BH06480: O leaf, God willing, thou art moving in accordance…

In the Name of the Knower, the Seer

O leaf, God willing, thou art moving in accordance with the breezes of the Will of the Sidrih and art uttering His praise. If the Sun of Divine Assistance shineth upon thee and thou attaineth the station wherein thou beholdest the status of the sanctified leaves and heareth His melodies, thou shalt, most certainly, engage all the years of thy life in uttering the praise of the Desired One, and shalt spend thy transient and eternal existence in glorifying the Object of the adoration of the whole universe.

Numerous were the leaves who spent their nights and days remembering the Sidrih and when the Sidrih appeared, they were all beheld fallen owing to poisonous idle imaginations, except those whom thy Lord willed. Know thou the worth of these days and be thankful in all circumstances, because He hath confirmed thee and conferred upon thee a portion from the Chalice of His recognition.

All that is in the world does not equal this station. He Who speaketh the truth beareth witness to this. Verily there is none other God but Him, the all-Knowing, the All-Informed…

BH06475: O Shaykh! The days of life have not had…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O Shaykh! The days of life have not had and will never have the permanence of winds. Strive that thou mayest not be deprived of the divine fragrances in this spiritual springtime.

Observe how many mystics who laid claim to love and fidelity remained not, save a few, after the divine test appeared. This is why He saith: “The believer is like the philosopher’s stone.”

Hearken unto the call of Him Who is the Manifestation of the Cause, the Lord of Destiny, and with heart and soul turn toward the Most Great Scene, that thou mayest behold the Eternal Countenance from the horizon of the everlasting heaven and drink, after the passing away of all things, from the Kawthar of reunion with the Lord of Names.

Nights and days have passed and are passing, and ere long all that hath been spread shall be rolled up. Hearken unto the call of the true Counsellor and hold fast unto the Most Great Sea and the firm Cord, that perchance thou mayest guide some of the wanderers to their true home and give the thirsty to drink of the wine of inner meanings.

Blessed is he who hath heard and responded. Praise be to God, the Lord of Lords!

BH11795: We make mention of him who hath turned towards…

He is the All-Knowing Expositor

We make mention of him who hath turned towards the Countenance and believed in God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. O seeker! The Sought One calleth thee from His mighty prison and maketh mention of thee with a mention through which the horizon of utterance hath been illumined and every temple hath been adorned with the ornament of My Name, the All-Wise. Rejoice thou that the Most Great Ocean hath turned towards thee from this remote station and calleth thee unto God, purely for His sake. To this testify all things, yet most men are heedless.

By the life of God! He who hath turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon hath indeed prospered, while he who hath turned away hath lost all in this wondrous Day. Blessed is he who hath inclined his ear unto the Divine Lote-Tree which calleth betwixt the worlds, and blessed the eye that hath beheld this noble scene.

Say: O God of Names and Creator of the heavens! I beseech Thee to make me one of those who have quaffed the wine of steadfastness from the hands of Thy bounty, and for whom Thou hast ordained, in the tablets of Thy Command, the good of both this world and the next. O my Lord! I am he who hath turned towards Thee and sought the Kaaba of Thy presence and the horizon of Thy reunion. Write down for me, then, that which beseemeth Thy generosity and loving-kindness. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

BH06608: The Wronged One testifieth that there is none other…

He is the One Who speaketh the truth

The Wronged One testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who speaketh is indeed He through Whom the Cause was manifested, the horizon of Revelation dawned, and the Dove warbled upon the branch of the Tree. Dominion belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds.

Bear ye witness unto that whereunto God hath testified: that He, verily, is the Truth, there is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Kingdom of utterance hath come, yet the people are in manifest drunkenness. They have clung to that which they possess and have opposed the All-Informed One. They have cast aside guidance and embraced their desires. By God! They are in grievous error. They have disdained to worship God and worship every mighty idol.

Say: O people! Fear ye God, shed not blood, consume not the substance of others, and follow not every ignorant one who hath turned away from the Truth and turned towards one that is heedless and remote. Hold thou fast unto the cord of remembrance. All things have been created to praise God, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

From this most exalted station We send Our greetings upon thee, upon thy brother, and upon those who have attained unto the lights of this mighty Throne.

BH07188: We have adorned the Books of the past…

He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth!

We have adorned the Books of the past with mention of this Day and with that which hath been manifested in truth, yet every heedless and remote soul hath turned away from it. We have named this Day the Day of God—to this the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds, bear witness. But when He came in truth, every soul clung to what it possessed and denied the One, the All-Informed.

Say: This is a Day wherein none should be mentioned save God alone—to this My Most Exalted Pen and the Tongue of Grandeur in this luminous horizon bear witness.

Arise in My Name and say: O people of the Bayan! Fear the All-Merciful and follow not every accursed Satan. By God! He hath come through Whose praise and mention the Bayan was honored—to this do those who are fair-minded bear witness.

We have desired naught for Our Self; We have sacrificed it for the Cause of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thus hath the stream of life flowed from the Pen of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, that thou mayest rejoice and be of those who are thankful.

Glory be upon thee and upon those who have endured tribulations in My straight Path.

BH07005: Can there be found in the realm of knowledge…

In the name of the Beloved of the worlds!

Can there be found in the realm of knowledge one endowed with taste, who may perceive the sweetness of the true nectar? And can there be found in the world of understanding one possessed of hearing, who may attain unto eternal life through the mellifluous voice of the Self-Sufficing One? And has there been born one possessed of sight who may behold the horizon of the world illumined by the Most Great Name?

O friend! The rushing of the Supreme Pen hath encompassed the world, yet all are deprived of it save whom thy Lord willeth. Beseech thou God that He may, through the wine of detachment, endow all with understanding. This wine which is mentioned by the Supreme Pen is the wine of the All-Merciful, not the wine of the world.

God willing, mayest thou be speaking at every morn in praise of the Lord of creation, and be aflame with His love. And what is meant by this morn is the Dayspring of His Revelation. Blessed is he who hath attained thereunto, and hath soared in its atmosphere, and hath clung to its hem, and hath held fast unto its luminous cord.

BH07046: In all the Tablets We have counseled the servants…

In the name of the One All-Knowing God

In all the Tablets We have counseled the servants of God to manifest pleasing conduct and praiseworthy deeds, and the Most Exalted Pen has repeatedly and successively reminded the friends of God. Nevertheless, some remain occupied with their own desires and are deprived of that which is beloved today.

Ask God to unite all through His complete power and consummate wisdom, that all may speak with one tongue and gather and protect the scattered sheep with one crook.

Say: Forsake your own utterances and speak forth that which has dawned from the horizon of the Divine Will, for this is what is firmly established, what attracts, what guides, and what leads. That which flows from the Divine Pen aims at the preservation of the world and the attainment of the Most Great Station. He is verily the All-Knowing Witness.

Blessed art thou for having believed in God and acknowledged that which the Prisoner has acknowledged in this exalted station. He makes mention of thee as a favor from Him, that thou mayest give thanks and say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH07355: O Thou Who dealest equitably with all who are…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O Thou Who dealest equitably with all who are in heaven and on earth, and rulest over the kingdom of Thy creation and of Thy Revelation! I testify that every man of equity hath recognized his unfairness in the face of the revelation of the splendors of the Day-Star of Thy Justice, and the ablest of pens hath confessed its impotence before the movement of Thy most exalted Pen.

By Thy life, O Thou the Possessor of all names! The minds of the profoundest thinkers are sore perplexed as they contemplate the ocean of Thy knowledge, and the heaven of Thy wisdom, and the Luminary of Thy grace. How can he who is but a creation of Thy will claim to know what is with Thee, or to conceive Thy nature?

Praise, immeasurable praise be to Thee! I swear by Thy glory! My inner and outer tongue, openly and secretly, testify that Thou hast been exalted above the reach and ken of Thy creatures, above the utterance of Thy servants, above the testimonies of Thy dear ones and Thy chosen ones, and the apprehension of Thy Prophets and of Thy Messengers.

I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by Thy Name which Thou hast made to be the Day-Spring of Thy Revelation and the Dawning-Place of Thine inspiration, to ordain for this wronged One and for them that are dear to Thee what becometh Thy loftiness. Thou, in very truth, art the All-Bountiful, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH06934: He is the One Sanctified above mention and utterance!...

He is the One Sanctified above mention and utterance! Verily the leaves do speak: "The Daystar of the horizons hath appeared!" And the trees do cry aloud: "The Chosen One hath appeared!" And the heaven doth proclaim: "The Lord of Names hath come!" Yet the people hear not. The veils have covered their sight, and the clouds have enshrouded their eyes. Lo! They understand not. They behold the Lord of Lords established upon the throne of might, yet from Him they turn aside. The world hath so deceived them that they see neither right nor left. Lo! They know not.

Rejoice thou at the call of the Lord of Religions! He calleth betwixt the realm of possibility, saying:

> "There is none other God but Me, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting!"

Say: O heedless ones! Arise from the slumber of passion and turn unto the Most Exalted Horizon. By God! That which never appeared in existence hath appeared. Beware lest these numbered days withhold you from the Dayspring of Oneness.

Cast away what ye possess and turn with your hearts unto the Mighty, the Beloved. Thus hath cooed the Dove and thus have sung the nightingales of eternity upon the Lote Tree beyond which there is no passing. Blessed is he who hath heard and turned unto Him. Woe unto every heedless one cast out!

BH07558: O Mihdi! Thy call hath reached the ears...

In the name of the Sovereign of Names!

O Mihdi! Thy call hath reached the ears of the Wronged One of the world. Verily, He heareth and seeth, and He is in truth the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

God willing, through His special divine favors thou wilt remain occupied with His remembrance and act according to what hath been revealed in the Book.

Blessed is thy father! We testify that he turned toward the Dayspring of Revelation and the Dawning-Place of proof and evidence, and ascended on the path unto his Lord, the All-Merciful. By the life of God! The treasures of earth cannot equal this testimony, and it shall be with him in every world of the worlds of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The reward of no soul hath been lost, nor shall it be lost. If anyone draweth a single breath for the sake of God, its effects shall assuredly appear in creation. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Be thou joyous through divine grace. He verily ordaineth for whomsoever hath desired to attain His presence and to stand before His gate the reward thereof. He is in truth the Bestower, the Munificent.

BH07632: A mention from Our presence unto those who are…

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

A mention from Our presence unto those who are in the world, that it may draw them unto God, the Lord of all worlds.

We have, at all times, made mention of them that are in the realm of creation: some have turned towards Him and attained, while others have turned away from the All-Informed One. Hearken unto My call from around My prison: verily, there is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We bear witness even as God did bear witness before the creation of the heavens and earth, yet most among the people are heedless.

They have taken their vain desires and cast behind them He Who calleth them unto the manifest Truth. Hold thou fast unto God and His sovereignty; verily He sufficeth thee and ordaineth for thee what He willeth. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful.

We make mention of thee from within Our Most Great Prison that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord and be among them that are steadfast. Sorrows have encompassed Us by reason of that which hath befallen the Manifestations of the All-Merciful at the hands of them that have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Blessed art thou for having turned towards Him, and woe betide them that have turned aside!

BH07492: The Wronged One calls out from the prison quarter…

In the name of Him Who prevaileth over all names

The Wronged One calls out from the prison quarter that there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. He remembers those who have turned towards the Dawning-Place of the Bayan and gives them glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for them in the Kingdom of God, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

How many a servant hath been set ablaze with the fire of the love of God, and how many a servant hath heard and turned away—verily, he is of them that perish. Verily, he who is debarred from this Day—God accepteth not his deeds, nor heareth his cry. To this testifieth every knowing, discerning one.

It behooveth every soul on this Day to witness what God hath witnessed and to stand firm in His Cause, the Unalterable, the All-Wise.

O My loved ones! Be horizons of guidance amidst all creation and lights of bounty unto all who are in the heavens and on earth, that people may perceive from you the fragrance of the Intended One and behold in your faces the radiance of paradise.

When thou hast attained unto this Tablet, recite it in thy days, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Speaker, the True, the Trustworthy.

BH07814: In My name, the Sorrowful, the Stranger

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This is a Book sent down by the All-Bestowing to those who have believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. And verily it summons all to the highest horizon, yet the wrongdoers, in pride and vainglory, have denied God's favor and His proof, and have pronounced judgment against those for whom the dwellers of the Kingdom lament. They shed blood and wrongfully consume the wealth of the people while imagining they do good. Nay, by God! Had they known what they have wrought, they would have wept with the weeping of the bereft. But today they perceive not.

We have explained to thee somewhat of what hath befallen God's chosen ones of old and in these days through what the hands of the infidels have wrought—they who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of what was and what shall be—that thou mayest recognize those who have denied God's proof and His evidence and who reject His signs. Doth the oppressor imagine he shall endure in sovereignty? Nay, by My Name, the Manifest, the Hidden! Hold thou fast to the cord of God and shun those who deny.

BH07918: In My Name, the Mighty, the Great!

In My Name, the Mighty, the Great!

O peoples of the world! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My mighty prison. He is none other than God, and He Who speaketh is verily the Path of God unto all who are in the heavens and on earth, and the Most Great Mercy unto all, whether small or great. We have made Ourselves the target of the world's perils and afflictions in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds, and We have accepted every tribulation for the manifestation of this Cause, whereby the supreme horror hath seized all and every lofty mountain hath been scattered to dust.

O people of Baha! Lament in this calamity whereby the wrongdoer hath rejoiced and the Spirit hath wept in His glorious station. O thou who art mentioned before the Throne! Make mention of those who were martyred in the land of Sad through their longing for My mighty and impregnable Kingdom. The most misguided and basest of men, who denied God, the One, the All-Informed, pronounced judgment against them. Woe unto a people who are ruled by their dogs, and they are among the heedless ones.

BH07636: In My name the All-Bountiful! A remembrance unto him…

In My name the All-Bountiful! A remembrance unto him who hath believed in God when every doubting idolater turned away from Him. Verily We gave glad tidings unto all of the Day of God and His presence,

yet when the Day came to pass and that which was hidden was made manifest, most of the people disbelieved in God, the Lord of Lords.

O people! This is the remembrance of God, were ye of them that occupy this station. And this is the Day of God—arise ye from the slumber of idle fancies. And this is the Book of God—recite ye it by night and by day.

We have counseled the servants concerning that which shall profit them in the world to come and in this world. Among them are those who cast it behind them and those who accepted it. For each is their portion in the Book.

We desired naught in the kingdom save that which God desired, as doth testify unto this the Kingdom of verses which is with Him. We sent forth the Messengers aforetime and revealed the Books that there is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Remind those who believed before Me and glorify before their faces through My Name, whereby the horizons were illumined.

BH07627: A remembrance from Us unto him who hath remembered…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

A remembrance from Us unto him who hath remembered his Lord and turned unto Him on a day whereon the peoples of the East and of the West have turned away, save those whom the hand of grace hath seized. He, verily, is the Ancient Bestower.

Thy letter hath been presented and the servant who standeth before the Countenance hath read it, and We have answered thee. Verily thy Lord is the Answerer. He heareth the call of them that have believed and answereth every one who hath turned towards the Supreme Horizon. He hath verily named Himself the All-Bountiful.

We counsel thee to show forth the utmost steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of the throne on high and of the earth below. How many a servant whom We counseled thus, yet when We tested him with but a single word, his feet did slip from My straight Path.

When thou hast read this Tablet and been illumined by the lights of certitude, say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, the All-Merciful, for having enabled me to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the Dayspring of Thine inspiration. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and in Thy love under all conditions. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

BH07701: God testifies that there is none other God but…

In the Name of the One, the All-Informing

God testifies that there is none other God but Him. His is the might and power and majesty, and His is the strength and grandeur and glory. He makes poor and enriches, makes ill and heals. He is indeed the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Bear witness, O people, to that which God hath witnessed. He hath indeed testified to this Revelation and given glad-tidings unto all of this Great Announcement. This is the announcement wherewith were adorned the scrolls of Adam and the Friend, and that which the All-Merciful revealed unto Muhammad, the Apostle of God, and unto him who was named Ali before Nabil. Ye were promised this Most Great Name, as attested by the Torah and the Gospel.

We have sent down unto thee that which rejoiceth thy heart, though the Beloved is in manifest sorrow. They have denied the right of God and slain His chosen ones without clear proof or illuminating Book. Blessed is he who hath drunk the Kawthar of revelation on this Day wherein every wise command hath been made manifest.

BH07606: At dawn did the Countenance of the All-Merciful summon…

In the name of the One Knowing God!

At dawn did the Countenance of the All-Merciful summon the people of creation to the most exalted station and the most glorious horizon, and in these days hath He guided them to the Dawning-Place of Revelation and the Dayspring of Grace. Yet none are found seeking save a few who have drunk from the ocean of bounty and become detached and free from all else but God.

Say: O friends! Break the chains of the utterances of the wicked through the power of the Most Great Name and arise to action. The true Master and spiritual Sovereign hath not forgotten and will never forget His servants, and at all times and under all conditions speaketh that which is for the good of all. What regret and remorse that people should deprive themselves of the outpourings of the Divine Day!

Say: Ponder on that which hath been sent down for you and be not of the heedless. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God, the One, the All-Informed.

BH07549: O friends! Trustworthiness is like unto the sun…

In the Name of the All-Bountiful, the All-Powerful!

O friends! Trustworthiness is like unto the sun that illumineth the world, and its heaven is man, and its horizon is the goodly heart. He who doth not veil this most great luminary with the clouds of treachery and baseness, so that its radiance may enlighten the world and its inhabitants—this is the bounty that hath been revealed from the Pen of the Most High. Well is it with them that ponder! Say: Today is the day of deeds and actions, and in truth the helper of the Cause is a goodly deed and a goodly character, not hosts and swords. The triumph of a single pure deed is, in the sight of God, greater than the victory of an army that striveth in the path of God, for the shedding of blood is not beloved, and in this Most Great Revelation, victory hath been ordained through word and utterance. Thus hath the matter been decreed in the perspicuous Book. Blessed art thou for having been adorned with the ornament of recognition when the All-Merciful came and the Nightingale warbled upon the branches. The Kingdom is God's, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

BH07617: A remembrance from Us unto him whom the wine…

He is the Glorious, the All-Glorious!

A remembrance from Us unto him whom the wine of utterance hath so inebriated that he hath turned unto his Lord, the All-Merciful, Who hath come with a proof whereat all who are in the heavens and on earth have proved powerless. The Most Great Treasure hath appeared, and the Book hath come down from the heaven of the bounty of God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed is he who hath laid hold on it through Our power, and woe betide him who hath cast it behind his back, following the imaginings of the doubters.

O people of the world! By God, the ocean of certitude hath surged! Cast doubt behind you, then drink therefrom in My Name, the Munificent. There hath appeared in creation that which hath never appeared before. Blessed is every discerning one who knoweth. We make mention of thee that thou mayest remember thy Lord in these days wherein sorrows have encompassed all who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

Thou hast testified to that whereunto God hath testified, that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. This is a testimony that shall abide with thee through the eternity of His most excellent names, from God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen.

BH08314: In My Name, the All-Wise

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The Ridvan hath arrived, yet the All-Merciful is in manifest sorrow. We turned toward the garden while the banners of grief passed before My luminous countenance. Were it not for His mercy that preceded all else, He would have seized the world with but a single word from Him. Verily, He is the One who has power over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Ruler over whatsoever He desireth.

O loved ones of the All-Merciful in all lands! Hold fast to the cord of your Lord’s loving-kindness and be not of the heedless. Beware lest the might and oppression of the people prevent you from God, the Lord of all worlds. Soon will God seize those who have acted unjustly and make them a lesson to all who are on earth. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Be grateful to thy Lord for what He hath sent down unto thee from His Most Great Prison—that through which the fragrance of utterance hath been wafted throughout all creation. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. From this station, We send Our greetings upon thee and upon those who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

BH08117: O son of man! The Pen of the All-Merciful…

He is the One manifest in His great glory

O son of man! The Pen of the All-Merciful maketh mention of thee in the Most Great Prison and saith: We gave the glad-tidings of the coming of the Lord of Power to all the children of men in the former Book, as is recorded therein where He saith “I go away and come again.”

But when He came, the people of the earth denied Him, save those who were endowed with vision from God, the Lord of all worlds. The Most Great Glory, the power and might and sovereignty and inner grandeur, belongeth unto that Lord of the world and Pride of Adam, which was and is and ever shall be with Him.

But the heedless and ignorant souls have interpreted this word according to their own imaginings, and thus remained deprived of the living waters of certitude and forbidden from the manifestation of God.

Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath acknowledged this Most Great Glory and believed in God, the Knower of the hidden and the manifest.

BH08498: O my God! Thou knowest and seest what hath…

In His name, the Ever-Abiding, the Self-Subsisting

O my God! Thou knowest and seest what hath befallen Thy chosen ones and trusted ones in Thy lands, who have voiced Thy remembrance and have arisen by night and day to teach Thy Cause and exalt Thy Word. O Lord! The winds have assailed the lamp of Thy justice and the waves have beaten against the ark of Thy Cause. I beseech Thee by the blood that hath been shed in these days in Thy path and for love of Thee, and by the body which the idolaters have torn limb from limb because it believed in Thee and turned toward Thy horizon, to ordain for Thy loved ones that which shall protect them from the evil of Thine enemies, and to decree for them that which shall gladden their eyes and bring joy to their hearts. O Lord! Sorrows have seized the manifestations of Thy name, the All-Merciful. I beseech Thee to transform them through Thy Most Great Joy. Verily, Thou art the Ancient King and the Sovereign of nations. There is none other God but Thee, the Giving, the All-Sufficient, the Mighty, the Generous.

BH08361: In My Name which abideth forever!

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The Tongue of Morning hath spoken: There is none other God besides Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. All things bear witness that there is none other God besides Me, the Almighty, the Powerful.

When the Light appeared and the Lord of Manifestation came, the people turned away from Him save whom God, the Lord of the worlds, willed. The intoxication of forbidden things seized them in such wise that they forsook the Purpose and clung to one who was in manifest error.

Say: O people! Abandon what ye possess and turn toward the Most Exalted Horizon, if ye be of them that know. This is a Day wherein the Most Exalted Pen proclaimeth: Hearken, and be not of the heedless ones.

Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee that thou mayest be of the thankful ones. When thou hast attained unto My Book and been attracted by My Call, make mention of My

servants and My creation that they may turn unto My countenance and recognize that which lay within the treasury of their Lord's wisdom, the All-Knowing.

BH08316: Sorrows have encompassed Us through what the hands…

He is the Ever-Abiding, the All-Knowing!

Sorrows have encompassed Us through what the hands of those who disbelieved in the All-Merciful have wrought—those who found not the fragrance of justice and perpetrated manifest tyranny. We have forsaken the community of a people who cast God behind their backs, turning instead to every remote oppressor. Did Husayn, My namesake, suffer loss through what befell him in My path, or did those who wronged him without any clear proof or manifest evidence?

Blessed is the soul that hath been martyred in My path. By God! The denizens of the highest Paradise glory in that soul and circle round it, as ordained by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Say: O oppressor! Dost thou imagine that the world will endure for thee while perishing for others? Nay, by My life! Thou art in grievous error. We have adorned Our head with the crown of forbearance and Our temple with the armor of patience in this Straight Path. Be thou thankful unto God for having been mentioned before the Face and for this wondrous Tablet that hath been sent down unto thee.

BH08199: A mention from Us to him who hastened…

In His Name, the Wronged One, the Stranger

A mention from Us to him who hastened with his heart to the Qiblih of the world and testified to that which God had testified before the creation of the heavens and earth and before the letter K was joined with its pillar N, that My call might repeatedly draw him to My Kingdom. He, verily, is the King, the Mighty, the Kind. Hearken unto what the idolaters have said regarding My rights after the river of life flowed from the fountain of My words, and Paradise was stirred by the breezes of My verses, and the Sun of Power shone forth in My name in My days. Say: If ye deny Him Who speaketh the truth and what He hath, have ye any proof to establish your cause? Produce it then, and be not of those who denied God's grace and His evidence by following every vain imagining. Thus have We sent down unto thee from the verses that which consoleth the eyes after they had shed tears. Thy Lord, verily, is the Revealer, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

BH09011: This is a Book sent down in truth…

In the Name of the All-Informed!

This is a Book sent down in truth and it beareth witness to that whereunto the All-Merciful hath testified from all eternity: that there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

There hath appeared from among the people of Sad that which hath caused the near ones to lament. The people have gathered against the family of the Messenger even as the Jewish people gathered against

the Spirit. They have committed that which none before them hath ever committed. Thereat did the Spirit cry out, and those who circle round the Throne wailed at eventide and at dawn.

They have slain the family of the Messenger, imagining that they were helping the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Loving, even as the Jews supposed when they rose up against the Spirit.

Thus do We recount unto thee, O thou who hast been blessed by the mention of thy Lord, the Possessor of all being. Remember thy Lord and render thanks unto Him for having aided thee to recognize this irrevocable Cause.

BH08665: The truly learned is he who hath recognized…

He is the All-Knowing!

The truly learned is he who hath recognized the Known One when He came with His Name, the Self-Subsisting. And the true mystic is he who hath hastened unto the Recognized One when He appeared with clear sovereignty.

Blessed is he who, trusting in God, hath rent asunder the veils of the people, and blessed is he who hath shattered the idols through this Most Great Name.

They behold the signs yet turn away from them, and they witness the clear proofs yet say: “This is naught but evident sorcery.” They have denied God’s favor after its revelation and turned away from the Face after its appearance from the horizon of their Lord’s will, the Forgiving, the Generous.

Heedlessness hath so seized them that they have cast the laws of God behind their backs and taken that which they were bidden by every heedless doubter.

Blessed is he who hath attained unto the Day of God and recognized that which was promised in a Preserved Tablet.

The glory be upon thee and upon him who hath turned unto the One, the All-Informed.

BH08937: The iron hath softened and the rock hath melted…

He is the Speaker of Truth

The iron hath softened and the rock hath melted from the yearning of hearts, yet the oppressors remain in astonishing delusion. They claim justice while doing that which causeth the dwellers of Paradise to lament in their most exalted station. They rejoice in the ornaments that have accumulated in their possession. Say: Soon will the fire come between you and these things, as testified by Him through Whom the tongue of dawn spoke and by Whom the horizons were illumined. They rejoice in the world and its prosperity, but soon they shall lament with a grief that pens are powerless to describe.

Blessed art thou for having taken the cup of recognition from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the Master of the Day of Resurrection. O My loved ones! Hold fast to the cord of steadfastness in this Cause,

whereby the idols were shaken. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have acknowledged God, the Lord of lords.

BH08935: The musk of inner meanings has been diffused, yet…

He is the Mighty, the Great!

The musk of inner meanings has been diffused, yet none can detect it save those who have held fast to truth, turning away from all that is vain and remote.

By God! The tale of sacrifice has returned in the land of Taff, yet the people are in great rejoicing. God shall soon transform it into supreme sorrow. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

They slay Husayn and then weep for him. Shame upon the people whom vain desire has held back from the highest horizon, and whom Satan has so deluded that they have become heedless of God, the Lord of all worlds.

Muhammad, the Apostle of God, bewails their deeds in the highest paradise—to this testifies He Who sent him with manifest sovereignty.

We have mentioned to you a drop from the ocean of deeds of those who warred against God and His chosen ones, that you may be informed and be among those endowed with insight from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH08683: O My Pen! How many a day hast thou…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great!

O My Pen! How many a day hast thou heard My lamentation for My tribulations and thy cry for Mine afflictions! Dost thou desire to record in the Tablet that which would sadden the hearts of My loved ones, or that which would gladden every pure heart? By thy life! I do not wish to behold them in sorrow, as attesteth My Name, the All-Merciful, if thou be of them that understand.

By My life! Were I to recount unto them all that hath befallen My Soul in My Path, My servants would lament and cry out in My dominions until their spirits would depart from their bodies. My Tongue in the Kingdom of My utterance beareth witness to this, if thou be of them that understand.

Thou, O servant soaring in Mine atmosphere, when thou hearest the shrill voice of My Pen, grieve not at its mention, but place thy trust in God, the Mighty, the One, the All-Wise.

BH08884: Every created thing hath testified to the revelation…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

Every created thing hath testified to the revelation of God and His sovereignty, yet the people understand not. The tongue hath borne witness to its Lord, the All-Merciful, and the heart to the Sovereign of all creation, yet the people perceive not. They deny God, then hasten to their mosques. They slay the

children of the Messenger, then declare “We believe in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.” The Most Great Name hath appeared, Who was promised in the Books of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. The Wolf hath denied God in that he pronounced judgment against the Wronged One without proof or manifest Book.

O thou who art mentioned before the Throne! We make mention of thee as a bounty from Us, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Hold thou fast to the hem of steadfastness and faithfulness in the Cause of thy Lord, the Possessor of all being.

BH08796: A mention from Us to him who hath turned…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

A mention from Us to him who hath turned towards the Countenance when those who disbelieved in God, the Exalted, the Great, turned away from Him. Verily We have come from the dayspring of utterance with the announcement of the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who hath heard, and woe unto the heedless.

How many a servant hath drunk from the life-giving waters and believed in the One, the All-Informed, and how many a servant hath followed Satan and turned away from God, the Lord of all worlds. O Joseph! The wolf devoured Joseph the Apostle before the faces of those who turned away. The oppressor ordered his murder to plunder his possessions—thereby did every insightful one lament.

Thy mention hath been made before the Countenance and this mighty, wondrous Book hath been sent down for thee. Give thanks unto God for having caused thee to recognize the Manifestation of His Cause and made thee among the successful ones. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH09087: O my God and God of earth and heaven…

In the Name of Him Who is Sorrowful and Estranged

O my God and God of earth and heaven, my Sovereign and Sovereign of all who dwell in the kingdom of names! Thou seest what the idolaters have perpetrated in Thy days. There is no land wherein the blood of Thy chosen ones hath not been shed, and no air whereunto the sighs of Thy loved ones have not ascended. I beseech Thee, O God of the world and He Who hath power over the nations, to send down from the heaven of Thy bounty that which shall gladden the hearts of Thy loved ones. O Lord! Look upon them with the glances of Thy mercy and deliver them from the oppressors among Thy creation and the rebellious ones among Thy creatures. O Lord! Thou hearest the cry of hearts and the sighing of the hearts of Thy trusted ones. I beseech Thee to replace the throne of tyranny with the seat of justice. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

BH09054: This is the Book of the All-Merciful…

He is the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

This is the Book of the All-Merciful from which the proof hath shone forth unto those who are in the Bayan. Blessed is he who hath attained unto it and discovered that which was wafted from it through this perspicuous Name.

The Kingdom and the Dominion have testified to the sovereignty of the Realm of Might, yet most of the people are fast asleep. Say: He hath come for your salvation, as attesteth that which We revealed in the Tablets in the time of the Prophets and Messengers. Verily, those who were not stirred by the breezes of revelation are accounted as dead in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds.

When thou hast drunk from the Kawthar of My utterance and been seized by the rapture of My verses, arise from thy place, then turn thy face toward God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Say: O God of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee to make me hear, in all conditions, Thy most sweet call and to draw me nigh unto Thee through Thy bountiful grace.

BH08913: We have sent down the Book and revealed…

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing!

We have sent down the Book and revealed that which was hidden in God's knowledge, the Lord of all religions. We have mentioned in the Tablets those servants who held fast to their Covenant and clung to the hem of their Lord's loving-kindness, the Lord of all beings. The stars have set through that which the hands of those who disbelieved in the Origin and the Return have wrought. By God! They have risen from other horizons through the grace of the Lord of all men. O My loved ones! Hearken unto My call from the kingdom of My utterance and hold fast to that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Book. Take heed lest the oppression of the oppressors sadden you. Soon shall they lament over their own souls while ye shall abide in the most exalted station with joy and radiance. Blessed is he who hath arisen to serve the Cause and aid his Lord through the wisdom which the All-Merciful hath sent down in the Tablets. Praise be to God, the Lord of lords!

BH08882: The Beloved beareth witness that there is none other…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

The Beloved beareth witness that there is none other God but Me, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. And He beareth witness unto him who hath attained unto steadfastness that he is of the people of God in this wondrous Revelation. How many a servant did We counsel to be steadfast, yet when he heard a word from him who disbelieved, he turned away and drew back on his heels as though he had never known the Countenance nor heard the counsel of God, the Lord of all worlds.

The very stones and clods of earth and My Most Sublime Vision bear witness that he is of the people of the Fire in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Say: O heedless one! In what cause didst thou believe, and by what token didst thou turn away from Him by Whom all faces were directed towards the Mighty, the Wise? We beheld thy coming forward and heard thy call, wherefore did We answer thee and make mention of thee through My grace, for I am verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

BH09456: The rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and the cooing…

The rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and the cooing of the Dove of Oneness have been raised amidst creation, yet the people hear not, save those who have been granted a hearing ear by God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

How many a servant drew nigh, detached from the world, and heard the call of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling; and how many a servant was debarred from the Water of Life by reason of that which his hands had formerly wrought. Verily He is the One Who requiteth with justice, and verily He is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

We turn unto him who hath turned unto God, and We make mention of him in such wise that his remembrance shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven.

BH09305: In My Name that is exalted above all names

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What needed to be said We have said, and We have sown the seeds of wisdom in hearts and minds. We beseech God to cause them all to grow through the rain-showers of His mercy, that all may derive benefit therefrom and attain unto the fruit of being.

O friends! Strive ye to receive your portion from the ocean of divine bounty and take your share from the infinite cornfields of grace. This is the day for deeds and the time for action—deprive not yourselves. This is the moment of freedom from the chains of self and passion—liberate yourselves.

Praise be to God, the Sun of Truth hath dawned and is manifest from the Dayspring of loving-kindness. Blessed is he who hath turned towards it and attained. Woe unto the heedless ones.

BH09484: We have taught you in the Tablets…

He is the Confirmer, the Teacher, the All-Wise!

We have taught you in the Tablets that which caused the Concourse on High to rejoice. Blessed is he who follows what he has been commanded by the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Say: O people! Follow not your vain imaginings, nor take the property of others wrongfully, nor dispute with anyone. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Commander, the All-Informed.

Be emblems of guidance among all creatures and manifestations of the favors of your Lord, the Kind, the Merciful. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the days of God and the recognition of His Self.

Verily, He sees whosoever turns to Him and hears the call of those who have directed themselves to the Dayspring of His Cause and are among the firmly established ones.

Give thanks unto God for having been mentioned by the tongue of the Dayspring of His Cause, the Luminous, the Resplendent.

BH09405: Glorified art Thou, O Lord of Names and Sovereign…

He is the All-Wise

Glorified art Thou, O Lord of Names and Sovereign over all things! Thou hearest the sighing of atoms and the groaning of all created things by reason of what hath befallen Thy chosen ones and trusted ones, who cast the world behind their backs in Thy days and were so transported by the sweet stream of divine knowledge that they offered up their very souls in Thy path.

I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by the Word which Thou hast made the sign of Thy power amongst Thy creation, to ordain for Thy chosen ones that which will gladden their hearts and tranquilize their souls.

O my Lord! Darkness hath enveloped all regions and calamity hath encompassed all quarters. Thou seest and hearest, O my God, what Thine enemies do and what they speak concerning Thy chosen ones. Abasement hath overtaken them after they had testified that Thou art the Mighty, the All-Wise.

BH09531: This is a Book which the Tongue hath sent…

He is the One Who warbleth upon the branches

This is a Book which the Tongue hath sent down from the Kingdom of Utterance—the station whereon the All-Merciful is established upon the throne of His Great Name. Verily He speaketh at all times amidst the hosts of creation, yet We have found the people to be as dead. They have cast the ocean of knowledge behind their backs, turning instead to every remote ignorant one. They hear the verses of God, then deny them; they behold the proof of God, yet turn away from it.

The evidence hath appeared and the bounty hath been perfected, yet most of the people know not. They deny that which God hath acknowledged, and acknowledge that which the Self-Subsisting, the Guardian hath denied. Verily the punishment of wrath hath seized them, inasmuch as they perceived not the breaths of revelation. Well is it with every one who hath turned, and woe unto those who have turned away.

BH09329: The sweetness of divine utterance is of such magnitude…

In the Name of the One Friend!

The sweetness of divine utterance is of such magnitude that were all who dwell on earth to attain unto its hearing, they would all turn to the most exalted horizon and would shun the world and whatsoever is therein.

The Wronged One of all lands hath turned toward thee from this mighty prison, and with utmost kindness and compassion declareth: That which is today greater than all else in God’s Book hath been and shall ever be steadfastness in His Cause.

Take thou the chalice in My Name, then drink therefrom through My wondrous remembrance. Thou must strive with utmost endeavor to be ever mindful at all times and to remind the people of this most exalted station.

And the glory be upon thee and upon those who have drunk thereof in My Name, the Steadfast, the Straight.

BH09488: The eye of the world hath been illumined…

He is the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious

The eye of the world hath been illumined by the appearance of the Most Great Name, yet the people have denied, turned away and objected, save those whom God, the Helper, the All-Knowing, hath willed. The solid rock hath melted away at the verses of the Lord of Names, yet the people remain in manifest delusion. The mountains have taken flight in their longing to attain the presence of Him Who is the Possessor of Majesty, yet the people of error persist in grievous unbelief.

Say: O people! Abandon that which ye possess and take what hath been given you from God, the Munificent, the Generous. O thou who gazeth toward My horizon! When thou hearest My call and attaineth unto My Tablet, render thanks and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art wronged! I testify that Thou hast spent what Thou didst possess in the path of God, the Exalted, the Great.

BH09512: Say: Glory be to Thee, O Beloved…

In the name of the Most Mighty, the Most Great!

Say: Glory be to Thee, O Beloved of the world and Desire of the nations! I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the manifestations of the Sun of Thy Revelation to make me one of those who have cast away vain imaginings and taken hold of that which hath come down from the heaven of Thy knowledge.

O my Lord! Darkness hath encompassed all regions and the fire of tyranny hath surrounded Thy chosen servants. I beseech Thee, O my God, by the light of Thy justice and the radiance of Thy countenance to ordain for Thy loved ones that which will draw them nigh unto Thee in hardship and in ease.

O my Lord! Thou hearest the cry of the longing ones and the lamentation of them that know Thee. I beseech Thee by them and by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the kingdom of earth and heaven to decree for us the reward of those who have circled round Thee and have quaffed the wine of Thy presence. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Supreme, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH09406: Glorified art Thou, O Lord of the world…

He is the All-Glorious, the All-Knowing

Glorified art Thou, O Lord of the world and the One manifest through the Most Great Name! How can I make mention of Thee, when I am certain that he who makes mention is but a creation of the influence

of Thy Most Exalted Pen? And how can I fail to make mention of Thee after Thy most sweet call hath attracted me and the wine of the Kawthar of Thy love hath intoxicated me? O Lord of all names and Creator of heaven! Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made known unto me the Manifestation of Thy Cause in Thy days, and for having given me to drink of the Kawthar of divine knowledge through Thy bountiful hand. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by Thy sovereignty and grandeur, to ordain for Thy loved ones the good of every world of Thy worlds. Then protect them through Thy bounty and power. Verily Thou art He from Whose knowledge nothing whatsoever escapeth. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy sovereignty and ordainest what Thou pleasest through Thy power. Verily Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH09461: My Most Exalted Pen hath been saddened by those…

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed Speaker.

My Most Exalted Pen hath been saddened by those who have committed that which was forbidden in the Book. We have forbidden all from approaching this station. Among them are those who have cast aside God's command and those who have followed what was ordained in the Tablets. Blessed is he who hath held fast to the command, and woe to every heedless doubter.

We love those who have made their hopes the good-pleasure of God, the Lord of the worlds, and who follow His laws with spirit and fragrance. Whoso hath recognized God will not transgress what God hath revealed in the Scrolls and Tablets.

Grieve thou not over anything. Rather, rejoice in the remembrance of thy Lord, then do what thou hast been commanded by God, the Lord of all beings.

BH09552: This is a letter for My handmaiden who hath…

He is the Most Great, Most Holy

This is a letter for My handmaiden who hath believed in Me, and acknowledged My Book, and turned unto My Face, and confessed that which God Himself hath confessed, and borne witness that there is none other God but Him, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

O My handmaiden! The Ancient Beauty is in grievous affliction. Sorrows have encompassed Him from all sides through that which the hands of the wrongdoers have wrought.

I arose to establish the Cause until its standards were upraised. Then appeared rancor and hatred from the hearts of the heedless. I called all to God whereupon the back of the world trembled and the hearts of those who turned to Him were disturbed. He whom I protected by My sovereignty denied Me. Verily thy Lord, the All-Merciful, is the True One, the All-Informed.

Thus have We recounted unto thee as a favor from Our presence, and I am verily the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

BH09359: A remembrance from Me unto him who hath loved…

He is the Ever-Abiding, the All-Sufficing

A remembrance from Me unto him who hath loved Me and believed when most of the people have disbelieved, that the fragrance of remembrance may attract him and bring him to a station wherein the whispering of the evil one shall have no effect upon him. Say: The rivers have flowed and the seas have surged. Blessed is he who hath been illumined by the light of certitude, and woe unto him whom evil suggestions have hindered. They who have disbelieved in God and His proof have lost, while he who hath turned away from them and faced this Lamp hath gained. Say: O people, grieve not over the world and its afflictions. Well is it with the soul whom riches have not deceived in this world, and with the poor one whom sorrows have not overtaken in destitution. Blessed art thou for having won the lights of the Countenance and drawn nigh unto God, the Lord of mankind.

BH09411: The Hidden Mystery hath testified that He hath appeared…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great.

The Hidden Mystery hath testified that He hath appeared in truth, and He is this treasured Name that calleth betwixt earth and heaven and summoneth all to the most exalted horizon. Verily He is the One through Whom the Greater Resurrection hath come to pass and all created things have been gathered together.

Blessed be God, the Cleaver of the Dawn, Who hath come with the truth with a Book that no books in the world can equal, and a Cause before which all creation in the heavens and earth cannot stand, and with verses that neither the learned, nor the mystics, nor any diligent seeker can reckon.

Thus hath My tongue spoken in this hour wherein all things and the Concourse on High have informed Me of the ascension of My sister who had been gazing upon My luminous countenance.

BH09621: O my God and my Master! Thou seest me…

In His Name, the All-Mighty, the All-Loving

O my God and my Master! Thou seest me among Thy creatures who have rebelled and transgressed against Thee. Every time I invite them unto the ocean of Thy knowledge, their repudiation of Thy Cause increaseth and their rejection of the Dawning-Place of Thy Will waxeth greater.

I beg of Thee, O my God, by those who have fasted for love of Thee and have quaffed the living waters of submission from the hands of Thy bounty, to ordain for Thy loved ones, who under the blaze of the orb of Thy trials have clung to the cord of patience, all the good Thou hast reckoned in Thy Books and Thy Tablets.

Write down, then, for such as have been afflicted with adversities for Thy sake, the reward of those who have suffered martyrdom in the path of Thy good-pleasure. Send down, moreover, upon them, O Lord, that which will rejoice their hearts, solace their eyes, and exhilarate their souls.

Thou art, verily, the Most Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Help in Peril, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH09929: We created the world for the Day of My…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

We created the world for the Day of My Manifestation, but when He came with the truth, the people denied God, the Lord of the mighty throne. Among the people was one whom We had counseled to be steadfast, but when the cry was raised he turned away and followed the Calf without any clear proof or enlightening Book. Thus do We recount unto thee what hath befallen Us at the hands of the heedless ones. Arise thou and counsel the servants to supreme steadfastness, lest their feet slip from the path of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed art thou for having gathered the fruits of inner meaning from this Tree which hath been raised up in truth in this noble station. The Glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath drunk of this wondrous Kawthar.

BH10012: We have heard thy call, and thy book was…

In the Name of God, the Almighty!

We have heard thy call, and thy book was presented before the Divine Throne. God willing, thou shalt drink from the ocean of knowledge and attain unto the recognition of the Sun of understanding—that is, through the grace of the Beloved of the world Who speaketh in the Most Great Prison, thou shalt at all times increase in thy awareness through the name of the Friend, until thou art wholly effaced in the path of the Friend and emergest from the pocket of immortality.

He calleth the Most Great Prison the Most Great Horizon, and in His Book nameth it the Supreme Paradise. Blessed is the soul that hath borne tribulations in My path—verily, such a one is of the people of Baha in My sealed Book.

BH09784: O friends of God! This is the Day…

In the Name of the peerless Lord!

O friends of God! This is the Day that hath been adorned with its mention in all the divine Books, and whose presence all the Messengers have yearned to attain. This is the Day that hath belonged exclusively to God, exalted be His station, and hath been distinguished by the Manifestation of God through the Most Exalted Pen.

Therefore, ye must, with the utmost determination and the most complete endeavor, make the heedless people aware of it and summon them unto it. This is the Straight Path that hath ever been and shall ever be known for its steadfastness and recognized as truth.

Blessed is he who hath attained unto it and recognized that which hath been sent down therein from God, the Ancient Bestower.

BH09930: God hath heard the cry of those who have…

In the Name of the Mighty, the Helper!

God hath heard the cry of those who have turned unto His Countenance and believed in God, the One, the All-Forgiving, and hath answered them with that which shall cause their remembrance to endure as long as God, the Revealer of verses, endureth.

He speaketh and uttereth, and revealeth and lamenteth for that which hath befallen Him at the hands of them that are veiled, who have cast behind their backs the ordinances of God and have taken that which they were bidden by the Dayspring of vain imaginings.

Blessed is the poor one who hath turned toward the ocean of wealth, and the stranger who hath drawn nigh unto God, the Lord of all men.

When thou art touched by the breezes of revelation, make mention of God and thank Him for having sent down unto thee that which shall make thee independent of those who have followed every disbelieving impostor.

BH09999: By the life of God! Whoever hears mention…

He is the All-Affectionate!

By the life of God! Whoever hears mention of Me lamenteth at what hath been visited upon Me by those who have denied the Books of God and His Messengers from time immemorial. They profess belief with their words while denying it through their deeds, as attesteth He with Whom is the Mother Book. Their riches have deceived them to such degree that they have turned away from the Face through Whose light the earth and heavens were illumined. We have manifested the Cause and revealed that which God, the Lord of all men, hath willed. Blessed art thou, O servant, in that thou hast quaffed the wine of mystic knowledge and believed in God, thy Lord, the All-Merciful. All that is on earth shall perish, while that which hath been ordained for the loved ones of God shall endure in a Kingdom sanctified above all mention.

BH09829: A remembrance from Our presence unto him who hath…

He is the Helper, the All-Knowing!

A remembrance from Our presence unto him who hath drawn nigh unto the Most Great Sea and drunk therefrom in My Name, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Verily, We shall reward those who have believed and shown patience in God, the Lord of Lords. Whosoever hath attained His presence on this Day, he is of the people of Baha in the Book of God, the Lord of the Final End. And whoso hath turned away, he is accounted among the people of error in the Scriptures and Tablets.

It behooveth everyone in this Day to arise to serve God and to aid His Cause through remembrance and utterance. Thus have We remembered thee in Our Most Great Prison as a bounty from Our presence upon thee and upon those who have taken the chalice of eternity in My Most Glorious Name and have drunk therefrom by night and by day.

BH10262: A mention from Us unto him who hath soared…

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

A mention from Us unto him who hath soared on the wings of faith unto God, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, that the rapture of the Call may seize him and draw him nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

We make mention of him who hath made mention of his Lord, and cast upon him that which hath caused the hearts of them that have recognized to take flight.

Know thou the measure of this bounty, then render thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. Be thou eloquent in the name of thy Lord and mindful in His beauteous remembrance.

Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen taught thee that which shall profit thee in this world and the world to come.

When thou hast attained unto it say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Beloved of them that have recognized Thee!

BH10547: May you ever abide, now and always, secure…

In the name of the All-Knowing Lord!

May you ever abide, now and always, secure and at rest beneath the sheltering shadow of the peerless King’s loving-kindness.

The Most Exalted Pen is occupied, by day and by night, with the remembrance of His loved ones. We beseech God that He may cause all to be set ablaze with the fire of His knowledge and enable them to serve His Cause.

This is the Day for pure deeds. How blessed is the state of one whose deeds and character become the cause of guidance for heedless souls.

The glory of God rest upon you.

BH10633: Say: Glorified art Thou, O Lord of the world…

He is the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious

Say: Glorified art Thou, O Lord of the world and King of the nations! I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thou didst raise up the heaven and establish the mountains and the nightingale sang upon the branches, to ordain for Thy chosen ones that which befitteth the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of

Thy generosity. O my Lord! All things have testified to my evanescence and Thy permanence, to my powerlessness and Thy might. Do with me as beseemeth Thee. I testify that Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

BH10636: The Most Exalted Pen gives glad-tidings to those who…

In the Name of the Peerless, the One God!

The Most Exalted Pen gives glad-tidings to those who are turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon, and adorns each one with the ornament of remembrance.

By the Sun of the heaven of sanctification! No ornament has been or ever will be superior to this ornament. All the peoples of the world must strive with their very souls to attain unto this ornament, that perchance they may be blessed with it.

Verily, thou must render thanks unto God for having adorned thee therewith and mentioned thee through His irrevocable Pen in this station, the mighty, the inaccessible.

BH10563: All have been created for attainment unto the divine…

He is the Mighty, the Beloved

All have been created for attainment unto the divine presence, and all have had and have their share of this most exalted station. However, the veils of the people have become an obstacle between the Generous Outpourer and His loved ones. This pertains to the outward realm; in the inward realm, whosoever hath acted according to the divine commandments and held fast to the Most Holy Book which hath been sent down from the holy Kingdom, is reckoned before God as one of the people of the divine presence.

BH11112: Say: All praise be unto Thee, O Sender…

He is the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious

Say: All praise be unto Thee, O Sender of manna and quails, Lord of the throne on high and of the earth below, for having caused me to recognize the Manifestation of Thy Cause and the Ocean of Thy oneness. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name and Thy Most Ancient Light to ordain for me the reward of those who have attained unto Thy presence and drawn nigh unto Thee by Thy leave. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH11113: The Most Exalted Pen in the Most Great Prison…

He is the Giving, the Generous One!

The Most Exalted Pen in the Most Great Prison is engaged and occupied in the remembrance of God. Those souls who have quaffed from the Kawthar of certitude and who are gazing toward the horizon of the All-Merciful must, God willing, be occupied with the remembrance of the True One with the utmost

steadfastness, in such wise that the oppression of the oppressors shall not deter them from the path of the Beloved of the worlds. The glory be upon you!

BH11029: O dear one! True glory belongs exclusively to those…

He is the Mighty, the Great

O dear one! True glory belongs exclusively to those souls who are glorified through the glory of God, for the glory of no glorious one and the power of no powerful one shall endure save through the Name of God—exalted be His glory. God willing, you shall attain to this most exalted station and sublime rank. Verily your Lord is the Giving, the Bountiful. The glory be upon you.

BH11192: O Mirza Aqa! Your name was mentioned before…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O Mirza Aqa! Your name was mentioned before the Divine Throne, and the Lord of Names makes mention of you with these wondrous and exalted words, each of which is a key to the gate of knowledge. Strive that you may, in this Dawn of Hope, attain the outpourings of the Ocean of Divine Unity. The glory be upon its people.

BH11111: Say: Glorified art Thou, O Sovereign of existence…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious.

Say: Glorified art Thou, O Sovereign of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by the Name through which the heaven was cleft asunder and every barren earth was rent and the mountains of idle fancy were scattered in the kingdom of creation, to open before the faces of Thy loved ones the gates of Thy might and bounty. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Wise.

BH05849: Prayer for Ayyam-i-Ha

In My name, the Almighty

My God, my Fire and my Light! The days which Thou hast named the Ayyam-i-Ha in Thy Book have begun, O Thou Who art the King of names, and the fast which Thy most exalted Pen hath enjoined unto all who are in the kingdom of Thy creation to observe is approaching. I entreat Thee, O my Lord, by these days and by all such as have during that period clung to the cord of Thy commandments, and laid hold on the handle of Thy precepts, to grant that unto every soul may be assigned a place within the precincts of Thy court, and a seat at the revelation of the splendors of the light of Thy countenance.

These, O my Lord, are Thy servants whom no corrupt inclination hath kept back from what Thou didst send down in Thy Book. They have bowed themselves before Thy Cause, and received Thy Book with such resolve as is born of Thee, and observed what Thou hadst prescribed unto them, and chosen to follow that which had been sent down by Thee.

Thou seest, O my Lord, how they have recognized and confessed whatsoever Thou hast revealed in Thy Scriptures. Give them to drink, O my Lord, from the hands of Thy graciousness the waters of Thine eternity. Write down, then, for them the recompense ordained for him that hath immersed himself in the ocean of Thy presence, and attained unto the choice wine of Thy meeting.

I implore Thee, O Thou the King of kings and the Pitier of the downtrodden, to ordain for them the good of this world and of the world to come. Write down for them, moreover, what none of Thy creatures hath discovered, and number them with those who have circled round Thee, and who move about Thy throne in every world of Thy worlds.

Thou, truly, art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH00508: These are days when neither pen nor tongue can…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great!

These are days when neither pen nor tongue can find rest save in commemorating the martyrs, nor do they desire to be occupied with any remembrance except that of those souls who, in the assemblage of the world, sacrificed with utmost submission and contentment their spirit, body, wealth, possessions and kindred in the path of the Most Great Name. Verily, the heaven weepeth and the clouds lament, the mountains cry out and hearts are in turmoil. Would that I had been with them and had attained to what they attained!

I swear by the Sun of the horizon of utterance that no such calamity hath appeared in creation, nor hath anyone attained to such bounty. God hath blackened the faces of those who disbelieved, turned away, arose and slaughtered those for whose tribulation the Lord of Prophets lamenteth in the Most Exalted Paradise and the Primal Point grieveth at the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing. A hundred thousand regrets that this evanescent one did not attain to this most great bounty! I swear by the Ancient Beauty that this regret remaineth in the heart. From the Supreme Pen concerning those holy souls words have been recorded whose light shall endure as long as the kingdoms of earth and heaven endure. By God! The hearts of the denizens of Paradise are consumed by what hath been sent down from the Pen of God concerning this great calamity.

Our purpose, and your purpose, and the purpose of all who are in the heavens and on earth—a hundred thousand times at every moment doth this servant desire to utter the words “Would that I had been with them!” Exalted is He Who created them, exalted is He Who made them known, and elevated them, and honored them!

Observe and reflect how these two brilliant lights and pure souls, before their arrival in Baghdad, were unknown in any city or land, yet after they were adorned with the ornament of faith and were honored to attain the presence of the All-Merciful, God, exalted be His glory, through His complete power, distinguished them with the mantle of glory and elevation, as ye have heard and seen. He made their dwelling place the shelter of the sincere and themselves the refuge of all who came. Then, when they yearned to attain the supreme martyrdom in the path of the Lord of Names, they attained at the end of

their lives to a station which, by God besides Whom there is none other God, all the Messengers, the sincere ones and the near ones have sought and continue to seek.

O brother! All bounty is in the hands of the true Beloved. Whomsoever He willeth, He enableth to attain unto that which is the goal. None hath the right to object or to ask why or wherefore, for He is the Chooser, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

From the Most Exalted Pen there hath been revealed in this greatest of calamities that which surpasseth in worth whatsoever is visible on earth or manifest and hidden in heaven. At times when this servant reflecteth upon the tribulations that befell those sanctified souls, he is moved to burst forth in lamentation and wailing, and at other times, considering the grace that encompassed them, he uttereth "Would that I were with them!" and findeth himself in a state of boundless joy. Blessed are they, and again blessed are they!

Consider how death is ordained and decreed for every soul in every circumstance, yet to yield up one's life in the path of the All-Merciful among the concourse of creation is a thousand times more excellent than to die upon one's bed. How regrettable that most people are heedless of this most exalted station! This servant beseecheth his Lord, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, to ordain for every soul that which will draw it nigh unto Him and cause it to recognize the mysteries of His wisdom in all that hath been and shall be manifested. Verily, He is the Peerless, the One, the Evident, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O kind friend! Two letters from you were received, both first and second sent from the Abode of the Beloved, namely the Land of Qaf. The first letter was adorned with the mention of God, service to His Cause, and news of your well-being and that of Jinab-i-Amin, upon him be the glory of God. Likewise was the second letter.

Praise be to God that you have been enabled to serve the Cause and have manifested complete sincerity, purity, and trustworthiness among the people. Today, whosoever manifesteth praiseworthy characteristics is a promoter of the Cause, for commendable deeds and befitting qualities and attributes are in themselves propagators of the Cause of the Beloved of the world, as hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen in various expressions in the Tablets. Blessed are they that act, and joy be to them that have attained!

This evanescent servant offereth thanks at all times on behalf of you and Jinab-i-Amin—upon you both be the glory of God—and truly this is a station deserving of gratitude and praise, for not every soul hath been confirmed in that whereunto you have been confirmed. The servant doth praise God for this and saith in your tongue: "Praise be unto Thee, O Goal of the worlds, and thanks be unto Thee, O Beloved of them that know!" And in this station both my outer and inner tongue declare: "Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!"

After this servant became aware of what was contained in your letter, he turned toward the Most Holy, Most Luminous, Most Glorious Presence and presented before His countenance all that you had mentioned. He said: "God willing, may they ever dwell beneath the shade of divine mercy and be engaged in His service." And He said: "O servant! Beseech God to make them steadfast in His service and to adorn

them at all times with the ornament of trustworthiness, and not to withhold from them this most glorious and precious robe. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful." End.

As to what you wrote concerning the two souls who have turned to God in the land of Qaf and Mim, it was presented before the Most Holy Court. This is what the All-Merciful hath revealed from the Kingdom of Utterance: "O Abu'l-Hasan! We have heard thy call and what thou didst write concerning the two souls. Blessed art thou and they before God, the Single, the One, the Recompenser, the All-Wise. We have heard their call and witnessed what they have wrought in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds, and We have accepted what they have manifested in His straight Path.

We make mention of Muhammad-Husayn, who attained the recognition of God on a day wherein the hearts of the mystics were sorely troubled. O Husayn! Rejoice in that thou hast been mentioned before the Throne, and in that there hath been sent down unto thee from the Kingdom of thy Lord's loving-kindness that which shall gladden the eyes of all who behold. The Desired One hath accepted what thou hast done in His path. He, verily, is the Chosen One, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

And We make mention of him who was named Muhammad-Rida and give him glad-tidings through this perspicuous remembrance, whereby the seas have surged and the winds have blown and the fragrance of the garment hath been wafted between the heavens and the earth. Rejoice thou in My remembrance and gladden thyself with this glorious Book. We have accepted what hath proceeded from thee in the days of God. He will surely reward you both with the most excellent of rewards. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful."

As to what you wrote regarding what was mentioned to those souls that the Huququ'llah cannot be given to just anyone—this statement is true. The Huququ'llah must be collected by trustworthy souls and then sent to the Most Holy Court through God's trusted ones. What hath reached His Holiness Jamal (upon him be Baha'u'llah) and yourself is acceptable before God, and likewise what reached Umm-i-Haram (upon her be Baha'u'llah). We beseech God to enable all the loved ones to attain unto the ornament of trustworthiness and faithfulness.

In this year, due to certain events that occurred in the Land of the Prison, there were revealed from the heaven of God's Will verses concerning detachment, trustworthiness and the like, which, were they to be presented to the mountains, would cause them to humble themselves before God's command. It is strange that some have not recognized the worth and station of trustworthiness and have not observed their own station. They themselves have no station, yet they have altered God's station among His servants. We hope that henceforth they will arise to make up for what they have lost and compensate for their deeds. They must at all times fix their gaze upon the horizon of the bounty of the Self-Sufficient, the Exalted One, and be occupied with serving His Cause.

Regarding what you wrote about the land of H and M concerning His Holiness Aqa Muhammad-Baqir (upon him be Baha'u'llah), it was presented before the Most Holy Court and was adorned with acceptance. He hath truly arisen to serve the Cause. I beseech the Exalted One to strengthen him in all conditions and to exalt him in truth. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful.

Likewise, concerning His Holiness Aqa Muhammad-Hasan (upon him be Baha'u'llah), mention was made and He said:

> "Blessed is he in that he hath attained unto what God hath revealed in the Book."

Praise be to God that from the pure and assured souls in that land the fragrances of the love of the Beloved of the worlds are diffused. God willing, may all attain unto the highest horizon and become eloquent in the praise and glorification of God.

Say: Glorified art Thou, O God of the seen and unseen and Lord of existence! I beseech Thee by the Promised One Who has ascended the throne of Thy grandeur and stood in the station of Thy Self, to assist Thy servants to turn unto the ocean of Thy knowledge which surgeth through Thy Name and sovereignty. Purify, O my God, their hearts from idle fancies and vain imaginings in this Day wherein the sun of certitude hath shone forth from the horizon of power. O Lord! We are poor at Thy gate and helpless before the manifestations of Thy might. I beseech Thee, O Lord of all possibilities, by Thy name, the All-Merciful, to draw the heedless nigh unto the horizon of Thy Revelation and to lead them, even with chains and fetters, to the precincts of Thy bounties.

O Lord! They have forgotten Thy days in that they have followed the dawning-places of conjecture who have denied Thy signs. By Thy glory! Were the veil to be removed from their faces, they would hasten to Thy dwelling-place and cry out in the wilderness in their separation from Thee. Then send down, O my God, upon Thy loved ones that which will tranquilize their hearts, delight their eyes, and dilate their breasts. Thou art, verily, the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Supreme, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We beseech God to aid thee and Jinab-i-Amin in that which will exalt God's Cause and His remembrance. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Mighty. Assuredly send news of thyself and the Trusted One—upon him be the Glory of God. Convey on my behalf greetings to all the loved ones in that land—namely those souls who are detached from all save God, who speak in God, who cling to God, who return unto God, and who walk in the path of God—and say: This is the Day of service, remembrance and praise. Blessed are the people of Baha. The Spirit and Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon whosoever hath attained unto the Most Exalted Station.

The servant, 5 Ramadan 1296

BH01554: This evanescent one submits to Samandar of the divine…

He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power

This evanescent one submits to Samandar of the divine fire that praise be to God, in every mail the sweet fragrances from your honor perfume the soul and cause the spirit to quiver and become illumined. In this case, whatever is mentioned is surely insufficient and whatever is written is certainly inadequate. Therefore I appoint that beloved one as representative before that beloved one, that whatever pertains to the conditions of unity and harmony and the exaltation of the station of love and affection and oneness, you should tell yourself on behalf of this servant from your own words.

From the utterances of the Manifestation of Names and Attributes that were sent to your honor and the names mentioned in your honor's book, it becomes evident that this servant is occupied in writing day and night, therefore if there is sometimes delay in sending replies, God willing you will forgive.

And another submission: whatever has reached your honor regarding the Huququ'llah from any soul and any place has reached this evanescent servant through the King of Martyrs, His Holiness the Name of God Ha, upon him be the most glorious glory. We beseech God to assist those who have acted according to what they were commanded in the Book and to send down upon them from the heaven of His grace a blessing and mercy and benediction from His presence. Verily He is the Mighty, the Bestower. In truth the matter of divine rights is a great matter, incumbent upon all to fulfill, for it is the cause of bounty and blessing and goodness and whatsoever accompanies every soul in every world of the worlds of their Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Generous.

Another submission: some time ago, that is several months ago, his honor the Name of God, his holiness Jamal, upon him be all the most glorious glory, had written a letter to this servant. A reply was written but due to the upheavals in the surrounding areas was not sent. And likewise some time ago again a reply was written and not sent, until this time when their third letter arrived. Before the Throne were revealed sublime and exalted verses specifically for them and the souls mentioned in their book, but this time too, due to the weight of the mail, it was not sent. God willing it will be sent later and that beloved one will attain to its perusal, and God willing the reply to the petitions of Lavi will also be sent.

In any case that beloved one must keep the horizon of wisdom in view. Most of the souls in the world appear with deceit and guile, therefore wisdom must be observed and kept in view in every matter of matters. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist your honor as He has assisted you and preserve you for the service of His Cause among His creatures. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

If there were opportunity, surely from the city of sincerity would be sent the sweet basils of love and flowers of unity and melodies of the nightingale of affection and cooings of the dove of fellowship and songs of the birds of knowledge and leaves of the trees of remembrance and wisdom and sweet sounds of the lofty Lote-Trees and spiritual sweet waters, but due to the multitude of occupations and successive writings this evanescent servant found no further opportunity. God willing if life is granted he will make up for what was missed. I beseech the True One to ever gladden this servant with the effect of that beloved soul's spiritual pen.

What more can I submit? From the flame of the fire of love, at the time when mention of his honor the brother, upon him be the Glory of God, flows from pen or tongue, God knows the fire of longing appeared and the light of sincerity dawned. In this case the pen sees itself powerless, but since the expression of sincerity before true friends is beloved in the sight of the Beloved, therefore this evanescent servant with a hundred thousand yearnings and longings conveys to them a sacred greeting sanctified from incidental conditions. We beseech Him, exalted be He, that eyes may be consoled by meeting him. Verily He is the Answerer.

The Glory be upon your honor and upon him and upon every believer who has attained to the recognition of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

The servant, 9 Ramadan 1296

BH05516: By the life of God! Such verses have been…

In the Name of the Wronged One, the Stranger

By the life of God! Such verses have been sent down that all the pens in the world and those possessed of the knowledge of calculation cannot reckon them. Every counter hath failed to count them, every knower to know them, and every perceiver to fathom the mysteries of God, the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, that lie concealed therein. By God! We have sent down for every matter a Book and for every thing an explanation, yet the people remain heedless and veiled.

O thou who bearest the name of Ha', give thanks unto God for having brought thee before the Gate and cast upon thee that which the possessors of understanding are powerless to comprehend. We have caused thee to hear My call, which hath been the hope of them that are nigh unto God from time immemorial. When thou art blessed with the traces of My Pen and hearest its rustling, turn thy face toward the Wronged One and say:

> "I testify that Thou art He Who hath arisen to fulfill the Cause of God and hath called all to the Horizon from which the lights have shone forth."

Glory be upon thee and upon her who hath believed and turned toward Me and attained unto My presence and heard and achieved that which is the purpose in the Book. Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones who have heard My call and desired My countenance and drunk the choice wine of revelation from this Cup which God hath made the source of the seas.

BH05413: Praise be to the peerless Lord Who hath illumined…

In the Name of the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing!

Praise be to the peerless Lord Who hath illumined the heaven of man's station with two brilliant stars—sight and knowledge. Whosoever hath attained unto these twin bounties hath attained unto the outpourings of the All-Merciful. He is the All-Wise, the All-Knowing, and the Almighty Ruler. Well is it with him who hath recognized Him, and woe betide the heedless ones.

Thy letter was received and attained unto the presence of this Wronged One. God willing, in this radiant morn thou shalt, at every moment, quaff from the wine of divine knowledge and be engaged in the remembrance of the Wronged One of the horizons. In these days when the fierce winds of tyranny have uprooted the saplings of justice, and when the sorrows of the world of being have surrounded the Countenance of the All-Merciful, the Supreme Pen hath not been prevented from raising its call, and continueth to summon them that possess utterance to the Most Sublime Horizon. How excellent is the state of him who hath hearkened unto the divine call and turned his face toward the horizon of the Cause. Render thanks unto the Beloved of the world that He hath not debarred thee from the outpourings of the ocean of divine knowledge nor deprived thee of the sealed wine. Although the dust of malice hath prevented the light from shining forth, yet the time shall come when it will appear without

any veil and illumine the whole world. Of this doth the true world bear witness. Verily, He is the True One, the Trustworthy. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH06881: O Nasir! God hath verily aided thee in truth…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O Nasir! God hath verily aided thee in truth, inasmuch as He hath caused thee to recognize the Manifestation of His Self, the Dawning-Place of His Cause, and the Dayspring of His Most Mighty, Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Wondrous Revelation. Verily, he who hath attained unto recognition of Me hath attained unto all good—thy Lord, the All-Informed, beareth witness unto this.

Thou didst attain the presence in the luminous Spot and didst hearken unto the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree. By My life! This is indeed a supreme bounty.

Thy name was mentioned before the Throne, and We bade the servant who standeth before the Countenance to bring forth ink and pen. When these were brought, We revealed unto thee these verses, which all the treasures of the heavens and earth cannot equal.

Thou art he who hearkened unto the call of thy Lord and turned unto Him on a day when every doubting scholar turned away. Blessed art thou for having turned towards Him, drawn nigh unto Him, hearkened and drunk from the cup of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful.

Recognize thou the station of this most exalted rank and this supreme gift, and be of them that render thanks. The glory of God rest upon thee, upon thy children, and upon them whom God hath related unto thee from among those who have believed in the signs of God on this mighty Day.

BH06585: Glorified art Thou, O my God, my Beloved, my…

In His Name, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting!

Glorified art Thou, O my God, my Beloved, my Master and my King! My tongue, my heart and my limbs bear witness to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, to Thy loftiness and Thy transcendence, to Thy might and Thy power.

Thou hast created the tongue, O my God, for Thy remembrance, and the heart for Thy love, and the eye to behold the signs of Thy handiwork and to gaze toward Thy horizon. Blind is the eye that seeth Thee not, and dumb is the tongue that remembereth Thee not. There is nothing that hath not appeared for Thy service and remembrance, after having recognized the Manifestation of Thy oneness and the Dayspring of the light of Thy singleness.

I bear witness, O my God, in this moment and in all moments, to Thy permanence and the transience of all else beside Thee, to Thy power and the powerlessness of all except Thee.

O Lord! Despite this, and despite the confession of all things to this truth, such wrongs have appeared as no pen can describe. O Lord! I beseech Thee by these wrongs which have caused every person of insight and understanding to weep, to aid Thy loved ones whom Thou seest beneath the claws of the oppressors.

O Lord! Strengthen them through Thy power and sovereignty. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Strong, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful.

BH07451: The Most Exalted Pen maketh mention of thee…

In the Name of the One True God!

The Most Exalted Pen maketh mention of thee from the Most Sublime Horizon, inasmuch as Ism-i-Jud hath made mention of thee in the Most Holy Court. Perchance through the breathings of the Divine Pen the troubles of the earthly realm may be dispelled.

O handmaid of God! Although afflictions from all directions have encompassed the spirit, yet the splendors of the lights of the Countenance of the Manifestation have prevented all events from having their full effect. Were one possessed of sight to observe, and one possessed of hearing to hearken, he would witness in all things the freshness of divine joy and would hear the call "The Most Great Joy hath come!"

Hold fast unto the truth and be free and detached from all else. Through this word sorrows shall be annihilated and the rains of joy shall descend from the clouds of divine bounty. Rejoice thou in My remembrance and be in manifest gladness.

Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!

BH10907: O my God! This is a day wherein Thou…

He is the Glorious, the All-Glorious

O my God! This is a day wherein Thou hast honored the world through the advent of the Dawning-Place of Thy Cause, unto Whom returneth whatsoever returneth unto Thee. I beseech Thee to ordain for everyone who hath turned unto Thee the reward of them that have attained unto Thy presence and have quaffed the choice wine of nearness unto Thee. O my Lord! Illumine the horizon of Thy justice through Thy sovereignty, then preserve it from the clouds of tyranny and the veils of oppression. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

BH00477: In the name of Him Who is the Most…

In the name of Him Who is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Impregnable, the Most Glorious!

Praise be to God Who hath decreed separation for the lovers, and through their yearning hath drawn unto Him all who dwell in the horizons. Exalted is He Who hath appeared with this effulgence, whereby was made manifest the station of him who fulfilled the Covenant on the day of separation. He is the One Whose praise cannot be recorded by pens nor completed through pages.

O My loved one! By the life of God, the fire of thy love hath ignited My limbs and joints, and its flames play in every vein of My being even as the rays of the sun play amidst the trees. Glorified be He Who kindled the fire of His love in thy heart, and exalted be He Who cast upon thee that which took thee from

thyself and made thee attracted by His fragrances, trembling from His sweet savours, and intoxicated with the wine of His love.

By thy life! Thy letter hath taken complete possession of My heart, through it My soul was gladdened and My breast was dilated, and the bird of My love took wing, for it was redolent with the fragrance of the love of our Beloved, your Beloved, and the Beloved of all the worlds. The servant beareth witness that He found in thy letter naught but pure love and affection, and dedication to the service of the Cause of God, the Lord of creation. I beseech God, My Lord, to give you to drink, at all times, from the ocean of His wondrous favors and the gems of His grace. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Answerer of prayers.

When the cup of your love, which lay concealed in the depths of your words, seized Me, I set aside what I had written and took what you had sent to the Most Exalted Station and the Ultimate Goal. When I appeared before His presence, I stood before His countenance, whereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke: "What is that in thy right hand?" I submitted: "This is a petition from one who hath arisen to serve Thy Cause and hath voiced Thy praise among Thy servants, who hath appeared before the Throne by Thy command and departed with Thy leave." And I presented before His presence that wherewith thou didst praise God, the Lord of the worlds, and that wherewith thou didst call upon the Beloved of the mystics, and that wherewith thou didst commune with the Desired One of all seekers. When this was completed, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke once again, and from the heaven of grace shone forth the suns of loving-kindness, compassion, mercy and bounty. This is what was uttered by the Lord of Eternity:

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O Varqa! The servant hath appeared before Us and presented what was in thy letter. Verily, We found it a mirror reflecting thy love for the Beloved of the world and thy devotion to Him. Blessed art thou for having drawn nigh, for having drunk, and for having attained. Verily thy Lord is the One Who maketh manifest, the Manifest. We have witnessed the fire that hath encompassed thee in thy love for thy Lord, and We have seen its flames and heard its roaring. Exalted is He Who kindled it, Who set it ablaze, and Who caused it to appear. He is the Omnipotent before Whose power the essence of might itself confesseth its powerlessness. Verily thy Lord is He Who heareth and seeth; He is the All-Informed. Rejoice in that the Wronged One remembereth thee as He remembered thee before, and in this moment wherein He walketh and saith:

> "I have found the fragrance of thy love and witnessed thy sincerity and humility, for thy heart was mindful of My remembrance and thy tongue was praising Me with beautiful praise."

Thus hath the ocean of life overflowed that thou mayest rejoice in the days of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

O Varqa! Thy call hath been heard and thy letter was presented before the Throne. Praise be to God that from it were witnessed the burning flames of the love of God. God willing, thou shalt forever and always be delighting in the mention of the Friend, drinking in His name, finding rest in His remembrance, and occupied with thoughts of Him, that perchance distant souls may draw near to the ocean of nearness and weary souls may hasten, through the heat of the Word, toward that direction which is sanctified from [all directions].

Some of the faithful are observed to be sorrowful, nay, fearful, due to the occurrence in the Land of Sad, whereas the hand of God's power especially raised them up and showered upon them from the heaven of mercy and the clouds of grace the rains of blessing and bounty, and His complete power adorned them with the ornament of glory amidst mankind, such that the tongues of the sincere ones and those drawn nigh spoke in their praise, and they attained to such a station that even enemies bore witness to the loftiness of their rank, and in [their final] days they attained to the most exalted and supreme station, which is the greatest martyrdom—a station which the chosen ones and friends of God have forever yearned for and sought after.

Nevertheless, some are seen to be troubled and grieved. God willing, this sorrow hath appeared due to love for them. By the ocean of inner meanings! If the station of but one servant among their servants who are now engaged in service were to be revealed, all the peoples of the earth would be thunderstruck. Blessed is he who reflecteth upon what hath come to pass, that he may become aware of the greatness of the Cause and its sovereignty. This station which they attained was what they themselves had beseeched from God, exalted be His glory, and what they had sought after with the utmost eagerness and longing.

Say: O friends! Ye have endured much in the path of love for the Beloved of the worlds. Ye have witnessed what was not fit to be seen, and have heard what was not worthy to be heard, and in the path of the Friend ye have borne matters which were in truth heavier than mountains. Blessed be your appearance, your eyes, and your ears for what they have borne, seen, and heard. Now, know ye the worth of this most exalted and sublime station and waste it not. In every case, this world is transient and all who dwell therein shall fall under the claws of death, and all that is therein shall be afflicted by the talons of change. Beseech ye God, exalted be His glory, at all times to preserve you and keep you steadfast on the path of His Cause.

Know ye this much, that whatsoever ye have endured, and have witnessed and heard, hath been through His grace and favor, wherewith ye have been specially endowed. His mention of you in the Tablets hath been and shall continue to be yet another token of His grace. Ye have drunk the cup of tribulation in His path; drink ye now the choice wine from the cups of His remembrance and bounty. God willing, may ye be enabled to serve His Cause. We counsel all to manifest praiseworthy character, goodly deeds, and befitting and commendable actions. In this day it behooveth each one to hold fast unto that which will promote the Cause of God and to cleave thereunto. Say: Thus much do we declare, and leave the rest to your fairness to judge what beseemeth such a Day.

Be not grieved by outward weakness, abasement and distraction. I swear by the Sun in the heaven of independence that glory, wealth and riches circle round about you, making mention of you and inclining toward you. Though by divine wisdom their manifestation may remain concealed for a time, days shall come when each one shall shine forth even as the sun in splendor and brilliance. We beseech God that the people may attain unto the sweetness of divine utterances and truly discover it. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon thy brother and upon My name who gave up his spirit in My path and dwelleth in the precincts of My mercy.

We make mention, at the end of this epistle, of thy brother who turned his face toward My countenance and stood before the gate of My grandeur and heard My wondrous and glorious call. God willing, may that which hath been mentioned not fade from their sight. May they rest assured of divine favors and drink at all times from the choice wine of remembrance and keep their gaze fixed upon His direction. God willing, may the mention of love and unity not depart from sight.

In this place We make mention of him who was named Kazim, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of God, the Most High, the Most Great. Blessed art thou and blessed is thy brother who was martyred in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. Behold, then call to mind Our servant Kazim who was martyred in the land of Sad—a martyrdom at whose tragedy the atoms of creation wept, and beyond them the Concourse on High and the dwellers in the cities of Names. Thy Lord, the All-Seeing, the All-Informed, beareth witness to this.

O Kazim! Reflect upon God's loving-kindness and observe His mercy that hath preceded all creation. Ponder the blessed word that was revealed in the Book of Ha and Sin. He saith, and His word is the truth: "Whoso is for God, God is for him." And since those holy souls forsook the world and all who dwell therein for the sake of the Lord of Oneness, and attained unto the chalice of martyrdom which is in truth the most exalted cup, the Supreme Pen is seen to be engaged in their remembrance morn and eve. I swear by the Sun of the Kingdom of Utterance that were the shrill voice of the Supreme Pen truly heard by hearing ears, all people would rush forth from their homes, crying "Here am I, O my God, here am I!" Blessed is the ear that hath heard, and the heart that hath understood what hath transpired, and the taste that hath savored what hath appeared from the ocean of thy Lord's grace, the Forgiving, the Generous.

O Kazim! Act according to what thou hast been commanded and thou shalt behold thy Lord's all-encompassing grace upon the worlds. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the most great steadfastness in this Cause whereby the mountains were scattered, the heaven was cleft asunder, the earth was split, and the people were shaken, save those whom God wished, the Powerful, the Preserver, the Mighty.

The degrees of divine favors and grace are manifest and evident from these heavenly utterances. What else can this servant mention or submit? Were the entire world to become utterance, it would be as nothing compared to a single word from His Tablets, and were all creation to become tongues and cry out, it would be seen as non-existent before the call of a single bird of the Divine Throne.

How beloved is the mention of the chosen ones of the True One! Yet, notwithstanding mine acknowledgment of mine own impotence and confession of my shortcoming, I have presumed to trouble you with these unworthy words, and now convey unto His Honour Aqa Mirza Husayn greetings; and likewise do I present greetings unto His Honour Haji Kazim (upon him be Baha'u'llah). Moreover, whatsoever had been set down in thy letter was submitted in the All-Holy Presence. He uttered:

> "Do thou perform that which We commanded thee, for the sake of God, the Lord of all worlds."

God willing, they shall speak, wholly severed from the world, in remembrance of the Sultan of Eternity and the Possessor of the nations. Glory be upon thee, and upon every discerning soul that turneth unto Him.

To the friends of God, whensoever thou shalt meet any of them, make mention of the helplessness and nothingness of this perishing servant. The one God beareth witness that the names of those souls who have quaffed from the Kawthar of meanings have been, and shall ever be, upon the heart and upon the tongue. Glory be upon them; praise be upon them; greetings be upon them.

Another matter: a letter which ye had written unto His Honour Aqa Mirza Mustafa—they presented it, in particular, in the All-Holy Presence. He himself is not now present to offer a reply; that is, he hath departed for Akka. This servant again took the letter, and presented it in full, from beginning unto end, before His countenance; and a perfect measure of loving-kindness appeared from the Dayspring of the merciful favours. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as the Sun of grace hath shone upon thee time after time, again and yet again. By God! a single word that proceedeth from the tongue of Grandeur in remembrance of His loved ones is not to be weighed against all that hath been created in the worlds of the unseen and the seen. Praise, therefore, be unto this cherished purpose; then glory be upon this Beloved One. And the Tablets which thou didst request shall, together with His Honour Aqa Muhammad Ali, be sent.

BH00761: Praise be to God Who hath sent down…

He is God, exalted be His glory, His greatness and His power!

Praise be to God Who hath sent down the verses and revealed the signs and made clear to all what He intended. He is the Lord of creation Who ordaineth that whereby countries are uplifted and commandeth that whereby the hearts of servants are assured. Praise be to God Who hath fulfilled what He promised and spoken and testified to Him Who came and appeared. Verily He is the Hidden Treasure and the Most Glorious Name and the Ultimate Goal. Through Him the ocean of eternity surged and the Most Great Word appeared and the Most Exalted Station was revealed, and through Him the Crimson Scroll was sent down. Verily He is the Beginning and He Who appeared in the Return.

And now, how sweet is the fragrance of love and faithfulness wafting from the paradise of your letter, wherein I found each word to be a leaf from the leaves of the Tree that grew through God's remembrance and grace. When the wine of your praise of my Beloved and your Beloved and the Beloved of the worlds took hold of me, I approached the station of the Desired One and presented it before the Throne. Then the tongue of the Beloved spoke: Though sorrows have encompassed Me due to what hath befallen the Cause of God, I rejoice in the mention of him who hath turned to My face, uttered My praise, and risen to serve Me. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist him in all conditions and strengthen him as He strengthened him before. Verily He is the Almighty, the Most High.

O My physician! Thou must, God willing, arise to serve the Cause with utmost endeavor, in such wise that whatsoever is uttered by the tongue, occureth to the heart, is witnessed by the eye, or perceived by the faculty of understanding shall not prevent thee from remembering the Lord of Eternity. Most of the

servants are inflamed by a word and extinguished by a breath. If hearts are truly kindled by the fire of the love of God, surely the sprinkling of the seas of opposition will not quench them. By the life of God! If one is given life by the Divine Word and becomes alive, lassitude will not overtake him, nor will the happenings of the world hold him back from service. Beseech ye God to keep steadfast in this Most Great Cause those souls who have accepted it, in such wise that neither the oppressor's might nor the heedless one's tyranny shall frighten or disturb them. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the Perspicuous. May the Word take up its abode in every heart. He is verily the All-Wise Administrator. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath held fast to the cord of My grace, hath attained unto My days, and hath spoken My beauteous praise.

Concerning what thou didst write about Haji Ghulam-Ali, it was presented at the Most Holy Court. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in this regard: Verily We make mention of him in truth that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones. O Ghulam-Ali! Blessed art thou for having turned toward a land wherein were planted the trees of My love, which when they grew tall, the oppressors cut down with manifest tyranny. O Land of the City! Blessed art thou for within thee lie the trust of God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Wise. And blessed is he who draweth nigh unto their graves and attaineth the honor of visiting them; he is assuredly among the people of Paradise in a glorious Book. O Physician! Give him the glad tidings of what the All-Merciful hath revealed for him, that he may give thanks unto his Lord, the Generous.

And regarding his request for permission to turn toward the Most Holy Court and return after a nine-day stay, it was presented, and the sun of permission rose from the dayspring of grace. He should act as the honored Physician hath written, that is, return to his residence with joy and fragrance after nine days. We praise and thank Him for this. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

And concerning what you wrote about Haji Ibrahim—upon him be Baha'u'llah—it was presented before the Throne. He said:

> "O physician! Verily he attained My presence time and again, turned toward My direction, entered My abode, stood before My gate, heard My call and was blessed with My wondrous Tablet."

O physician, complete favor hath been shown toward him and he hath drunk the choice wine of eternity in the Most Great Scene. His tribulations and what befell him in the path of God are all witnessed in the Most Holy Court and recorded in the divine Tablet. That he was prevented—this was for his own good. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. God willing, may he be aided to remember God and serve His Cause. In truth this matter is great today. Blessed is he who holdeth fast to what he hath been commanded by the Mighty, the Powerful. He hath been mentioned in the Most Holy Court and the glance of favor hath been directed toward him. Remember him on My behalf and give him the glad-tidings of My remembrance of him, that he may rejoice with this supreme joy. We send Our greetings from this Spot to him and to him who is named Qasim and his brother. Verily thy Lord is the Rememberer, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Regarding what you wrote about Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah—upon him be Baha'u'llah—who wrote from the land of Ta, He said:

> "We beseech God to aid him and enable him in all conditions to arise for the service of His Cause, that his mention may thereby be exalted in His mighty and impregnable Kingdom."

Some time ago, a Most Holy and Sublime Tablet specifically for him was sent with Ibn-i-Asdaq—upon him be Baha'u'llah—and before that another Tablet was sent with Aqa Siyyid ʿAli-Akbar—upon him be Baha'u'llah. And in these days a new Tablet hath been revealed from the heaven of grace which will be sent with the Letter Sin. God willing, may he be blessed at all times with the favors of the Beloved of the worlds.

Concerning what you wrote about Ustad ʿAli-Akbar—upon him be Baha'u'llah—and mentioned his circumstances, his statements indicate his sorrow and the distress of his heart. The cause thereof is not known. The Tablet that was previously revealed was adorned with the utmost favor. Glory be to God! Why have they become sorrowful? And concerning what he mentioned about "I will make copies of the Sublime Tablet and send them to the world"—what is meant by this statement? I swear by the ocean of utterance that the Desired One of creation never had and hath not any desire for the mention of these sciences. What was revealed was in response to questions from certain ones who had inquired, and all of it was revealed by the Supreme Pen and sent forth so that no one would attribute ignorance to the Source of knowledge.

And He would always say that He desired that the loved ones of God not occupy themselves with these matters. But that he said "they have thrown my thirty years of effort to the wind"—from these words infinite sadness can be perceived. It seemeth that he hath become distressed by the word of prohibition that hath shone forth from the Dayspring of the Command. In this case, let him act according to his own desire. Whosoever wisheth, let him act; whosoever wisheth, let him desist. In truth this servant became greatly saddened by his sorrow and doth not wish for him to be sorrowful for a moment. We beseech God to aid him and ordain for him that which will gladden his heart. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

His honor Ismu'llah Haji Mulla Mihdi [ʿAtri], upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], turned towards this direction and ascended to the Supreme Companion. That which was revealed in his honor would attract the hearts of the world and cause the spirits of lovers to soar. And wonderfully enough, his grave is situated in such a place that in coming and going to the mansion, they are blessed with the fragrances of the Beloved. This is naught but a great bounty. His survivors expressed much love for your honor which you had shown them in Mosul. This matter was presented at the Most Holy Court, and He said that such deeds are the cause of creating love and affection. We beseech God to assist all to achieve love and affection. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Responsive.

BH01575: Praise, sanctified above comprehension and reason, befitteth the Lord…

He is God, the All-Powerful, the Most Glorious

Praise, sanctified above comprehension and reason, befitteth the Lord of all creation Who, through His all-compelling Will, honored the world by the advent of the Most Great Name—that sacred Being Who is

mentioned by all names yet is sanctified from them all, Who is described by all human attributes yet is independent of them all. Glory be to God! In this station neither can the tongue describe nor is it capable of mentioning Him, neither can the heart comprehend nor draw nigh unto Him. This is a station where sight fails to behold and reason becomes powerless to understand. In consideration of His supreme mercy and greatest favor, He hath commanded all to engage in praise and glorification and hath ordained recognition of the Dawning-Place of Revelation and the Manifestation of His Cause, Who is His own Self. In this station, through His grace and favor, He hath reckoned confession of powerlessness and ignorance as knowledge, and acknowledgment of inadequacy as true recognition. Exalted be His bounty! Exalted be His generosity! Exalted be His grace! I bear witness that there is none other God but Him. He it is Who hath established Himself upon the throne and spoken amongst men without veil or concealment.

And now I inform my honored friend that some time ago a letter was received from Mulla Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God, wherein he had mentioned you. His great satisfaction with your letter was evident and manifest. He requested that I submit the details thereof to the Most Holy Court. At a time when this evanescent servant attained the presence of the Divine Throne and presented the details, the Sun of Grace shone forth from the Dayspring of Divine favor, and He said:

> "It behooveth every soul to remember his Lord in these days wherein the Temple of Justice hath lamented between the heavens and the earth by reason of that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. O Muhammad-Baqir! The servant in attendance before the Throne made mention of thee by virtue of what was recorded in the letter of Abu'l-Hasan, who hath believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed. Rejoice thou in that thou hast been mentioned before the Countenance and My Most Exalted Pen hath remembered thee. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Bountiful. The Glory be upon thee and upon My loved ones in that land. Convey My greetings unto their faces and say: Hold fast unto wisdom and put your trust in God, the Lord of all worlds. He is with you, witnessing and seeing, and He is verily the Protector, the Mighty, the All-Knowing."

Furthermore, the aforementioned person requested that I write to you acknowledging receipt of the sum you had given him, as well as what Aqa Muhammad-Husayn had given. In any case, he had mentioned all the details and a reply was sent to him. Surely he himself will write the details to you as well. We beseech God to aid you in that which will exalt His Cause and to number you among those whom neither human affairs have prevented from recognizing the Lord of Destiny, nor the might of the oppressors from God, the True King, the Manifest. And we beseech God to ordain for you the good of this world and the next. Verily, He is the Protector of those who do good. He hath indeed seized him who oppressed, and soon will He seize those who have denied Him and His verses which have filled the East and West of the earth. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

God willing, may you be enkindled at all times with the fire of divine love and be engaged in His remembrance. May the friends in that land who are gazing toward the horizon of the All-Merciful and have attained the wine of immortality convey this servant's greetings to them. We beseech God to gladden and quicken them all through the fragrances of the garment of the Beloved of the seen and the unseen, that they may remember Him in the assemblage of the world and be joyful in His remembrance.

Praise be to God Who hath adorned that land with the wondrous and glorious ornament of the presence of His loved ones. Glory be upon you and upon those who have attained to the remembrance of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen.

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BH00392: Praise be fitting and worthy unto the Sovereign…

He is God, exalted be His station, the Glory and the Power!

Praise be fitting and worthy unto the Sovereign of existence and the King of the seen and unseen, Who with the hands of grace has planted the trees of wisdom in blessed and goodly soil, and through the rain of mercy and loving-kindness has bestowed the water of grace, until they reached maturity and through the bounty of the All-Merciful produced the fruits of remembrance and utterance. We beseech Him—exalted be His sovereignty and magnificent His signs—to preserve these trees from the poisonous winds of the souls of the idolaters. In this connection, from the Supreme Pen was revealed a word in response to the petition of Maneckji Sahib, who is one of the British subjects. He speaks, and His word is the truth: "We found pure earth and sowed the seed of knowledge. Now let us see what the rays of the sun will do—whether they will burn it up or cause it to grow." And likewise He says: "Today, through the victory of the Peerless Wise One, the sun of knowledge has risen from behind the veil of the soul, and all the birds of the wilderness are intoxicated with the wine of knowledge and content in the remembrance of the Friend. How excellent is he who finds and comes." End quote.

With a hundred thousand tongues this evanescent servant beseeches the True One—exalted be His station—not to deprive the trees of human existence, in this spiritual springtime when the lights of the Sun of Manifestation are shining and the cloud of mercy has spread its shade, from His outpourings, and to grant them successive draughts from the ocean of insight and knowledge at all times. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Ruler, the Bestower, the Generous.

The Sun of grace is shining, the Ocean of bounty is manifest, the Heaven of generosity is raised up. Man is bewildered at what has prevented the heedless people. The straight and upright path is manifest and evident like the light of the sun, yet despite this, the people are seen to be afflicted and lost in the rocky wilderness of self and desire. God willing, it is hoped that the veils that have prevented the people and the glories that have been the cause of remoteness and distance will be lifted, and the Beauty of the Beloved of the worlds will be witnessed by eyes that are sanctified from the ophthalmia of idle fancies. Verily, He is the Sovereign Who takes and gives, and rules as He pleases. There is no God but Him, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

I submit that your letter, which you had previously written in the name of this evanescent servant, was received. God knows it brought boundless joy. It was as if it were a heavenly spring for the thirst of the heart and a pure wine for the attraction of the soul. It brought happiness and removed grief and

increased gladness. Well done to your hand and your arm! However, O my beloved, O my beloved, after this joy there occurred that which caused the hearts of the sincere ones to lament and the eyes of those near to God to weep.

In the Persian tongue I say that after some time news arrived of events in the Land of Sad [Isfahan]. Truly it was the cause of hearts being consumed with grief. This blessed word was revealed from the Supreme Pen addressing the martyrs of the Land of Sad, saying:

> "Ye are in the highest companionship with joy and fragrance, while your loved ones are in such grief that the clouds weep for them."

Until now nearly a hundred tablets, nay more, have been revealed from the heaven of grace and bounty mentioning those holy souls and have been dispatched to various regions.

A hundred thousand regrets that this evanescent servant did not attain to that which they attained. Indeed, the appearance of such matters has been and will continue to be among the bestowals of the Ocean of Generosity. For nearly twenty-five years God, exalted be His glory, had exalted them among His servants, and the rains of blessing, glory, loftiness and steadfastness poured down upon them, to such extent that mention of them spread throughout all the cities of Iran, such that in this calamity from every direction elegies were composed and sent to the Most Holy Court. In any case, after the manifestations of divine favor concerning them, in their final days they attained to the greatest martyrdom and supreme gift which they had been seeking and hoping for from God. Three holy souls in the Land of Sad reached this most exalted and highest station.

A hundred thousand times: "Would that I had been with them!" For they attained two great bounties: first the supreme martyrdom, and second that which flowed from the Supreme Pen concerning them, which shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endure. A Persian verse was previously revealed from the Supreme Pen, saying:

O thou who art sacrificed in God, from love's altar turn not away But give up thy life in the pathway of love this day

The reason and cause of this matter, whose effects will surely become manifest in the earth, was that the Imam-Jum'ih of that land—may he receive his due—owed nearly twenty thousand tumans to those two celestial luminaries of faithfulness, those two martyred and wronged brothers. For a long time he sought to stir up sedition and remove these two innocent ones, until in one of the villages of Isfahan a commotion arose through his instigation and that of others like him. Two of the loved ones of God—one whose blessed name was Kazim and the other Siyyid Aqa Jan—were confronted with hostility. By order of the Imam of the ungodly and Baqir, one of that city's ignorant ones who is known for his learning, those two noble souls were brought to the city in utter humiliation.

They went before the governor and resorted to a hundred thousand lies and calumnies. The governor remained silent. They martyred one of those two noble souls—Kazim—while the governor sent the other out of the city, not handing him over to the ungodly, saying "This man is a Siyyid, I dare not." Then those two heedless, ignorant ones pursued those two noble souls and arose with all manner of guile and deceit,

to the point where they aroused the entire city. The clamor of the ungodly was raised, and those two nightingales took flight to the branches of the eternal Lote-Tree. The details of the martyrdom of these noble ones are many, but this servant has mentioned it briefly. Blessed are they and joy be unto them! They bore what no other among the servants has borne.

Forty days after the martyrdom of those two noble ones—on their fortieth day—the manifest Ruler seized the Imam of the ungodly through His power with an abasement beyond which none can be conceived. The Causer of causes thereafter brought about circumstances that led to complete discord between him and the governor, who is the son of the sovereign. Finally it led to a complaint being made to the seat of sovereignty. From there the order was issued to arrest him and send him to Tihran. Subsequently another person was sent from Tihran, invested with the robe of honor as Imam-Jum'ih and dispatched to the aforementioned city. After the arrival of that tyrannical Imam to the land of Ta, they exiled him to the Holy Mashhad.

Glory be to God! How can man, who witnesses such matters every day, remain heedless and make himself captive to the will of self? A hundred thousand regrets and remorse for those souls who do not gaze with the eye of insight and who remain joyful and occupied with the diverse colors of the world. No other news has occurred in Iran that would be worthy of mention. Since that honored one had requested details of the affairs of those regions, therefore these few words were submitted as an intrusion. During these few days, petitions and letters have arrived from most cities of Iran. Praise be to God, the friends are tranquil and safe. As for the news of these realms which you had requested—inwardly they are in disarray while outwardly there is peace and security. However, due to lack of rain, all things are at the height of inflation. Verily He is the Extender, the Withholder, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Concerning the seekers of lands of whom you wrote that they have turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and are gazing toward the Dayspring of the Cause, blessed are they, then blessed are they! God willing, they shall at all times drink from the Kawthar of the recognition of the Beloved of the worlds and be occupied with His remembrance. Today there is no deed more excellent than for a soul to attain unto the recognition of the Dawning Place of God's verses. I beseech the True One to assist them in that which will cause their mention and name to endure in the divine Kingdom. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Mighty.

As to what you wrote concerning His Excellency Nawwab Safdar Ali Khan, mention was made of him in the Most Holy Court, and his letter which he had addressed to this servant was presented in its entirety before the Most Holy Court. A prayer was specifically revealed for him from the heaven of bounty and the Greater Branch—may my spirit and being be offered up for the dust of His footsteps—was commanded to write it. However, He wrote it in various scripts and it was sent. God willing, he will attain unto it and be enabled to read it. Likewise, a Tablet was specifically revealed and sent for His Excellency Nawwab Mahmud Ali Khan.

Concerning what you wrote about having a grand design in mind and seeking assistance—this was presented in the Most Holy Court. He said: "At the beginning of every matter, consider its end and reflect upon its fruit. In all circumstances, do not depart from wisdom. The assistance of God, exalted be His glory, has been and will, God willing, continue to be with you." He said that if you reflect yourself, you will declare "there is no power nor strength except through God," for you will witness the assistance of the

King of existence and the Ordainer of the seen and unseen. We beseech the True One to assist your honor in the remembrance and service of His Cause. He is verily the Protector of those who remember Him.

Concerning what you wrote about Siyyid Mustafa who is in your service—this evanescent one conveys his greetings to him and beseeches the True One to make him successful and assist him in recognizing the Dawning Place of His verses. Surely he will be educated in your service. God willing, may he drink from the breast of the world the milk of recognition and from the hidden spring the water of life. Success and grace are in God's hands; He bestows them upon whomsoever He willeth. He is verily the Bestower, the Generous.

As to what you wrote about your intention to go to China, and the conflict between its sovereignty and the English—this was presented before Him. He said: "Be thou assured that thou art of those who are secure." He said that your honor should strive, with the aid of the Lord of Final Return, that the seeds of recognition of the Beloved might find place and establish themselves in the soil of hearts. This is a deed whose mention will endure throughout the perpetuity of the earthly and heavenly kingdoms. Praise be to God that thou hast been successful in recognizing the Dawning Place of Revelation and His manifestation and in serving Him. Hold fast to this mighty station and say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Concerning what you mentioned about the departed Aqa Mirza Husayn—upon him be the Glory of God—although it caused grief, yet since he was in your service and engaged in the remembrance of God, he is in truth adorned with the ornament of forgiveness and honored with the favors of the Beloved of all creation. Blessed is he in that he believed in God and migrated for love of Him and soared in exile in His path.

Another submission is that all your letters have arrived, as well as certain items that were sent with the emigrants—upon them be all the Most Glorious Glory. From the Holy Land a chest has also been sent in your name, though it has not yet arrived. News of its arrival in Alexandria has come, and this is submitted for your information. We beseech God to assist your honor and this servant in that which will cause His Cause to be exalted in His lands. Verily, He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Another submission is that, as commanded, I had previously written something regarding your honored mother—upon her be the Glory of God—but you had not written a response. The command is that you should write a special letter to her and send something in her name, so that it may serve two purposes: both the Cause of God and the contentment of her heart. From the Most Holy Court an exalted and most mighty Tablet has been revealed and sent specially for her, and her letter will also arrive. She always inquires about your honor, and in truth, her satisfaction has been and is the cause of good in this world and the next, and of protection both outward and inward.

This evanescent one's submission is that to each of the holy souls who have drunk from the living waters of the Word and turned toward the realm of oneness, convey this servant's expression of sincere devotion. God willing, may all attain the fruits of the Divine Day and be illumined by the Sun of Truth. Glory be upon your honor and upon those who have turned to and believed in God, our Goal and your Goal and the Goal of all worlds. And praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds.

BH00391: Pure praise and glory befit the King of Eternity…

In the Name of the One God, the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing!

Pure praise and glory befit the King of Eternity and Lord of all the worlds, Who by a single effulgence from the lights of His Beauty caused the Friend to sit in the fire and sent the Sacrifice to the place of offering. The mind is bewildered at what manner of dawning this is—if it falls upon sovereignty, it transcends sovereignty; if it shines upon absolute poverty, it spurns the realm of wealth; and if it turns to complete riches, it forsakes its station and stands in service among the servants. I swear by the Ocean of Divine Knowledge that were He to reveal that which He has concealed, ye would behold all the world as the Friend and see the Sacrifice of this age. Yet these companions of the Friend would not consent to the transformation of the fire, and these companions of the Sacrifice would not turn back from the place of offering. This evanescent servant is bewildered as to what to say and what to submit—he is both bewildered and constrained. In such case he clings to the cord of "Lord, increase my bewilderment in Thee!"

Glory be to God! A single call both induces intoxication and bestows consciousness, brings both forgetfulness and confers knowledge of all things. Would that I were permitted to mention what I have seen and known. The Cause is in His hands alone. No one has any station, scope, power or strength except by His leave and grace.

My spirit be a sacrifice for your remembrance and for your steadfastness! In the days when the Mansion was the Greatest Outlook, one day at sunset His Honor the Name of God M.H. (upon him be all the glory of God, the Most Glorious) arrived and attained the Most Holy Court. Afterward he gave this servant a packet containing His Holiness's handwriting and a letter from His Honor Aqa Mirza Isma'il. That very night it so happened that this servant found the opportunity to present all of them before His countenance. When it reached its end, the Ancient Beauty arose from His seat, walked about and said:

> "O Afnan! Blessed are ye for having won the grace and knowledge of your Lord and for having turned unto Him, and blessed are they who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds. We have exalted your stations—soon shall ye behold them. To this beareth witness he who hath turned his face towards My countenance, recognized My Most Great Cause, and set his face towards My Straight Path. O Afnan! The mention of the greatness of the Cause hath been revealed in most of the Tablets. By the life of God! It is greater than every great thing. Were someone to reflect upon and discover the stations of the soul that today is assured of the Cause of God, he would become somewhat aware of the greatness of the Cause. Verily thy Lord openeth the gate of knowledge before whomsoever He willeth. He, verily, is the Ordainer, the All-Wise."

O Afnan! The grace of God hath ever been and shall continue to be vouchsafed unto you. Fix your gaze upon this utterance which hath shone forth from the Dayspring of Divine Revelation unto one of them that have turned towards Him. O Husayn! Hold fast unto this blessed word, which is even as a ship upon the ocean of the recognition of the Sovereign of all creation. Though this word be ancient, having been uttered by the Manifestations of the Cause aforetime, yet today it hath appeared adorned with a new

and wondrous embellishment, for the true Trump of God hath breathed a fresh spiritual life into the temple of its letters. And it is this: “Whoso is God’s, God is his.”

If thou sailest upon this ocean, thou shalt witness thyself endued with a fresh spirit and boundless certitude, and shalt soar on the wings of longing and yearning in the atmosphere of the love of the Day-Star of the horizons. With utmost joy and expansion, delight and gladness, thou shalt walk upon this straight path of justice. O Afnan! Ye have turned unto the Truth, that is, through His grace ye have attained unto this station, and the Truth, with perfect bounty, hath turned unto you. Think not that the fruits of this bounty shall remain hidden. Nay, by My life! God shall soon make them manifest in the earth. He, verily, is your Guardian and Helper. He is, in truth, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

These are the days of manifestation and boundless grace. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Bestower, the Generous One. Under all conditions, keep your gaze fixed upon wisdom and place your trust in God. In His hand lieth the preservation of all things. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. The glory be upon you, and upon them that love you, and upon them that have turned unto you, and have heard your call and made mention of you. They are among those who have attained unto the grace of their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And concerning what you wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Isma’il, his letter was presented in full. They stated that in some of what he mentioned he speaks truth and that kindness and consideration should be shown to him. A Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was also specifically revealed for him from the heaven of grace and has been sent—consider it and forward it. Verily our Lord, the Commander, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. However, the aforementioned Mirza has become very distressed. Although he is in the right—for it was a great matter since its relation was unto God—yet were he to immerse himself somewhat in the ocean of awareness, he would witness that it was and will be the most excellent, most mighty, most straight, most perfect and most exalted of all affairs in the world.

When this evanescent servant was in Iraq, the two radiant and martyred Luminaries set out toward Zawra with the intention of visiting the Divine Ka’bah. On their return from the Land of Taff, they attained the Most Holy Court and after hearkening to the Divine Call they truly underwent transformation. The manifestation of favor shown to them, though they were not known among the people, was witnessed to such a degree that some were struck with wonderment and amazement. Then by Divine command they returned to their land, and the Hand of Power exalted them and adorned them with the ornament of glory, and from the clouds of generosity rained bounty upon them until throughout the regions of the world they became known and mentioned by the name of the Lord of Eternity, and in truth they established their station in hearts, as you have witnessed and continue to witness.

After arriving in the Land of Sad, two petitions from them reached the Most Holy Court, and likewise in other petitions they beseeched and implored with utmost humility and supplication. What bounty could be greater than this station they attained to—that praise be to God, in this earthly realm they were manifest in the name of Truth, and even the ungodly were seen to be humble in their presence, and in their final days they attained to a station that cannot be confined by this servant’s pen nor encompassed by this evanescent one’s utterance. From the Tablets that have been revealed from the heaven of the Will of the Lord of all beings regarding this supreme calamity, it becomes known and evident—O beloved

of my heart—a hundred thousand blessings upon them and a hundred thousand regrets for this servant! It is as though at every moment the tongues of the world cry out "Would that I had been with them!"

Consider this matter: the Lord of the world was martyred in the manner that has reached the blessed ears, and they were counted among His servants, yet their martyrdom is seen to have a greater effect, more complete influence, and more intense burning. Exalted is He Who raised them up, exalted is He Who honored them, and exalted is He Who caused them to attain to this station for which the holy ones have sacrificed their souls to reach it. I swear by the Beloved of the world that the regret for this matter will never leave this servant's heart. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid me to do what He loves and is pleased with. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Concerning that which you referred matters to God and entrusted them to Him, regarding this He said:

> "Excellent is what they have done. Verily their Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He reveals whatsoever He willeth through His sovereignty. He, verily, is the One Whom nothing can frustrate, Whom no hosts can prevent, Whom no might of the mighty can weaken, nor the ascendancy of any powerful one overcome. He, verily, is the Ruler over whatsoever He pleaseth and the Doer of whatsoever He willeth."

In this Most Great Revelation that which hath been witnessed leaveth no room for doubt or uncertainty for any soul, save those who arise in tyranny and speak with sheer and absolute oppression. Whatsoever was revealed in the divine Tablets concerning future events was explicitly stated, without any allusion. Should one examine the Tablet of Fu'ad, the Tablet to Ra'is, the Tablet of Paris, and other Tablets revealed during the tribulations of imprisonment and the opening of its gates, one would be astounded and bewildered. Every letter thereof hath been fulfilled. After the revelation of each of these Tablets, certain assured hearts wondered how these events would come to pass. This servant would submit: "You shall soon see."

One day this servant asked whether, if Ra'is should repent, he might be invested with the robe of forgiveness. Thereupon the Ancient Beauty turned to me and said: "By God, besides Whom there is none other God! All that the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Tablet shall come to pass." Then in Persian He said: "Were all who are in heaven and earth to gather together, desiring to change but one word of the Tablet of Ra'is, they would be powerless and would never succeed." Should anyone have seen that blessed Tablet and become aware of what befell Ra'is, his followers, and his domains, he would cry out between earth and heaven in the name of God, our Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious. In truth the people are asleep, and in this state shall they remain until they observe themselves in the depths, that is to say, in their true stations.

He likewise said:

> "Write to the Afnan: O My Afnan! Be not saddened by the events of the world. He bestoweth from the clouds of bounty and heaven of generosity whatsoever is meet. If some have suffered harm or injury in this supreme calamity, it mattereth not. He, verily, is the Bestower, the Generous One. He giveth as He hath given, and if there hath been delay in some cases, it hath

been due to consummate wisdom. Verily, He knoweth what appeareth, and in His grasp are the reins of all affairs. He, verily, is the Bestower, the All-Forgiving."

Concerning what you had written to the honored Afnan, Aqa Siyyid Ahmad, upon him be all the most glorious and resplendent glory, that they should give what is due to the survivors of the martyred and wronged one, upon him be God's light and mercy—this matter surpasseth all deeds and standeth foremost in the sight of God, exalted be His glory. However, this matter must be carried out after becoming informed of their affairs and gaining full knowledge thereof. For if something should be done in secret and Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Isma'il should become aware of it, it would surely cause his despair and perhaps create ill-feeling between him and the survivors. Your concern for them is most beloved in the sight of God. The Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered this blessed word:

"Blessed is he who seeketh after their affairs and rectifieth that which is lacking."

Indeed, today this matter is of great magnitude. God willing, your honor and the Afnan have been and will continue to be watchful.

Concerning what you wrote about the claims, calculations and debts of the wronged martyr, it was presented before His presence. He commanded: Trusting in God, proceed according to commercial law. After paying the rights of the Afnan of the Divine Lote-Tree and the general public, the preservation and protection of the heirs' property is necessary, to the extent that it does not transgress wisdom and does not become a cause of sorrow and vexation. The owner of the property has departed from this world and all within it, and has returned to a station where all the world is incapable of mentioning even the least description of it. The affairs of those left behind are with God, exalted be His station. Verily He is the best Protector and the best Guardian. However, outwardly, holding fast to the means is from God and all are commanded to it. May you be assisted and confirmed in serving the Cause of God in all conditions.

In truth, that honorable one bore great hardships in the path of God, and likewise did the honored Afnan, Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Ahmad, upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory. Praise be to God that you have attained to this matchless and peerless station. This is the station of praise and thankfulness in all conditions. This evanescent servant begs his Lord to send down upon you from the heaven of His bounty mercy from His presence and grace from His own Self. Verily He is the Generous Giver, and praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds.

The servant. 9th of Shawwal 1296.

Another submission: Word has been received that the goods sent have arrived in Alexandria, and the funds that Jinab-i-Mulla Raj and Jinab [S R] and likewise your honor had sent have reached this evanescent servant through Jinab-i-Ism, upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory. And if separate receipts are needed for each one's name, they will be sent.

BH01226: In the name of Him Who is the Most…

In the name of Him Who is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most High, the Most Glorious

Praise be to God, through Whose Name the thread of Destiny moved, whereupon the lovers hastened to the place of sacrifice, and the sincere to the court of extinction, and the seekers of unity declared:

> "We must hasten toward these with our children and with all we possess."

Exalted is He Who attracted them through His verses, acquainted them with His realms, and gave them to drink that which caused decayed bones to stir. Verily, there is no God but He, the Almighty, the Ancient of Days.

My life be a sacrifice for the remembrance of you, O Beloved of my heart! The servant hath been honoured by that which he hath tasted of the effusions of thy ink—ink which flowed from thy pen, whose shrill voice sound was lifted up in commemoration of God, our Beloved and your Beloved and the Beloved of all that are in the worlds. And though, in those selfsame days wherein the Temple of Justice was afflicted—by reason of what the hands of them that have disbelieved in God have wrought—beneath the talons of oppression, sorrows overtook me and held me back from utterance and declaration, yet, through the settling of the All-Merciful upon the Throne and His shining forth from the horizon of the Countenance, the sea of joy is made to surge, the cock of gladness to crow, and the dove of exultation to coo betwixt earth and heaven. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to adorn His chosen ones with the ornament of patience and steadfast endurance, and to make known unto them that which is hidden behind the veils. Verily He is the Mighty, the Unconstrained.

After I had perused that which was in His blessed handwriting, I set my face towards the Most Exalted Goal, and it was submitted in the Most Holy and Most Glorious Presence. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered in reply:

"O Afnan! That which hath befallen the True One hath befallen His own Self. Observe how despite such tyranny that hath encompassed the world, they count themselves among the people of truth. I swear by the ocean of God's mercy that were anyone to observe with true vision the deeds of the idolaters and truly comprehend them, he would become aware of the transience of the world and its worthlessness, reaching a station wherein he would see himself sanctified and purified from the world's defilements and its veils. God is Most Great! They do not reflect what caused the martyrdom of the Prophets and saints of old. Though the Messenger raised with his soul the melody 'The righteous are God's, and the wicked are mine,' they martyred His sons without any guilt.

It is not known whether the properties were infidel or their owner. If by the assumption of those idolatrous souls the owner was an infidel, for what reason did they plunder the properties? All things bear witness to their falsehood, their hypocrisy, their infidelity, and their idolatry. Fie upon them and upon their leader whom they have taken as a protector for themselves instead of God. Strange it is that the root of oppression and the tree of tyranny, which was the cause and reason for this great injustice, did not become aware even after being seized. These souls will not become conscious until they find themselves in the lowest fires. Soon shall they find themselves in grievous torment.

> "With utmost joy and fragrance, be occupied with the mention of the Beloved of the worlds. The Afnan will not forget his own. He hath bestowed His mercy and grace upon all. If its manifestation hath not appeared in some, God will soon manifest it through His grace. Be thou

assured and be of those who are steadfast. Occupy thyself with some occupation, placing thy trust in God, the All-Wise, for all are commanded to engage in some occupation. Verily, He is the Ordainer, the All-Knowing."

Another matter is that the petition of the Most Exalted Leaf, Her Holiness the Sacred Spouse—may all the glory and praise of God rest upon her—reached the Most Holy Court and a reply was sent; deliver it to her.

Glory be to God! The heedlessness of the people of the world has reached such a degree that they have not been awakened by the great cry and supreme calamities beyond which none can be conceived. Consider the chief and what befell him. Nearly five hundred thousand souls have perished, and from beneath every tree in the vicinity of the Land of Mystery arose the wailing and lamentation of widows and others. Blood was shed to such an extent that most lands were observed to be stained crimson. That which was revealed by the Supreme Pen in the Tablet to the Chief has come to pass. Nevertheless, no one became aware of whence this occurred or why it occurred, although after the revelation of the blessed Tablet some people in those kingdoms heard these verses. Yet they are still observed to be in heedlessness and pride. All things are bewildered by their intoxication, heedlessness and slumber. By God! They are in a remarkable sleep.

This evanescent servant beseeches and hopes that God will aid that dignified one to render such service that its mention may shine and gleam like a brilliant star from the horizon of the divine Tablet in such wise that no setting shall overtake it. Glory be upon you and upon those who love you and turn towards you and drink the choice wine of meeting you, and praise be to God, our Beloved and your Beloved and the Beloved of all the worlds.

The servant, on the 9th of Shawwal 1296

BH02507: Praise be to God Who has manifested Himself through…

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

Praise be to God Who has manifested Himself through a light from the lights of the Sun of Inner Meanings, which has dawned and shone forth from the horizon of utterance upon the people of creation. Thereupon the sincere ones hastened, the near ones were attracted, and the believers took flight. Exalted is He Who has revealed that which cannot be described by utterance nor mentioned by the pen of contingent existence. And praise be to God Who has passed round the cup of utterance with the fingers of His Name, the Most Merciful, and called all who dwell in the realms of being—among them were those who turned away, those who denied, and those who hastened forward, took and drank, saying "Praise be to Thee, O Thou Goal of the mystic knowers!"

The servant received your letters time and again. By the life of God, the fire of your love has attracted me and the wine of your affection has intoxicated me through what I have drunk from the cups of your words, which spoke of naught but your turning to the sought-for Goal and your orientation toward the Object of Worship. Blessed are you, in that remembrance and praise have been raised from you in the days of your Lord, the King of Names, at Whose coming all on earth and in heaven were thunderstruck,

save whom God willed, the Sovereign of all things. Then, joy be unto you, in that I have detected the fragrance of the garment and attained the choice wine of holiness, whose seal was broken by the finger of our Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful.

When I understood what was in your letter, I sought the Desired One and presented what was therein before the One, the Single. He spoke—and His utterance is most sweet—saying that you should wait until God comes to you with His utterance. After some months had passed, there was sent down from the Kingdom of Command that which attracted the dwellers of Paradise and by which the fragrance of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy was diffused. The servant has sent it to you that you might thank our Lord, the Bestowing, the Generous.

On the back of the petition that was presented to the Most Holy Court, mention was made of his honor Aqa Siyyid ʿAbdu'l-Hadi, upon him be the Glory of God. A few days ago a Tablet was specifically revealed for him from the heaven of grace and was sent. God willing, he will attain to it. Similarly, mention was made of his honor Aqa Mirza Muhammad. A Tablet was specifically revealed for him from the Dayspring of Revelation and was sent along with your Tablet. God willing, you will attain to it.

Convey greetings from this evanescent servant to all the friends of God. I beseech God to grant them that which will solace their eyes, bring peace to their hearts, and make firm their feet in such wise that the clamor of every oppressor and the croaking of every lying pretender will not cause them to slip. The Glory be upon you and upon all who have believed in God, our Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

28 Ramadan 1296

BH00145: Praise be to God Who is single in majesty…

Section 1: "Praise be to God Who is single…"

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

Praise be to God Who is single in majesty and unique in grandeur. He hath uttered the Word whereby the heavens of hearts and minds were raised up. Then He spoke another word, whereupon a light shone forth, and when the winds of will caught hold of it, it scattered and formed a dome across the face of heaven, and by each fragment thereof was illumined the heart of every one who turned towards Him and the breast of every one who set his face towards Him. Verily, He it is Who doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty and ordaineth what He pleaseth through His power. The conditions of the world cannot frustrate Him, nor can the intimations of the nations, nor can the might of those who have turned away from God, the Lord of the worlds, strike fear into Him.

Praise be to God Who hath raised up the heaven of the Tablet and adorned it with the suns of words and the stars of letters, in each one of which surgeth an ocean of wisdom and inner meanings. Exalted be the Eternal Sovereign Who hath established Himself upon the Throne with a power that the might of the world hath failed to weaken and the doings of those who have risen up in opposition and manifested such hypocrisy as hath never appeared on the horizons cannot frustrate. To this testifieth the Tongue that

speaketh on this Day of the Covenant. Verily, He is the Single, the One, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Praise be to God Who hath manifested from the horizon of heaven that which drew unto Him all who dwell in the kingdom of creation. Thereupon all things were stirred, every face was turned, every eye was fixed, every heart was drawn, and every foot hastened. Then He desired to test them, and thereby there rose from the horizon of destiny the sun of tribulation, whereat souls were troubled and pillars were shaken. Among the people were those who turned away after having advanced, those who feared after having been assured, those who retreated after having drawn nigh, those who became distant after having been near, those who paused after having proceeded, and those who weakened after having been strong, that thereby might be distinguished those who sought Him, detached from all directions.

These are they whom neither the circumstances of destiny nor the manifestations of tribulation could hold back. They spoke with both outer and inner tongue, saying:

> "In Thy name, O Beloved of the world and Desire of the nations!"

They hastened unto Him, nay rather, they soared on wings of certitude to the horizon of His grace and drank the choice wine of utterance from the hand of His bounty. These are servants who discovered the sweetness of remembrance and were seized by the intoxication of the Kawthar of knowledge which the fingers of their Lord, the All-Merciful, proffered unto them. Blessed are they, then blessed are they! Exalted is He Who hath appeared with this mighty grace and profound generosity.

I bear witness that there is no God but Him. He hath ever been in His loftiness and exaltation, sanctified above the description of His creatures and the mention of His servants. Hearts and minds cannot comprehend Him, and with Him is the knowledge of all things in a perspicuous Book.

And further: O thou who hast drunk from the cup of utterance! The servant hath received what thou didst send by the hand of one of the loved ones. I read it and found therein the fragrance of your love for God, our Lord and your Lord, and your turning unto God, our Quest and your Quest. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to ordain for you the good of this world and the next and to vouchsafe unto you that whereby your mention shall be exalted in His days. Verily, He is the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Omnipotent.

In Persian this is submitted so that the points may be made known and clear to each of the friends without veil or barrier, that perhaps through his honor's efforts those servants who are seen to be wavering and disturbed by the might of oppression and tyranny may be adorned with the light of certitude and the ornament of assurance. This servant is deeply thoughtful, for he observes that at every moment the world testifies in its own tongue to its transience, yet for the sake of these fleeting two days all are deprived of the eternal Kingdom, save those souls who have drunk the wine of certitude from the hand of bounty. These are the nigh-brought servants, and these are they on whom shall come no fear, neither shall they grieve. We beseech God to grant all attentive ears that they may attain to the hearing of divine words. He is the true Bestower and the real Munificent One. Thus in certain Tablets this word hath been sent down from the heaven of divine Will—exalted be His utterance:

> "Should anyone attain unto hearing the call of his Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious, in the Kingdom of Creation, verily he would not remain in his place but would arise with wisdom and utterance to make mention of his Lord, the Mighty, the Praised."

And likewise in other Tablets He saith, the meaning of which in Persian is this: Were the people of earth to attain to hearing the divine call, all would turn to the supreme horizon and drink of the most glorious wine. I swear by the ocean of divine knowledge that if they were to perceive with the true ear even one note from the melodies of the birds of the Throne, they would sacrifice their lives in the path of the Friend and would not return alive from the place of sacrifice, even as those who drank of the Kawthar of inner meanings did not return, and whatsoever they possessed of wealth and life and kindred they gave in the path of that Sun of Truth—how excellent is the reward of the doers!

Should a soul drink but a drop from the ocean of love, or attain unto a dewdrop from the sea of detachment, he would behold all the world as like unto a handful of dust, and whatsoever is in the heavens and earth would not hold him back from the path of the Friend.

Some time ago a Tablet was revealed from the heaven of divine Will, and in that most holy, most exalted Tablet this passage was recorded by the Supreme Pen:

One effulgence from the Sun of detachment fell upon the kings; they passed beyond self and other and laid their heads in the wilderness. Among them was Nu'man, upon whom shone [one night] the Sun of the Word rising from the dayspring of detachment. He became thoughtful and bewildered, and when he emerged from the stupor of wonderment, he addressed himself to himself, saying: 'What use are all these treasures and ornaments thou hast gathered, which tomorrow another shall possess, and another shall sit upon thy throne?' In an instant the wine of detachment so attracted him that it brought him to a station where he passed beyond treasuries and riches, crown and throne, and all the means of pomp and sovereignty, and that very night he left his house and turned toward the wilderness. When morning came and the nobles were present, they found the throne of kingship without its king. However much they searched, they found no trace of him.

And if today this station were to be manifested to all who dwell on earth, from the highest to the lowest, thou wouldst behold them all detached from all save God, for verily they would become witness to the transience and nothingness of the world, and would observe with the eye of insight that all people testify to the ephemeral nature of the world. However, this testimony hath no reality and hath not attained the station of being a true attribute, for if they were to truly comprehend and observe with the true eye, they would never deprive themselves of God's infinite bounties on account of it. Most instances of seeing, speaking, hearing, and knowing are incidental, not real. Every person of insight beareth witness to these words, and every person of knowledge hath testified and continueth to testify to their truth. We beseech God to aid all people to hearken unto His blessed Word, that all may be purified from the turbidity of the world and its heedlessness, and may turn with heart and soul to the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness. Verily, He is the Bestower, the Answerer, the All-Bountiful.

O brother! The fire of God is ablaze and the light of God is dawning from the horizon of bounty. The ocean of grace is surging and the Sovereign of the unseen and seen is established upon the throne of

manifestation. Yet all are heedless, bereft, extinguished and far removed. Nothing has prevented these souls except the evil deeds they have committed and perpetrated in the past. If one were to gaze upon the verses, they have filled the East and West of the earth—none has any excuse to turn away or object. And if one were to look upon the clear proofs and miracles, all things testify that there hath appeared through Him that which hath never appeared in creation.

Beyond this, whatsoever hath appeared and will appear had been sent down and revealed from the Supreme Pen years before. This servant knoweth not whether your honor hath been blessed to witness the verses revealed in the Land of Mystery, Iraq, and the Most Great Prison or not. The blessed Surih of Ra'is was revealed at the time of departure from Adrianople—most of the companions witnessed and can testify to this, and that blessed Tablet is in the possession of many. Take it and observe how all that transpired in the Ottoman realm was explicitly recorded therein, detail by detail. Likewise in the Tablet of Paris, wherein mention of the sovereign of that land and what would befall him was revealed in detail from the Supreme Pen.

Beyond these, whatsoever man may contemplate or imagine, even greater and more perfect examples thereof have appeared on earth. Nevertheless, the people, like unto spiders, weave webs of vain imaginings. They have turned away from the Truth and clung to falsehood without any clear proof or evidence. They have denied the Divine Testimony, before which all atoms bow down in humility, and have turned away from His proof, clinging instead to the sources of conjecture and fancy who are but the ignorant divines of the age. Fie upon them and upon those who follow them without any clear proof from God, the Exalted, the Great. In the Furqan, God—glorified and exalted be He—sayeth: "On the day when thy Lord cometh, or some of the signs of thy Lord," and likewise: "The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the Worlds." Many such verses exist in the Furqan, which distinguisheth truth from falsehood, and in previous Books as well.

This evanescent servant hath repeatedly written and sent these verses in submissions to friends both past and present, therefore this letter shall suffice with brevity. We beseech God to sanctify the eyes of hearts and minds from the ophthalmia of vain imaginings, that they may be blessed to witness the effulgences of His Countenance after the passing away of all things.

One word sufficeth the seeker—the fragrance of truth can be distinguished from it. The scent of the rose and aught else is clear and evident—any discerning one can tell them apart, provided the sense of smell hath not been altered by incidental conditions. But if, God forbid, the sense of smell be impaired, no distinction can be made. These are days when the sprinkling drops of the ocean of utterance have refreshed and quickened all created things, yet most of mankind, who regard themselves as the noblest of creatures, remain remote therefrom and are unaware. This is why it hath been said that if man manifests true humanity, he is superior to the angels; but if he falls short thereof, he becomes lower than the beasts. It is hoped that thou wilt shine forth like unto a brilliant lamp and become the cause of awakening heedless souls.

Regarding what thou didst write about a Tablet revealed to one of the servants wherein this blessed verse from the Furqan was mentioned—His exalted Word: "And they thought as ye think, that God would not raise up any one thereafter" [cf. Q72:7]—and that in the verse the word "thereafter" (min ba'd) doth not

appear, and that a learned person out of necessity asked several people that if the word “thereafter” had been in the Qur’an the proof for this Most Great Manifestation would have been complete, but since the word “thereafter” is not there, how can it be proven?

O brother, I shall make one statement: if there be the slightest attention paid, it will suffice—the horizon of doubt will be transformed to certainty and the Sun of the Cause will shine forth in such wise that no trace of darkness will remain in existence. That statement is this: every seeker, every aspirant, every worker must first purify his heart from the suppositions and imaginings of people and, relying upon Him, arise to know the Truth, exalted be His glory, so that according to his capacity he may recognize and comprehend the Truth through Its attributes, signs, tokens, proofs and evidences. For that Ancient Ocean, that Sun of Truth, that Heaven of Bounty cannot be known in Its essence and reality—the Prophets have confessed their powerlessness, the sincere ones their perplexity, and those near unto God their remoteness. This station needeth no mention or explanation, for it is accepted by all and all people acknowledge and confess it.

And since the birds of understanding and knowledge are incapable of soaring to that most exalted and supreme station, it hath been commanded to look unto the signs, that perchance each one according to his station and capacity may comprehend the true Creator. And whosoever attaineth unto this station and drinketh a drop from the ocean of knowledge—that is, attaineth unto the recognition of God and knoweth Him—in this case whatsoever He commandeth is acceptable, His decree is binding, and His bidding is effective.

Section 2: “Consider this blessed word which declareth “He doeth…”

Consider this blessed word which declareth “He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.” Those who acknowledge this blessed word are reckoned among the people of truth, and they are souls who have drunk of the wine of inner meanings and attained unto the luminous wine at the divine dawn. They are those who have not and will never say “how” and “why” regarding the Cause of God.

But concerning the aforementioned verse: firstly, no one knoweth what was in the Book of God aforetime; and secondly, if the first Speaker addeth to or diminisheth from His own words or verses, He hath been and is free to do so, for He is the One Who speaketh in the [Sinaitic] Tree, He is the One Who speaketh in the Furqan, He is the One Who speaketh in the Bayan, and He is the One Who speaketh in all Books, Scriptures and Psalms from the beginning that hath no beginning. Should anyone look into and ponder upon the Book of Certitude, which was revealed at the time of the appearance of the Luminary of the horizons from the horizon of Iraq, he will find himself independent of all. By the Sun of Truth, in that blessed Book are treasured the pearls of divine knowledge and concealed the oceans of recognition. Blessed is the state of him who with complete detachment turned unto it and attained thereunto.

And the purpose of mentioning this blessed verse was that the people of this age might know and become aware that in past ages and bygone centuries, the people of those centuries also spoke according to the meaning of this verse, saying that no other Prophet would come and none would be raised up with a Message. And this meaning is conveyed whether or not the word “thereafter” appears in the outward text, for the meaning of the blessed verse becomes this: they supposed, just as you have supposed, that

God would raise up no one. And the word “thereafter” was implicit in the verse, just as in another place He explicitly states—exalted be His utterance: “Joseph came to you aforetime with clear signs, yet ye ceased not to doubt of the message with which He came to you, until, when He died, ye said ‘God will by no means raise up a Messenger after Him.’ Thus doth God mislead him who is a transgressor, a doubter.”

Observe that the meaning of that verse is exactly present in this verse—“thereafter” being implicit there and explicit here. And the purpose of mentioning “thereafter” in this verse was that those who turn away and object to the Cause of God might understand that in former times too, in every age when the Sun of Truth dawned from the Dayspring of manifestation, the servants of that age turned away and said that after their Prophet and their Book, none would be raised up.

In brief, the mention of the word “thereafter” was for clarity of meaning, and in some blessed verses of the Furqan and previous Books, mention of what is implicit becomes necessary so that hearers might grasp the intent of the Speaker and comprehend the meaning of divine verses.

For example, He says—exalted be His utterance: “We created you, then fashioned you, then said unto the angels: Prostrate yourselves.”’ And it is established that the command to the angels to prostrate themselves came before creation. Therefore, when the divines wished to find a way to explain the meaning of the verse for the understanding and comprehension of the people, they said that the word “father” is implicit, so that the blessed verse becomes thus: “We created your father, then fashioned your father, then said unto the angels: Prostrate yourselves”’—meaning that We created and fashioned your father Adam, then commanded the angels to prostrate themselves before him.

Were this servant to wish to mention examples of this from the glorious Word, he would have to compose a treatise and trouble your honor with reading it. Now your honor should mention to that learned person—that is, the one who said that if the word “thereafter” had been in the blessed verse, the proof would have applied to this most great Manifestation—to observe the second verse wherein the word “thereafter” is visible, manifest and evident.

O brother, what was submitted was out of love for your honor; otherwise, those souls who are confirmed today, or who are in truth seeking the straight path, must know the Truth through the Truth and hold fast to His firm cord, for if they hold to aught else, they shall never attain to the ocean of knowledge nor be illumined by the rays of the Sun of Truth that shineth from the horizon of the prison.

Ask all people what they say concerning the blessed verse which states “He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth.” Whatsoever God ordaineth is the Book, and all must turn unto Him. His is the tongue, His is the utterance, His is the Book. Whatsoever He ordaineth is truth, whatsoever He mentioneth is truth, whatsoever proceedeth from Him is truth. Should anyone hesitate or raise objections, he hath indeed strayed from the straight path of God. God willing, that learned one whom ye mentioned should observe with the eye of fairness that which hath been submitted, that perchance he may inhale the fragrance from the gardens of true knowledge and return to the holy city of “We belong unto God.”

In one of the blessed Tablets this exalted word was revealed: “This is not the day for questions. It behoveth every soul, when he heareth the Call, to say: ‘Here am I, here am I, O Creator of the heavens

and God of Names! I testify that Thou hast manifested the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and the Dawning-Place of Thy signs, and that which none knoweth save Thee. I beseech Thee not to abandon me to myself and my desires. O my Lord! All things testify to Thy wealth and to my poverty, and verily Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful."'

This evanescent servant beseecheth God that He may aid all His servants in that which pleaseth Him. Verily He is the Bestower, the Answerer, the All-Bountiful. The honored Aqa Siyyid 333 [Ali-Akbar], upon him be the Glory of God, hath oft mentioned you to this servant. I hope that, God willing, you will be assisted to serve the Cause, that there may appear through you that which shall endure in the divine Kingdom. This servant was greatly pleased by the mention of the honored Siyyid, and I beseech God to increase his success at all times. Verily He is the Protector of those who do good.

Regarding what you wrote about Mulla Ja'far Naraqi, who prior to the Manifestation considered himself among the Letters of the Living of the Bayan, and who declared that everyone who followed the Bayan must meticulously calculate all their possessions and pay its Huquq, even on their clothing and attire, and some people at that time who accepted his word paid whatever amounts they could—whether the Ancient Beauty would accept what was given as Huququ'llah, or whether it must be recalculated and paid according to this Dispensation: When this matter was presented before the Most Holy Court, He stated that Mulla Ja'far had no permission from anyone and spoke and ruled according to his own desires. However, since those souls who paid did so for the sake of God and His Cause, they are therefore pardoned and it is not permissible to request payment from them again.

And this Huquq that has been mentioned, whose ordinance has shone forth from the horizon of the divine Tablet—its benefit returns to the servants themselves. By the life of God! If they were to become aware of what is hidden and cognizant of the ocean of grace concealed within this ordinance, all people would spend whatever they possess in His path. Blessed is he who attains unto what God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, hath commanded.

O brother! From that very ruling of Mulla Ja'far it becomes evident that he had not inhaled a breath from the gardens of detachment. His example is like those who busy themselves with washing the dead while intent on plundering their clothes. The Command of God hath been revealed with joy and fragrance. Blessed is he who hath attained unto it, and woe unto the heedless! The Kitab-i-Aqdas, which was sent down from the holy heaven in previous years, remained concealed for a time and He did not command that it be sent to other lands. He stated that the ordinance of Huququ'llah was revealed in that Book, and this was due to God's mercy and kindness, for after the servants became aware of what the All-Merciful had revealed therein, compliance with it would become obligatory upon all.

Perhaps they might be reluctant to fulfill it, or something might occur to their hearts unbefitting these divine days. Later, petitions arrived at the Most Holy Court from most regions requesting the laws, and this servant sent them according to His command. However, He commanded that no one should request the Huquq. It is prescribed in the Book of God for each soul to pay it of their own accord with the utmost joy and delight. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist all to do what He loves and is pleased with.

Regarding what you wrote about the poor, whether the Huqúqu'llah can be given to them or not: this matter depends on permission. Wherever Huqúqu'llah is collected, the details of it and of the poor must be presented. Verily, He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. For if general permission were given, it would not be free of differences and would cause difficulties.

Regarding what you wrote about Haji Mirza Ahmad: until now no petition of intercession has arrived at the Most Holy Court from Jinab-i-Dhabih, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God. Yes, many of his petitions have arrived, but mention of intercession was not made in them, and this servant has no knowledge beyond this.

That which was sent as the Huqúqu'llah to the land of Sad has been received. Regarding your desire to journey to the Most Holy Court, this was presented and He said that in all matters one must observe wisdom, for this firm commandment has been sent down from the heaven of divine ordinances. In this year wisdom does not permit it, and thereafter the matter is in His hands. This servant is grateful to the true Object of Worship for having aided you to recognize Him and serve His Cause. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Giver, the Generous. The glory from God, the Lord of the worlds, be upon you and your family.

It is requested that you convey greetings on behalf of this ephemeral one to the friends in that land and remind them not to be saddened by the oppression of the tyrants of the earth. Praise be to God, you have attained to that which cannot be equaled by anything visible or hidden on earth. Know the value of your station and do not let it slip from your grasp. Soon will the oppressive souls return to dust with a hundred thousand regrets and remorse, and from there descend to their destined place. Hold fast to wisdom and occupy yourselves with the remembrance of God. Death is ordained and inscribed for every soul, and when its time comes there shall be no delay. This occurs but once, and surely if it comes in the name of the Friend, in remembrance of the Friend, and in the path of the Friend, it will be most excellent, most perfect, most wondrous, most glorious, and most sweet. One who has drunk of this cup will fully comprehend the submission of this servant and will find its taste sweet to his soul.

The purpose of these passages is that they should act with wisdom, but not to such an extent that the Cause of God becomes entirely hidden among them and the fire of God is completely extinguished. They should be like the radiant morn and like the bright day, striving to manifest themselves among people through goodly deeds and spiritual qualities, for virtuous deeds have been and will continue to be the cause of the exaltation of God's Cause, and likewise the cause of awakening the servants. Glory and praise be upon the loved ones of God who have attained the wine of steadfastness among the people, who have believed and turned to God, the Peerless, the All-Informed.

Glorified art Thou, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, O Thou Who dost attract all creation through Thy sweetest call! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the Concourse on High was attracted and the hearts of the inhabitants of the cities of eternity took flight, to send down from the heaven of Thy loving-kindness that which will gladden the hearts of Thy loved ones who answered when they heard Thy call, who turned to Thee when Thou made known to them Thy path, and who advanced when Thou guided them to Thy way and the horizon of Thy manifestation. O Lord! They are servants who have believed in Thee and in Thy signs, and have borne hardships in Thy path.

Thou seest them, O Beloved of all creation, beneath the claws of the rebellious ones who have cast away Thy signs, disbelieved in Thy clear tokens, and turned away from Thy proof and Thy testimony. O Lord! The oppression of the tyrants has seized them in such wise that they are disturbed in Thy days, and tribulations have encompassed them from all directions after their having held fast to the cord of Thy loving-kindness. O Lord! Give them to drink from the Kawthar of Thy bounty, of which whoso partaketh shall neither be disturbed nor frightened by those in the land. Verily Thou art the Master of the servants and the Judge on the Day of Return. There is no God but Thee, the Triumphant, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Omnipotent.

The servant, 2 Shawwal 1296

BH00901: By God! Whenever this evanescent servant desires to praise…

In the name of God, transcendent is His glory, His grandeur and power!

By God! Whenever this evanescent servant desires to praise his Lord, he perceives and witnesses that the very essence of praise testifies to its remoteness from the court of His nearness, and the reality of glorification confesses its inability to reach the ocean of His remembrance. Therefore, I find myself immersed in the sea of wonderment, and my being encompassed by the atmosphere of perplexity—as though in a bewilderment that ends only in bewilderment and manifests from the beginning only as bewilderment. Despite my acknowledgment of what I have mentioned and my confession of what I have written, how can I venture forth in the arena of praise and glorification wherein the steed of utterance is powerless to gallop? Exalted is our Lord, the Most Merciful, Who has made us aware of our impotence, poverty, and lowliness. He, verily, is the Expositor Who has expounded His Cause to His servants, shown them His path, and made known to them His straight way.

The glory of God, the Lord of Names, Who speaks between earth and heaven, be upon those who remember Him morning and evening, who hold fast to the cord of His grace and cling to the hem of His justice. These are servants who move not except by His command, incline not save by His will, and choose naught but what God has chosen for them through His bounty. Verily, He is the Munificent, the Generous.

I praise Him with the tongue of His chosen ones, His loved ones, and the elite of His creation, and I beseech Him to forgive my countless transgressions, which can be enumerated neither by my pen nor by the pens of any other servants. To this my limbs and members bear witness. Verily, He is the All-Hearing, the All-Witnessing, the All-Knowing.

The heart has perceived the fragrance that has wafted from the garment of your mention, O our Beloved and your Beloved, our Goal and your Goal, and the Goal of all the worlds. It is as though all my faculties were but a single hand to grasp your letter, and all my hairs but a single eye to behold what was inscribed therein by the pen of your love. This evanescent servant thanks his Eternal, Everlasting Lord that He has bestowed upon him at every moment that which rains down from the heaven of your heart in love for the Beloved of the worlds. My spirit be a sacrifice for your mention!

After the servant perused what was in your noble letter, I approached the Sacred Presence until I attained before His countenance and presented its contents. Then the Tongue of Grace spoke that which I am

powerless to recount. The Sun of Utterance shone forth from the horizon of the Mouth of Will in such wise that eyes were prevented from gazing thereon. At the conclusion, He spoke this most exalted Word:

> "We rejoice in his mention, his sincerity, his steadfastness, and his arising to serve the Cause of his Lord, the All-Wise."

End quote.

As for what you wrote concerning Musa, the Beloved said:

> "He acts according to whatever anyone commands him; he has no independent judgment. He is in a precarious position before one who would judge him. Perchance he will repent and return. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Oft-Forgiving."

End quote.

And I presented the mention of Badi'—upon him be 9 66 [the glory of God]—and what he desired in the path of the Beloved. This is what was spoken in reply: O Badi'! We have heard thy call and seen thee advancing toward the Supreme Horizon, and We have remembered thee with this remembrance which God has made as the Water of Life for every discerning seeker. Blessed art thou for having recognized the Path and turned toward it with evident certitude. Preserve this station through the name of thy Lord and say: O God of the worlds! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name to make me one of those who soar in the atmosphere of Thy love and are content with whatsoever Thou hast ordained for them through Thy fixed decree, lest my desires and my will hold me back from Thy will. O my Lord! I am that poor one who hastened to the gate of Thy bounty. Write down for me that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily Thou knowest what is within me and what profiteth me, while I know not what is in Thy knowledge. Thou art indeed the All-Seeing, the All-Informed.

Grieve not over separation, for God recordeth for whomsoever He willeth the reward of those who have drawn nigh unto Him and have attained His presence. Arise to serve thy Lord through the propagation of His Cause with the wisdom which God hath sent down in the Book. Beware lest ye exceed the bounds of wisdom. Hold fast unto it, placing your trust in the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. When ye find good soil and become acquainted with it and what lies therein, deposit therein the treasure of the knowledge of God, the Most High, the Most Great. Believe not everyone who cometh unto you claiming to love you and your Lord, neither trust ye everyone who professeth faithfulness and sincerity. Thus doth this Wronged One, this Exile, command you. Exercise caution in all circumstances; this shall profit you and those who hold fast unto it with firm resolve.

As for what ye wrote concerning Ibn-i-Asdaq, upon him be the Glory of God, and the assistance rendered to him and those with him by the friends—all this was presented before His Presence. He said—and His sweetest utterance is this:

> "Blessed are they who turn towards My loved ones and serve them out of love for My Beauty and longing for My grace and favor. He shall surely reward them with the most excellent of

rewards from His presence. He is the Protector of every worker who labors sincerely for the sake of his Lord, the Generous."

As for what they have mentioned concerning the croaker, that the servant hath heard with his own ears time and again—once in Iraq I heard that the Beloved declared: "The birds of night shall appear and the croaking of every croaker shall be raised in the cities and lands"; and once I heard the like of what I have mentioned in the Land of Mystery and in the Most Great Prison. And what they have mentioned—that the friends and those beneath them follow him—this can be mentioned by way of conjecture. Knowledge is with God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

As for what ye have mentioned regarding the intention of His Honor Nasir and His Honor Ibrahim—upon them be the glory of God—when it was presented before the Countenance, the Beloved said: "Nay, nay, nay" nineteen times, and paused for a quarter of an hour. Then He said: "We have commanded you to wisdom in all circumstances. What ye have intended, were it to appear from you or from others, would raise tumult in all lands and cause the banners of corruption to be unfurled in every country. By My life! In every land Mine enemies rise up against My loved ones." Thus doth He Who speaketh the truth inform you. Hold ye fast unto Him and be ye of the patient. Verily, God hath taken hold of the root of the oppression which hath committed what it hath committed, and will take hold of those who have allied themselves therewith. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Powerful.

It behooveth you to supplicate God that He may manifest that whereby His Cause shall be exalted among His servants. This behooveth you and all who have turned unto the One, the All-Informed. Blessed is every patient soul that hath shown patience in God, and every tranquil one that hath found tranquillity through His wondrous command. We have forbidden disputation and corruption. Every Tablet and every Book and every Scripture beareth witness thereto, as doth this luminous Remembrance.

Glory be upon thee and upon them both, and upon those who have turned toward that place, and upon those who have believed in all lands in God, your Lord, the Most High, the Forgiving, the Merciful. And praise be to God, the Lord of all the worlds. End.

Then remembrance and magnification, and glory be upon thy presence from this evanescent, lowly servant.

The servant, 2 Shavval 1296

BH03335: All the peoples of the world have been created…

In the Name of the Creator of the World!

All the peoples of the world have been created to know God, exalted be His glory and sovereignty, and all have been promised the Day of His Manifestation. Yet when the Sun of Knowledge rose from the horizon of revelation and the Sea of Utterance surged with its waves, all were found heedless and veiled from Him, save those souls who broke the chains of vain imaginings through the Name of God. These are they who drank from the pure fountain of certitude and, passing beyond the realm of words and suppositions, attained unto the ocean of inner meanings. Reflect upon former ages: whenever the Dawning-Places of

divine inspiration appeared on earth, the heedless souls arose in opposition and protest, and most were martyred by the swords of hatred and animosity. The curse of God be upon the wrongdoers! Those who denied, associated partners with God, remained heedless and acted unjustly have indeed lost, while those who were martyred in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds, have truly prospered.

We beseech God to assist that soul, that in this Day which is illumined by the lights of the Kingdom of knowledge, they may attain to that which the transcendent Truth has willed, and not be deprived of the dawning rays of divine grace. The evanescence of the world is evident to all and needs no mention. Therefore one must seek a station that is sanctified from suppositions and vain imaginings and exalted above all conditions and colors.

Say: O God of the worlds and Sovereign of the nations! I beseech Thee, by the eternity of Thy Being and the everlastingness of Thine Essence, to assist me to turn toward Thy most exalted horizon and Thy most resplendent station. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and speaking Thy praise. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy service and detached from all else but Thee. Then ordain for me, O my God, that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have attained unto the recognition of the Dawning-Place of Thy signs and the Manifestation of Thy clear tokens. Thou art, verily, the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

BH03912: Thy letter arrived and was perused in its entirety…

In the Name of Him Who is Almighty and Most Powerful

Thy letter arrived and was perused in its entirety. The people have perpetrated an injustice such as to cast the kingdoms of earth and heaven into despondency, while the Twin Lights have manifested a degree of meekness under tribulation such that the dwellers of the heavenly realm have bewailed and lamented them.

Consider thou the son of Zakariyya, who lost his head to please the courtesan of the era; and again the scion of the Prophet, who was slaughtered at the behest of the wastrel of the age: was it they who were martyred that lost, or was it those who wronged them?—in reply to which all things have cried out, exclaiming: “Yea, the latter are in perspicuous loss!”

Although this calamity is most grievous, and the greatest abasement hath been witnessed on its account, yet, by the righteousness of God, is it in reality the mightiest honour, which hath but outwardly assumed the form of an abasement. Do thou preserve this lofty and most exalted station, nor have regard for that which is today apparent.

God, verily, hath laid hold on wrongdoers in the past, and shall do so in the future; and He shall purge the earth of their like, and so raise up your station that all faces shall turn towards you, and all the tongues of the world shall recite your praise.

Hearken thou unto the Call of this Wronged One, and lay fast hold on all that He hath mentioned. He, verily, is the Faithful Counsellor. See that thou spare no effort in doing all thou canst to protect the

people's claims upon the King of Martyrs, forasmuch as this matter is acceptable and pleasing in the sight of God, and a cause of exaltation and advancement.

Do thou on behalf of this Wronged One make mention of all the relatives, and speak unto them words of consolation. He, verily, is the Comforter, the All-Knowing. God willing, thou wilt remain, as heretofore, beneath the glances of God's loving providence. Rest assured, and be thou of the thankful.

That which is incumbent upon thee is to ensure the contentment of the family of the Twin Martyrs—may the Glory of God rest upon them. Wert thou to ponder a while, thou wouldst know of a certainty that what hath befallen is, and ever shall be, an inestimable honour. Unto this testifieth He Who hath knowledge of the Book.

Praise be to God, the Lord of Lords.

BH04356: O My leaf and the leaf of My lote…

In the Name of the One, All-Seeing God

O My leaf and the leaf of My lote tree! The winds of malice have arisen, and from the Lote Tree of the Cause have fallen leaves for whom the Beloved (Muhammad) hath lamented, the Friend (Abraham) hath cried out, and Gabriel hath announced:

> "The torment hath been made ready for you, O ye people of malice!"

Please God, thou wilt attain unto His special favour, and find solace in the remembrance of Him.

Notwithstanding that this supreme calamity transcendeth all calamities, yet did the best of mortals lose his head and lay down his life in the way of the Ancient King. Although outwardly this matter seareth the heart, yet is it, and shall it ever be, the means and cause of the growth of the Divine Lote Tree. I swear by the Daystar of Truth, which today shineth above the horizon of the Revelation, that were the full glory of this station to be disclosed, all the friends would direct themselves towards the place of sacrifice, nor accept a ransom.

Thy letter arrived and was perused. Thou hast ever been, and shalt ever be, beneath the glances of the gracious providence of the True One; and whatsoever wisdom dictateth, the same shall flow forth from the heaven of God's Command. Rejoice thou in My Revelation; in My stablishment upon the throne; in My Call; in My remembrance; and in My praise. Thy Lord, truly, is the Ever-Observant, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing.

His honour the Afnan—upon him be of all glories the Most Glorious—is present before My Face, and God sendeth down from the heaven of His bounty that which hath been destined for him. He, verily, is the Most Gracious, the All-Bountiful.

Be thou in no wise sorrowed, and hold fast, as bidden, unto the cord of patience. He, verily, will make manifest that which shall rejoice the hearts of those who have been afflicted with sorrows by reason of that which the hands of rebellion have wrought. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Most Powerful.

The Glory of God rest upon you all, and upon those maidservants who have believed in Him Who is the Incomparable, the All-Knowing.

BH04720: A remembrance from Us unto him that hath hearkened…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

A remembrance from Us unto him that hath hearkened unto My Call, and whose response to the Lord of all mankind We have heard, that he may be overtaken by the joy born of Mine utterance, notwithstanding that sorrows have encompassed the entire creation.

O thou proclaimer of My Cause, and beholder of My Countenance! Grieve not at that which hath befallen the Cause: thy Lord, truly, lieth in wait. He shall lay hold on the wrongdoers, even as He laid hold on him that was their chief; He, truly, is severe in punishing!

They have kindled with their own hands the fire of affliction; yet are the people in a wondrous stupor! So besotted have they become in the drunkenness of their evil passions that they have perpetrated that whereat the cloud hath cried out. Say: Was it Hasan who disbelieved in God, or was it that which he possessed? If it was he, why then didst thou pillage his possessions, O thou false dissembler? Think they that they will consume what they have amassed? Nay, by Him Who is the Lord of Lords! They have committed that whereat the inmates of the Kingdom have lamented, and beyond them the Day of Reckoning.

O My companion! Consider thou, and reflect upon, the grace of God, and His loving-kindness. He, verily, raised them up in truth, and adorned them with the best of ornaments. He so ennobled them that men's tongues spake forth their praise; He honoured them with that Supreme Sacrifice which hath from everlasting been the hope of them that have drawn nigh unto Him; and the Pen of God hath been moved to commemorate them in such wise that all hearts have melted.

The servant in attendance hath come before Our Countenance, and read out that wherewith thou didst call upon this Wronged One; and We have answered thee with this Epistle. Beware lest aught sadden thee; thereto admonish My branches, and those who have sought My Countenance, that it may bring them joy after their sorrows.

The Glory of God rest upon thee, and upon whosoever reflecteth upon that which hath been revealed by God, the Lord of the Return. This is that which was sent down in reply from God, the Almighty, the Most Bountiful.

BH06232: Your letter has come before the Wronged One, telling…

He is the One Who has dominion over all things!

Your letter has come before the Wronged One, telling of your turning to God and your detachment from all else. We beseech God to assist you to remain steadfast in His Cause and to draw you near to the Most Great Ocean, every wave of which proclaims that there is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Blessed art thou for having rent asunder the veils and turned toward the horizon from which naught can be seen save the lights of thy Lord's countenance, the Mighty, the Generous.

Say: O heedless ones! The gate of divine knowledge has been opened, and the Dayspring of the Merciful's Cause has appeared in the contingent world, bearing witness to that which God did testify before the creation of the heavens and earth, if ye be of them that hearken.

Blessed is he who has cast away what he possessed and taken what was given him from the presence of One mighty and powerful. Thus has the fragrance of inner meanings wafted over the world that there might be made manifest that which was concealed therein. He, verily, is the Expositor, the All-Informed.

Hearken thou unto My call, then act as the Wronged One commands thee from this distant spot. Hold fast to the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and cling to the hem of His bounty, detached from those who have turned away from His straight Path.

Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH08964: Say: O God of Names and Creator of Heaven!…

He is the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting

Say: O God of Names and Creator of Heaven! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the All-Compelling over all things, through which the gate of Thy bounty was opened to all who are in Thy heaven and on Thy earth, and the Water of Life flowed forth amongst Thy creatures, to make me attracted to Thy verses, detached from all else but Thee, and in all conditions turned toward the horizon from which shone forth the Sun of Thy Manifestation. Ordain for me, O my God, from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, then cause me to know that which befitteth Thy days […] that Thou mayest enable me to recognize that which hath appeared today by Thy Command. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH01133: Praised be He Who hath arisen by His own…

In the Name of our Lord, the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, the All-Bountiful

Praised be He Who hath arisen by His own authority to establish His Cause and hath manifested whatsoever He desired through His sovereignty. Neither the might of the world can frustrate Him, nor the clamors of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of ancient days, weaken Him, nor can He be intimidated by that which hath appeared and shall appear. Verily, He occupieth the Most Sublime Vision, and through Him hath been revealed that which was recorded in the Scrolls and Books. There is none other God but He, the Single, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

How delightful were the melodies that reached mine ears from the birds of remembrance and praise, which warbled, trilled, sang, and cooed upon the branches of the Lote-Tree of thy heart. By the life of the Beloved! When I saw and read and heard, the joy of thy words seized me while I was immersed in oceans of sorrow. When my heart was gladdened and my breast was dilated and my being was stirred, I approached the Intended One and attained the presence before the Throne, and presented that which

the Beloved had caused thee to speak in His days. When it concluded, I found traces of joy upon the countenance of my Lord and the Lord of all worlds. My spirit and my soul be a sacrifice for your service, your steadfastness, and your mention.

Indeed, thy mention became the cause of the joy of the Intended One. After this evanescent one's presentation of thy passages, He smiled greatly, and from His abundant grace and favors at that moment, a Tablet was revealed from the heaven of bounty and sent forth. God willing, thou shalt be nourished from the heavenly food concealed in the treasuries of God's words. Then the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these words:

Write to Khalil that slumber and the intoxication of error have so seized the people that if ninety-nine out of a hundred were to be taken, the remaining one would neither turn to the horizon of the Cause nor raise his head from the sleep of heedlessness. Consider the verses that were previously revealed from the heaven of the Will of the Lord of the Day of Judgment concerning the seizure of certain transgressors. With utmost clarity, passage by passage, was revealed concerning seizure, plunder, earthquakes, lamentation, abasement, and the like. Nearly one crore perished, yet none became aware. Even those souls who had witnessed those verses before the appearance of the signs did not attain unto that which God desired.

The mention of two great kings appeared in the Tablets with utmost clarity concerning what would befall them, to such extent that some of the assured souls, upon hearing that kingdom would be taken from them and their dominion, sovereignty, glory, and power would be lost, were observed in utter amazement. For they had not imagined that a kingdom like that of Paris would be lost from its king's grasp, and another king would pass in such abasement, and the lamentations of trees and stones would rise from the mountains. Those souls who had not heard these tidings before their occurrence remained in the sleep of heedlessness, and those who were informed beforehand and later witnessed with their outward eyes did not ascend to a station that would benefit their own affairs.

O Khalil! Observe to what degree the people's veiling hath reached, that the Tongue of Grandeur speaketh these words. Although the purpose was initially to converse with thee, all these heedless acts have occurred due to the love of these fleeting two days and what appeareth therein, even though they witness its change, transformation, and variation at all times. Say: Glory be to my Lord, the All-Knowing, above what they understand! And glorified be my Lord, the All-Informed, above what they mention, and glorified be my Lord, the Lord of Might, above what they describe.

A hundred thousand praises be unto the one beloved and single God, that He enabled that personage to utter words which became the cause of joy and gladness to the blessed heart. Details sent by his honor Aqa Mirza Isma'il, the honored Afnan, upon them be the glory of the All-Merciful, were presented. He said that one must be forbearing with him, but consideration for the family of the martyrs is incumbent and obligatory upon all. This servant also submitted a detailed letter to them, and a Tablet was also revealed from the heaven of divine Will specifically for his honor Aqa Mirza Isma'il and sent that the honored Afnan might forward it. At all times I beseech God, exalted be His glory and might, to assist all the friends and cause to appear from each one that which befitteth Him and His days.

O my beloved one, repeatedly hath the tongue of grandeur uttered these words: O thou who art present, if the souls who have accepted the Faith were to act according to what God hath willed, and there appeared not from them matters from which the fragrance of divine displeasure could be detected, surely would God's testimony be completed for all. And after the completion of testimony, either acceptance or something else, as appeared in previous ages. God willing, may all be confirmed through divine confirmations and attain His bounties. Verily He is the Generous Giver.

The friends in the Prison Land offer countless expressions of sincerity and most glorious, most mighty, most elevated, most holy, most exalted greetings to your honor. May the glory which hath ever shone with the effulgences of the Sun of His Beauty and will ever shine with the light of the rays of His Countenance be upon your honor and upon those who have drunk and will drink from the cup of your love for God, our Beloved and your Beloved and the Beloved of all the worlds. And praise be to God, the Lord of the mystics.

The servant, 9 Shavval 1296

BH02251: Praise be to God Who moved the Supreme Pen…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

Praise be to God Who moved the Supreme Pen by His all-compelling will in the kingdom of creation—at times restraining its reins and at times releasing it beyond measure. Then did the lovers hasten and draw nigh, while the hypocrites turned away. Glorified be the Lord of the Covenant Who attracted the believers through His verses, the sincere ones through His fragrances, and those near to Him through His mention and praise. His gaze has ever been fixed upon those who have arisen to serve Him, who have spoken His praise, and who have sought refuge in His presence. He is indeed the Single One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

My spirit be a sacrifice for your steadfastness. The bird of the heart took flight in ascension, drawn by the melodious warbling of the bird of praise which sang upon the branches of the Tree of your love. Its sweet trilling attracted me to a station which God has made the Most Great View. When I arrived, what was in your letter was presented and I was blessed to hear what I cannot describe. He is indeed the Witnessing, the All-Seeing.

As for what you mentioned about Muhammad-qabil-Ba and his companion, they entered, were present, heard, were blessed, and with permission returned to their place. Likewise Jinab-i-Siyyid M-qabil-ʿAyn, though he awaits another ship, and the matter is in the hands of God, the Lord of all beings. I praise Him, exalted be He, for accepting what you wrote regarding them and what Jinab-i-Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin (upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God) desired. The servant has received what you sent from the physician (upon him be the Glory of God) and mentioned therein the clamor of the people in Baghdad regarding the matter of Sasun (upon him be the Glory of God). We praise God, exalted be He, for preventing their advance and dispersing their gathering. He is indeed the Powerful, the Mighty.

The petitions that were with Jinab-i-Siyyid Muhammad-ʿAli (upon him be the Glory of God) arrived safely. At this point and this moment the Sun has risen from its horizon and our Beloved and your Beloved has turned to the servant, saying—and His words are the sweetest—addressing your honor:

> "O thou who gazest upon the Face! Blessed art thou for having attained to the mention and praise of the Beloved, the service of His Cause, and submission to His sovereignty. By My life! The Pen hath mentioned thee and will mention thee as a bounty from Him. Verily thy Lord is the Generous, the Bountiful. He will assist thee in what thou art engaged in and will aid thee in His beauteous remembrance. Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones who have attained unto the Most Great Steadfastness in this Cause whereby the peoples of creation were thunderstruck, save whom God, the Lord of the worlds, willed."

The servant expresses his love, sincerity, mention and praise to the loved ones of God who have caught the fragrance of the Garment and were possessed of clear certitude. Then the Most Glorious Beauty and the Most Excellent Praise be upon your honor and all those in your household. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds and the Beloved of those near unto Him.

The servant in [Hajj] year 1296

BH02825: Praise be to God Who hath illumined the world…

In the Name of our Lord, the All-Powerful, the All-Protecting, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Praise be to God Who hath illumined the world through His Most Great Light, Who appeared once in the form of the Lamp and at another time in the temple of forms and breathed into it, whereupon all who are in earth and heaven were thunderstruck. Blessed be the Creator of all things and the Fashioner of names, through Whose manifestation the limbs of the world trembled and the hearts of the nations were troubled, except for those who partook of the choice wine of utterance in the name of their Lord, the Most Merciful, and turned to Him, saying:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the worlds, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of them that know."

The glory which hath dawned from the horizon of the countenance of the Ancient King be upon those who have cast aside the world for love of Him and have arisen to make mention of Him, to praise Him and to serve His Cause amongst His servants. They are indeed the oceans of utterance amidst the concourse of creation and the Salsabil of life for every discerning soul that turneth unto Him. My soul be a sacrifice for your love.

At one time this evanescent servant attained the presence of the Most Holy Court, and after appearing before His countenance, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these blessed words:

> "O servant! Send what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Kingdom of Utterance unto him who hath turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon and hath attained the choice sealed Wine, that he may recite the verses of his Lord and deliver them unto those who have believed in the All-Informed One."

Then in the Persian tongue He expressed such favors toward that person in such manner that I confess my inability to mention them. Verily our All-Knowing Lord is the All-Enumerating, the All-Informed.

This blessed Tablet was revealed at the beginning of the episode in the Land of Sad [Isfahan] and no copy of it had yet been sent anywhere. Although outwardly the people appear so lifeless that there seemeth no likelihood of their being adorned with the ornament of life, yet the utterances of the sincere ones, the sanctified ones, and them that are nigh unto God never fail to produce their effect, and soon shall the lights of the Word encompass the world. He is, verily, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Powerful, the All-Wise.

Your honor should at all times remind the friends who are gazing toward the Most Exalted Horizon and give them to drink of the Kawthar of divine knowledge, that all may attain unto the Most Great Bounty and remain steadfast in the Cause of God. Glory be upon you and upon those who hearken unto your words in the straight Path of God.

Written in Dhi'l-Hajjih 1296

BH00720: Praise be sanctified above all mention and utterance…

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious!

Praise be sanctified above all mention and utterance and befitteth the court of the nearness of the sacred Lord of eternity, Who was not prevented by the clamor of the peoples of the world from His blessed purpose, nor was the Supreme Pen held back from its movement by the rejection and objection of the nations. It moveth at all times and summoneth all who are in the realm of creation unto God, the One, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

My soul and spirit be a sacrifice for your service and for your mention. This evanescent servant was standing before the Beloved of the world on one of the mountains when the Name of God appeared. After meeting, he gave this servant a packet which included the blessed letter of your eminence. God knoweth that such joy seized me that every tongue of the Pen is incapable of its mention. Afterward, when returning to the Most Holy Court, while walking on that same mountain, the tongue of inner realities spoke these words:

> "Blessed is the mountain that hath been made the place whereon Thy feet have trod, and blessed are the hills over which the breezes of Thy days of manifestation have wafted, and blessed is the land that hath been adorned with the robe of Thy bounty and perfumed with the fragrance of Thy raiment, and blessed is the sea upon which the ship of Thy Cause hath sailed."

Then, in his presence, the tongue of grandeur spoke these blessed words: "Read what thou hast brought." This servant read in full the first prayer that you had submitted. He walked a while and then spoke these blessed words: "O servant who is present, repeat the mention of My Afnan." And then the second prayer at the end of your letter was read. He said:

"It behooveth him and these days that he remember his Lord in such wise as he hath remembered. Verily He is the Hearer, verily He is the Ever-Present, verily He is the Perceiver, verily He is the All-Seeing. O My

Afnan! Thou wast created for My Day, to hearken unto My call, to behold My horizon, and to arise to serve Me. Verily thy Lord is the Teacher, the All-Informed. Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto the most great favor. Although this is known to thee now, it shall become more evident later and shall shine forth like the rays of the sun in the world, manifest and evident. O Afnan! I have presented, then I beseech Thee, O my God, to make me at all times gazing toward the direction of Thy good-pleasure, content with what Thou hast ordained for me in the heaven of Thy decree, detached from all else save Thee, firm in Thy love and Thy good-pleasure, and accepting of service to Thy loved ones and Thy chosen ones.

> "We have heard and found in thy words thy burning devotion, thy sincerity, and thy turning toward God, the Lord of the worlds, and in God, the Master of the Day of Judgment. And this is among the bounties that have had and have no likeness or parallel. Preserve it and be of the thankful ones. God willing, thou hast been and art confirmed. Ask of God that thou mayest in all conditions remain steadfast in this station. Say: O my God, my Beloved, my Purpose, my Helper, my Creator, and my Provider! I beseech Thee by the Name through which faces turned toward the lights of Thy countenance, souls soared in the atmosphere of Thy nearness, and through which all created things were moved and all possibilities hastened toward the direction of Thy grace and Thy gifts, to strengthen me to serve Thy Cause and enable me to remember and praise Thee. O Lord! I am he before whose face Thou didst open the door of Thy knowledge and made known to me the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation after the turning away of Thy creatures, and showed me the passing away of that in which most of Thy creation take pride. I beseech Thee by Thy sovereignty and power to protect me and to ordain for me that which will make me independent through Thy riches. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

Concerning what you wrote about the survivors of the Twin Luminous Lights, it is clear and evident that you are being as considerate as possible. Today it is incumbent upon all to be mindful of this matter, though verily He is the All-Watchful, the Near One. Praise be to God that from the beginning you were enabled to serve the Cause. This servant beseeches God day and night that He may establish you in His service in such wise that your remembrance shall endure as long as the Kingdom and the Realm endure.

As for what you wrote concerning your message to the honored Afnan H.A. (upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory) asking him to be mindful of the survivors' condition—a few days ago the honored Ismullah M.H. attained the presence of the Throne. The Tongue of Grandeur spoke such words concerning him that from every letter thereof shone forth the sun of loving-kindness. At one point He said:

> "O servant! We have verily assisted the Afnans and exalted them and honored them. That which has flowed from My Most Exalted Pen has been and shall be made manifest. Thy Lord is indeed the Mighty, the Powerful."

I swear by His blessed utterance that this servant repeatedly prostrated himself in gratitude and besought the True One, exalted be His glory, that He withhold not this most great favor for even a moment.

Regarding the matter of the hundred tumans which you wrote should not be deducted from the funds of the land of Kha and should be accepted from you—this matter found acceptance in the Most Holy Court. It behooveth everyone possessed of speech to praise Him, thank Him, and remember Him in His days, and to hold fast to the cord of His Most Generous Name.

Concerning what you wrote about the business ledgers of the Wronged One—on the first day when this incident occurred, He said that although the grief of this calamity is beyond measure, yet they have attained to infinite grace. "We have ordained for him glory and exaltation, and in the end of days We adorned him with that which had been the hope of the sincere ones from time immemorial." He also said that this supreme martyrdom is the cause and means of the exaltation of the Cause and the manifestation of the trustworthiness and religiosity of God's loved ones among the people. Now it has become clear that truly that sanctified soul was in all conditions focused on the horizon of trustworthiness. Blessed is he and his brother. This servant testifieth that they have attained to that which none comprehendeth save God. Would that I had been with them and had attained to what they attained.

Another matter—the letter you wrote to Ismullah M.H. was also seen, and he has sent a detailed reply which will, God willing, reach your blessed sight.

Regarding what you wrote about Khalil (upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory) having been somewhat indisposed—surely he has been adorned with the raiment of health by God. This evanescent one's offering of servitude and nothingness in his service depends on your kindness.

Another matter—after the incident in the Land of Sad, in those very days a Tablet was revealed from the heaven of divine will, and until now a copy has not been sent anywhere. In these days, as commanded, this servant has made a copy and sent it so that after you peruse the blessed Tablet you may send it to Mulla Rajab-ʿAli (upon him be the Glory of God). This servant has also written a brief letter to him which should be sent along with the Tablet.

Another matter—due to the abundance of correspondence, this servant was not able to present a response to the letter from the honored Afnan Aqa (upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory). God willing, it shall be submitted later.

Another submission: the petition of his honour Mirza Ahmad was presented to the Most Holy Court. They accepted his return. It behooveth this Lord to receive the praise of the Concourse on High and the glorification of all who are in the heavens and on earth. A most mighty, most holy Tablet was revealed from the heaven of will, and the same revealed script was sent, inasmuch as His Holiness the Most Great Branch (may my spirit and being be sacrificed for the dust of His footsteps) was not present. Therefore, the same original revelation in this evanescent one's handwriting was dispatched. That Holy Being and this servant beseech and hope from God, exalted and mighty be He, that He may cause him to remain steadfast upon His straight path and confirm him in the heights of remembrance, praise, abstinence and godliness. Verily, He is the Protector of those who turn unto Him and the Helper of those who remember Him. There is none other God but Him, the King, the Truth, the Mighty, the Great.

19 [Dhu'l] Hajj 1296

BH00096: Praise be to God Who made tribulation as water…

Section 1: "Praise be to God Who made tribulation…"

He is God, Exalted be His Glory, the Greatness and Power

Praise be to God Who made tribulation as water for His Lote Tree on High and His Ultimate Tree, and a light for His chosen servants that He might show them the path of attainment to the Supreme Companion and the Most Glorious Station. Through it the horizon of certitude shone forth amidst all possibility, and the temples of assurance appeared among the concourse of religions. Verily it is the sword whereby God separated between His servants and His creation, and through it the doubters retreated while those possessed of certitude advanced toward the Dawning-Place of their Lord's loving-kindness, the Generous Bestower. Blessed is the soul whom tribulation failed to deter from turning toward the Supreme Horizon, and whom worldly affairs did not prevent from gazing toward the direction of its Lord, the Mighty, the Most Glorious.

All things testify with every tongue that he is the one certain in God, standing firm in God's Cause, speaking of God, turning toward God, moving by God's leave, and breathing through love of God. He is indeed the one whom the Point of the Bayan mentioned in His words:

> "I and those in Paradise yearn for a soul who is martyred in His path."

I testify that those who were adorned with this supreme embroidery and illumined by this most brilliant light are the Name of God, the Ta in the land of Sad, then the name of Ta, then he who was named Kazim. These are servants who turned, attained, heard, and ascended to a station which, by God, pens and the tongues of the peoples of all lands are powerless to describe. Glory be upon them, praise be upon them, and light be upon them from God, the Mighty, the Bestower.

And then, O beloved of my heart and the one remembered in my soul, the singing of the birds that warbled upon the branches of your utterance and the trees of your love attracted me and drew me to the Ultimate Station and the Most Holy, Most Mighty, Most Great, Most Glorious Presence of our Lord. When I appeared, the Lord of the World spoke: "What is that in your right hand?" I presented the book sent by him who arose to serve Your Mighty Cause. Then He commanded me to read, and I presented what was in it before His Face. When it was finished, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke again: "He is among those who have attained a bounty which every soul is powerless to mention. We have rained down upon him from the clouds of grace that which none can reckon save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. And We have sent to him each year that which establishes God's Cause and His proof among His servants, but the people are in evident veils." End.

And regarding what was written about ʿAli-Qabli-Akbar who in the previous year, for the love of God, carried Tablets and delivered them to their recipients, this is what was revealed in response:

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

Thou hast previously attained unto My remembrance, and this is yet another time when My Most Exalted Pen remembereth thee from this lofty station. Blessed is the servant who acteth in accordance with what

hath been ordained by God, the Lord of all worlds, and whom the attraction of the Call hath so seized that he hath cast away his idle fancies and taken what hath been bestowed from a gracious Bestower. Thou hast drunk the cup of recognition from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and it behooveth thee to drink the cup of contentment from the fingers of the grace of the Lord of Names, Who hath appeared with manifest sovereignty. Thou must, in all conditions, fix thy gaze upon the Truth and, detached from thy desires, act according to His good-pleasure.

Thy remembrance hath been made time and again at the Most Holy Court, and wondrous verses have been sent down repeatedly from the heaven of loving-kindness. This is that remembrance which hath been and shall forever be enduring. Rejoice thou and be of the thankful ones. However, thou must protect this most exalted station through the Name of God and be gladdened by that which hath been commanded. What joy could be greater than this, that the Beloved of the world should remember thee from the Most Great Prison? Thou must, with complete trust and detachment, engage in service to the Cause of God with spirit and fragrance. He, verily, is the Commander, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. He writeth for whomsoever He willeth the reward of attaining His presence. He, verily, is the Bestower, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

As to what thou didst write concerning the deceased Dervish Baqir and his legacy, it was submitted. This is what the All-Merciful hath revealed in reply:

Blessed is he for having fulfilled his covenant and held fast to the Testament. He attained unto the recognition of God in days wherein the ocean of tribulation surged and the clamor of the people of hypocrisy was raised. He is of them who drank the choice wine of recognition and attained unto the days of God, the Possessor of the Day of Separation. We made mention of him before his ascension and after his passing, as a token of Our grace, and We are the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

As to what was written concerning the funds, they said to act according to his will when deemed appropriate and send it to the Most Holy Court.

As to what thou didst write concerning Haji Ghulam-ʿAli, the details about him were previously written by the honored physician, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], and a reply was written to them. Let action be taken accordingly.

As to what thou didst write that the aforementioned one hath borne your troubles, how fortunate that he hath attained unto this blessing. I beseech the Most High to grant him success in similar matters and aid him in that which He loveth and is pleased with. He, verily, is the Ruler, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Convey My greetings to him on behalf of this servant.

As to what thou didst write concerning Aqa Muhammad, that he resideth in Sulaymaniyyih in the room of Aqa Muhammad Hasan and hath attained unto the honor of belief, these matters were submitted to the Most Holy Court. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

He is the Most Mighty, the Most Ancient, the Most Glorious

This is a letter from the Wronged One to him who hath drawn nigh unto the Most Great Sea that he might drink the living waters from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the All-Merciful, and be of them that know. O Muhammad! We have heard thy call and witnessed thy turning towards Us, and We make mention of thee from this exalted station. This is a station named the Most Great Prison and by all names, yet most of the people are heedless. We counsel thee, O Muhammad, to manifest supreme steadfastness in this Cause wherein the feet of the mystics have slipped, save whom God, the Bestower, the Bountiful, hath willed. Hold fast unto the cord of the Command and say:

O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the hearts of the sincere ones have soared and the minds of them who are nigh unto Thee have been attracted, to make me in all conditions turn towards the horizon of Thy grace and speak Thy praise. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Say: Glorified art Thou, O Creator of heaven and Sovereign over all names! I beseech Thee by the Lamp that was surrounded by the winds of discord throughout all regions, and by the Name through which was revealed that which lay hidden within the treasuries of Thy power and the depositories of Thy might, to aid me to remain steadfast in Thy love. O my Lord! I am he who hath turned toward Thee and sought the ocean of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me in Thy days and to ordain for me that which shall profit me in all Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and from Thy knowledge the movement of all things escapeth not. Thou art, in truth, the Lord of all men and the Ruler of the throne on high and of the dust beneath. There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

In the Name of the One True God

The Supreme Pen ever mentioneth those who are turned towards the Most Glorious Horizon with the most exalted call, and summoneth them to the straight path of God which hath appeared through the Most Great Word. O friends! No book can be read save by one who is versed in its language, and thus its teaching and learning hath never been, nor ever shall be, free from effort. But the Book of the world is written in such clear characters that every unlettered one can read it, and every people among the peoples of the earth can comprehend it, for inscribed thereon in manifest script are the stations of evanescence and nothingness, of change and transformation. Blessed is the soul that turneth thereunto and becometh mindful thereof.

I swear by the Sun of the horizon of certitude, which shineth from the prison horizon, that should anyone ponder and reflect thereon, he would find himself detached and free, in such wise that the cares and sorrows of the world and all else besides would have no effect upon him, and he would account them all as non-existent and void. Beseech ye God that He may grant unto all a portion of the heavenly table and of the everlasting bounty. He is, verily, the Munificent, the All-Bountiful. Let not time slip away; arise to that which behooveth you in the days of the Friend. He is, in truth, the Counselor, the Trustworthy. Glory be upon the letter B and upon those who have attained unto the knowledge of God and have arisen to serve His Cause, the firm, the mighty.

And regarding what was written concerning Jinab-i-Mirza Mahmud, He said:

> "I swear by the Most Great Name that God, exalted be His glory, has mentioned and continues to mention all the friends, and has manifested Himself so that all may attain the honor of His presence. However, the hatred of tyrannical nations has become a barrier. Those souls who, in truth, with perfect sincerity and purity, with utter nothingness and complete detachment, desire to attain the presence of the Lord of Names and Attributes, and who, in compliance with the binding command, refrain from coming and are content with His good-pleasure, which is the ultimate purpose—assuredly the reward of attainment unto His presence shall be written for such souls and shall be recorded by the Divine Pen in the eternal scroll. Whatsoever He doeth today has been and shall be based on consummate wisdom. All must be content with it. Praise be to God that Mahmud has attained the grace of the Lord of existence. Now he must occupy himself with matters that cause the exaltation of God's Cause. This very service to which he has arisen is most beloved in the sight of God. However, counsel ye all to wisdom. The Glory be upon him and upon him who was named Baba from among the people of Kha, from God, the Lord of the worlds."

And regarding what ye wrote about Darvish Ghulam-Husayn from Malayer and Mulla Asadu'llah from that land, it was presented before the Most Holy and Exalted Presence. He said:

> "Darvish Ghulam-Husayn has attained the grace of the Most Great Prison and the presence of the Beloved of the world. He must at all times beseech the Self-Sufficient Lord that this great achievement remain preserved. Today is the day when all are commanded and obligated to serve the Cause, and service to the Cause in the first instance consists of deeds and actions that cause the exaltation of God's Cause among His servants and manifest the essence of humanity on earth. All the friends must beseech God, exalted be His bounty and great be His favor, that they may attain to this lofty station, this most exalted summit, and this ultimate purpose of human existence. Verily, He is the All-Seeing Witness and the Generous Giver."

And regarding Jinab-i-Mulla Asadu'llah, this is what God hath revealed in response:

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

A Book sent down by the All-Merciful for all who are in the realm of possibility, that it might draw them to the supreme horizon and the Most Glorious Station. He, verily, is the One Who has power over whatsoever He willeth. To this all things bear witness, yet most of the people remain heedless. They have cast aside their God and taken their vain imaginings, following those who have turned away from the ocean of knowledge and who wander in the wilderness of ignorance with manifest delusion. The cry hath been raised between earth and heaven, and the gate of attainment hath been opened, yet they remain asleep. Vain fancies have so seized them that they have turned away from Him by Whom the horizon of certitude hath been illumined.

Section 2: "O Asad! There hath come before the Wronged…"

O Asad! There hath come before the Wronged One a letter wherein mention was made of thee. We make mention of thee as a token of Our grace. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Knowing Remembrancer. Be thou

enkindled with the fire of the love of God and adorned with the light of His knowledge. He, verily, is with whosoever hath turned toward His supreme horizon and is numbered among those endued with certainty. Beware lest the affairs of the peoples prevent thee from the Ancient King. Leave the world to its people and hold fast unto My strong cord. This is a Remembrance before which all remembrances have prostrated themselves, and a Tablet before which all tablets have bowed down. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Wise Explainer. When thou hast attained unto it, preserve it by Our command, then recite it with joy and fragrance. Thus doth the Dawning-Place of thy Lord's revelation, the All-Merciful, command thee—He Who hath endured tribulation and adversity in His straight Path.

This is a Day wherein that which was hidden hath appeared and that which was concealed hath come with a sovereignty that the oppressors' might hath failed to withhold. We speak by night and by day amongst the people: There is none other God but He, the One, the All-Informed. Thus have We illumined the horizon of the heaven of utterance with the sun of certitude. Blessed is he who hath turned toward it and hath said:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds, for having made known unto me the Dawning-Place of Thy verses, the Dayspring of Thy clear tokens, and the Manifestation of Thy mighty and glorious Cause!"

This is the Day of service. Those faces that have turned unto God must, with the utmost joy and fragrance, wisdom and utterance, engage in teaching the Cause of God, that perchance the dead in the valleys of perplexity and ignorance might be quickened by the drops from the ocean of life and be adorned with the new robe of living existence. Hereafter, be thou not grieved outwardly. The Cause is in His hands. He ordaineth for whomsoever He willeth the reward of His presence and meeting. He, verily, is the Munificent Bestower.

And concerning the mention of Mulla Isa that was made, when presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, He said: "Well done, O Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin. Today all souls must, with their entire being, turn to hear the Divine Call and act upon that which hath been sent down from the Kingdom of the Cause." Write to Isa: "Thy mention was made in the Most Great Prison before the Wronged One, and thy call was heard. Reflect upon that which hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen. I swear by the Divine Ocean of Knowledge that there hath been sent down that which the pens of the world are powerless to reckon."

In a Tablet wherein mention was made of the Wolf, that is, Shaykh Baqir who resideth in the Land of Sad, this blessed verse was revealed:

> "Dost thou object to Him Who hath brought thee what thou possessest and what all the peoples of the world possess of the testimonies of God and His signs? Open thy eyes that thou mayest behold the Wronged One risen from the horizon of God's Will, the Sovereign, the Truth, the Manifest. Then open thy heart's ear that thou mayest hear that which the Tree uttereth, which hath been raised up in truth by God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Verily the Tree, despite what it hath suffered from thy tyranny and the oppression of thy like, calleth out in the loudest voice and summoneth all unto the Divine Lote-Tree and the Supreme Horizon. Blessed

> is the soul that hath beheld the Most Great Sign and the ear that hath heard its sweetest call, and woe unto every denier, every sinner. O thou who hast turned away from God! If thou were to behold the Tree with an eye of fairness, thou wouldst see the marks of thy swords upon its twigs and branches and leaves, after God had created thee to know it and serve it. Reflect that thou mayest become aware of thy tyranny and be of them that repent."

And in another passage of that Tablet this blessed verse was revealed:

> "Dost thou deny the verses of thy Lord, which when sent down from the heaven of the Cause, before them did bow down all the books of the world? Reflect that thou mayest become aware of thy deed, O heedless outcast!"

O Isa! Observe how, despite these clear signs and manifest and resplendent evidences, in what state the people are and with what deeds they are occupied. The verses of God have encompassed the whole world and His evidences shine forth like the sun from the horizon of the heaven of power, yet despite this the people are engaged in their own idle fancies and are deprived of the Sovereign of certitude. O Isa! Strive that perchance in these divine days thou mayest attain unto that which merits mention by the Supreme Pen. The world shall pass away like lightning, nay swifter still. Hold fast unto that which shall endure for thee in the Kingdom of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. God willing, thou shalt drink of the choice sealed wine and share it with them that are worthy. Whatever may occur to the mind hath been revealed from the heaven of divine knowledge in infinite Tablets, but due to the tyranny and transgression of the people of the world there hath been no opportunity for their publication and dissemination. The time shall come when God will manifest that which He hath willed. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

If thou shouldst meet the friends of God who are in those parts, convey to them greetings and gladden them all with the bounty and favor of God. Say:

> "Glory be to Thee, O Thou before Whose mention and praise all tongues are powerless! I beseech Thee by the Name through opposition to which the tyrants among Thy creatures have arisen, to make me in all conditions regardful of Thy horizon and content with what Thou hast ordained by the Pen of Thy decree. Then write down for me that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art more knowing than I, and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Moreover I beseech Thee, O God of the worlds, by the Most Great Name, to make me one of those who have arisen to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee in such wise that the might of the Pharaohs who violated Thy Covenant and turned away from Thy Beauty did not deter them. O Lord! Give me to drink the wine of steadfastness by Thy hand of bounty. Verily Thou art the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful."

O ʿIsa! Mention was made of two souls in the Most Holy Court—Isaac and Fath'u'llah. We make mention of them from this station as a token of Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We counsel them with that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Book. He, verily, is the Commander, the All-Informed. Blessed are they and those who have attained the recognition of God and have arisen to serve His Cause in such wise that neither the opposition of the divines nor the objections of rulers could deter them. Thy Lord, verily, is the Expositor, the All-Knowing.

As commanded, His Holiness should consider whether it is suitable to send. O Zayn! We have commanded consultation, therefore We Ourselves consult. He, verily, is the Unconstrained.

Concerning what was mentioned about Siyyid Khalil, His word, exalted be His grandeur: …all those who have attained unto this mighty and wondrous Cause must engage in some occupation. He sendeth down blessings upon whomsoever He willeth. Thy Lord is verily the Generous, the Bountiful. All praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

We make mention at the end of the Book of him who turned toward My direction by My leave, entered My prison, attained My presence, drank the choice wine of reunion with Me, and stood before the door of My grace and heard My call. He is indeed the one who hath been named al-Asdaq in My mighty Book.

This evanescent servant requests that you convey sincere greetings and glorification to all the friends in that land who have drunk from the ocean of recognition and are gazing toward the horizon of the All-Merciful.

Likewise to Aqa Sulayman who sent a letter to this servant—at the beginning it was a petition and at the end he made mention of this servant. At an appropriate time it was presented before His countenance and his entire supplication was laid before His presence. The answer was revealed from the heaven of will—His Holiness should write and send it. The new glad tidings are that once again his petition was presented and once again they showed favor.

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Great, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Praise be to God, before Whose greatness all things have testified and Whose might every knowing one hath acknowledged. He hath ever been and will ever be what He hath been. He revealeth in every time whatsoever He desireth. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Powerful, the One, the Peerless.

After submitting the reply to two holy letters, a third letter dated the 19th of Shavval arrived.

Concerning what you had written that Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be the glory of God, had written from the land of Ta about Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Muhammad, upon him be the glory of God—this was presented to the Most Holy Court. They said:

> "Blessed is Muhammad who hath aimed at the Ultimate Goal and desired to serve his Lord, the Possessor of all beings. We make mention of him as a token of Our grace. He, verily, is the All-Encompassing, the All-Knowing. And We glorify from this station him and those who have turned to the Qiblih of humanity. O Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin! The whole world hath been created for the service of the Cause. Whosoever hath turned thereunto hath attained to that which is intended. 'The intention of the believer is better than his deed' applieth to this station, inasmuch as he hath intended to turn toward the prison and engage in service to the Cause. This matter was mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One because of Jinab-i-As, and He accepted the merit of his intention with utmost favor. This is the essence of the meaning of the blessed word previously mentioned. His service is accepted and his intention is approved.

> In these days, due to wisdom, his coming is not permitted, and afterward the matter is in His hand. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Unconstrained."

And as for your mention of Ibn-i-Ismi-Asdaq, upon both of them be the Glory of God, it was presented before the Most Holy Court. He—exalted be His grandeur—says:

> "He turned, by My leave, toward My Prison, and entered the seat of the Throne, and attained the presence of the Countenance, and heard the call of his Lord, the Mighty, the Wise. We beseech God to assist him in serving His Cause and to grant him that which befits the days of his Lord, the Manifest, the Speaking, the All-Informed. We have remembered him and do remember him as a token of Our grace, that he may rejoice in the loving-kindness of his Lord and be of the thankful ones. The Glory be upon his father who would present himself at the Gate every day and hear that which the Tongue of Grandeur would utter from His mighty and exalted station. We love to remember the Most Truthful One, for he has drunk the wine of My loving-kindness and attained My good-pleasure and spoke My praise and arose to serve My mighty Cause."

And concerning what was written about the Tablet to Jinab-i-Sadr, that the original revelation differs from the copy, meaning the word "this" appears in the copy but not in the original—the original revelation is correct and accurate. The copy this servant wrote should be made to match the original. This servant erroneously wrote "this." They should make a copy from the original revelation text and provide both the original and the copy, as the person mentioned is not and was not capable of reading the original revelation.

Section 3: "And regarding the elegy composed by the wife…"

And regarding the elegy composed by the wife of Aqa Mirza Abu-Talib, upon both of them be the Glory of God, which you had written about and sent—at one point the entire document was presented before the Most Holy Court. He—exalted be His grandeur—says:

> "Blessed is she, then blessed is she again, for having elegized a calamity for which the Tongue of Grandeur elegized and the dwellers of the pavilion of glory lamented."

O Zayn, convey congratulations to that leaf from the tongue of the Wronged One and give her the glad tidings that what she composed regarding the calamity of the Twin Luminous Lights was accepted before the Throne and attained the hearing of the Ancient Beauty. Her reward is with Him Who aided her and caused her to speak. He is the best rewarder. He is the Forgiving, the Generous.

We send greetings from this Most Exalted Station and Most Sublime Spot to the one whom We mentioned before and aided to recognize My Self and hear My verses—he who was named Abu-Talib in the Book of Names and was among those who remember. We sent him Tablets before, a single one of which cannot be equaled by all that hath been created on earth. Every discerning soul bears witness to this. Give him the glad tidings of My remembrance of him, then send him what We have revealed at this time. Say: Be not grieved at anything. Rejoice in the days of God and say:

> “Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made known to me Thy Day, which most of Thy servants have failed to recognize. O Lord! Aid me to preserve what Thou hast given me through Thy bounty, then cause me to drink from the Kawthar of steadfastness in Thy Cause. Thou art the Generous. O Lord! Ordain through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit me in the Hereafter and in this world. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful.”

And as for your fourth letter dated the 18th of Dhi’l-Qa’dah, it brought light to heart and soul. May the Beloved of all creation ever assist you in that which is the cause of joy and gladness to His chosen ones and loved ones.

It is clear from the passage in your letter concerning Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Baqir—a soul among the people of N————that whatsoever he hath done, he hath done for the love of God. In very truth he hath arisen to serve the Cause, and hath shown towards the friends of the True One the utmost affection. He hath fixed his gaze upon God, and for His sake hath accomplished that which he hath accomplished. Yet His Holiness, Jamal (may my life be a sacrifice for His loved ones) hath, in what He hath uttered, intended the maintenance of order in the affairs of Huqúqu’llah, inasmuch as, in certain places and regions, confusion and disorder have arisen. Moreover, they were not correctly informed regarding the letter which this servant had written, at the command given, unto the son of Jinab-i-Asdaq (upon them be Baha’u’llah’s glory). In any case, the word of the Blessed Beauty is accepted; and the endeavours and labours of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Baqir are worthy of gratitude. He hath spoken as he hath spoken for the safeguarding of Huqúqu’llah; and he hath acted as he hath acted with reference to the letter of this servant, written by command. Convey these matters to him without delay. Formerly this servant had dispatched a letter unto him; God willing, it hath reached him.

As to that which thou hast written, that certain travellers (upon them be Baha’u’llah’s glory) have arrived and, from that land, have turned their faces towards their own country, we praise God therefor; and we beseech Him, exalted be He, to confirm them in that which He loveth and is well-pleased with, to grant them the good of this world and of the next, and to protect them from those who have denied the right of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

And as to that which thou hast written, that Jinab-i-Shatir (upon him be Baha’u’llah’s glory) hath shown some sadness because mention had not been made of him: that which this servant wrote unto Jinab-i-Varqa and to Aqa Mirza Husayn (upon them be Baha’u’llah’s glory) was in reply to his letter. Jinab-i-Shatir—praise be to God—hath been, and is, remembered. And as to that which thou hast written concerning the matter of funds: what they have done is well-pleasing; God willing, it will arrive, and, according to the list of distribution, will be apportioned.

Concerning the Kitab-i-Aqdas thou hast written that it should be sent exclusively to Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Baqir: as for the Persian, a few passages were revealed previously, but thereafter the Most Exalted Pen turned not again to the remainder; therefore it was not sent. And regarding Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Hasan and Aqa Muhammad ʿAli (upon them be Baha’u’llah’s glory), thou hast written that they have sought leave to travel to the outlying regions for the sake of earning a livelihood: it was submitted, and He said: This year, by reason of the war that hath occurred and the dissensions that have arisen amongst the kings, the outward affairs in all lands have become straitened; yet after this hardship,

ease shall assuredly appear. He provideth for whomsoever He willeth without reckoning. To turn towards Aleppo is not desirable; but if they wish to proceed to the environs of Mosul, there is no harm. Ended.

Furthermore: the passages which His Holiness wrote concerning Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Baqir to Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Mustafa (upon him be the Most Glorious Baha) — a copy thereof was sent by the one addressed to the Sacred Threshold. Afterwards, by command, Haji Muhammad Baqir and those with him, and Aqa Siyyid Muhammad ʿAli (upon them be Baha'u'llah's glory) were summoned, attained the honour of pilgrimage, and then departed for Egypt. He said: The friends in that land imagine that other places are better—meaning, for earning and livelihood they are adorned with a greater advantage—yet this is, and will be, mere fancy. Ended.

This year, in all lands, dearness is manifest—especially in this land, where the prices of goods have become, in some instances, threefold their former rate. The affairs of livelihood have grown hard for all; yet, God willing, through divine bounty it shall be changed into ease.

And as to that which thou hast written, that Haji Ghulam-ʿAli hath, by word of mouth, recounted that the honoured wife of Jinab-i-Ism-i-Ha (may God sanctify her resting-place) did show much contentment and gratitude amid the afflictions that befell her, and that he mentioned the verse wherein the son of Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Abu Talib (upon them be Baha'u'llah's glory) wrote of her being cast into a well: the account of such a casting did not in fact occur; it hath been confused for him. Let them not write that passage.

It is submitted, however, that even if a thing hath not outwardly occurred, should it be mentioned—having regard to the cruelty of the oppressor who arose to commit such wrong—there is no harm, nor hath there ever been. Even as that which was, in outward appearance, spoken was uttered by the Most Exalted Pen in the form of an inquiry. Consider, aforetime, what hath been observed concerning the martyrdom of the Prince of Martyrs (may the spirits of all else be offered up for His sake): that which hath been mentioned and heard hath been spoken, and is spoken, from the pulpits, though some of it did not outwardly take place. Yet, O My loved one! By God, the oppressors have cast her into a pit of darkness.

What pit is greater than this calamity that descended upon that pure leaf? And what injustice more grievous than that which befell her? The oppressors have turned her home into a well wherein she endured with patience and steadfastness. That pure leaf—upon her be Baha'u'llah's glory, and upon her be the light of God and His bounty before the Throne, manifest and beheld. Yet, since the station of Ha is, in the presence of the Throne, a mighty station—nay, a station mightier still—even had this matter occurred, there would have been no harm, nor would any diminution have touched the rank of her contentment. Great is her condition in the sight of her Lord, the Mighty, the Generous. O My loved one!

Exceeding great is the station of Ha. Ever and always, by reason of the weakness of some, her rank was veiled. My life be offered up for her! And likewise the station of Ha and the station of Kaf, who attained the Most Great Martyrdom—would that I had been with them, and had won that which they have won.

And Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Aqajan (upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory)—although he yet liveth, he is counted among the martyrs, for grievous calamities have descended upon him. I beg of God, exalted be His glory, to confirm him in safeguarding that which he hath attained. And that which the son of Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid

Abu Talib hath written is correct; let it not be erased. The Cause is in His hand: He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth whatsoever He desireth. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Praise be to God that the close of this epistle hath been adorned with the mention of these sanctified souls. By the beauty of the Ancient of Days! the regret that this servant hath not attained that which they attained hath been, and shall ever be, within heart and soul. Today the people are heedless; they know not what they say, nor what they do. Pass thou by the multitude. Some of the friends have been seen, in this Most Great Calamity, to be perturbed and shaken, whereas in such times they ought to become the cause of assurance and steadfastness to souls. By the Sun of Revelation! a bounty hath been bestowed the like of which hath neither been seen nor heard in creation. I entreat that, if it be possible, that well-beloved one convey—with the utmost secrecy and wisdom—this matter which hath been submitted, unto that pure leaf; for they show extreme caution, by reason of the many adversaries and idolaters, concerning the name of S.

Another submission is that his honor Ustad ʿAli-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, wrote a letter to this servant. Its details were submitted to the Most Holy Court. The Sun of Providence has dawned. God willing, may they be immersed in the sea of contentment in all conditions and move upon the earth of His will. God's providence has been with them and, God willing, will continue to be. Convey to them on behalf of this ephemeral one an exalted greeting. Their letter brought a smile to the face of the Desired One of the world. God willing, may they ever be confirmed and speak in remembrance of the Friend, arise in His service, move according to His will, turn toward His purpose, and be gladdened by His grace. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the All-Appreciating.

Regarding the sum of his honor Marfu' which was submitted to the Most Holy Court, they have again commanded that in consideration of that elevated one's station, nineteen qirans should be sent to the Most Holy Court and the remainder distributed among the loved ones of that land.

Another submission is that his honor Sadra from the land of Qaf, whose petition was previously forwarded, has been blessed with a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet specially revealed for him from the heaven of the All-Merciful's mercy, and the original revelation was sent as submitted. Afterwards, this servant noticed that perhaps they might not be able to properly read it, therefore both the original and a copy were sent. God willing, may it reach them.

And another submission is that the reply to his honor Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah], and some others will be sent next week, as it was not advisable to send all in one envelope. It is submitted again that the mention of sincerity and greetings on behalf of this ephemeral one to the divine friends is contingent upon your honor's grace.

The servant, 26th of the month of Hajj 1296

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Section 1: "The winds of hatred have encompassed the Ark..."

He is the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

The winds of hatred have encompassed the Ark of Batha, by reason of that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. O Baqir! Thou hast pronounced sentence against them for whom the books of the world have wept, and in whose favour the scriptures of all religions have testified. Thou, who art gone far astray, art indeed wrapt in a thick veil. By God Himself! Thou hast pronounced judgement against them through whom the horizon of faith hath been illumined. Unto this bear witness They Who are the Dawning-Places of Revelation and the Manifestations of the Cause of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, Who have sacrificed Their souls and all that They possessed in His straight Path. The Faith of God hath cried everywhere, by reason of thy tyranny, and yet thou disportest thyself and art of them that exult. There is no hatred in Mine heart for thee nor for anyone. Every man of learning beholdeth thee, and such as are like thee, engulfed in evident folly. Hadst thou realized that which thou hast done, thou wouldst have cast thyself into the fire, or abandoned thine home and fled into the mountains, or wouldst have groaned until thou hadst returned unto the place destined for thee by Him Who is the Lord of strength and of might.

O thou who art even as nothing! Rend thou asunder the veils of idle fancies and vain imaginings, that thou mayest behold the Day-Star of knowledge shining from this resplendent Horizon. Thou hast torn in pieces a remnant of the Prophet Himself, and imagined that thou hadst helped the Faith of God. Thus hath thy soul prompted thee, and thou art truly one of the heedless. Thine act hath consumed the hearts of the Concourse on high, and those of such as have circled round the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds. The soul of the Chaste One melted, by reason of thy cruelty, and the inmates of Paradise wept sore in that blessed Spot.

Judge thou fairly, I adjure thee by God. What proof did the Jewish doctors adduce wherewith to condemn Him Who was the Spirit of God, when He came unto them with truth? What could have been the evidence produced by the Pharisees and the idolatrous priests to justify their denial of Muhammad, the Apostle of God when He came unto them with a Book that judged between truth and falsehood with a justice which turned into light the darkness of the earth, and enraptured the hearts of such as had known Him? Indeed thou hast produced, in this day, the same proofs which the foolish divines advanced in that age. Unto this testifieth He Who is the King of the realm of grace in this great Prison.

Thou hast, truly, walked in their ways, nay, hast surpassed them in their cruelty, and hast deemed thyself to be helping the Faith and defending the Law of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. By Him Who is the Truth! Thine iniquity hath made Gabriel to groan, and hath drawn tears from the Law of God, through which the breezes of justice have been wafted over all who are in heaven and on earth. Hast thou fondly imagined that the judgement thou didst pronounce hath profited thee? Nay, by Him Who is the King of all Names! Unto thy loss testifieth He with Whom is the knowledge of all things as recorded in the preserved

Tablet. When thou didst pen thy judgement, thou wast accused by thy very pen. Unto this doth bear witness the Pen of God, the Most High, in His inaccessible station.

O thou who hast gone astray! Thou hast neither seen Me, nor associated with Me, nor been My companion for the fraction of a moment. How is it, then, that thou hast bidden men to curse Me? Didst thou, in this, follow the promptings of thine own desires, or didst thou obey thy Lord? Produce thou a sign, if thou art one of the truthful. We testify that thou hast cast behind thy back the Law of God, and laid hold on the dictates of thy passions. Nothing, in truth, escapeth His knowledge; He, verily, is the Incomparable, the All-Informed. O heedless one! Hearken unto that which the Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: 'Say not to every one who meeteth you with a greeting, "Thou art not a believer."' Thus hath He decreed in Whose grasp are the kingdoms of Revelation and of creation, if thou be of them that hearken. Thou hast set aside the commandment of God, and clung unto the promptings of thine own desire. Woe, then, unto thee, O careless one that doubtest! If thou deniest Me, by what proof canst thou vindicate the truth of that which thou dost possess? Produce it, then, O thou who hast joined partners with God, and turned aside from His sovereignty that hath encompassed the worlds!

O foolish one! Know thou that he is truly learned who hath acknowledged My Revelation, and drunk from the Ocean of My knowledge, and soared in the atmosphere of My love, and cast away all else besides Me, and taken firm hold on that which hath been sent down from the Kingdom of My wondrous utterance. He, verily, is even as an eye unto mankind, and as the spirit of life unto the body of all creation. Glorified be the All-Merciful Who hath enlightened him, and caused him to arise and serve His great and mighty Cause. Verily, such a man is blessed by the Concourse on high, and by them who dwell within the Tabernacle of Grandeur, who have quaffed My sealed Wine in My Name, the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful.

O Baqir! If thou be of them that occupy such a sublime station, produce then a sign from God, the Creator of the heavens. And shouldst thou recognize thy powerlessness, do thou rein in thy passions, and return unto thy Lord, that perchance He may forgive thee thy sins which have caused the leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree to be burnt up, and the Rock to cry out, and the eyes of men of understanding to weep. Because of thee the Veil of Divinity was rent asunder, and the Ark foundered, and the She-Camel was hamstrung, and the Spirit groaned in His sublime retreat.

Disputest thou with Him Who hath come unto thee with the testimonies of God and His signs which thou possessest and which are in the possession of them that dwell on earth? Open thine eyes that thou mayest behold this Wronged One shining forth above the horizon of the will of God, the Sovereign, the Truth, the Resplendent. Unstop, then, the ear of thine heart that thou mayest hearken unto the speech of the Divine Lote-Tree that hath been raised up in truth by God, the Almighty, the Beneficent. Verily, this Tree, notwithstanding the things that befell it by reason of thy cruelty and of the transgressions of such as are like thee, calleth aloud and summoneth all men unto the Sadratu'l-Muntaha and the Supreme Horizon. Blessed is the soul that hath gazed on the Most Mighty Sign, and the ear that hath heard His most sweet Voice, and woe to whosoever hath turned aside and done wickedly.

O thou who hast turned away from God! Wert thou to look with the eye of fairness upon the Divine Lote-Tree, thou wouldst perceive the marks of thy sword on its boughs, and its branches, and its leaves,

notwithstanding that God created thee for the purpose of recognizing and of serving it. Reflect, that haply thou mayest recognize thine iniquity and be numbered with such as have repented. Thinkest thou that We fear thy cruelty? Know thou and be well assured that from the first day whereon the voice of the Most Sublime Pen was raised betwixt earth and heaven We offered up Our souls, and Our bodies, and Our sons, and Our possessions in the path of God, the Exalted, the Great, and We glory therein amongst all created things and the Concourse on high. Unto this testify the things which have befallen Us in this straight Path.

By God! Our hearts were consumed, and Our bodies were crucified, and Our blood was spilt, while Our eyes were fixed on the horizon of the loving-kindness of their Lord, the Witness, the All-Seeing. The more grievous their woes, the greater waxed the love of the people of Baha. Unto their sincerity hath borne witness what the All-Merciful hath sent down in the Qur'an. He saith: 'Wish ye, then, for death, if ye are sincere.' Who is to be preferred, he that hath sheltered himself behind curtains, or he that hath offered himself in the path of God? Judge thou fairly, and be not of them that rove distraught in the wilderness of falsehood. So carried away have they been by the living waters of the love of the Most Merciful, that neither the arms of the world nor the swords of the nations have deterred them from setting their faces towards the ocean of the bounty of their Lord, the Giver, the Generous.

By God! Troubles have failed to unnerve Me, and the repudiation of the divines hath been powerless to weaken Me. I have spoken, and still speak forth before the face of men: 'The door of grace hath been unlocked and He Who is the Dayspring of Justice is come with perspicuous signs and evident testimonies, from God, the Lord of strength and of might!' Present thyself before Me that thou mayest hear the mysteries which were heard by the Son of Imran upon the Sinai of Wisdom. Thus commandeth thee He Who is the Dawning-Place of the Revelation of thy Lord, the God of Mercy, from His great Prison.

Hath leadership made thee proud? Peruse thou what God hath revealed to the Sovereign ruler, the Sultan of Turkey, who hath incarcerated Me in this fortified stronghold, so that thou mayest be informed of the condition of this Wronged One, as decreed by God, the One, the Single, the All-Informed. Art thou happy to see the abject and worthless as thy followers? They support thee as did a people before them, they that followed Annas, who, without clear proof and testimony, pronounced judgement against the Spirit.

Peruse thou the Kitab-i-Iqan and that which the All-Merciful hath sent down unto the King of Paris and to such as are like him, that thou mayest be made aware of the things that have happened in the past, and be persuaded that We have not sought to spread disorder in the land after it had been well-ordered. We exhort, wholly for the sake of God, His servants. Let him who wisheth turn unto Him, and him who wisheth turn aside. Our Lord, the Merciful, is verily the All-Sufficing, the All-Praised. O concourse of divines! This is the day whereon nothing amongst all things, nor any name amongst all names, can profit you save through this Name which God hath made the Manifestation of His Cause and the Dayspring of His Most Excellent Titles unto all who are in the kingdom of creation.

Blessed is that man that hath recognized the fragrance of the All-Merciful and been numbered with the steadfast. Your sciences shall not profit you in this day, nor your arts, nor your treasures, nor your glory. Cast them all behind your backs, and set your faces towards the Most Sublime Word through which the

Scriptures and the Books and this lucid Tablet have been distinctly set forth. Cast away, O concourse of divines, the things ye have composed with the pens of your idle fancies and vain imaginings. By God! The Day-Star of Knowledge hath shone forth above the horizon of certitude.

Section 2: "O Baqir! Read and call thou to mind…"

O Baqir! Read and call thou to mind that which was said of old by a believer of thy stock: 'Will ye slay a man because he saith my Lord is God, when He hath already come to you with signs from your Lord? If he be a liar, on him will be his lie, but if he be a man of truth, part of what he threateneth will fall upon you. In truth God guideth not him who is a transgressor, a liar.'

O thou who art gone astray! If thou hast any doubt concerning Our conduct, know thou that We bear witness unto that whereunto God hath Himself borne witness ere the creation of the heavens and of the earth, that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Bounteous. We testify that He is One in His Essence, One in His attributes. He hath none to equal Him in the whole universe, nor any partner in all creation. He hath sent forth His Messengers, and sent down His Books, that they may announce unto His creatures the Straight Path.

Hath the Shah been informed, and chosen to close his eyes to thine acts? Or hath he been seized with fear at the howling of a pack of wolves who have cast the Path of God behind their backs and followed in thy way without any clear proof or Book? We have heard that the provinces of Persia have been adorned with the adornment of justice. When We observed closely, however, We found them to be the dawning-places of tyranny and the daysprings of injustice. We behold justice in the clutches of tyranny. We beseech God to set it free through the power of His might and His sovereignty. He, verily, overshadoweth all that is in the heavens and on earth. To none is given the right to protest against anyone concerning that which hath befallen the Cause of God. It behoveth whosoever hath set his face towards the Most Sublime Horizon to cleave tenaciously unto the cord of patience, and to put his reliance in God, the Help in Peril, the Unconstrained. O ye loved ones of God! Drink your fill from the well-spring of wisdom, and walk ye in the garden of wisdom, and soar ye in the atmosphere of wisdom, and speak forth with wisdom and eloquence. Thus biddeth you your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Knowing.

O Baqir! Rely not on thy glory, and thy power. Thou art even as the last trace of sunlight upon the mountain-top. Soon will it fade away, as decreed by God, the All-Possessing, the Most High. Thy glory and the glory of such as are like thee have been taken away, and this verily is what hath been ordained by the One with Whom is the Mother Tablet. Where is he to be found who contended with God, and whither is gone he that gainsaid His signs, and turned aside from His sovereignty? Where are they who have slain His chosen ones and spilt the blood of His holy ones? Reflect, that haply thou mayest perceive the breaths of thine acts, O foolish doubter! Because of you the Apostle lamented, and the Chaste One cried out, and the countries were laid waste, and darkness fell upon all regions. O concourse of divines! Because of you the people were abased, and the banner of Islam was hauled down, and its mighty throne subverted. Every time a man of discernment hath sought to hold fast unto that which would exalt Islam, ye raised a clamour, and thereby was he deterred from achieving his purpose, while the land remained fallen in clear ruin.

Consider the Sultan of Turkey! He did not want war, but those like you desired it. When its fires were enkindled and its flames rose high, the government and the people were thereby weakened. Unto this beareth witness every man of equity and perception. Its calamities waxed so great that the smoke thereof surrounded the Land of Mystery and its environs, and what had been revealed in the Tablet of the Sultan was made manifest. Thus hath it been decreed in the Book, at the behest of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

O My Supreme Pen! Leave Thou the mention of the Wolf, and call Thou to remembrance the She-Serpent whose cruelty hath caused all created things to groan, and the limbs of the holy ones to quake. Thus biddeth Thee the Lord of all names, in this glorious station. The Chaste One hath cried out by reason of thine iniquity, and yet thou dost imagine thyself to be of the family of the Apostle of God! Thus hath thy soul prompted thee, O thou who hast withdrawn thyself from God, the Lord of all that hath been and shall be. Judge thou equitably, O She-Serpent! For what crime didst thou sting the children of the Apostle of God, and pillage their possessions? Hast thou denied Him Who created thee by His command ʻbe, and it was'? Thou hast dealt with the children of the Apostle of God as neither Ad hath dealt with Hud, nor Thamud with Salih, nor the Jews with the Spirit of God, the Lord of all being.

Gainsayest thou the signs of thy Lord which no sooner were sent down from the heaven of His Cause than all the books of the world bowed down before them? Meditate, that thou mayest be made aware of thine act, O heedless outcast! Ere long will the breaths of chastisement seize thee, as they seized others before thee. Wait, O thou who hast joined partners with God, the Lord of the visible and the invisible. This is the day which God hath announced through the tongue of His Apostle. Reflect, that thou mayest apprehend what the All-Merciful hath sent down in the Qur'an and in this inscribed Tablet. This is the day whereon He Who is the Dayspring of Revelation hath come with clear tokens which none can number. This is the day whereon every man endued with perception hath discovered the fragrance of the breeze of the All-Merciful in the world of creation, and every man of insight hath hastened unto the living waters of the mercy of His Lord, the King of Kings.

O heedless one! The tale of the Sacrifice hath been retold, and he who was to be offered up hath directed his steps towards the place of sacrifice, and returned not, by reason of that which thy hand hath wrought, O perverse hater! Didst thou imagine that martyrdom could abase this Cause? Nay, by Him Whom God hath made to be the Repository of His Revelation, if thou be of them that comprehend. Woe betide thee, O thou who hast joined partners with God, and woe betide them that have taken thee as their leader, without a clear token or a perspicuous Book. How numerous the oppressors before thee who have arisen to quench the light of God, and how many the impious who murdered and pillaged until the hearts and souls of men groaned by reason of their cruelty! The sun of justice hath been obscured, inasmuch as the embodiment of tyranny hath been stablished upon the throne of hatred, and yet the people understand not.

The children of the Apostle have been slain and their possessions pillaged. Say: Was it, in thine estimation, their possessions or themselves that denied God? Judge fairly, O ignorant one that hath been shut out as by a veil from God. Thou hast clung to tyranny and cast away justice; whereupon all created things have lamented, and still thou art among the wayward. Thou hast put to death the aged, and

plundered the young. Thinkest thou that thou wilt consume that which thine iniquity hath amassed? Nay, by Myself! Thus informeth thee He Who is cognizant of all. By God! The things thou possessest shall profit thee not, nor what thou hast laid up through thy cruelty. Unto this beareth witness Thy Lord, the All-Knowing.

Thou hast arisen to put out the light of this Cause; ere long will thine own fire be quenched, at His behest. He, verily, is the Lord of strength and of might. The changes and chances of the world, and the powers of the nations, cannot frustrate Him. He doeth what He pleaseth, and ordaineth what He willeth through the power of His sovereignty. Consider the she-camel. Though but a beast, yet hath the All-Merciful exalted her to so high a station that the tongues of the earth made mention of her and celebrated her praise. He, verily, overshadoweth all that is in the heavens and on earth. No God is there but Him, the Almighty, the Great.

Thus have We adorned the heaven of Our Tablet with the suns of Our words. Blessed the man that hath attained thereunto and been illumined with their light, and woe betide such as have turned aside, and denied Him, and strayed far from Him. Praised be God, the Lord of the worlds!

BH00231: Praise be to God Who awakened all created things…

Section 1: "Praise be to God Who awakened all created…"

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

Praise be to God Who awakened all created things through His sweetest call and made known to them His most exalted horizon from which shone forth the Sun of Revelation through His Name whereby the sun was darkened, the moon eclipsed, the earth was cleft asunder and the heaven was split apart. Exalted is our Lord, the Most Glorious, Who when He speaks all things are attracted, and when His Most Exalted Pen moves, the Kingdom of Names is set in motion. He is the One by Whose finger were rent asunder the veils of humanity and the veils of those who were debarred from the ultimate Purpose and the loftiest Summit. Blessed is he who, out of longing for His Revelation, soared above the world and arose to serve Him amidst His creation.

He is the One Whom the Book praised, the pebbles celebrated, the seas proclaimed His sovereignty, the mountains His power, the winds His might, and the signs His glory and splendor. He is the One Who planted with the hands of grace the Lote-Tree of faithfulness in the white spot and watered it with the blood of the chosen ones and the near ones. Exalted, exalted be the Lord of eternity and the Sovereign of nations, in Whose recognition souls are bewildered and before Whose remembrance the sincere ones and those near to God confess their inability to soar. All things testify that He cannot be described, nor mentioned, nor comprehended, nor known. He is the Single One, the One, the Sanctified, the Mighty, the Wise.

The glory shining from the horizon of Will be upon those who speak His praise, who stand firm in His Cause, who arise to serve Him, who convey His commandments, and who drink the choice wine of steadfastness among His creatures in such wise that the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Kingdom of Names turn toward them. These are servants whom neither the affairs of the world sadden

nor the veils of nations hinder nor the might of those who disbelieve and act wrongfully frighten. Blessed are they, then blessed are they. These are the people of God; through them all things seek blessing morning and evening.

Your letter illumined the heart and strengthened all members and limbs, for it was adorned with the mention of the Beloved of the worlds. Exalted be His remembrance, exalted His praise, exalted His station, exalted His recognition, exalted His description. The mention of the true Sovereign and spiritual King is, in truth, like the sun in the heaven of knowledge and like a lamp in the darkness of the world. When it shines forth it illumines the horizons, and when it appears it brightens those in all lands. Praise be to the Beloved of souls and the Purpose of all possible existence Who honored these servants in the days of His Manifestation with this most exalted station and ultimate rank, which is the recognition of God, exalted be His glory, and did not deprive them from the ocean of inner meanings. He is, verily, the Generous Giver.

Regarding what you wrote about having sent multiple letters addressed to this evanescent one, before this letter only one of them arrived which was a source of joy and delight. This servant is occupied day and night with the writing of divine verses, and since numerous Tablets have repeatedly and successively dawned and shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of favor specifically for you, this servant did not make his presence known. Among these were those sent with Haji Siyyid ʿAli-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God, and likewise with Ismullah-i-Asdaq, upon them both be the glory of God, and also with Shaykh Salman. Praise be to God, the gaze of favor of the Purpose of the world, exalted be His grandeur, has been and will continue to be upon you, and its fruit will surely become manifest and evident in the visible world. He is, verily, the Forgiving, the Generous.

In their letter dated the 25th of Rajab, they had written that the honored physician, upon him be the Glory of God, had written that from the blessed Tongue had come the announcement of tribulation. Although the exact text of the blessed utterance is not before this servant, yet in the Tablets this matter has been revealed, both in these days and previously in the Most Holy Book, and assuredly whatsoever hath been revealed and sent down from the Divine Pen and the heaven of the eternal Will shall come to pass, even as whatsoever was revealed in the Tablet to the King of Persia and to Ra'is hath been fulfilled, word for word and phrase by phrase. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to protect His loved ones and preserve them from that which beseemeth them not. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

The people are asleep, nay dead. In one of the Tablets this blessed word hath been revealed:

> "No one save its people can read any book, for the scripts are diverse. For example, none but its people can read the Hebrew script, and likewise the Syriac and other scripts. But the Book of the world can be read by every soul, for upon every tablet of the world is inscribed and recorded the word of change and evanescence, and all behold this and are aware of it. Even as after a luminous day they witness with their outward eye the dark night, and in every moment they see the changes and transformations and variations, and all these matters are written in clear script in the Book of the world. And yet all are heedless and stupefied. Glory be to God! What intoxication is this that hath prevented the world from awakening, and what slumber is this that hath encompassed all! I swear by the dawning rays of the Sun of inner meanings that

> riseth from the horizon of the prison, that were a soul to become aware to the extent of a single hair, he would not occupy himself with these fleeting days, nor would he deprive himself of the praiseworthy station. Observe the baseness of souls—all acknowledge and confess the evanescence and nothingness of that with which they are occupied, yet each is seen to be captive to something and afflicted by something. I beseech God, exalted be He, to aid us to arise to serve Him and to stand firm in that which He hath willed. Verily He is the One desired in the first and the last. There is no God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

Some time ago this evanescent servant sent a petition to His Honor the Name of God, his eminence Jim, upon him be all the most glorious Glory. That petition was adorned with divine verses. God willing, it will reach the attention of that honored one and he will be enriched by its ocean of meanings.

Concerning what you mentioned about the dream of Aqa Mirza Zaynu'l-ʿAbidin, upon him be the Glory of God, and the martyrdom of the martyrs, upon them be all His Most Glorious Glory, by the life of the Beloved, there hath appeared in creation that which causeth all things to curse every oppressor who hath arisen in opposition and committed that which hath caused the dwellers of Paradise and the denizens of the highest heaven to weep at eventide and at dawn. How excellent are these words:

> "Oppress not if thou hast the power, for oppression will in the end bring thee remorse. Thine eyes may sleep while the wronged one keepeth vigil, calling down curses on thee, and the eye of God never sleepeth."

Such is the nature of men that they take such heedless souls as their leaders. They have passed by the ocean and clung to a mirage. They are deprived of the rays of the Sun and have grown accustomed to darkness. Fie upon them and upon those who have denied God throughout all ages! Before the people, they have committed deeds for worldly ornaments, the traces of which shall never be erased from the world. Soon shall they behold what they have wrought. Verily thy Lord is the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

After the arrival of this news, a Tablet was revealed from the heaven of divine will specifically concerning Shaykh Baqir and the Imam-Jum'ih, who have been designated as the Wolf and the She-Serpent in the Book of the Lord of Names.[BH00336] They specifically commanded that a copy be sent to Asad, therefore this servant sent the written copy to him. Verily it is a noble Book sent down from the presence of One mighty and wise. And as commanded, after perusing it, you should deliver it to His Holiness Ismu'llah J, upon him be all His Most Glorious Glory. What benefit is there when attentive ears are lacking and penetrating vision is absent? Otherwise, all the peoples of the earth would become intoxicated by the wine of the utterance of the Countenance of the Most Merciful and would occupy themselves with His mention, praise and service in the assemblage of the world. In any case, each faction rejoiceth in that which it possesseth. Verily we are God's, and to Him shall we return.

Concerning what you wrote that His Holiness Ismu'llah H, upon him be all His Most Glorious Glory, labored for years in the belief that the brethren had many who circled round the Absolute Beloved and the True Sovereign and would protect them, yet in the time of tribulation and affliction not a single soul arose for their sake purely for God's sake to offer protection and seek justice—to the end of your

words—this matter was presented at the Most Holy Court, and this is what the Tongue of Grandeur uttered:

O Asad! Hearken unto the call raised from the direction of ʿAkka, which hath been lifted up from the Tongue of Grandeur and Glory: Verily there is no God but Me, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We took a handful of dust and breathed into it a spirit from Our presence, and clothed it with the robe of recognition, and adorned it with the ornament of certitude, and raised it to a station whereat the tongues of the Concourse on High uttered its mention and praise. Thus doth the Intended One inform thee that thou mayest become aware of the bounty of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Protector, the Glorious, the Loving.

Jinab-i-Ha and Ha—that is, two honored brothers—upon them be the Glory of God—in the days when the Sun of the Horizons was shining and radiant from the horizon of Iraq, turned towards and attained the Most Holy Court. Through the fragrances of divine verses they forgot themselves and others, and arose to praise, commemorate and serve the Friend. After returning, they achieved what they had intended and sought from the Truth.

Section 2: "The hand of divine power exalted them…"

The hand of divine power exalted them to such a degree that they became the focus of all the loved ones and the refuge for most of the servants who dwelt in that land. In their final days, they attained the robe of martyrdom, which is the finest ornament in the world. Verily thy Lord is their Helper, their Succourer, their Strengthener, their Exalter, their Rememberer and their Praiser. This station is one of thanksgiving and praise, a place of glorification and prayer.

By My life, if someone were to contemplate the favors of the Truth, they would speak with the tongues of all things throughout their life, saying "Praise be to Thee, O Glory of the Worlds." God willing, that honored one should look to the fruit of the tree of martyrdom, taste its sweetness, and make the loved ones aware of it. Such matters have ever occurred and will continue to occur, and were the Supreme Pen to mention their fruits, assuredly the tablets would not suffice. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed art thou for having turned, approached, entered, heard, attained and spoken in remembrance of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have immersed themselves in the ocean of My good-pleasure and who have uttered in all conditions My word: "Praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds."

This servant at this point submits that the Twin Luminous Lights attained the presence of the Beloved of all horizons in Iraq and were outwardly favored with such bounties as had never been witnessed for any others. Since in those days the Twin Luminous Lights were not widely known, some were astonished at the divine favors bestowed upon them, and certain ones even made some remarks. After they returned, several petitions from them reached the Most Holy Court wherein they implored for the supreme martyrdom. I swear by the countenance of the Desired One, they sought this station with such utter helplessness that nothing greater can be imagined. Whenever their petitions were presented, the Tongue of Grandeur would speak words indicating that the time and season for it had not yet arrived—that they should be patient until God brings about His decree.

In truth, the divine verses took such possession of them that this ephemeral pen is incapable and powerless to describe it. God, exalted be His glory, rained down the showers of His grace upon them and elevated their station to such a degree that they became beloved of the chosen ones and renowned in all lands. They were blessed with both outward and inward bounties and sustained by the divine table. Finally they attained this most exalted and sublime station. While they were alive their station remained veiled, but after their ascension there shone forth from the Supreme Pen what did shine forth.

O my beloved one who stands before my eyes! A hundred thousand regrets that this servant attained to what they attained. I swear by that Most Firm Handle by which earth and heaven were set in motion that in all conditions this servant remembers and utters "Would that I had been with them!" Would that a portion of this ocean had been bestowed and a share granted! This servant is forbidden from mentioning certain matters, otherwise he would mention that whereby people would understand what is hidden from them. At all times this evanescent one beseeches God, exalted be His glory, with utmost humility and supplication that he may be granted a drop from this cup. Verily He is the Generous, He is the Merciful, He is the Giver, He is the Bestower, He is the Compassionate, the Kind, the Forgiving, the Mighty, the Wise.

Up to this point, the answer to your esteemed letter dated the 25th of Rajab has been submitted. And the second letter of the 28th of Sha'ban arrived like a spiritual bird and brought joy to this ephemeral heart. We praise God, exalted be He, for your health, your remembrance, your acceptance and your turning to God, the Lord of the worlds. Praise be to God that you have been favored with God's grace, have arisen to serve His Cause, are speaking His praise, are turned toward His face and are gazing at His horizon.

Concerning the four souls you mentioned, we beseech God to assist all to act with wisdom. During the time of the Primal Point, may our souls be a sacrifice for His sake, and after His supreme martyrdom, each year in various lands bloodshed, plunder and pillage occurred, as in previous ages. These events have been and will continue to be the cause of the exaltation of God's Cause, though in past years such occurrences were rare. After the incident in the Land of Sad, one day when present before this evanescent servant, He said:

> "O servant in attendance! Although this event caused sorrow and grief to the loved ones of God, it became the cause of the further exaltation of the Cause. The Supreme Pen beareth witness that they attained unto that which none before them had attained. Through their love the fire of love was kindled, and through their martyrdom the mention of God was spread amongst all creation. Blessed are they and blessed is he who draweth nigh unto them purely for the sake of God, the Almighty, the Powerful. Blessed are they who have borne hardships for His love, who have entered prison for His Name, and who have been abased in His path. By God! They are indeed the triumphant ones. God will soon reveal the fruits of their deeds on earth. He is the Protector of the sincere ones. Blessed are the faces that were changed by the slaps of the oppressors in His days, and the necks that were adorned with chains in the manifestation of His Cause. By My beauty! He who hath been abased in My path shall soon behold glory bowing down before his face. Verily, He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the All-Informed, the All-Knowing."

As for your mention that the friends have no affliction save the destitution and poverty that encompass them all, this evanescent servant submitteth that at one time the Seal of the Prophets, may the spirit of all in the Kingdom be a sacrifice for His sake—that Holy Being Himself together with His companions were in utmost poverty, to such degree that some had no sustenance for the night. Later came a time when one of His companions had more than two hundred horses in his stable, and upon some of them bounties rained down from all directions like rain, and they spent all in the path of the Friend, paying no heed to its accumulation. Today the friends of God must, relying upon Him, stand with perfect steadfastness in the Cause of God, and like the morning star shine bright and luminous among the people, and with wisdom and utterance call all who have gone astray to the horizon of the All-Merciful.

By His very Self, the Truth! The days of glory, sovereignty, wealth and power shall all be made manifest, and divine favors shall encompass them from all directions. All souls shall turn toward them and bow down before them. Let them know the value of these days and beseech God not to be deprived of any matter which they would be powerless to rectify.

Convey on behalf of this evanescent one a wondrous and sublime greeting to all, and make mention that this is a Day the like of which hath never been. Strive ye to drink at all times from the living waters and partake of the choice wine of inner meaning, that ye may be adorned with an everlasting ornament. By the Beloved of the world, in this way all that pertaineth unto you shall endure and remain. Every small deed performed for the sake of God in this day shall be spread throughout all regions. He verily knoweth what He hath ordained for His servants who are not deterred in His path by the censure of the critic nor the oppression of any relentless tyrant. God willing, that honoured one should gladden through the mention of God those friends who have been saddened by recent events. All wealth, glory, exaltation and greatness are destined for man, but since God, exalted and sanctified be He, hath made all matters dependent upon means, they shall appear in their appointed time. This evanescent servant beseecheth his Lord to adorn them with the ornament of patience and ordain for them that which shall profit them in this world and the next. He verily is the All-Patient, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Concerning what thou didst write about Ali-Akbar Bey, it was presented before the Most Holy Court, and the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed from the heaven of merciful grace and sent forth. Deliver it unto him, that his heart may rejoice thereby, his eyes be consoled, his breast be dilated, his soul be attracted, and his face be illumined through hearkening unto the verses of his Ancient Lord.

Likewise, thou didst make mention of my brother, upon him be the Glory of God. This was presented before the Most Great Horizon, and a Tablet was specifically revealed for him from the heaven of the Divine Will and sent forth. God willing, may he attain unto it. Mention was made of two Akbars in thy letter, and this was presented before His countenance, and the Sun of loving-kindness rose and shone forth from the horizon of grace. In this connection was seen the phrase “and strengthen them with a third,” therefore it is mentioned that no word hath been received for some time from Mulla Ali-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God. Convey the greetings of this evanescent one to him and to all other friends.

Moreover, the captives of God—those souls who have become wanderers in God’s path, namely the people of Sad, upon them be the Glory of God and His mercy—are ever before these evanescent eyes

and are mentioned before the Throne. Glory be upon them, and greetings be upon them, and blessed are they and those who have attained in the path of the Beloved that which hearts abhor.

BH00406: Praise be to God, Who hath appeared and made…

Praise be to God, Who hath appeared and made manifest His Cause in whatsoever manner He willed. Verily, He is the Sovereign Whose Revelation hath not been circumscribed by any mention nor delimited by any sign, inasmuch as He it is Whom the allusions of men cannot encompass, nor the evidences of them that dwell in the earth contain. The minds of the wise perceive Him not, nor do the hearts of the learned attain unto Him.

The very atoms have borne witness that He is the Living One, besides Whom there is none other God. None hath known Him save Himself, nor hath any soul encompassed His knowledge except His own Self. He revealeth Himself unto whomsoever He willeth. Unto this hath testified the Tongue of the Divine Beauty, He through Whose Most Great Manifestation the world hath been gladdened, and Who proclaimeth with the most exalted call amidst the nations: There is none other God but Him Who speaketh, and heareth, and knoweth, and seeth all things.

Blessed is the strong one whom the allusions of the people of contention have not cast into consternation, and blessed is the steadfast one whom the vain imaginings of the people of veils have not caused to stumble, those who have cast the Lord of creation and the Fashioner of heaven behind their backs, and have followed every senseless clamorer that hath raised his cry in the land.

And further: Thy letter reached this evanescent servant, and whatsoever was written therein became known. I beseech God, exalted and glorified be He, that He may preserve and protect that soul, confirm him in that which beseemeth his station, and grant him success in steadfastness in His Cause. O brother! Steadfastness in the Cause, after the recognition of the Desire of all worlds, is a matter greater than all else, for therein is the ascent unto the Kingdom. Blessed is the soul that, through the power of God, remaineth firm in His Cause, and whom the tumult and outcry of the rabble have not deprived of the grace of the Lord of the throne above and earth beneath.

And as to thy question concerning the difference betwixt Manifestation and Return: all this hath been set forth in the Book of Íqan, which was revealed by the Pen of the All-Merciful and is known by the name of the Ḵẖal. God willing, thou shalt attain unto the reading thereof. By the Sun of Truth that shineth in this day from the horizon of the Prison, whosoever readeth that blessed Book shall discover in it, touching this Cause, such matters as in none of the Books of former times hath a door unto them been opened. Blessed is he that holdeth fast thereto and perceiveth what is therein, for he is indeed of them that see in the presence of their Lord, the Mighty, the Gracious.

As to that which thou didst mention, that certain among the ignorant have become veiled by the utterance of the term “Seal”: Glory be to God! In very truth this is a matter for wonder. In such wise hath a luminary appeared and shone forth in the midst of decline that all the world hath been illumined by its condition and radiance, and yet, notwithstanding this, men have busied themselves with the mention of

"seal" and the like, and by reason thereof have remained shut out from the impregnable and inaccessible Truth.

The purport of the matter is this: that none should confine the Most Great Manifestation by the name of the Primal Point or by aught else. His, exalted be His remembrance, is the saying:

> "All the names were created for this end, that in the Day of His Revelation thou shouldst not remain veiled from God by reason of the names; rather shouldst thou behold in every thing that whereby the names subsist in every thing, even though it be the mention of the Prophet. That name itself is created by that which God revealeth."

Thus hath it been set down. Let them reflect thereon.

Likewise He saith in another Tablet that this Most Great Light dissolveth the limitations of all names, even as the mention of "seal" itself is but a word created through a single soul. In the Day of Revelation no name among names can avail a man, nor any station among stations, nor any rank among ranks. By the text of the Point of the Bayan Himself, the Manifestation and Point are for His sake alone. Alas, that the people have not dealt with equity, and that, despite the perfection of the argument, they have remained bewildered and speaking vain imaginings, treading the path of heedlessness and uttering the croakings of ruin.

Exalted be God in His sovereignty, exalted in His protection, exalted in His Revelation, exalted in His Day, in which the Sun hath shone forth from the horizon of heaven. Let the discerning observe how, notwithstanding that men have gone round about for the manifestation of the Night of Decree and have sought signs and tokens for the appearance of Him Who is to come, yet all created things are themselves constrained by proof and evidence, whereas His Revelation is in such a station that it is sanctified above the reach of all names, and no proof can attain unto Him. Wherefore the Primal Point, may the souls of all beside Him be His sacrifice, hath declared:

> "By Him Who standeth alone in glory and majesty, and calleth things into being without exemplar, certainty itself is ashamed to be certain concerning Him or to bow down before Him, and proof itself is ashamed to point unto Him."

Reflect ye upon these resplendent words, wherein He hath with utter plainness declared that certainty and proof are ashamed to indicate Him or to become the evidence of His Revelation. All are commanded to attain unto the recognition of Him through His own Self, not through aught beside Him. Even as He saith, exalted be His glory:

> "Wouldst thou have me make thee known through one besides Me? Wouldst thou bear witness unto Me through another? Wouldst thou seek to prove Me by means of him?"

Ponder these words, and heed not the sayings which men utter unto men. The truth is this: were men to seek aid from all the vain imaginings of the world, still would the One intended remain manifest through Himself and known in His essence, shining forth from the horizon of Revelation. In this station, the mention of aught besides Him is not permitted, nor shall it ever be. Be ye not of them that are veiled

from the Truth by these utterances and words wherewith men discourse. From whom have ye received these sayings and these declarations?

By the Lord of the horizon of the Bayan! Never hath any soul perceived the source of this Cause, nor attained thereunto. Rather, all have remained veiled therefrom. Yet perchance, through the assistance of the station of wisdom, someone may at length draw nigh unto the seat of the Cause and the Dayspring thereof, and come to know it and be made aware.

They speak according to their own desires, and imagine themselves rightly guided. Say: Nay, by all things is it testified that they have turned away from the Truth and disbelieved in God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. In that passage wherein the Point of the Bayan, may the souls of all beside Him be sacrificed for Him, hath declared, exalted be His mention:

> "Beware, beware, lest in the day of His Revelation thou be veiled by the Vahid of the Bayan, for that Vahid was created before Him,"

He warneth men lest, in the day of His appearance, they should through the Vahid of the Bayan be shut out from God Himself, or be deprived of Him by reason of that which was revealed in the Bayan. Let them now consider how heedless are this people: they occupy themselves with the mention, yet remain far from that which is intended by the mention, and from the very object thereof derive no portion. Every single word is reckoned as part of the Bayan, yet the Point of the Bayan declareth that the whole Bayan may in the day of Revelation become a veil. And God speaketh the truth, and guideth His servants unto the even path.

Observe how they busy themselves with every lowly utterance that descendeth from earth or heaven, yet heed not that lofty station which shineth from the highest horizon. They discourse about what is written in the Book, yet no soul in this day is seen to utter even a word from the Bayan, or a phrase from among its phrases, or from the kingdom of its books incomplete, in such wise as would not debar the peoples of the world from this Most Great Cause and leave the eyes of all creation deprived and forbidden. Therefore, O brother, with ears made hearing through the leave of God, hearken unto the words of this evanescent servant.

Should there be found a sanctified hearer, perhaps he may rend the veils of vain imaginings through the melodies of the Lord of pre-existence, and drink from the Kawthar of the Covenant. The Point of the Bayan, may the soul of all that dwell in the realm of being be His sacrifice, hath referred all mirrors, and beyond them, and all things besides, unto the First Vahid, and hath said that all are mentioned beneath the shadow of that First Vahid. Thereafter He describeth it, saying that if anyone should through that First Vahid be veiled from the Sovereign of Names and the Fashioner of heaven, he is not to be reckoned among the accepted. By God! This is the Day whereon mankind crieth out unto the Lord of all worlds. This is the Day whereof the Furqan hath given tidings, the Day whereon "thy Lord shall come, and some of the signs of thy Lord." This is the Day wherein the heaven hath been rent asunder, the earth stretched forth, and the mountains made to pass away. This is the Day of which the Messenger spake in His utterance, "And thy Lord shall come, and the angels rank upon rank." This is the Day wherein He Who communed upon Sinai hath lifted up His voice.

Abandon, O ye loved ones of God, every mention save His mention, every praise save His praise, and every description save His description. Converse with His chosen ones through the sweetest remembrance of His beauty. The First Point of the Bayan, may all besides Him be sacrificed for Him, hath forbidden men lest by any mystery among mysteries, any exposition among expositions, any station among stations, any mention among mentions, any name among names, or any attribute among attributes, they remain deprived of the King of Countenances, the Sovereign of love, and the One adored and beheld of all. In all degrees He hath, with the utmost clarity, set forth this matter and made it evident. Yet that which in the Bayan became the cause of the veiling of these wayward ones was the mention of the word Mustaghath, that it might be known who followeth God and who turneth back upon his heels.

Notwithstanding this, in another place He saith that if this people should appear in His day, all of you must worship Him. And in yet another passage He declareth: “The first one who shall worship Him is I myself.” O brother, this is the station and meaning of the words of the Point of the Bayan, may all besides Him be His sacrifice. In diverse passages He hath, by His bounty, disclosed rays of this station. Blessed are they that know.

Likewise, in the Kitab-i-Hayakil, He mentioneth Mustaghath and bringeth the reckoning thereof to nineteen, and then addressed Sayyah, upon him be the glory of God, face to face, bidding him arise and search every side of the Bayan and seek from God every praise and laud, that perchance the eyes of men may be anointed with the collyrium of knowledge, and that He may bestow attentive ears, radiant breasts, and assured hearts.

All that hath been asked and all that shall be asked hath already been revealed. Concerning the exalted mention, a full and ample exposition hath streamed from the Most Exalted Pen. God willing, let them search and read, and let them likewise observe the Book of Badi’ and the other books that have been revealed, that thereby the people may be guided unto the horizon of certitude and directed unto the Kawthar of assurance. Verily, He is the Bestower, the Mighty, the Generous. Had this evanescent servant desired to recount from the utterances of the Point of the Bayan, may all besides Him be His sacrifice, that which concerneth this theme, the parchment would not suffice. I beseech God, exalted and glorified be He, in utter lowliness and supplication, that He may enable that soul and all others to attain unto that whereunto all are summoned in this day. Verily, He is the All-Bounteous, the Omnipotent, the Great.

Convey, on behalf of this servant, the greeting of grandeur unto the friends in that land, and say:

Blessed are ye, inasmuch as ye have attained unto the knowledge of God and of His Cause, turned unto Him, and quaffed the choice wine of Revelation in His wondrous Name.

Occupy yourselves, in consummate wisdom, with the remembrance of the True One, in such wise that the warmth thereof, even without utterance or speech, may exert its influence upon the people of the world. Verily, our Lord and your Lord, our Desire and your Desire, our Adored One and your Adored One, beareth witness unto Himself that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Helper, the Bestower, the Succorer.

And praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds

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Section 1: "O Samandar! The Lord of Destiny consoles Himself…"

He is the Comforter in this great and mighty station.

O Samandar! The Lord of Destiny consoles Himself for what hath befallen Him at the hands of those who have embraced tyranny and cast justice behind their backs, following every froward devil. The tribes of ʿAd and Thamud did unto Salih and Hud that which caused the Divine Lote-Tree to lament and the Concourse on High to cry out, as doth testify this wronged, grief-stricken and lonely One. By God! They crucified the Spirit, hamstrung the She-Camel, and shattered the Ark. Thy Lord is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He lamenteth for His chosen ones and consoleth His loved ones in this calamity whereby justice hath wailed and the Faithful Spirit hath cried out. They have slain My chosen ones and plundered their possessions. Thus hath the matter been decreed, yet most of the people remain heedless.

O Samandar! We have witnessed Joseph the Beloved between the fangs of wolves, and Husayn beneath the claws of the oppressors. By God's life! The people have committed that which neither the Jews did unto the Spirit, nor Abu-Jahl unto Muhammad, My Messenger, whom We adorned with the ornament of the Seal and sent unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. They have perpetrated that which none in the world hath ever perpetrated, as doth bear witness the Lord of Eternity from this glorious horizon. When Hasan and Husayn were martyred and their days were ended, We seized the source of tyranny and oppression with a sovereignty from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful. Blessed are they who drew nigh unto them and visited their resting-places. They are the people of God in the Kingdom of creation. Thus hath the Supreme Pen decreed in this wondrous and glorious Book.

Woe unto those who have cast the Tablet of God behind their backs and followed every remote transgressor. Ponder, O Samandar, on My forbearance despite My power, My patience despite My might, and My silence despite the influence of My Word that hath dominated the world. Were We to so desire, We could seize those who have committed injustice through a mere servant or through the angels of the near ones. We act according to the wisdom We have made a lamp unto Our creation and the people of Our dominion. Thy Lord is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Soon shall We seize those who have oppressed even as We seized them aforetime. Thy Lord is verily the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth.

God willing, thou hast been and wilt ever remain the recipient of God's favors and engaged in His service. He hath testified that thou hast been faithful to His Covenant and hast arisen to serve His Cause. Blessed art thou, and thy brother, and thy father who hath ascended unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Samandar! Thou must act with the utmost wisdom. Trust not every speaker, reveal not what thou knowest to every visitor, and disclose not to every seeker. How many a servant claims with his tongue that which hath never entered his heart. Be seated upon the throne of wisdom, walk in the path of wisdom, and hold fast to the hem of wisdom. Thus doth the Lord of creation counsel thee. He is verily the Faithful Counselor.

These are days wherein some, for the purpose of learning about matters or for other motives, make claims of sincerity and faith. Thou must be vigilant in all respects that nothing might occur contrary to wisdom.

For each of the souls mentioned in thy letter, wondrous and sublime verses have been revealed from the heaven of divine Will. Blessed are they for having attained unto My verses in My days and unto My mercy that hath preceded all worlds. Make mention of thine uncle on My behalf. Say: Grieve not for what hath befallen thee. The Beloved remembereth thee and hath turned toward thee out of His grace. He is verily the Almighty, the All-Bountiful.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Rahim! Blessed art thou for having turned unto God, hearkened unto His Call, and directed thyself toward Him with a heart that was turned to the Qiblih of the horizons. Let not the affairs of the world grieve thee. Verily, the ocean of joy remembereth thee in the midst of sorrows. The banner of tyranny hath been raised in the land of Sad, whereat the Lote-Tree of existence hath lamented and the Rock of reality hath cried out. God hath seized the root of oppression through His sovereignty. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Unconstrained.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me in Thy Most Great Prison. I beseech Thee, by Thy Name, the All-Subduing Ruler of the world, to ordain for me through the Pen of Thy decree that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. O Lord! Thou knowest what is within me, and I know not what is with Thee. Thou art, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We make mention of him who is named Ibrahim, that he may hear the Call of the Glorious One which hath been raised from this exalted Station. Be thou mindful of My remembrance, proclaiming My Name and voicing My beauteous praise. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to recognition and for having revealed unto thee that which shall profit thee throughout the duration of His kingdom and dominion, shouldst thou remain steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of the learned have slipped and the hearts of the mystics have been perturbed, save whom God hath willed, thy Lord, the Lord of all worlds. Thus hath the Dayspring of Revelation mentioned thee in His days, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Gracious Lord.

We make mention in this Book of him who is named Ali, from which the fragrance of utterance hath been wafted to all who dwell in the realm of creation and the perfume of the garment hath been diffused amongst those who are near unto God. O Ali! We counsel thee to be steadfast in this mighty Cause. How many a servant hath claimed steadfastness within himself, yet when We tested him with but a word he faltered and was among the lost. Cast aside vain imaginings in the name of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, and hold fast unto the cord of certitude from God, the Most High, the Most Great. Thus hath the Spirit spoken, and the Cock of the Throne hath crowed, and the Nightingale hath warbled. Blessed is he who hath turned and hearkened, and woe unto the heedless. The glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath held fast unto the cord of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

O Most Exalted Pen! We desire to make mention of one of My handmaidens who heard My call, turned unto My horizon, discovered the fragrance of My garment, arose to render My praise and glorification, circled round My Cause, sought refuge in My presence, and found shelter beneath the shade of the Tree

of My loving providence, who bore the afflictions of the world for love of Me and My path, and cast aside the idle fancies of the nations through the sovereignty of My commandments and ordinances. She is the one who was in the presence of Our Name, who was named Abdul-Rahim, in this luminous Scene. O Samandar! By My life, We have veiled his station in this vain life and have made mention of him in My hidden, treasured and concealed scroll with such mention as hath enraptured the hearts of the mystics. Blessed is he who attained his presence in his days and visited him after his ascension. We bear witness that he is among the triumphant. Blessed is he who draweth nigh and standeth before his resting place and saith:

Peace be upon thee from God and His chosen ones and His trustees and the Dawning-Places of His revelation and the Day-Springs of His inspiration and the Manifestations of His Cause and the bearers of His throne and His angels, O thou who art radiant with the light that shineth from the horizon of certitude and who speaketh in praise of thy Lord, the Possessor of all possibilities. I testify that thou didst arise when thou didst hear the call and didst answer thy Lord, and hastened with thy heart to His most exalted horizon and His most glorious vision, and didst take the choice wine of knowledge from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. And I testify that thou wert steadfast in the Cause of God in such wise that neither the clamor of the heedless, nor the blame of the ignorant, nor the turning away of the opposer, nor the objection of the spiteful, nor the evil of the wicked, nor the barking of the hateful could deter thee.

Section 2: "Thou art he who was mentioned…"

Thou art he who was mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen and who didst win the verses of God, the Lord of Names, and didst drink the Kawthar of utterance from the cup of the wisdom of God, the Lord of the worlds. And I testify that thou didst acknowledge that which God acknowledged on a day wherein earthquakes seized all who were on earth save whom God willed, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thou art he who heard in the path of God that which no one had heard and bore in the love of God that which no soul among the servants had borne. Thou art he who cast behind thee vain imaginings and placed doubts beneath thy feet, and turned toward the Qiblih of the horizons with a heart purified from the signs of the deniers and the whisperings of those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

Blessed art thou and blessed is he who draweth nigh unto thee and visiteth thee in thy resting-place and who remembereth thee and what befell thee at the hands of those who denied God and disputed His signs and turned away from His presence and objected to His Self and arose to extinguish His light whereby the heavens and earth were illumined. We testify that they are the companions of the fire in the Book of God, the Sovereign, the Just, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Verily, We make mention of Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli who was mentioned by name in thy book. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Bestower. Grieve not at separation, for He prescribeth for whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He desireth. Verily thy Lord is the All-Powerful, the Unconstrained. Be not grieved at anything, but rejoice in the days of thy Lord and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Sovereign of earth and heaven! I testify that the earth hath been ennobled by Thy footsteps, the atmosphere hath been perfumed by Thy breaths, the sun hath been illumined by the light of Thy countenance, the heaven hath been raised up by Thy will and hath smiled at Thy manifestation,

and the world hath quivered with longing to meet Thee. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the tribulations that have befallen Thee to inscribe for me, by Thy Most Exalted Pen, that which befitteth the heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy generosity. O Lord! I testify that Thou didst create me and all things to attain Thy presence, to stand before the throne of Thy grandeur, and to appear at the gate of Thy mercy. Despite my knowledge of all this and my certitude in what Thou hast willed before Thy face, should Thou command me to stand still, I would be content with Thy command, and should Thou forbid me, I would say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, and Thine is the command, O Thou in Whose hand lies the kingdom of all things and in Whose grasp is the dominion of names. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

O Lord! I beseech Thee by those who have arisen to aid Thy Cause and by those who were martyred in the Land of Sad for Thy sake—those whose tribulations caused the Concourse on High and the denizens of the Kingdom of Names to weep—to ordain for me, by the Pen of [Thy grace], the reward of attaining Thy presence and the recompense of those who hastened to the Dayspring of Thy Revelation in such wise that neither the waves of the seas deterred them from Thy path, nor the hosts of the wicked from the direction of Thy grace, until they entered Thy Most Great Prison, stood before Thy throne, heard Thy call, were illumined by the lights of Thy countenance, and sought shelter in the hem of Thy bounty.

O Lord! I am the poor one, and Thou art the Rich; I am the impotent one, and Thou art the Powerful. I have raised my hands of supplication to the heaven of Thy gifts. If Thou renderest me deprived, verily Thou art the best of judges, and if Thou sendest down upon me what Thou hast willed of Thy grace, verily Thou art the best of givers. I testify in all circumstances that Thou art praiseworthy in Thy deeds and obeyed in Thy command. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Pen of the Most Merciful! Make mention of him who was named Hasan-i-Qabl-i-Khan, that he may rejoice in My remembrance and arise to that which will profit him in the worlds of My Command and My Kingdom, the Mighty, the Impregnable. Be thou in such wise that neither the happenings of the world nor the clamor of the nations shall deter thee. Thus doth the Ancient King command thee from this luminous spot. Say: The heedless ones have imprisoned Him in this mighty fortress, yet in all conditions He calleth them who are in the kingdom of creation unto God, the Creator of heaven. However, most people are among the heedless. Some have heard, some remained heedless, some heard and turned away, and some heard, hastened, and answered their Ancient Lord. This is a day whereon it behooveth the whole world to become a single ear, that it may hear this most sweet call which hath been raised betwixt earth and heaven. Thus doth the Lord of all mention thee in this great prison. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for having remembered thee through these verses whereby the eyes of those near unto God have been solaced.

O Husayn! The face of the Wronged One hath turned toward thee from this spot, and He saith: Blessed is the stranger who hath recognized his supreme home, blessed is the hearer who hath heard the call of the Lord of all creation, blessed is the seer who hath beheld My Most Glorious Horizon, and blessed is the speaker who hath uttered My beauteous praise. Verily, the Wronged One calleth thee and counseleth thee with that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in His wondrous Book. Hold fast unto God and His

commandments, and be thou in such wise that all who possess the sense of smell may inhale from thee the fragrance of the love of God, the Lord of the worlds. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken out of grace from His presence, and I am the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

O Samandar! It behooveth thee to offer thanksgiving and praise unto thy Lord for having revealed, for every name recorded in thy book, that which will enable the sincere ones to inhale the fragrance of My Revelation and the sweet-scented savour of My luminous garment. The glory rest upon thee and upon them and upon him who hath attained unto My presence and My service, and verily he is exalted after Nabil. We make mention of him at the end of the Book that he may rejoice in the remembrance of his Lord, the All-Informed, the One Who uttereth. We send Our greetings unto him from this Station, and call to mind the days wherein he was present before the Throne and hearkened unto the voice of his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

And the glory rest upon thee and upon him and upon both your families and upon those who are with you and those who have believed in God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the Name of God, the All-Powerful

In these days when the fire of tyranny is ablaze and the light of justice is concealed, the Most Exalted Pen makes mention of thee and declares: Reflect upon the rebellious souls and that which proceedeth from them. With their tongues they make mention of the All-Merciful and occupy themselves with praise of the Best-Beloved of all worlds, and yet they perpetrate that which causeth the Divine Lote-Tree to lament and bewail. Woe unto them and unto those who follow them! For the sake of this base and transient world they have forsaken the eternal realms of God. And strange it is that, despite such deeds and actions, they count themselves among the faithful. By the life of God! The Apostle lamenteth their actions and the Holy Maiden weepeth at that which their hands have wrought. They slay the sons of the Apostle while praying unto Him and weep for those martyred in former times. We testify that they are among the lost.

Observe how greatly hath heedlessness encompassed these souls. They themselves quote that the Apostle—may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake—hath said: “The righteous belong to God and the wicked belong to me.” Yet they have done what they have done and committed what they have committed. By the life of God! The Concourse on High and the denizens of the Kingdom of Names have lamented, but the people remain wrapt in heedlessness and veils. He hath indeed seized the spotted snake through His sovereignty and might—she who was the source, origin and essence of tyranny—and soon will He seize the wolf that followed her. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Those people formerly martyred the Prince of Martyrs, and when asked why they had put to such a humiliating death this holy soul whom all acknowledged and confessed to be the son of the Apostle and the Prince of the Youth of Paradise, they replied that he had risen against the Imam of the Age. And now they have martyred this Husayn, who is the Imam of the land of Sad and His very essence. Behold, the

curse of God be upon the wrongdoing people! Take heed, O ye who have eyes to see! Take heed, O ye who have insight!

Blessed art thou for having believed in God, the Self-Subsisting, the Supreme, on a day wherein men have turned away and objected, save those whom God, the Lord of the seen and unseen, hath willed. Praise be to God that through divine grace thou hast drunk from the ocean of faith and attained recognition of the Best-Beloved of the worlds. Reflect upon the heedlessness of those who style themselves learned ones of the age. They have failed to ponder even a single word of the words of old or to comprehend its meaning. This is that word of old which was spoken: The chiefs of the earth shall present themselves before the Qa'im, and then that Dawning-Place of the Light of Divine Unity shall speak a word whereupon all shall flee. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of utterance, had the people of the world—namely those who claim adherence to the Qur'an—reflected with fairness and insight upon even this blessed word, they would not have risen in tyranny.

Were any clear-sighted one today to gaze with penetrating vision upon the Divine Lote-Tree, he would behold upon all its leaves, branches and twigs the marks of the swords of the rebellious, the arrows of the deniers, and the stones cast by the doubts of the heedless. Nevertheless, that blessed Tree at all times calleth out with its most exalted voice, summoning the people of the world to the most sublime horizon. Strange it is that the people are deluded by this world, which is but a fleeting shadow, and remain heedless of the Truth. It behooveth everyone who hath believed in God to ponder the words and deeds of those who have disbelieved and to render praise to their Lord, the Giving, the Bountiful, Who enabled them to recognize the Manifestation of His Self, the Dawning-Place of His Revelation, the Dayspring of His signs, and the Source of His knowledge, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Woe unto the people who cast aside their God and followed their vain imaginations. God will soon seize them with His wrath and His authority, for He is verily the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thy letter reached the Most Great Prison and attained the presence of the Wronged One of the horizons. The fragrance of love wafted therefrom, and for each soul mentioned therein, blessed verses were sent down from the heaven of oneness. God willing, all shall attain unto the fruits thereof in this world and in all the divine worlds. He is verily the Ordainer, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

We make mention of Siyyid-ʿAli and beseech God to forgive him and draw him nigh unto Him. He is verily the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. This is a Day wherein the ocean of bounty hath surged, the heaven of generosity hath been upraised, and the sun of grace hath shone forth, inasmuch as the temple of the All-Merciful hath been established upon the throne of His blessed Name, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved. Blessed is the soul that hath heard the call of its Lord and turned with its heart unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

We make mention of him who is named Mahmud, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of the Wronged One Who calleth all to God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. O Mahmud! This is a Day that hath adorned the Books of God, the Mighty, the Loving. Arise to remember and praise God, and beseech Him to make thee steadfast in this irrevocable Cause. By God! The Sun of Revelation hath shone forth, whereat the feet of the learned have slipped, the hearts of the mystics have been perturbed, and the

faces of the peoples have been darkened, save those whom God, the Lord of existence, hath willed. Hold fast unto the firm cord of this Most Great Name and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of existence, for having caused me to turn unto Thee and unto Thy horizon. I testify that Thou hast appeared with the truth and that which was hidden hath been manifested. Thou art verily the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

We make mention from this Most Great Prison of him who is named Muhammad-Rida, that he may hear the call of the Lord of Names in all the worlds of his Lord, the All-Knowing Director. The ears were created to hearken unto My call, the eyes to behold the lights of My horizon, the faces to turn unto My Kingdom, the hearts for My love, and the tongue for My beauteous praise. When thou hast attained unto My verses and found the fragrance of My remembrance, render thanks unto God for this. He is verily the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

We make mention of him who is named Muhammad-Sadiq, that the fragrances of My verses may attract him and draw him nigh unto My Kingdom and My Dominion. I am verily the Forgiving, the Bountiful. We have heard the cry of those who have been intoxicated with the wine of My verses, and We have mentioned them as a grace from Us in this perspicuous Book. Hold fast unto the hem of thy Lord's mercy and place thy trust in Him. He is verily the Bestower, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. How many a monarch hath heard and turned away, and how many a servant hath turned toward the river of his Lord's mercy. Blessed is the tree that hath inclined toward Him, the fragrance that hath been wafted from His direction, and the breeze that hath passed over His luminous raiment.

We make mention of him who is named Hasan [Bey] in this station which hath been named by all names from the Supreme Pen. He is verily the Powerful, the Unconstrained. O Hasan! Husayn was martyred in the land of Sad for the sake of God, the Lord of mankind. He is the one for whose calamity lamented the dwellers of the sanctuary of grandeur and the inhabitants of the Most Glorious Pavilion. The Lord of creation beareth witness unto this. He is verily the Truthful, the Mighty, the Bestower. God hath seized those who transgressed and rebelled, with an authority from His presence. He is verily the Powerful, the All-Compelling. And He shall soon purify the earth from the defilement of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Final End.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Hasan! Hearken unto the call of Him Who is the Lord of the seen and the unseen from this most exalted Station, then render thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. It behooveth everyone to beseech his Lord to enable him in His days to accomplish that which shall endure as long as His most excellent names endure. He, verily, is the Expositor, the All-Knowing.

Say: O Lord of hearts and Sovereign of all beings! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the All-Subduing, to assist me in making mention of Thee and in extolling Thy virtues, and to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Thou, verily, art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, the All-Beauteous.

O Abu'l-Qasim! Rejoice that the countenance of the Ancient of Days hath turned toward thee from His Most Great Prison, and calleth thee unto God, Who causeth the winds to blow. Hearken unto the call from the Supreme Horizon. By My life! It will draw thee to a station before which pens fall powerless to

describe. Blessed is he who hath sought the Desired One, and the mystic who hath recognized the One Who is known, and the wayfarer who hath hastened with his heart unto God, the Cleaver of the dawn. We have, at all times, summoned all men unto the All-Merciful. Among them are such as have hearkened and turned toward Him, and such as have turned away, following every heedless doubter. The glory of God rest upon the people of Baha who have cast the world behind their backs and are engaged in the service of God, the Lord of all mankind.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named after the Desired One (Husayn-ʿAli), that Thy call may draw him near and Thy fragrances may bring him closer unto God, the Almighty, the All-Praised. Blessed art thou for having been mentioned in the days of thy Lord by this Pen through which the Trump was sounded and all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck, except such as thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, pleased to spare. We have made mention of every one who hath turned toward the Countenance and every tongue that hath uttered the praise of its Lord, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Blessed is he who, being athirst, hath quaffed from My sealed wine, and he who, being endowed with strength, hath set his face toward My straight path. From this Station do We send Our greetings to the faces of My servants and My handmaidens who have not cast aside My Covenant and have fulfilled My testament which We took from them in the primordial atoms of the Torah and the Gospel. By God! This is a covenant that Muhammad, the Apostle of God, and the Revealer of the Bayan took from all who are in heaven and on earth. To this testifieth every fair-minded, clear-sighted one.

O My servants! Rejoice in My remembrance, then make mention of Me. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Expositor, the All-Wise. He hath made Himself known unto you and hath taught you His remembrance and praise. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Bountiful. O My handmaidens! Rejoice in My days. By the life of God! All the treasures of earth cannot equal My remembrance. He, verily, is the Reckoner, the All-Knowing. Render thanks unto your Lord by night and by day. He heareth and seeth. There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

O Mihdi! Praise the Lord of the world that for each of the souls mentioned in thy book, sublime and glorious verses were revealed. It behooveth thee to thank God throughout the duration of the dominion of earth and heaven. Thou shouldst, with perfect wisdom, summon the people to the ocean of divine knowledge and wisdom. The promotion of the Faith is among the most momentous of all endeavors. The friends of God must, through the assistance of the Primal Word, awaken those who slumber and bestow new life upon the dead. The Word of Truth hath ever been, and will continue to be, the quickener of bones and bodies. Within it lie concealed the seas of life and of knowledge and wisdom. Blessed is he who hath clung thereunto, attained unto its fragrances, and drunk from its oceans.

We beseech God to make that servant fragrant with the sweet savors of His days and to aid all to perform good deeds and to acquire praiseworthy qualities and attributes, and to achieve whatsoever will cause the exaltation of His Cause and the elevation of the station of those souls. The friends of God, both living and dead, have ever been remembered at His threshold, and He hath made mention of them all in His sublime Tablets. He, verily, is the Recompenser. He, verily, is the Giver. He, verily, is the Generous One. He, verily, is the Revealer, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

We make mention, at the end of this Book, of thy wife who hath heard and believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed. O My handmaiden! Hearken unto My call and say: I testify, O my God, that Thou hast created me and created the world, that Thou hast provided for me and for all who are in the world. Thou art He Who brought the contingent things into being through a word from Thee, and quickened those who lay in the graves through the breezes of Thy days. I beseech Thee, O Educator of the world and Sovereign of nations, by Thy Name through which, when uttered, all things proclaimed Thy praise and glory, and through which, when moved, all created things were stirred with longing for Thy presence, to ordain for me that which will profit me in this world and the next, and in every world of Thy worlds. O Lord! Thou knowest what profiteth me. Decree for me, through Thy bounty, that which beseemeth Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Loving.

BH00641: O Javad! Hearken unto that which the Nightingale…

He is the One Who calleth between earth and heaven

O Javad! Hearken unto that which the Nightingale of Sorrow warbleth upon the branch of grief by reason of what the hands of the oppressors have wrought. Verily, the viper hath bitten the Best of God's creation, and the wolf hath devoured the chaste Joseph, and the Messenger lamenteth in His glorious and inaccessible station. By God! The denizens of Paradise have cried out, and the Concourse on High have wailed by reason of the throne of tyranny being established upon the seat of oppression without leave from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The people of Sad have risen against those through whom the horizons of all lands were illumined, in that they have taken the viper as their leader instead of God. Thus have their souls enticed them. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing. We have seized him who arose in tyranny with a vengeance from Us. Verily, thy Lord is the Avenger, the Almighty. And We shall seize those who conspired with him in his designs. He, verily, is the Ordainer of whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

We make mention of Our servant Razzaq and those who are with him in Najm, who have turned towards the Most Sublime Horizon when every learned one who relied upon his own knowledge turned away therefrom, without any clear proof from God, the Lord of all worlds.

O people of the village! Rejoice in that the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness maketh mention of you—He Who calleth out in the wilderness of utterance unto all created things and summoneth them unto God, the Mighty, the All-Informed. Blessed are ye for having turned unto Him and believed in God. He giveth you glad tidings through this Book, before which, when it was sent down, all the books of the world bowed down, though most of the peoples are heedless.

O Razzaq! Arise to serve the Cause of thy Lord and remind His loved ones with joy and fragrance. Then recite unto them what the All-Merciful hath sent down from the Kingdom of Utterance, that their eyes may be solaced thereby and their hearts be dilated in these days of God, the King, the Mighty, the Beautiful. We counsel you regarding the Most Great Trust and that whereby the Cause of God is exalted amongst His servants. He, verily, is the Faithful Counsellor. Adorn yourselves with My characteristics, then

act in accordance with that which We have commanded you in My perspicuous Book. Hold fast under all conditions to the cord of steadfastness and cling to the hem of My Name, the All-Bountiful.

O My Pen! Make mention of the loved ones of God who dwell in Muhammadabad and give them glad tidings of the grace of the Spirit, through Whose manifestation the breeze of God hath wafted and the fragrance of inner meanings hath been diffused between the heavens and the earth. To this testifieth everyone endowed with a refined sense of smell.

O My loved ones in that place! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, Who at every moment calleth unto all who are in the realm of existence, that He may draw them nigh unto the One, the All-Informed. Rejoice in My remembrance of you, then drink the water of immortality of My love from the chalice of My bounty in My Name, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. You are in your homes while the Lord of the Kingdom remembereth you from His mighty prison in the land of exile. Can any bounty equal this which ye witness today? Nay, by My Name, the All-Encompassing over all who are in the heavens and the earth! Abandon what ye possess and turn with illumined hearts towards the ocean of your Lord's bounty, Who is encompassed by sorrows from every direction from those who have denied Him and His signs when He came with a manifest proof. Hold fast unto the Book of God. Verily, it will acquaint you with that which was hidden from you and guide you unto My straight path.

O Najaf! Mention hath been made of thee before the Throne, and there hath been sent down for thee and My loved ones in that place this Book, which, wert thou to place it upon a mountain, thou wouldst behold it stirred by its longing for the verses of God, the Lord of this wondrous Day. Be thou thankful unto God for this remembrance which is more precious than the world and all that hath been created therein. To this beareth witness every fair-minded and perceiving one.

We make mention of him who has been named Arab-Ali, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones. O servant! When thou hearest My call and attainest unto My verses, turn thy face toward God and say:

> "I beseech Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of earth and heaven, to send down from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will purify the hearts of Thy servants. O Lord! Assist Thy loved ones to be steadfast in Thy Cause and in that which Thou hast commanded them in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest."

Everything beareth witness that Thou art the Omnipotent, the Almighty.

We make mention in this place of My loved ones in another village, ʿAli-Rida-Abad, and give them the glad-tidings of the favors of their Lord, the Lord of creation. O loved ones of the All-Merciful in that place! Hearken unto My call and arise to serve My Cause, and hold fast unto My laws and cleave unto My commandments, whereby the horizons have been illumined. Cast aside the customs of the people and what they possess, and take hold of the customs of God through the power of the Lord of the beginning and of the return. O My loved ones! Drink from the chalice of love and unity, then remember your Lord at eventide and at dawn. We have heard your call and witnessed your turning unto Him. Verily, He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Beware lest the world and what is therein prevent you from this Cause whereby hearts have been perturbed and livers have melted. This is He Whom God hath made a sword unto His enemies and a spirit unto His loved ones. Verily, He is powerful over all who are in earth and heaven.

O Pen! Turn toward another village, Kakan, then make mention of its people from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, that the rapture of verses may seize them and draw them nigh unto God, the Lord of the Kingdom. O My loved ones! Remember My exile and My imprisonment and My tribulation, and that which hath befallen Me in this year at the hands of those who have denied the Witness and the Witnessed. They have slain God's chosen ones and plundered their possessions and entered their homes with an injustice whereby all things have lamented and the eyes of the Concourse on High have wept. But the people do not understand. By My life! Were anyone to look and observe My limbs, he would find in every part of My frame the mark of the sword of every misbeliever who hath turned away from God, the Lord of the unseen and the seen.

We have spent all that We possessed in the path of God, the Mighty, the Loving. God hath cut down the tree of tyranny with the sword of justice. Verily, He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. Blessed are ye for having turned unto the Countenance and turned away from every veiled learned one. The glory be upon you, O My loved ones in My lands, and praise be upon you for having attained unto the days of God and found the fragrance of His beloved garment.

O Name of Generosity! Unto each of the people of the villages were sent down from the heaven of divine will wondrous and exalted verses. God willing, may they attain unto them and be engaged in the remembrance and praise of God. Command all to manifest praiseworthy character and attributes and befitting deeds from the presence of the Wronged One, that all may be adorned with a wondrous and exalted ornament. Send a copy of this Tablet to Abdu'r-Razzaq, upon him be the glory of God, that he may know with certainty that he is mentioned at the threshold of the Divine Throne. God willing, they must act and speak in a manner befitting the Days of God, that perchance the veiled ones may succeed in rending their veils and the sleeping ones may arise from the couch of heedlessness. We enjoin upon all to show patience and forbearance in this great calamity. Praise be to God, the hand of divine power hath removed from their midst that wicked soul who was the source and origin of oppression.

O Javad! Observe the base rabble of the earth—one who was and is not worthy to serve even donkeys, him they took as their leader and by his decree martyred the chosen ones of God and His loved ones. Blessed are they who drank the choice wine of martyrdom in My path, and woe unto him for the oppression he manifested, from which all in the heavens and earth declare themselves innocent, as thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, doth testify. He chose everlasting torment for himself. Fie upon him and upon those who made him their leader! the ungodly of the Plain of Taff were asked:

> "For what crime did you martyr the son of the Messenger of God?"

They replied saying that he had risen against the Imam of the Age. Now they say that Hasan and Husayn had risen against the Friday prayer leader.

O Javad! All the corruption in the world hath been and shall be from these ignorant ones who appear in the garb of knowledge. All are seated upon the thrones of self and passion, and speak that which God hath not permitted. They judge according to their desires as they please. They slay the descendants of the Messenger while mentioning him in temples and mosques. Perdition upon them and upon those who

followed them without leave from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. By what name did they plunder possessions? If they say those holy souls had, by reason of their faith in God, departed from the hosts of ignorance and for this offense deserved such punishment—what was the offense of the property, that they plundered the wealth of young and old? Their deeds curse them and their actions belie them, yet they comprehend not. The riches have returned to their source. By God's life, they belong to Him and His like. Thus hath the matter been decreed and thus hath spoken the tongue of the Wronged One in this noble station.

Convey My greetings to all the friends in that land and gladden them with the grace and mercy of God. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy family and upon My loved ones among the men and women servants who have attained unto the recognition of God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH00789: The essence of praise, its purest form, both outward…

He is God—exalted be His glory and majesty!

The essence of praise, its purest form, both outward and inward, befitteth the sacred court of that intended One Who from a single element brought forth diverse foundations, and then through the operation of His ordained powers made those diverse foundations the manifestation of a single element, naming it "essence" and making it a sign of the dominion of His Own oneness. This is that unity in which the multiplicities of the world of existence are submerged in the ocean of its seeking, and this is that essence from whose recognition all accidents wander bewildered in the wilderness. This is that essence which hath been called by all names, from which diverse attributes have become manifest, the hidden mystery in the kingdom of creation and the treasured secret in the repository of names, whose manifestation is the sign of the world's maturity. Thus hath the Tongue of Eternity spoken.

I beseech the True One, glorified and mighty is He, that through His grace, mercy and favor He may transform the hearts of the peoples of the world through this most great elixir, and cure the chronic diseases of ignorance, heedlessness, weakness and doubt through this supreme remedy, that all may turn to the horizon of certitude and partake of the choice sealed wine. This essence of essences hath appeared from the mine of divine wisdom and is and ever shall be the Primal Word. Exalted, exalted be its sovereignty! Exalted, exalted be its power! Exalted, exalted be its dominion! Exalted, exalted be its influence! It is the elixir of triumph, the sign of oneness, and the cause of the world's healing from its diverse ailments. Exalted, exalted be its might! Exalted, exalted be its mention! Exalted, exalted be its manifestation! Exalted, exalted be its concealment!

Whatever any perfect one might say in this station is imperfect. How can the poor and weak one speak of the Ocean of Wealth? How can the helpless and indigent describe the Sea of Power? We beseech God to illumine all through the lights of the Sun of Knowledge and to cause them to attain unto the sprinkling of the Ocean of Generosity. He is the Bestower, He is the Ordainer. I testify, and all things testify, to His sovereignty, His bounty, His grace and His generosity. Verily He is the Most Exalted, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Generous.

Thereafter, your letter reached this servant and I found therein the fragrance of your love for the Beloved of the world and the Goal of the nations. When I read and understood it, I turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and presented its contents in the Most High and Resplendent Station. Thereupon the Tongue of the Beloved spoke: "Verily We have mentioned him and do mention him, and We beseech God to strengthen him in that which will exalt His Cause and purify him from all that He abhorreth and sanctify him from whatsoever is unworthy of His days which were foretold in the Scriptures of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Give thanks unto God for having created thee, sustained thee, and guided thee to His straight path. Hold fast in all conditions to the hem of the robe of thy Lord's mercy and cleave unto the cord of His Most Great Name. Say:

O Lord of eternity and Sovereign of nations and Beloved of the world! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name through which the ocean of Thy meeting surged and the fragrance of Thy raiment was diffused, to make me successful in Thy remembrance and praise, and to strengthen me in Thy service and obedience. O Lord! Deprive me not of the oceans of Thy bounty and the suns of Thy favors. I beseech Thee to ordain for me, through Thy Most Exalted Pen and Thy Will that dominates all things, that which will profit me in this world and the next. Verily, Thou art the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Thou art He from Whose knowledge nothing escapes that can be witnessed or seen, and verily Thou art the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. O my God and my Sovereign! Make me not to be debarred from the Euphrates of Thy wisdom nor deprived of the manifestations of Thy Kingdom. Thou hast ever been the Dominator over Thy servants and the Sovereign over those in Thy heaven and earth. Verily, Thou art the Most Exalted, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Loving.

Blessed art thou, and again blessed art thou, for having attained to the remembrance of the Beloved once more. Verily, He remembers him who remembers Him and hearkens unto the call of them that remember Him.

As to what you wrote concerning the Stone, this station has been mentioned in every tongue, whether Persian or Arabic. However, in one Tablet concerning Mariyah the Copt, this station is mentioned in detail. This evanescent servant, from the first day he attained this Cause and was occupied with transcription, had never heard the Beloved mention anything in this regard. However, some petitions from before and after arrived from various directions inquiring about this matter. Therefore, in response to each one, as was befitting, drops from the ocean of knowledge were manifested, and whenever anyone wished to engage in this pursuit, they were forbidden and told that the time had not yet come—wait until God brings it forth in His Own time.

For today all must be focused on another matter, which is teaching the souls with wisdom and utterance, so that the copper of the existence of the servants might be transformed into pure gold through the elixir of the divine Word and that they turn toward the supreme horizon. Today man is able to acquire eternal stations, and whatever is lost today can never be regained. God willing, you will be engaged in the remembrance of Truth with the utmost joy and delight. He is the Illuminator of hearts, the Companion of hearts, and the Master of hearts. Blessed is he who has drunk the Kawthar of recognition and was among the assured ones.

In truth, nothing can be clearer than what was mentioned in the Persian treatise; everything was explained in detail in that treatise.

As to what you wrote about returning water to the body, if there is a reduction in the repetition of water, and what should be done—the question was submitted, and He said: First, you must know that the water which is intended is the divine water, and that water is characterized by oiliness, for oiliness is concealed within it. For if the water were pure water, meaning plain water, it would never be capable of extracting the hidden oil in the earth which is called the gold of the sages and the essence of essences. Moreover, mixture would be impossible, for the hidden oil in the earth has been called fire and red sulfur in one station, and there can be no mixture between oil, which is the essence of fire, and water. This matter is clear and evident to every discerning one. Anyone who becomes cognizant of the water, if there is reduction in the process and it diminishes, can take its equivalent. Thus does the Wronged One explain in His manifest prison.

O Ali! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He testifieth that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been established upon the throne of power and strength and majesty, and will continue to be even as He hath been. There is none other God but Him, the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing. It behooveth thee on this day to hold fast unto that which will cause thy mention to endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Turn not thy gaze toward the world and its concerns. By My life! It shall perish, and grace will abide with him who hath forsaken it out of love for God, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

When thou attainest unto this Tablet, render thanks unto God, then make mention of the Wronged One in accordance with what He hath taught thee of the straight Path of God. Know thou that God hath appointed a time for every matter, and verily it hath not come to pass, but when it doth come to pass it shall appear through the power of truth. He, verily, is the True Informer, the Trustworthy. We have not given leave to anyone to occupy himself with this matter. To this testifieth My tongue and My pen and beyond them thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Thus have We made mention of thee and caused thee to hear, that thou mayest rejoice within thyself and be numbered with the patient ones. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH00829: O Varqa! The servant who was present came…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O Varqa! The servant who was present came and presented what was in your letter. We found it a mirror reflecting your love for the Beloved of the world and your orientation towards Him. Blessed art thou for having drawn nigh, having drunk, and having attained. Verily thy Lord is the Expositor, the Manifest One. We have witnessed the fire that hath encompassed thee in thy love for thy Lord, and We have seen its flames and heard its roaring. Exalted is He Who kindled it, ignited it, and manifested it. He is the One with power at Whose manifestation of might the very essence of power confesseth its powerlessness. Thy Lord is He Who heareth and seeth; He is the All-Informed. Rejoice in that the Wronged One maketh mention of thee even as He mentioned thee before, and in this hour He walketh and saith:

> "I have found the fragrance of thy love and witnessed thy sincerity and humility, as thy heart was engaged in My remembrance and thy tongue was occupied in uttering My beauteous praise."

Thus hath the Water of Life flowed forth that thou mayest rejoice in the days of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

O Varqa! Your call was heard and your letter was presented before the Throne. Praise be to God that the flames of divine love were witnessed therein. God willing, thou wilt ever be delighting in the remembrance of the Friend, drinking in His Name, finding rest in His memory, and occupied with His thought, that perchance distant souls may draw nigh unto the ocean of nearness, and weary spirits may hasten, through the warmth of the Word, toward that direction which is sanctified from all directions.

Some of the faithful are observed to be sorrowful, nay rather fearful, on account of the event that hath come to pass in the land of Sad, whereas the Hand of God's power hath, through His special favor, raised them up and showered upon them from the heaven of mercy and the clouds of bounty the rain of grace and blessing. His complete power hath adorned them with the raiment of glory amongst mankind, such that the tongues of the sincere ones and those brought nigh have spoken their praise.

They attained such a station that even their enemies bore witness to the loftiness of their rank, and in their final days they achieved the most exalted and supreme station, which is that of the Most Great Martyrdom—a station which, from time immemorial unto eternity, hath been and will ever be sought after by the chosen ones and friends of God. Nevertheless, some are seen to be troubled and grieved.

God willing, this sorrow hath appeared because of love for them. By the ocean of inner meanings! Were the station of but one of their servants who are now engaged in service to be revealed, all the peoples of the earth would be thunderstruck. Blessed is he who reflecteth upon what hath come to pass, that he may become aware of the greatness of the Cause and its sovereignty. This station which they attained was what they themselves had beseeched from God, glorified and exalted be He, and what they had sought with the utmost yearning and desire.

Say: O friends! Ye have endured much in the path of love for the Beloved of the worlds. Ye have witnessed what was not worthy to be seen, and heard what was not worthy to be heard, and in the path of the Friend ye have borne matters which were in truth heavier than mountains. Blessed be your appearance, your eyes, and your ears, for what they have borne, seen, and heard. Now, know ye the value of this most exalted and sublime station, and waste it not.

In every case, this world is transient and all who dwell therein shall fall prey to death, and all that is therein shall be afflicted by the claws of change. Ask ye God, glorified and exalted be He, at all times, to preserve you and keep you steadfast on the path of His Cause. Know ye this much: that whatsoever ye have borne in His path, or seen, or heard—this hath been through His grace and favor, wherewith ye have been specially endowed, and this mention of you in the Tablets hath been and will continue to be another of His bounties.

Ye have tasted the cup of tribulation in His path; now drink ye the choice sealed wine from the cups of His remembrance and favors. God willing, may ye be assisted to serve the Cause. We counsel all to manifest praiseworthy characteristics, goodly deeds, and befitting actions. Today it behooveth everyone to hold fast unto that which will exalt the Cause of God and to cleave thereunto.

Say: We say only this much, and leave the rest to your own sense of justice as to what beseemeth such a Day. Be not grieved by outward weakness, abasement, and distress. By the Sun of the heaven of independence, wealth and riches circle round about you, make mention of you, and are inclined toward you. If one considers the divine wisdom, their appearance remained veiled for some days. Days will come when each one will appear manifest and radiant like the sun.

We beseech God that people may attain unto the sweetness of divine utterances and truly find them. The Glory be upon you from Us, and upon your brother, and upon My Name who gave up his spirit in My path and dwelleth in the precincts of My mercy. We make mention at the end of the Book of your brother who turned his face toward My countenance, stood before the gate of My grandeur, and heard My wondrous and mighty call.

God willing, may that which hath been mentioned not pass from their sight. May they be assured of divine grace, drink at all times from the choice wine of remembrance, gaze toward His direction, and God willing, may the mention of love and unity not pass from sight.

At this point We make mention of him who was named Kazim, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of God, the Most High, the Most Great. Blessed art thou and thy brother who was martyred in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. Behold, then make mention of Our servant Kazim who was martyred in the land of Sad—a martyrdom at whose tragedy the atoms of all created things wept, and beyond them the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the cities of names. Thy Lord, the All-Seeing, the All-Informed, beareth witness to this.

O Kazim! Reflect upon God's grace and observe His mercy that hath preceded all the worlds. Ponder the blessed word that was revealed in the Book of Ha and Sin where He saith, and His word is the truth: "Whoso is God's, God is his." And since those holy souls gave up the world and all therein in the path of the Lord of Oneness and attained unto the chalice of martyrdom which is in truth the most exalted cup, the Supreme Pen is seen to be engaged and moving in their remembrance morn and eve.

By the Sun of the Kingdom of utterance! If the shrill voice of the Supreme Pen were truly heard by an attentive ear, all people would leave their homes and cry out "Here am I, O God, here am I!" Blessed is the ear that heareth and the heart that perceiveth what hath transpired, and the taste that hath tasted what hath appeared from the ocean of thy Lord's grace, the Forgiving, the Generous.

O Kazim! Act according to that which thou hast been commanded and thou shalt witness thy Lord's grace encompassing the worlds. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the most great steadfastness in this Cause whereby the mountains were scattered, the heaven was cleft asunder, the earth was split, and the people were shaken, save those whom God wished, the Powerful, the Protector, the Mighty.

And whatsoever was mentioned in your letter was presented before the Most Holy Court. He said: Act according to what We have commanded thee in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. God willing, may you speak of the remembrance of the Ancient Beauty and the Lord of all nations, detached from the world. The Glory be upon thee and upon every insightful soul who hath turned unto Him.

BH00872: A Tablet from Our presence and a Book…

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

A Tablet from Our presence and a Book from before Us to him who turned his face to the Qiblih of existence and traversed land and sea until he entered the Most Exalted Paradise—the station wherein the Sadratu'l-Muntaha proclaimed that there is none other God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We bear witness that thou didst enter the prison, and present thyself, and stand before the gate, and with thine own ears didst hear the call of the Wronged One—a call through which every lamp was lit, every sun rose, every moon appeared, and every luminous horizon shone forth. Blessed be thy father who detached himself from the world and all that is therein, and turned wholly unto God, the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens, until he attained the presence of the Throne and God shone upon him with the lights of His countenance. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Informed, the All-Knowing.

We sheltered him beneath the shade of the Tree of Our mercy for numbered months until his time was fulfilled. We commanded him to return, and he returned by the command of his Lord, until he reached the place wherein he ascended unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Thus did We inform him aforetime through My Most Exalted Pen. Verily, the knowledge of thy Lord encompasseth the heavens and the earth, yet most of the people are heedless. We revealed for him, before and after his ascension, that whereby his remembrance shall endure throughout the duration of My mighty Kingdom. Be thou grateful to God for this, and We, at this hour, give thanks through his tongue. Verily, thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

Thou wert indeed in the vicinity of thy Lord's mercy and attained the presence of the Throne time and again. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. When the appointed time came, We commanded thee to return that thou mightest remind the people of God's Message and gladden them with this Remembrance—at Whose proclamation the sea cried out: "There is none other God but Him," and the land declared: "He is the Truth, the Almighty, the Powerful, the Praiseworthy." At His call all things cried out, and every seeing one turned to the Most Sublime Horizon, every hearing one to His sweetest utterance, and every assured one to His straight Path. Thus hath the Most Great Ocean overflowed, that thou mayest rejoice in thy Lord's bounty and be of them that have attained.

Praise be to God that through divine bounty thou hast been assisted and hast turned toward His direction, until thou didst enter the Most Great Prison and didst hearken with thine outer and inner ears to the call of the Wronged One of the horizons. Thou didst drink from the hands of bounty the Kawthar of meeting, which had been the hope of those near and sincere ones. It behooveth thee to praise and thank God throughout the duration of the kingdom and the heavenly realm. God willing, thou shouldst occupy thyself with service to the Cause, which is teaching—meaning that thou shouldst guide those who wander

in the wilderness of heedlessness to the ocean of divine knowledge and wisdom, through the blessing of the Most Great Name.

Say: O friends! Today ye must all be so enkindled with the heat of the love of God that its warmth may be evident from all your veins, limbs and members, that all the peoples of the world may be ignited by this heat and turn toward the horizon of their goal. We counsel all to act according to what We have revealed in the Book. All must adorn themselves with divine virtues and act upon that which will cause the exaltation of God's Cause and the glorification of souls. Blessed is the land over which the breeze of God hath wafted and which hath perceived the fragrance of God.

O people of Baha! Know ye the value of these days and arise to perform deeds worthy and befitting this Day. Each one of you must appear in such wise that people may inhale from him the sweet savors of the Merciful and discover the attributes of God. If what hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen had truly been heeded, no withered and dead one would now be seen in the land. The greatness of this day is such that the Spirit speaketh, saying: "Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having enabled me to attain unto Thy presence," and He Who conversed with God uttereth: "Thanks be to Thee, O my God, for having shown me Thy Beauty and for having shed upon me the light of Thy countenance."

By God's life! The Beloved crieth out, saying: "Praise be to Thee for having given me to drink the cup of Thy reunion and for having shown me the horizon of Thy manifestation and granted me true knowledge of Thee." And the Desired One speaketh, saying: "Praise be to Thee, O Goal of the Bayan, for having revealed Thy countenance and made Thyself known to Thy servants, and glory be to Thee for having rent asunder the veils in the ninth year and manifested Thyself in the eightieth, though the followers of the Bayan protested."

O people of Baha! I swear by the ocean of meanings that from every word floweth the stream of life—do ye drink and remain unmoved, or are ye unaware? Today all atoms proclaim "The Sovereign hath come!" and all the Concourse on High give glad tidings to the people of creation that "Thy Lord hath come, and on that day sovereignty belongeth unto God." Are ears deprived of hearing these spiritual melodies, or are they prevented by outward means? Hear ye the call of the Wronged One and let not time slip away. Make your utmost effort lest ye be deprived of the outpourings of the Day of God. And summon all to the Most Great Steadfastness, that perchance they may not lose this mighty gift and may preserve it through the Name of Truth. Thou hast observed that although in most Tablets We counseled the friends to this lofty and most exalted station, which is the station of steadfastness, yet someone was deprived of the ocean of grace and barred from the heaven of bounty by mere trifles. Woe upon him and upon those who followed him.

Today, those who have drunk from this ocean must behold themselves in such a station that all who are on earth would be powerless to speak in refutation of them, let alone cause them to go astray. Share in gatherings those utterances which thou didst hear from the Primal Point in His presence, that perchance they may recognize the station which most of the servants have failed to perceive. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing Teacher. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy father and thy mother and thy brother and those who have believed in the Peerless, the All-Knowing.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O God of Might and King of the Kingdom and He Who rules over all who are in the heavens and on earth! I testify that Thou didst aid me and enable me to attain unto the presence before the gate of Thy bounty and to hear Thy sweetest call and to witness the effulgences of the lights of Thy most exalted Throne, whereby the earth and heaven were illumined. By Thy might, O King of Kings! Were I to praise Thee throughout the duration of Thy names and attributes, it would not befit Thy presence nor would it equal what Thou hast bestowed upon me through Thy generosity and favor. I beseech Thee, O Cleaver of the Dawn and Subduer of the Winds, to assist me to serve Thy Cause in such wise that I may mention Thee among Thy servants through what Thou hast taught me in Thy Sacred Books and Tablets.

O my Lord! Withhold me not from the ocean of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy generosity and the heaven of Thy grace. Remember me through Thy favor in the Concourse on High, even as Thou didst remember Thy servants who cast away all else save Thee and turned toward Thy luminous countenance. O my God! I beseech Thee to assist me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily Thou art the Doer of what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise.

BH00904: This is what hath been sent down in reply…

This is what hath been sent down in reply from God, the Mighty, the Bestower.

The letter which His Honour ʿAli-Qabli-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, had written to you was presented in its entirety by this servant before the Divine Presence and was honoured to be heard. The beginning of the letter was adorned with mention, praise, glorification and thanksgiving to the Beloved of the worlds. Blessed is the tongue that hath spoken His praise this day, and the heart that hath attained unto His love, and the eye that hath been honoured to behold the Most Great Vision, and the face that hath turned toward the countenance of God, the Lord of destiny, and the pen that hath moved to describe His attributes and praise. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken in this noble station.

However, toward its end, words were observed which bespoke sorrow and were unworthy of these days. Among these expressions specifically mentioned for these days was that “it is God’s will that these servants be the object of calamities that descend and tribulations that occur,” and similarly other expressions greater than or like unto this word were repeatedly mentioned. Yes, they have been imprisoned in God’s path, and have heard taunts, and have been afflicted with tribulations, but all these matters cannot equal a single letter of the verses which, aforetime, were revealed from the Dayspring of Divine favour specifically for them and for those who have been afflicted with tribulations in My path. We commanded this servant present to write and send these verses.

It is strange that after hearing those verses, from whose fragrance the Concourse on High became intoxicated and overjoyed, they should occupy themselves with such expressions and dispatch them to the Holy Land. By the life of God! A single letter thereof cannot be equalled by all that hath been created on earth. Had that Tablet been recited in the presence of them that are nigh and sincere, they would assuredly have passed beyond this world and all therein from the intoxication of the wine of the utterance of the All-Merciful, and had they possessed life everlasting, they would have continued forever to say: “Unto Thee be praise, unto Thee be thanksgiving, unto Thee be glory, unto Thee be bounty.”

The event in the Land of Sad, though it caused the hearts of those near and sanctified to burn, yet it was thought that after the rising of the suns of favor from the horizon of the Divine Pen of bounty, all would become supplicants and seekers to attain a drop from this ocean. In such days, one like his honor who has always been under the gaze of divine favor and has attained the station of nearness should speak words that would cause the extinction of dormant souls and bring peace to troubled hearts. In days past, many such events occurred—nay, even greater and more severe—as they have seen and heard, and now for some time such occurrences have been few. Nevertheless, most are seen to be troubled, fearful, distressed and sorrowful.

These two Lights, which are H and H, turned towards Iraq and attained the ocean of meeting and drank from the Kawthar of reunion. In those days they were not known except to a few souls, and later through divine favor they attained such a station that they became renowned among the concourse of those near and sincere, and even among the Concourse on High. And in their final days they attained the greatest martyrdom which they had sought and desired from God, exalted be His glory, in their supplications. From the Supreme Pen appeared such words concerning their tragedy that will endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven shall last. By thy life, O Ali, this is a station of gratitude—but such gratitude from which the ocean of contentment appears. The lamentation of the Supreme Pen has been and will be a manifestation of His favor, grace and faithfulness. Otherwise, the Divine Lote Tree has been raised through the blood of the chosen ones.

In any case, abasement in My path is the sovereign of all glory, poverty in My love has been and will be the master of wealth, and death in My good-pleasure is the dawning-place of life. Take heed, O people of insight! Know, O ye who are endowed with vision! Today is the day when all should be seen aflame, and the effect of the fire of the Divine Lote Tree should be manifest and evident from the hearts of the sincere and near ones, that perchance dormant souls might be enkindled thereby and turn to the supreme horizon.

O Ali, one should ask that heedless one who questioned why God the Almighty did not save Hussein ibn Ali and protect him from the oppression of the oppressors. From that very word of that heedless one the truth of God's Cause becomes manifest and evident, though he was not and is not aware. In this Revelation, God, exalted be His glory, has not given respite to the oppressors and has seized most with utmost severity and speed. By My life, He is indeed the Powerful, the Mighty! At the time when the Ancient Beauty and His household were taken captive, the Surih of Ra'is was revealed from the heaven of divine will, and the chief and his followers, nearly a million, returned to their abode in utter abasement. Nevertheless, no one became aware, though they recited the Surih and heard with their own ears what had come to pass. Reflect, O Ali, on the power and sovereignty of God, and be of those who know.

The souls who today have drunk the wine of inner meanings should manifest such joy and gladness as has not appeared in creation, for they have become aware of that which others have not discovered, and have attained a station for which the chosen ones have laid down their lives. Now the Supreme Pen proclaims: Would that my people knew! Verily, we are God's and to Him shall we return.

O Ali! The verses which We previously commanded the servant in attendance to send have been dispatched. Now We have again commanded that they be written and sent, that you may read them

anew and become aware and informed of the divine favors concealed therein. Perchance through their sweet fragrance the traces of sorrow may vanish and the countenance of joy may appear. The command is in His hand—He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth whatsoever He desireth.

O Ali! Share with the companions what hath been mentioned, that they may discover their stations and recognize its value, and become aware of God's favor which hath been with them and, God willing, shall endure throughout the eternity of His names. Thus doth the All-Knowing teach thee from this noble station. The glory be upon thee and upon those who hold fast to this Cause and hearken unto thy counsel regarding the Cause of God, the Lord of the unseen and the seen.

BH01137: When your letter arrived, all that was mentioned therein…

In the Name of God, the One

When your letter arrived, all that was mentioned therein was clear and evident to those endowed with vision. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One of the horizons. Beseech God to enable you to efface illusion and attain unto clear knowledge.

You wrote that for years you have studied religion and are certain of it. Should someone ask you by what proof and by what evidence [you believe], what would you say? Place yourself in the presence of the All-Merciful, then speak with fairness. I am indeed a faithful counselor unto you. The matters you mentioned and established as signs of the truth of truth have ever been and shall forever be rejected in the sight of God. It would be better if you were to recite, purely for the sake of the All-Merciful, some verses of the Qur'an and ponder their meanings. Perchance on this Day, which is the King of Days, you may not remain deprived of the choice wine of recognition and bereft of the Kawthar of revelation and inspiration.

Among other things, reflect upon these blessed verses which were formerly revealed to the Beloved of the world and the Lord of nations. He saith: "And they say: We shall not believe in thee till thou cause a spring to gush forth for us from the earth; or thou have a garden of date palms and grapes, and cause rivers to gush forth abundantly in their midst; or thou cause the heaven to fall down upon us, as thou hast claimed, in pieces; or thou bring God and the angels face to face with us; or thou have a house of gold; or thou ascend to heaven—yet we shall not believe in thine ascension until thou bring down for us a book that we can read.' Say: Glory be to my Lord! Am I aught but a mortal, a messenger?"'

These are verses which the idolaters spoke to the Seal of the Prophets—may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake. That is to say, they made these verses the conditions of their belief, stating that if His Holiness would manifest these things, they would be convinced of the truth. Now consider those heedless souls who demanded that He cause a spring to gush forth in the land of Batha, or manifest for them a house of gold, or ascend to heaven before their eyes and bring a book they could read, or produce a garden with date palms and grapes, or come with God, exalted be His glory, and a company of angels. These were the things that the idolaters of the Hijaz demanded of the Lord of the world to manifest, that they might believe in what He had declared. A brief explanation of their meaning has been given.

Now observe with penetrating vision, with a pure heart, and with complete fairness, and reflect, that the truth may become clear to you and the path of God which hath appeared in truth may become manifest, and that you may find yourself possessed of clear certainty. And after these questions, observe what God, exalted be His glory, hath answered. He saith: Say: "Am I aught but a mortal, a messenger?" And if these requests had been accepted and God, exalted be His sovereignty, had manifested what they had asked for, then according to their assumption, no one on earth would have remained a denier or turned away, at least outwardly. And yet in another passage He saith that even if they were to witness all the signs, they would not believe and would not turn to the supreme horizon. Now that honored one should reflect upon what they have asked. I swear by the Revealer of the Books that if with fairness and free from selfish desires, ye ponder on what hath been mentioned, verily ye will return unto the truth, and, detached from all save God, leave your homes uttering "Here am I, O my God, here am I!"

The Truth hath not desired, nor doth He desire, that every soul should manifest whatsoever it willeth. He hath raised the banner of "He doeth what He willeth" and hath spoken the blessed words "I ordain what I desire." It is abundantly clear that the Truth, exalted be His grandeur, is the Sovereign Doer—whatsoever He uttereth and ordaineth hath been and shall ever be for the good of His servants. That which ye desired hath been manifested in even greater measure in the divine Books. Examine them, that ye may become acquainted with the knowledge, wisdom, sovereignty, might, power and all-encompassing authority of God—exalted be His power, His grandeur and His dominion. Please God, ye must become sanctified and detached from such arguments and utterances as were voiced by the objectors of former ages, and fix your gaze upon God's enduring testimony and that which hath appeared from His presence. That which had never appeared before hath now been made manifest—to this every stone and clod of earth beareth witness, yet most of the people remain heedless.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O God of existence and Knower of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Hidden and Promised One, through which the ocean of Thy knowledge surged, the fragrance of Thy raiment wafted, and the gate of Thy presence was opened to all who are in Thy heaven and on Thy earth, to assist me to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the Dayspring of Thy signs. O my Lord! I am he whom vain imaginings have withheld from the horizon of Thy certitude and the doubts of men have barred from the ocean of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by Thy Self to enable me to turn unto Thee and to turn away from all else besides Thee. O my Lord! Thou art the Generous, the One endowed with great bounty. Drive not this poor one from the door of Thy bestowal, nor this deprived one from the depths of the ocean of Thy oneness. Forgive him through Thy grace and bounty. Verily Thou art the Munificent, the Generous, and verily Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful.

BH01402: We make mention of him who hath turned towards…

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

We make mention of him who hath turned towards the Ocean and attained that which was intended in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Wise. He hath turned once before and again in these days wherein the gates of the Prison were opened and the Wronged One went forth by a command before which neither the heavens nor the earth can stand. He, verily, is the Omnipotent, the Powerful. Blessed art thou for

having attained His presence, and heard, and gained that which was intended. We bid thee return to the lands and regions of God, and give glad tidings to those who have believed in My Remembrance, through which the ocean of bounty hath surged, and the Lord of Eternity hath testified that there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Beware lest the affairs of the world sadden thee. Take what thou hast been commanded by God and remind the people of My beauteous remembrance. Say: O people of Baha! By God, the gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of Names hath come with mighty sovereignty. Beware lest the mention of the servants prevent you from the Most Great Remembrance, or the hosts of the earth frighten you from the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds. Cast aside what the people possess. By God, the Self-Subsisting hath come and commandeth you through His Most Exalted Pen with that which attracteth the earth and heaven. Draw nigh with your hearts and be not of the heedless.

Say: If ye desire the Book, by God, it hath been inscribed by My Most Glorious Pen upon the face of all things. The Lord of Names hath come, and I am the Manifest Book. Bear ye witness to His appearance, His manifestation and His sovereignty, even if ye be among the heedless ones. Thus hath the tongue of the Wronged One spoken that which hath caused the Concourse on High to burn, for He seeth Himself in evident sorrow. Say: Rejoice in My remembrance, soar in My atmosphere, and hold fast unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Beware lest ye follow the people of the Bayan who have disbelieved in the All-Merciful and deviated from My straight path.

O ʿAli! God willing, mayest thou be assisted through divine grace and remain firm and steadfast in service to the Cause. The glance of loving-kindness hath been and will continue to be upon thee. Convey My greetings to those who drink from the cup of inner meanings and gladden them with divine favors. All creation hath been brought from non-existence into being that their mention might be made in the presence of God. Praise be to God that they have attained this most great bounty and most exalted station. They must at all times fix their gaze upon the horizon of steadfastness, lest the foul winds prevent pure souls from inhaling the fragrance of inner meanings. Say: Today the fragrance of the garment is diffused and the world is illumined by the lights of the Sun of Truth. The mention of aught else but God is not permissible, for this Day hath been mentioned and recorded in the divine Books as the Day of God. Naught is befitting therein save the remembrance of God and His sovereignty which encompasses the worlds.

The deeds of those who have arisen in God's path are recorded before the Throne and have been adorned with the ornament of acceptance. God will soon reward them with the best of rewards. He, verily, is the Bestower, the Generous. Although no command was issued from the Source of Command, each soul hath rendered service according to his capacity. God hath ever been and will continue to be independent and self-sufficient. Were a single drop from the ocean of His riches to be sprinkled upon the world of poverty, it would adorn all with the ornament of wealth. Every soul beareth witness to His wealth, His sovereignty, His grandeur and His power.

Last year there flowed from the Most Exalted Pen concerning the payment of the Huququ'llah that which is recorded in the Tablets. These are the Rights which have been prescribed for everyone by God and

were formerly ordained. He, verily, is the Expositor, the All-Knowing, the Wise. Blessed is he who hath held fast unto the Book and acted according to that which was commanded by the All-Wise Ruler.

O ʿAli-Akbar! Thou must be so enkindled with the fire of God's love that all lands may be ignited by its heat. However, in all matters be mindful of wisdom, lest something occur that might cause the weak ones to be disturbed. The divine Tablets have been revealed specifically for accepted souls and will gradually reach them. Let all rejoice, for their mention hath been made in the presence of God. If some have not received Tablets in this instance, let them not be saddened, for they shall receive them later. For every matter there is an appointed time. When it cometh, it shall come. He, verily, is the True Herald, the Truthful Informer, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

The glory be upon thee and upon My loved ones whom God hath aided to achieve the Greater Steadfastness. By My life, they are the firm ones, they are the sincere ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

BH01425: Praise be to God, Who hath borne witness unto…

Praise be to God, Who hath borne witness unto His own Self through His own Self before He created His heaven and His earth, that there is none other God but Him. From everlasting He hath dwelt in the sublimity of His sovereignty, the exaltation of His majesty, and the greatness of His glory. None can wing his flight unto the heaven of His knowledge save in accordance with that which He hath sent down in His Book. Verily, He is powerful to do whatsoever He willeth, and ordaineth whatsoever He desireth. None can hinder His dominion, nor repel His decree. All things have testified to His oneness. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

Your letter was presented before the Book of Love time after time. ʿAbdu'l-Qadir (may God confirm him) and Rashid and Hamd have borne witness to the stations of love and the grades of joy, and their words brought exceeding gladness and expansion of heart. God willing, may ye ever be enabled to speak the truth and be occupied in the service of His friends.

The True One—glorified be His majesty—is witness that this lowly servant hath not ceased to remember you, and will not cease. In all conditions I beseech God—glorified and exalted be He—to confirm you and the friends in that which He loveth and approveth. In truth, your station is a station mentioned and recorded in all the divine Tablets.

As to what was heard concerning Haji Ali of Qazvin (may God exalt his degrees): it was laid before the Sacred Presence, and the Company of the Merciful were gathered. A petition was also offered. Thereupon, out of mercy, He vouchsafed an answer and commanded that for the departed one they should send a message of consolation and greeting to Yahya. In truth, you and the beloved of God—among them Haji […] and La'ih Abdu'l-Husayn—have kindled in the Abha court a lamp of mercy. Its recompense is with God—glorified and exalted be He—and shall surely be bestowed.

We beseech God to enable you to accomplish that which shall profit you in this world and in the world to come. There is none other God but Him, the Omnipotent, the Exalted, the Most High, the Great.

Convey, on behalf of this lowly servant, a most wondrous remembrance unto La'ih ʿAbdu'l-Husayn and unto the friends in that land; and in particular convey it unto Murtada—upon him be the glory of God. We ask the True One that he may, in all conditions, be occupied with remembrance and with praise, for He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

And concerning Nasru'llah—may his station be exalted—and Sayyid […]: convey unto them, in that land, greetings beyond number. As to the circumstances of our own journey, we found it not expedient to set them down at this time. Let the steadfast and upright turn themselves wholly to the service of the Cause. By My life! With consummate wisdom the Hand of God speaketh; that which is sweet and most dear may be known, though the particulars of the matter be not yet disclosed. The Lord, the All-Merciful, is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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BH01780: Praise be unto Thee, O my God…

He is the Most Holy, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Praise be unto Thee, O my God and the God of the throne and earth, my Sovereign and the Sovereign of the hereafter and this world, for having awakened me when I was asleep, and raised me up when I was seated, and caused me to speak when I was silent, and taught me when I was ignorant, and made me aware when I was heedless. Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of Eternity, and praise be unto Thee, O King of earth and heaven, for having shown me Thy horizon, honored me with Thy days, caused me to hear Thy verses, illumined my heart with the light of Thy love, and adorned my head with the crown of Thy knowledge.

Thou art He Who, O my God, removed the veil from my face and made me know the dawning-place of Thy revelation and the treasury of the pearls of Thy knowledge, and guided me to the horizon from which shone forth the Sun of Thy beauty and appeared the Manifestation of Thy Cause and wisdom—He Whose name was inscribed by Thy Most Exalted Pen in Thy Books and Thy Scriptures and Thy Scrolls and Thy Tablets.

O Lord! Thou seest me clinging to the hem of Thy bounty and holding fast to the cord of Thy generosity. I am the needy one who hastened to the ocean of Thy riches, the poor one who drew near to the horizon of Thy gifts, the stranger who sought his supreme home in the precincts of Thy most great mercy. O Lord! Withhold not from him the effulgences of the lights of the sun of Thy grace, and deprive him not of the outpourings of the clouds of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy gifts.

O Lord! Thou seest that mine eyes have been awaiting the wonders of Thy generosity and my hands have been raised toward the heaven of Thy favors. I beseech Thee, O Sovereign of the kingdoms of names and Ruler of the kingdom of decree, to confirm me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with, and ordain for me that whereby my remembrance may endure throughout the eternity of Thy most exalted kingdom and Thy most sublime dominion.

By Thy glory, O Lord of the world and Beloved of nations and the Manifest One with the Most Great Name! If Thou confirmest me not in Thy remembrance and praise and in immersion in the ocean of Thy good-pleasure, the hands of those near unto Thee and the sincere ones will not cling to the hem of the robe of Thy generosity that Thou mayest decree for me what I have desired through Thy bounty and write down what I have asked through Thy grace and generosity. By Thy glory, O Beloved of the world and Goal of nations! I am a supplicant who will not return disappointed from Thy door, and a seeker who will not turn back dejected. Thou seest, O my God, that I am cleaving to Thy door and knocking upon it, hoping for Thy ancient grace and Thy wondrous bounty and Thy all-encompassing generosity.

O Lord! This is a day wherein Thy sovereignty hath appeared and Thy power hath prevailed and the banners of Thy Name have been raised in Thy lands and the standards of Thy remembrance in Thy kingdom. Ordain for every one who hath turned to the river of Thy mercy the reward of him who hath attained unto the visitation of Thy countenance and entered the White Spot and supreme Paradise by Thy leave and will.

O Lord! The days which Thou hadst ordained fasting for Thy servants have ended and the Days of Ridvan which Thou hadst made a festival for the people of Thy realm have drawn nigh. I beseech Thee, O my Goal and the Goal of them who are near unto Thee, and my Beloved and the Beloved of the sincere ones, to open before the faces of Thy servants the gates of good things. Verily Thou art the Revealer of verses and the Lord of earth and heaven.

O Lord! I have turned my face toward the splendors of the lights of Thy face and my heart toward Thy most exalted station and most glorious prospect which hath been named the Most Great Prison in Thy crimson Tablet. I beseech Thee to preserve me from the tyrannous ones among Thy servants who have turned away from Thy beauty and denied Thy signs. Then cause me to drink, at all times, the wine of life through Thy bountiful hand, lest the affairs of men occupy me from turning toward Thee and the ornaments of the world from facing Thy horizon.

I am he who, O my God, hath desired in all conditions Thy pardon and Thy good-pleasure and tranquility beneath the shade of the Tree of Thy Cause and submissiveness at the manifestations of the lights of Thy power. Verily Thou art the Almighty to Whose sovereignty every possessor of a heart hath testified and every possessor of a tongue to Whose power and greatness. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Exalted, the Bestower, the Generous, the Bountiful.

BH01957: A mention from Us to him who hath turned…

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

A mention from Us to him who hath turned his face toward the Countenance when most of the servants turned away from it, that it may draw him nigh unto God and strengthen him to make mention of this Remembrance whereby earthquakes have appeared and mountains been leveled.

O Sadra! Hearken unto the Call from the direction of ʿAkka, the seat of His manifestation whereby the earth hath been illumined and the horizons made bright. Leave mankind behind thee and turn with the ear of thine inmost nature that thou mayest hear the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree which hath been

raised up in the Kingdom of creation by the command of God, the Lord of Names. Thus doth the Wronged One command thee, Who hath summoned all unto God, the Lord of existence.

We have heard thy call and have answered thee through this Tablet whereby the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath been wafted throughout all possibility. Arise to serve the Cause through God's might and power, and remind the people with wisdom. This is among the most meritorious of deeds in the sight of the All-Compelling, the All-Bountiful.

Beware lest the veils of humanity hold thee back from the Most Sublime Vision. Say: By God! The Hour hath come and the moon been cleft asunder and the All-Bestowing hath come in the shadows of the clouds while ye are in wondrous intoxication. Be thou in all conditions firmly attached to the cord of wisdom which God hath sent down in the Scriptures and Tablets.

This is not the day to pause. By the life of God! The rock hath hastened unto the Lord of creation and the mountains have soared unto the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. The Wronged One hath come with proof and evidence, yet the people are in doubt and schism. They have cast aside the Self-Subsisting and taken hold of vain imaginings. Say: Take ye heed, O ye who are endowed with insight! Glory be upon those who have cast away the world, holding fast to the Most Great Cord—these are the people of Paradise in the sight of God, the Lord of Lords.

O Sadra! Strive that thou mayest attain unto that which is acceptable in the sight of God today. The most excellent of deeds hath been and shall be the teaching of the Cause, yet with wisdom and utterance. This word hath been revealed in most of the Tablets lest anyone should be heedless and transgress it. Walk ye toward God and place your trust in God and speak for God's sake. Pay no heed to the objections and opposition of lifeless souls.

Reflect upon the Seal of the Prophets, how many objections were raised against that Sun of Truth by the clay figures of the world who appeared and moved about in human form. The pagan priests, and the Jewish and Christian divines, have committed the very things which the divines of the age, in this Dispensation, have committed, and are still committing. Nay, these have displayed a more grievous cruelty and a fiercer malice. Every atom beareth witness unto that which I say.

Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and occupy thyself with service to the Cause. Strive that thou mayest attain in this Day, which is the Lord of all the days of the world, such a station whose mention shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Today every good deed is more exalted and more excellent and more beauteous than all the deeds of the world.

Hold fast unto truth and fix thy gaze upon Him. By My life! The traces of every soul that ariseth today shall remain on earth as long as the divine names and attributes endure. All that is witnessed today shall vanish save those matters which are related to truth and which have appeared in His path.

Beware, beware lest the clamor of the world sadden thee or the conditions of creation veil thee from the Lord of Eternity. Thus doth command thee He with Whom is the knowledge of the Book. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the lights of the countenance of their Lord, the Revealer of verses.

BH01996: O Haydar! Your call hath been heard time after…

In the Name of the One God, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing!

O Haydar! Your call hath been heard time after time, occasion after occasion, and moment after moment. If the Most Exalted Pen remained silent for a time, that is, made no response, there was and is no harm in this. Verily thy Lord doeth what He pleaseth and ordaineth what He willeth. This knowledge hath been and shall ever be established in the most exalted station through the blessing of the Most Great Name. Blessed art thou and blessed are they who have cast away their desires and taken hold of that which exalteth the religion of God and His Cause among His servants.

O Ali! We have accepted countless afflictions and borne in God's path that which no pen can recount nor ink record, that perchance some souls might be cleansed from the defilement of idle fancies and attain unto everlasting tranquility. The choice wine of unity and the living waters of fellowship flow from the two fingers of the Lord of creation, yet all wander in the wilderness of perplexity and discord. O Ali! Beseech God—exalted and glorified be He—to send forth a breeze from the paradise of sanctity, that it may dispel the offensive odors of discord. If a person today should, for God's sake, show deference to another, would this detract from his station? Nay, by My true Self! Rather would he be exalted and God Himself would raise him up.

O Ali! God is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. Whosoever today becometh the cause of unity and shattereth the idols of discord through the Name of God shall be mentioned in every tongue and recorded in all the Tablets. Say: O friends! Hearken unto the voice of Him Who hath been wronged and hold fast, for the sake of God, to the cord of fellowship and cling to the hem of unity. Exert your utmost endeavor in this matter, that perchance the lights of concord and agreement may illumine all regions.

The captives in the land of Sad who have been kept far from their homes and native lands for the sake of God are all remembered in the presence of the Countenance. By the life of God! That hath been sent down for them which hath caused the Concourse on High to lament and those who circle round My mighty Throne to weep. God willing, they must soar on the wings of joy, inasmuch as whatsoever befell them was for God's sake. Soon will there appear in the realm of being what God hath ordained for them in His Preserved Book. Convey to all My greetings and gladden them with the divine favors. If, outwardly, nothing specific was sent for each one, this was due to wisdom. The atoms themselves bear witness to My remembrance of them, My turning toward them, and My bounty to them. Thus hath My Pen spoken, and My Tongue, and My Servant who standeth before the Countenance recording that which hath been sent down from the kingdom of My knowledge and the heaven of My novel utterance.

If for some reason they should return to their homelands, there is no harm in this. Beseech God—exalted and glorified be He—that those devoted souls who have drunk from the cup of tribulation and adversity in the path of the Lord of Names may shine forth with the utmost joy and radiance from the horizon of the heaven of steadfastness. Convey My glory to those who have turned to My countenance, who have stood firm in My path and held fast to My mighty Cause. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH02064: O people of the cities and villages! Hearken unto…

He is the One Who gazeth before the Countenance

O people of the cities and villages! Hearken unto that which the Tongue uttereth in the Kingdom of Utterance from the presence of Him Who hath caused all things to speak, that there is none other God but Me, the Peerless, the All-Informed. He it is Who hath sent down the Books and dispatched the Messengers, that there is none other God but Me, the All-Watchful, the All-Wise. Every thing hath attained unto the blessing of hearkening unto the Call save every transgressing sinner, and every eye hath beheld the horizon of God, the Most Glorious, save every heedless and remote one.

By God! The Most Great Scene hath appeared and the Lord of Destiny proclaimeth and saith: O concourse of humanity! The Day hath come and the moon hath been cleft asunder and all are gathered in a wondrous assembly. The Hidden hath been made manifest and the Treasured hath come forth and the Promised One hath appeared from the heaven of destiny more nigh than the twinkling of an eye, yet the people are in evident delusion. They behold the Sun and say: “Is this a sun?” and they witness the signs and say: “This is naught but mighty sorcery.” Thus hath the matter been decreed in the Book while the people of the veil are in strange doubt.

O loved ones of the All-Merciful in all lands! The Wronged One adjureth you by the Best-Beloved of all creation, Who speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance, that ye be not unfaithful regarding the substance of the people. Be ye trustees of God in His lands and dawning-places of truthfulness in His countries. Blessed is he who hath hearkened unto the counsel of God and was of them that act.

There hath appeared from faithlessness in this exile that which hath caused My liver to melt and Mine eye to shed tears and My inmost being to lament and My breast to be straitened. By the life of God! Sleep hath taken flight from the eyes of Baha by reason of what hath befallen Him in this white land. All things bear witness to this, yet the people are among the heedless ones. The rock hath cried out at My tribulation and the Divine Lote-Tree hath lamented at My distress. By God! My grief is not for Myself but for the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds. All sorrows are for him who is unable to mention what hath touched him of hardships and tribulations in this noble station.

We hear falsehood yet remain silent, while the liar supposeth that the matter hath become confused, when We found him in manifest truthfulness. O My loved ones! Adorn yourselves with the morals of God and array your temples with the garments of trustworthiness and uprightness and truthfulness. Thus doth the Lord of creation command you in a preserved Tablet.

Sorrows have increased at this time by what We observe of the Temple of Love and those with him beneath the claws of hatred from among the hosts of the wrongdoers. O God of Names and Creator of earth and heaven! Thou seest how the fire hath encompassed him who was beneath the shadow of the light in Thy days. O Lord! Protect him and those with him as Thou didst protect Me when I was in the serpent’s mouth. Verily Thou art He through Whom power hath been manifested. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful.

Thou knowest, O my God, how the brocade of servitude hath been adorned among creation and the sign of detachment hath appeared in the world of creation. Every fair-minded and insightful one beareth witness to this. Though tribulation in Thy path is sweeter than the Kawthar and more luminous than the moon, yet I beseech Thee, O Thou Who hast subdued the world by the Most Great Name, to deliver him from the hands of tyranny. Verily Thou art the Forgiving, the Generous. [Then] preserve him [beneath] the pavilion of grace and aid him in what he is engaged in regarding Thy love. Verily Thou art He in Whose grasp is the dominion of the kingdom of the heavens and the earth.

BH02080: This is the Day whereon the Throne of thy…

In the name of the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful

This is the Day whereon the Throne of thy Lord proclaimeth among the branches, calling out to all the dwellers of the earth and bidding them to glorify and sanctify their Lord. This is the Day whereon the angels of heaven descend at all times with chalices of utterance and vessels of knowledge, and return perfumed with holy and goodly fragrances.

Say: The promised God declareth: O concourse of Jews! Ye were of Me and appeared from Me, and unto Me shall ye return. What hath come over you that ye know Me not now, though I have appeared with all the signs? Ye have taken enemies for friends and have lost the true Friend. Today a new heaven hath appeared and a new earth hath been created. Were ye to gaze with pure eyes, ye would behold the New Jerusalem, and were ye to turn with hearing ears, ye would hear the Call of God. All things today call out unto you and summon you to your Lord, yet ye are so drunk with the wine of pride that ye have not become aware of it for a single moment. The ear hath been created for hearing My voice and the eye for beholding My beauty. Hearken ye, and lay aside all else.

The Dome of God hath been raised by the hand of divine favor and the Cause of God hath been made manifest. The time of what was before hath passed away; a new time hath come, and all things have been renewed by the Will of God. But only a new eye perceiveth this and only a new mind comprehendeth this station. The beginning and the end pointed to one blessed Word, and it hath appeared and come, and it is the Spirit of the divine Books and Scriptures that hath been and will be forever, and it is the key to the Most Great Treasury of the Lord and the hidden divine mystery that hath ever been concealed behind the pavilion of infallibility. It is that Alif and that Ya of which John gave tidings:

> “He is the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden.”

O Abdu’l-Husayn! God willing, thou wilt be confirmed and give glad-tidings to the branches of what was revealed aforetime in the Book of God, for these glad-tidings are as the water of life unto the dead of the world. Blessed is he who drinketh thereof, and woe unto those who are deprived!

Say: Today the City of God hath appeared in full adornment, and it is the City wherein the God of all hath been made manifest. Ponder these words of John who gave tidings of the holy and great City, until he said:

> “And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it,”

unto the end of his words. Take up the staff of trust in the Name of Truth and with complete detachment guide the misguided people to that great divine City, that perchance those who are lost may attain to their true homeland and those who are blind may be blessed with new sight. Verily He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. All things are captive in the grasp of His might, and verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

BH02246: O Fadlu’llah! Rejoice in that the Desired One hath…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

O Fadlu’llah! Rejoice in that the Desired One hath heard thy mention and hath answered thee from His luminous horizon which God hath made the point of circumambulation for the Concourse on High and the denizens of the Kingdom of Names. Thy Lord is verily the Mighty, the Powerful. We hear the mention of those who have turned toward God and We see the deeds of those who have held fast to My wise Book. Say: O people, act according to what the All-Merciful hath commanded you in the Book and follow not every ignorant remote one. Thus hath the Wronged One mentioned thee from the precincts of His Most Great Prison that thou mayest be of the thankful ones.

Hear in the Persian tongue these exalted and holy words: Praise be to God that thou hast attained to the recognition of the Dawning-Place of Divine Revelation, which today hath become the object of rejection and opposition by most of the people of the world, and thou hast hearkened unto His call. O thou who art mindful! The whole world was created to behold His horizon, hear His Word and act according to His command. This is a truth to which all the world doth testify and acknowledge. Yet after the appearance of the Divine Day and the establishment of the form of the All-Merciful upon the throne, all turned away and arose in utmost opposition and hypocrisy, save a few. Now ponder the station of these few. By the life of God, the Pen of possibility hath been and shall ever be powerless to describe such souls. We beseech God to make these holy souls firm and steadfast in His love. He is verily the Hearing, the Answering.

As for what thou didst write regarding mention, it hath been and shall ever be most beloved. O Fadl, the story of sacrifice hath been renewed, and Isma’il hath turned his face to the place of sacrifice and in the path of the Beloved of all creation hath drunk the cup of martyrdom. He acted according to that which was revealed from the Supreme Pen in previous years in the Persian tongue:

O sacrifice of God, from love’s altar-place Turn not back, but give thy life in love’s ways

And this sacrifice returned not alive from the altar-place. He sacrificed his life, his wealth, his honor, his name and all that pertained unto him. O Fadl! These are days of tribulation. The martyrdom of Husayn hath been renewed and Hasan hath given up his life. By the Most Great Ocean, the Concourse on High are engaged in lamentation and weeping. Blessed is the one who maketh mention of the tribulations of the friends of God who in the land of Sad attained unto the most great martyrdom.

O Fadl! Make mention of Hasan and Husayn. By My life, the Messenger doth lament and the Pure One doth cry out, yet the people are in evident doubt. Thy deed is accepted, approved and beloved. Make mention from the pulpits, for We have given thee permission as a bounty from Our presence. Thy Lord is verily the Ordainer, the Unconstrained.

The glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God, the Lord of creation. Verily thy Lord hath seized him who manifested oppression and arose in tyranny, and He shall soon seize those who have denied God, the Lord of lords.

BH02301: I am the Wronged One, the Exile

I am the Wronged One, the Exile

O Samandar! By thy life! The affliction of Muhammad, the Apostle of God, hath been renewed in the All-highest Paradise, and thereto the anguish of the spotless Virgin in the Most Exalted Station. “Fie upon you, O people of the Furqan!” she exclaimeth, “Ye have wrought even that which ye wrought aforetime! Where is my Hasan, and where my Husayn? Announce their fate, nor be of them that turn away! Did my Hasan deal faithlessly amongst you, unlawfully devour your wealth, or shed your blood? Judge ye fairly, O people, and be not of them that speak falsely! Explain ye, O people of the Furqan! For what crime did ye slay my Husayn in the Land of Sad?”

By My life, O thou who hast fixed thy gaze upon My Countenance! The Ark hath been shattered, and the She-Camel hath been hamstrung by reason of that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. The Tale of Taff (Karbila) hath been retold; yet are the people wrapped in a palpable veil. We, verily, concealed the station of My Name Hasan by reason of the frailty of Our servants; then, when he was ascended on the wings of the spirit unto the realms above, We disclosed a part of that which God had bestowed upon him, in token of His grace: He, verily, is the Most Gracious, the All-Bountiful.

Know further: That which hath come to pass shall exert an influence in the world: erelong shall this become apparent through the sovereignty of God, the Almighty, the Most Powerful. Oppression hath reached the pitch that alike the pen and the tongue are powerless and inadequate to recount or express it.

Souls who at no time harmed another soul; who comported themselves with perfect love and kindliness; and who lived on terms of friendliness with all the peoples and kindreds of the earth—behold what was inflicted upon them! Were it to be inquired of those two embodiments of ignorance who regard themselves as learned,

> “Wherefore slew ye these wronged ones, notwithstanding that no crime or sin had been committed on their part?,”

they would, in reply, undoubtedly repeat the same words uttered by the mouths of the infidels in respect of the Prince of Martyrs—may all else but him be His sacrifice.

After the affair of the Land of Kaf, the company of the oppressors were wont to repeat this utterance:

"Husayn beyond his limit stray'd, so slain was he by his grandsire's blade."

Fie upon them, and upon those that have followed in their footsteps! This apart, what blame attached unto the Prophet's children who were in that household? This affair shall never be obliterated from the tablet of creation.

For all four souls there hath been sent down from the heaven of God's loving-kindness that which hath changed the world's happiness into grief. Although to outward seeming the people of oppression are complacent about the deed they have committed, yet, by My life, their realities curse them, and lament over them, albeit they neither hear, nor feel, nor know it.

Do thou convey Our salutation unto all the friends. Please God, all may, with the utmost joy and radiance, be occupied with the remembrance of God, and lay hold upon, and cleave tenaciously unto, the strong cord of patience and fortitude. Cast thou, on My behalf, a salutation over thy brother's countenance. We ask Him, exalted be He, graciously to confirm him, and to ordain for him that which shall profit him. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We seal Our utterance with the mention of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting: "Verily, we are God's, and unto Him shall we return."

BH02362: O Mihdi! There hath come before the Throne…

O Mihdi! There hath come before the Throne that which was sent unto thee from Mine Afnan. Verily, the Tree respondeth unto its branches. He, verily, is the All-Hearing, the Responsive.

O Mine Afnan! I bid thee praise God for having aided thee to recognize the ocean of His knowledge and enabled thee to serve His Cause. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Wise.

Concerning what was mentioned about the matter of funds and the sons of the Two Lights lacking knowledge thereof—pure deeds reveal themselves and open their own door. Whatever is given to them and in their name is beloved. Verily, he who concealed it is far removed from the deed. I beseech God to aid him to do what He loveth and is pleased with. His is the Last and the First.

Concerning what was written about the funds of the land of Kha and their distribution according to the command—this was observed. Verily, He recompenseth whosoever acteth in His path. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Mirza Abu'l-Hasan shall proceed to that region according to the wish of the Afnan. Whoso loveth the Tree must needs love its branches.

Concerning what was written about that which did not arrive from the land of Kha—it shall not be demanded. This matter is reckoned among the most excellent of deeds. All the world hath no worth, let alone these trivial, transient matters. If people knew what they are heedless of, they would weep with the weeping of the bereft. By My life! If they were to discover what is now concealed from them, they would sacrifice themselves and all they possess in hope of My wondrous remembrance.

Regarding ʿAli-Asghar Kh-A, they had written—the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of favor and dispatched. God willing, may they receive their portion of the pearls of inner meanings hidden within the seas of divine utterances.

O Mine Afnan! The Tongue of Eternity is engaged in speech and utterance, and the Pen of the All-Merciful moveth and floweth at all times. Yet who is there that heareth and beholdeth the mighty signs of his Lord? All good unto him who hath turned towards the Lord of Destiny and the Most Great Prospect, and all woe unto him who hath turned away and disbelieved.

Whatever hath been undertaken and shall be undertaken regarding the affairs of ʿAli-Qabla-Akbar who hath ascended unto God shall be preserved and treasured with God. The Tablet adorned with the special seal of His Honor the Afnan H-S, upon him be My glory, was sent. God willing, may they attain unto it and at all times drink from the Kawthar of the knowledge of the All-Merciful Lord and be its cupbearer with wisdom and utterance.

As for the matter of the letters Alif and Sin—whatsoever hath been revealed by the Most Exalted Pen is the truth wherein there is no doubt. And regarding the debt of the King of Martyrs—let His Honor the Afnan do whatever he deemeth advisable. It is acceptable before God, but after examining the ledger and its contents. He, verily, is the Expositor, the All-Wise, the All-Knowing.

Whatever remaineth of the funds from the land of Kha hath been designated for the poor of this land. Let it arrive and be delivered.

BH02383: O ʿAli! God willing, mayest thou be quickened…

In the Name of the One God

O ʿAli! God willing, mayest thou be quickened by the fragrances of the divine days and drink from the ocean of knowledge through His Name, in such wise that thou wouldst forget all save Him and remain turned unto Him. This is the Day the mention of which hath been recorded and inscribed in all the Books, Scriptures and Tablets. Blessed is he who hath found the fragrance of the divine utterance and is among those who know.

If thou wouldst hearken unto the Wronged One of the horizons, strive with complete detachment that thou mayest be illumined by the lights of the Sun of insight. In all matters look unto the Truth and place thy trust in Him. The Lord of Bounty and the Sovereign of existence will assuredly not deprive His servants, but will assist them in whatsoever profiteth them in this world and the next.

I swear by the Sun of the horizon of grace that none of the peoples of the world hath been or is aware of their own best interests, for knowledge hath ever resided and shall continue to reside with the true Knower. He, verily, is the One Who knoweth what is with them, and what profiteth and preserveth them, while they know not. It behooveth everyone to say:

> “Thou art the Knower of what is within me, and I know not what is within Thy Self, and Thou art, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.”

Such meanings from the All-Merciful were revealed in the Qur'an, and likewise in previous Books, as every discerning knower will testify.

In regard to what thou hast asked about the craft, this Wronged One hath not, of His own accord, set forth anything on this subject. However, certain individuals have asked questions, and, in response, the Pen of the Most High set down the explanations that are found in the Tablets. There can be no doubt that what hath been revealed is, and shall ever be, the indisputable truth. Wert thou to reflect, thou wouldst bear witness, ere the initiation of this work, to the fact that the Pen of the All-Knowing hath revealed the utter truth. Nevertheless, its appearance hath been made one of the signs of the coming of age of the human race, and the time when this shall happen hath been fixed. As yet it hath not come, but when it cometh it shall be manifested through the power of Him Who is the Sovereign Truth. He, verily, is the All-Informed, the All-Knowing. For this reason all have been prohibited from becoming engaged with it. None hath the right to busy himself therewith. This is what hath been decreed by the Beloved of the worlds in His perspicuous Book.

Strive in this Day to attain the Elixir of the Divine Word. It is the effective agent, the protector, the conqueror, the divine water, and the crown of victory within the Primal Reality. Indeed, it is the matchless essence (jawharu'l-fard), the secret of the Concealer, and the secret of secrets. Wert thou to attain to this Word that God hath sent out from the mine of His wisdom, thou wouldst find thyself in the utmost state of joy and gladness. We beseech God, exalted be He, to ordain for thee that which shall profit thee and to assist thee to serve His Cause in this Day which, in truth, is most manifest.

BH02446: O ʿAli! Your letter is present…

In the Name of God, the All-Seeing!

O ʿAli! Your letter is present and that which was written therein was presented by this servant before the Divine Throne. We have heard your cry and have answered you with this wondrous Tablet.

O ʿAli! There befell you that which hath befallen no one else. The two most luminous Lights which had risen and shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of divine favor have set, due to the ill-omened land of Sad.

O ʿAli! The clouds of oppression were raised up, and the sword of tyranny was drawn from the sheath of pride, and there came to pass that which caused the Concourse on High, the denizens of the Kingdom of Names, and the dwellers of Paradise to wail and lament. By God's life! There remained nothing that did not weep, yet be thou gladdened through God's grace, for in truth they attained to a bounty the like of which hath never appeared in creation, and they themselves had, with the utmost lowliness and supplication, besought this most exalted station from God.

After their return from Iraq they were manifest with the utmost glory and elevation through divine grace, and at the end of their lives they attained to that which their souls had loved. God hath sent down concerning their tragedy that which caused eyes to weep and hearts to melt. The Supreme Pen hath made mention of them in such wise that all those who are nigh unto God and His Messengers seek this station and have besought and continue to beseech it from God. The glory be upon thee and upon them

both and upon him who gave up his spirit before them—verily he is the one designated as “Al-Kazim” in My Most Great Book.

Convey greetings from God to the captives in the land and those scattered in His path and those left behind by them. Say: Ye have drunk the cup of tribulation from the hands of the enemies of your Lord, the Lord of Names. He, verily, is the Witness, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Then drink ye the choice wine of immortality from the hands of the bounty of your Lord, the Creator of the heavens, Who remembereth you in His mighty prison. The glory be upon you, O My loved ones, and praise be upon you, O My friends, from God, the Beloved of the mystics and the Desire of the worlds.

At the end of this epistle We make mention of thy son who is named Muhammad and give him the glad-tidings of joy after sorrow. Verily thy Lord, the Most Merciful, is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

Under all conditions hold fast to patience. Behold the world as a passing shadow. Soon it shall perish and vanish away. That which endureth is the mention of God that hath been sent down in His Book in praise of His loved ones. Blessed is he who hath attained thereunto, and woe unto the heedless ones.

The glory be upon thee and upon thy son and upon thy wife from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed.

BH02445: O My handmaid! By the life of the true…

In the Name of the Beloved, the Compassionate

O My handmaid! By the life of the true Friend—Who is better, and fairer, and more excellent than the world and all that is therein, and than the world to come—verily the friends of the Eternal, the Ancient of Days, have been, and shall ever remain, the object of His regard. My moments have been, and are, turned towards Mine loved ones. I testify that, through the love of God, thou didst set thy face towards the Most Holy Threshold, and, with utter yearning and longing, with attraction and rapture, didst direct thy steps unto the Ka’bih of the Desired One.

The sighs that have escaped thee in thy longing, and the griefs that have appeared through thy separation, are all manifest in the presence of Him Who knoweth alike the unseen and the seen. Thou art a seeker after reunion, and the testimony of thine own state is witness unto this utterance: that the true Purpose, the Object of the wayfarers unto the Ka’bih of meeting, is ever watchful over them. Assuredly, His love hath preceded every love. He is the Source of love, and He the Manifestation of love, and He the Creator of love. The oceans of divine affection that surge within the hearts of spiritual souls are but a drop created, by His will, from the sea of His mercy. Be not thou sorrowful. Thy journey hath been accepted, thy turning approved, and the Tongue of God beareth witness that thy visitation at the Most Holy Court is adorned with the fairest of ornaments.

O handmaid! The fragrance of truth, from this epistle, is wafted abroad, and the perfume of the Beloved passeth over all. Much hath come to pass in this land; I desire not to recount it, for in the divine Tablets allusion thereto hath already been made. It behoveth thee, after thou hast attained unto the traces of the Pen of Revelation, to spread thy wings of longing, and to soar in the heaven of the good-pleasure of the Friend, and to pass thy nights and days in perfect contentment. The Land of Ta hath been the seat of the

Throne and the dawning place of the Desired Morn. It is the place of the Ukht [Sister] and where the friends of God repose.

Happy is the one who hath attained the love of the sister and of the friends of the Lord. Verily, from this Spot We greet the countenance of My sister and My loved ones who have uttered My praise and have been neither moved by the tempestuous winds of idle fancies, nor kept back by the tumult raised by those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds.

Render praise to God that He hath given thee a son who, since his arrival until now, hath been engaged in serving God. Blessed is he, blessed is he! Beseech God to enable thee to drink from the oceans of favour that are concealed in these words, and behold the splendours of the Sun of Mercy.

The glory be upon thee, and upon thy son who is with thee, and upon all who have turned, with their hearts, unto God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH02549: Your letter reached the Most Holy Court…

In the Name of the One True God

Your letter reached the Most Holy Court and the fragrances of love wafted from it. Praise the Beloved of the world that you have been adorned with the lights of the Word and have turned toward the Straight Path of God. I swear by the Sun of Utterance which has dawned from the Dayspring of the mouth of the All-Merciful, if you were to reflect upon these stations that have been bestowed upon you, you would soar with the wings of joy and delight.

If today a soul attains unto the ocean of joy, at all times they will witness with their outer and inner sight the evanescence of the world and the loss of its people. And they reach a station where the troubles of the dusty world and the clouds that rise from it do not disturb them, and the veils of the world do not prevent or conceal them from the Dayspring of Revelation. Hold fast to the hem of the bounty of thy Lord and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds! The passing shadow has no value whatsoever in the sight of those who have drunk from the Kawthar of meeting and who gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon. If thou wouldst look with true vision, thou wouldst behold all the people of the earth submerged up to their necks in clay […] We beseech God to sanctify and purify His loved ones from all that He hath not loved and doth not love.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of existence and Ruler of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which every idolator hath lamented and every believer in unity hath rejoiced, to grant me that which will enable me to arise to serve Thee and to speak in Thy praise. O my Lord! I am the sorrowful one, yet with Thee is the ocean of joy and gladness. I beseech Thee not to withhold me from it. Thou art He to Whose generosity and bounty all created things have testified. There is none other God but Thee, the Generous, the Bountiful.

O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy verses […] and by Thy Most Exalted Horizon to ordain for me by the Pen of Thy Command that which will comfort mine eyes through Thy grace. Then decree for me what Thou hast decreed for Thy chosen ones whom neither events could prevent from turning to Thee nor

tribulations from drawing nigh unto Thy horizon. Thou seest me, O my God, standing before the door of Thy grace, anticipating the wonders of Thy favors. Wilt Thou turn away the poor one from the kingdom of Thy riches and the lowly one from the ocean of Thy bestowals? Nay, by Thy glory and Thy sovereignty! Thou art the All-Powerful over what Thou willest and in Thy grasp is the kingdom of earth and heaven. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing.

The glory be upon thee and upon thy wife who hath turned to God and attained unto the days of God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH02576: Although the dark clouds of oppression have veiled…

In the Name of the One God!

Although the dark clouds of oppression have veiled the countenance of justice, yet the Sun of Revelation is manifest and visible from the dawning-place of bounty. Say: O God of the sea and the pearls of wisdom therein, and Sovereign of the land and whatsoever moves therein of Thy creation, I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which were raised the standards of Thy remembrance and the banners of Thy Revelation, to transform the throne of tyranny and oppression into the seat of justice and equity. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. Nothing can frustrate Thee in what has been or will be created. Thou art, in truth, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Compelling.

The oppressors have committed that which has caused the dwellers of Paradise to lament. They have followed their own desires and cast their God behind their backs. Lo! They are among the perishing ones. Those souls who were well-wishers of humanity and from whom no harm ever came to anyone, who moved among the people with the utmost wisdom and dignity—merely for the sake of this transient world they arose to shed their pure blood, without any proof or enlightening Book. And this was the station which, for numbered years, they had beseeched and implored from God, exalted be His glory. They attained to a station that cannot be equaled by anything existing and visible. Thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, beareth witness to this. God hath seized him who arose in tyranny and will seize those who agreed to shed their blood. He is, verily, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Blessed art thou for having turned toward God, turning away from every heedless and remote one. In all circumstances, you must strive to teach God's Cause with wisdom and utterance, and fix your gaze upon this blessed word which hath shone forth from the horizon of the Supreme Pen:

> "O My chosen ones! Announce unto My servants My Revelation and My establishment upon My mighty throne. By My life! The world and all that is therein shall perish, but there shall endure for you what hath been ordained by the One Who ordaineth, the All-Bountiful."

If wisdom permits, make known to the extent of their capacity to those related to the name of God, the martyred Vahid, the truth and what hath appeared from His presence, that perchance they may find a way to the Truth. God willing, may you speak in praise and glorification of God and remain steadfast in His Cause. Make mention of all the friends in that land and convey to them greetings from God, and say: Each one of you must be so enkindled with the fire of the love of God that those who have lost their way may find it through its light, and those who are cold may be moved by its warmth and turn toward the Friend.

The glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have believed in God, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

BH02609: A mention from Us to one who has turned…

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

A mention from Us to one who has turned toward Our horizon, attained unto Our recognition, and taken the choice wine of utterance in My Name and drunk thereof through My glorious and wondrous remembrance. We were with thee when thou didst hear and respond to thy Lord on a day whereon all who are in the heavens and earth were thunderstruck, save those whom the hand of thy Lord's power did rescue. We have heard thy call time and again, and witnessed thy turning toward the countenance of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We made thee to hear My call and We heard thy call, and showed thee My signs and beheld thee, as a grace from Us. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

We held back the reins of the Pen until the appointed time; then We loosened them by Our command and mentioned thee in truth. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Generous. The servant in attendance before the Throne appeared, holding thy letter in his hand. He arose and read it in the Most Great Scene, the station whereon was established the throne of the Lord of Destiny, Who hath come from the heaven of revelation with manifest sovereignty. And once again he mentioned thee before the Face. We said: Be patient, for thy Lord is indeed the All-Patient, the All-Wise.

O thou who hast turned toward Us! We have heard that wherewith thou didst call upon God, and found therein thy longing and yearning, and the fragrance of thy sincerity toward God, the Lord of the worlds. Every word of thy words hath testified to God's Revelation and His sovereignty. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee in this mighty Cause. Preserve this most exalted station through the name of thy Lord, the Most Glorious. Thus doth the Lord of Names command thee from the precincts of His remote prison. Rejoice, then give thanks that thy call hath won the ear of the Wronged One, Who hath answered thee with that which shall endure as long as God's names and attributes endure. Verily thy Lord is the True One, the Faithful.

Say: O God of the Kingdom, Lord of Kings and Sovereign of the Realm of Might! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance, after the passing of all things, to make me in all conditions turned toward Thee and detached from all else but Thee. Then give me to drink from the pure water of Thy bounty's Kawthar, through which whoso attaineth soareth in Thine atmosphere, casteth away all else besides Thee, and is seized by the wine of verses such that neither the might of the world nor the clamor of nations frightened him. O my Lord! I am he who hath turned toward the ocean of Thy grace and acknowledged Thy sovereignty and power. I beseech Thee to aid me in all conditions to serve Thee and remember Thee and praise Thee. Verily Thou art the Protector of those in earth and heaven. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Verily Thou art the Commander, the Giver, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH02775: Praise and its essence befitteth that Beloved One Who…

In the name of the All-Knowing Speaker

Praise and its essence befitteth that Beloved One Who, through His perfect power, uttered a Word whereby was made manifest all that had been mentioned in the divine Books concerning the Resurrection and its signs, and its conditions such as the Bridge, the Balance, the Trump, the Call, the gathering and dispersal. He is the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful, the Guardian over all things. Were the peoples of the world to ponder the manifestations of His power in this Most Great Revelation, they would surely find themselves bewildered, and that very bewilderment is itself an acknowledgment and confession of the might, glory, greatness and sovereignty of God—exalted be His majesty and magnificent be His grandeur!

O Baqir! Praise be to God that through the bestowals of the divine ocean of generosity thou hast turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon and partaken of the choice wine of the All-Glorious. This is more precious than the heavens and earth and whatsoever hath been created therein. Be thou thankful unto God for this and be possessed of manifest joy.

Thy letter was received in the presence of the Wronged One, and the servant in attendance presented that which was mentioned therein. God willing, mayest thou be ever gladdened by the sweet-scented breezes of God's love and remain turned toward His horizon. I swear by the Sovereign of all creation that this is a Day wherein not a single letter appeareth except that it is recorded by the Pen of Destiny in the Manifest Book and, through the permanence of God's names and attributes, is mentioned in the presence of them that are nigh and sincere. Blessed is the soul that hath fulfilled God's Covenant and His Pledge, and hath acted in accordance with that which was commanded by the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

In thy letter was mentioned he who was named Javad, who attained unto My presence and circled round Me and heard My call and drank the choice wine of My love. We make mention of him and shall continue to make mention of him as a token of Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

We make mention of thee and of those whom God hath related unto thee and whose names were mentioned in thy letter, and We bestow upon their faces Our greetings from this exalted station. Give thanks that the ocean of forgiveness hath surged and the fragrance of thy Lord's pardon hath wafted. He hath indeed forgiven those for whom thou didst seek forgiveness. Verily thy Lord is the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. The glory be upon thee and upon them from the presence of the Mighty, the Great. Make mention of My loved ones in that place and give them the glad-tidings of My gracious remembrance.

BH02748: O Hasan! Praise be to the Lord…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most High

O Hasan! Praise be to the Lord of the worlds Who confirmed thee in recognizing that which was promised and recorded in all divine Books. This is a great bounty and an exalted station. Beseech the True One to preserve this most exalted station, for the evil ones have been and are lying in wait, appearing in various

guises. God protect us and you from their evil and their fire. Today it is incumbent upon every soul to arise to remember God and serve Him. Hold fast to the Book of God and His laws, and cling to the hem of thy Lord's gracious favor. Blessed is the soul who is today adorned with the ornaments of trustworthiness, truthfulness and steadfastness. Such a one is of the people of Baha and the companions of the Crimson Ark. Blessed are they that attain!

As to thy question about power [qudrat], all things have testified and do testify to the power of the Lord of earth and heaven, and the signs of His power are manifest and evident in all things. The possessors of true vision witness them at all times. Since He created the contingent world through means, therefore most matters and the manifestation of power, sovereignty, grandeur, grace and bounty have been and will be through means. All things bear witness that He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

As for mosques, monasteries and temples that are built specifically for the remembrance of God: the mention of any other than Him is not permitted therein. This is one of the divine ordinances, and whosoever doth deviate therefrom is accounted among the transgressors. No blame attacheth to the builder, for his work was for God and he hath attained and will attain his reward. Today what is necessary is to act according to the Most Holy Book. All must hold fast unto it and act according to what the All-Merciful hath revealed therein.

As to what you wrote about giving a sum to the King of Martyrs, the letter Ha: this is truth wherein there is no doubt, and he presented it at the Most Holy Court. All things testify to his trustworthiness, his devotion, his loftiness and his arising to serve the Cause of God. He himself desired martyrdom and, praise be to God, attained this most exalted station. God hath seized the source of oppression, and He shall soon seize those who followed him without any clear proof or enlightening Book.

BH02803: O Abul-Fadl! Fix thy gaze upon this blessed…

In the Name of Him Who is the Desire of the world

O Abul-Fadl! Fix thy gaze upon this blessed and goodly word which, like unto the sun, hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of God's Tablet: It behooveth man to bring forth that which will gladden mankind, not that which will cause the lamentations of nations to arise. This is the way of God, did they but know it. This is the religion of God, did they but witness it. This is the Cause of God, did they but hearken unto it.

My Most Exalted Pen doth at all times move in the realm of counsel, admonition, wisdom and utterance. Yet the people of the world hear but act not, save whom thy Lord, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, willeth.

The darkness of tyranny hath prevented the Sun of Justice from shining forth. Assuredly one day the Finger of the Will of the Lord of Oneness shall rend asunder the obscuring veil, and the lights of the Sun of Truth shall become manifest and evident. Should all who are on earth gather together, they would not be able to extinguish the divine light, nor shall they ever have such power. Verily thy Lord speaketh the truth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

In every age and cycle have the divines of the age prevented the people from attaining the Most Exalted Horizon. They are the most great veil and the veils of glory—learned in the eyes of men but ignorant before thy Lord, the Mighty, the Wise. None hath been or is aware of the divine purpose and celestial will from without. Some have deemed the people of truth to be, in their estimation, the people of corruption, and have counted the cause of unity to be the source of discord. By the life of God! Were they to become aware of that which God hath willed, all would turn toward the Friend and circle round the divine Will.

Certain matters appeared at first from some of the ignorant ones, and this became the cause of the doubts and idle fancies of the servants. Ask ye God that He may enable all to recognize that which is intended. God willing, that honored one shall, with the utmost joy and fragrance, impart that which will lead to the recognition and assurance of the servants. He will verily assist thee through His grace, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

We have mentioned thee before, and in the book of Our servant who is present, and in this luminous Tablet. Be thou thankful to God for this supreme gift and this mighty favor. Glory be upon thee and upon him who hath turned unto Him while every heedless one remained remote.

BH02765: Regarding Jinab-i-Amin and his journey to the land…

Regarding Jinab-i-Amin and his journey to the land of Ta, and from there with a group, upon whom be the Glory of God, to England or Tiflis to seek justice, these matters were submitted. This is what the All-Bestowing revealed in response:

> "Verily, he will not fulfill your needs. They are unable to fulfill their own needs, how much less your needs. But I pour out my grief and sorrow unto God, and I would that My loved ones desire what We desired before and what We desire hereafter."

This utterance which has flowed from the Pen of the All-Merciful is like the water of life for those who are near and sincere.

Regarding the disturbances that have occurred in certain lands about which you wrote, it was submitted. He said:

> "O Mihdi! A passing shadow is neither worthy of mention nor deserving of attention. A hundred thousand times greater than what has occurred has been witnessed in this Revelation. The perspicuous Book became an adornment for the ungodly. What befell the ocean, how much more so a stream or gulf. The Afnan whom We have related to the Divine Lote-Tree and whose mention has flowed from the Divine Pen in wondrous tablets—surely God, exalted and mighty be He, will not leave them in despair. Verily thy Lord is the All-Powerful, the Almighty, and He will manifest whatever they desire, except what the wisdom of God requires to be delayed. And if they wish, even this condition will not be considered in this station. This bounty deserves the gratitude of those who are near and the praise of the sincere ones. The end belongs to the God-fearing, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds."

“O My Name! The event in the land of Sad is mentioned as among the greatest calamities before the Divine Countenance, such that until now nearly one hundred tablets have been revealed from the heaven of bounty and have flowed from the Supreme Pen mentioning them and those who were with them. No one has been blessed with such an outpouring of grace and bounty—to this testifies what the All-Merciful has revealed in the tablets. By My life! The denizens of My Kingdom and My Dominion, and the dwellers of My holy pavilion have wept at their tragedy and calamities. However, this blessed word was previously manifested from the Dayspring of the Light of Oneness:”O sacrifice of God! Turn not back from love’s altar, But give up thy life in the pathway of love” And whatever has befallen those holy souls in the path of God has surely not been without effect, and its fruit will certainly appear. Inform My Afnan of what the All-Knowing has informed thee.”

BH02805: Thou hast heard My call when thou wert present…

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

Thou hast heard My call when thou wert present before Me, and beheld the waves of the ocean of My utterance, and the heaven of My wisdom rising high. Verily thy Lord is the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. And We cause thee to hear once again My sweetest call, that it may draw thee to the Supreme Horizon. Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

This is not a day for repose. Arise in the name of thy Lord, then remind the people of this Day wherein the Caller calleth out that there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Loving. This is the Day of remembrance and utterance. Open thou the gate of the tongue with the key of the name of thy Lord, the One with power over the seen and unseen, and say: O concourse of the world! The Most Great Name hath appeared—rejoice ye and turn towards Him with your hearts and innermost beings.

God willing, through divine grace thou shalt be the custodian of the Living Waters. This is a Day in which all atoms cry out “The Revealer of verses hath appeared!” Thou must, with perfect wisdom and utterance, summon the people of the contingent world to the Lord of Mercy, and give them to partake of the living waters which flow and stream forth in all times from the Pen of the All-Merciful. Today is the day of teaching. Call out with the power of the Most Great Name, that perchance the peoples may be enabled to hearken thereunto and attain the presence of the Supreme Paradise, which is the manifestation of the Primal Word.

Thy remembrance hath been and shall remain before the Throne, and the glances of divine favor have been and are directed towards thee. However, thou must in all conditions observe wisdom, lest any matter arise that might cause harm to the servants. If thou meetest the friends of God, convey to them greetings and remind them of the days of His manifestation, that perchance the fire of remembrance may burn away the veils of the people and draw them nigh unto the Truth.

The world was and ever shall be transient. I swear by the Sun of Utterance, rising from the Dayspring of the mouth of the All-Merciful, that should anyone for a moment gaze with the eye of insight and reflect, he would observe all things to be non-existent and extinct, save those souls who hold fast to the cord of the love of the All-Merciful and cling to the hem of His bounty. By My life! They are indeed the

triumphant ones, they are indeed the near ones, and they are indeed the sincere ones. Blessed art thou, and blessed are they, and blessed are those who have broken the chains of idle fancies through the name of their Lord, the Lord of all mankind. The glory of God be upon thee and upon them from God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH02806: Thou seest, O God of Mercy, Thou Whose power…

He is the All-Glorious, the Most Bountiful

Thou seest, O God of Mercy, Thou Whose power pervadeth all created things, these servants of Thine, Thy thralls, who, according to the good-pleasure of Thy Will, observe in the daytime the fast prescribed by Thee, who arise, at the earliest dawn of day, to make mention of Thy Name, and to celebrate Thy praise, in the hope of obtaining their share of the goodly things that are treasured up within the treasuries of Thy grace and bounty. I beseech Thee, O Thou that holdest in Thine hands the reins of the entire creation, in Whose grasp is the whole kingdom of Thy names and of Thine attributes, not to deprive, in Thy Day, Thy servants from the showers pouring from the clouds of Thy mercy, nor to hinder them from taking their portion of the ocean of Thy good-pleasure.

All the atoms of the earth bear witness, O my Lord, to the greatness of Thy power and of Thy sovereignty; and all the signs of the universe attest the glory of Thy majesty and of Thy might.

Have mercy, then, O Thou Who art the sovereign Lord of all, Who art the King of everlasting days, and Ruler of all nations, upon these Thy servants, who have clung to the cord of Thy commandments, who have bowed their necks to the revelations of Thy laws which have been sent down from the heaven of Thy Will.

Behold, O my Lord, how their eyes are lifted up towards the dawning-place of thy loving-kindness, how their hearts are set upon the oceans of Thy favors, how their voices are lowered before the accents of Thy most sweet voice, calling, from the most sublime Station, in Thy name the all-glorious.

Help Thou Thy loved ones, O my Lord, them that have forsaken their all, that they may obtain the things Thou dost possess, whom trials and tribulations have encompassed for having renounced the world and set their affections on Thy realm of glory.

Shield them, I entreat Thee, O my Lord, from the assaults of their evil passions and desires, and aid them to obtain the things that shall profit them in this present world and in the next.

I pray Thee, O my Lord, by Thy hidden, Thy treasured Name, that calleth aloud in the kingdom of creation, and summoneth all peoples to the Tree beyond which there is no passing, the seat of transcendent glory, to rain down upon us, and upon Thy servants, the overflowing rain of Thy mercy, that it may cleanse us from the remembrance of all else but Thee, and draw us nigh unto the shores of the ocean of Thy grace. Ordain, O Lord, through Thy most exalted Pen, that which will immortalize our souls in the Realm of glory, will perpetuate our names in Thy Kingdom, and safeguard our lives in the treasuries of Thy protection and our bodies in the stronghold of Thy inviolable fastness. Powerful art Thou over all things, be they of the past or of the future. No God is there but Thee, the omnipotent Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Thou seest, O Lord, our suppliant hands lifted up towards the heaven of Thy favor and bounty. Grant that they may be filled with the treasures of Thy munificence and bountiful favor. Forgive us, and our fathers, and our mothers, and fulfil whatsoever we have desired from the ocean of Thy grace and Divine generosity. Accept, O Beloved of our hearts, all our works in Thy path. Thou art, verily, the Most Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Incomparable, the One, the Forgiving, the Gracious.

BH02841: In the Name of God, the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing!…

In the Name of God, the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing! O Haydar! Thy letter hath been received at the Divine Throne, and whatsoever thou didst mention hath been honored to reach the ears of the Best-Beloved. God willing, thou shalt at all times be gladdened by the remembrance of the Best-Beloved of the worlds. Blessed are they who have borne earthly tribulations in the path of God. Give thanks unto God for this. By My life! All the afflictions that have befallen Me, We have borne with patience and rendered thanks. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen recount unto thee that thou mayest be among those who rejoice.

And We make mention of Husayn, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones. Let not the affairs of the nations grieve thee. In all matters place thy trust in God, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

We make mention of him who is named Muhammad-Hadi and counsel him to manifest great steadfastness in this Cause whereby the feet of all peoples have slipped save whom God hath willed, the Lord of what was and what shall be. We have mentioned thee that thou mayest rejoice and give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

O ʿAli-Muhammad! Rejoice in that the One, the Single, Who hath been imprisoned in the path of God, the Mighty, the All-Loving, maketh mention of thee. We have mentioned you all before as a token of Our grace. Verily thy Lord is He Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. He giveth and withholdeth. He is indeed the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

O Ja'far! Thy mention was in a Book adorned with the name of your Lord, the Most High, the All-Glorious, Who hath come from the heaven of the Cause with manifest sovereignty. Give thanks for what hath been sent down unto thee from the Most Exalted Pen and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of both the seen and the unseen!

O Mihdi! Hearken unto My call that perchance it may draw thee to My Kingdom, a station wherein whoso entereth, the veils of the world shall not prevent him, nor shall the clamor of the nations trouble him, nor shall the might of those who have disbelieved in the Lord of Lords frighten him.

God willing, all must remain firm and steadfast in the divine Cause and act according to what hath been revealed in the Book. Blessed is the servant who hath held fast unto the Book of God and been enabled to act according to it. He is indeed among the sincere ones in the perspicuous Book.

Mention of you all hath been made at the Divine Throne. Blessed are ye and they who have suffered martyrdom in My path and soared to the Supreme Companion through My loving-kindness and have quaffed the choice wine of reunion from the hands of My bounty. Thus doth the tongue of My grace make mention of you from My mighty and glorious station.

BH02842: O Dhabih! The tale of sacrifice has been renewed…

In the name of the peerless One God!

O Dhabih! The tale of sacrifice has been renewed and has inscribed a fresh page in the book of the world. The Dhabih of the Land of Sad hastened to the altar of the Friend and gave up his life in the path of the Beloved of all creation. This verse was previously revealed from the Supreme Pen:

O sacrifice of God, turn not back from love's altar, But give up thy life in the pathway of love!

By the life of God, they have attained a goodly end, reaching the station they had beseeched and yearned for from God, exalted be His glory. Verily He has seized him who oppressed—thy Lord is indeed the Mighty, the Powerful.

However, the traces of the blood of those wronged ones shall appear in the earth. Although that oppressor who arose to deny this Cause was seized, yet this much does not suffice and will not suffice. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Unforeseen tribulation lies ahead. Blessed is he who knows, and woe unto the heedless!

Today is the day of remembrance and utterance. Arise to serve thy Lord, then make mention of Him with such mention as will cause the fragrance of utterance to be diffused throughout all possibility. Thus does thy Lord, the All-Knowing, command thee.

Know ye the value of this Day. I swear by the ocean of meanings and the sun of wisdom that whatsoever is lost by any soul today can never be regained. With utmost joy and delight, speak in remembrance of the All-Merciful, that perchance the dead in the valley of ignorance may be quickened by the Kawthar of divine utterance and turn toward the supreme horizon.

If at times outward means fail to assist, be not disheartened, for the appearance of every matter has its appointed time, and whatsoever divine wisdom requires will assuredly appear in the realm of manifestation. Be thou assured and be of the thankful ones.

A Tablet was specially revealed and sent to the one intended. Had they properly acted upon what was mentioned before, they would surely have been enkindled with the fire of God's love in such wise that the effects of its heat would have endured eternally in the world. God willing, may they be assisted to accomplish that which will make up for what was lost and remain as an eternal sign of the divine names on earth. Verily thy Lord is the Giver, the Everlasting, the All-Bountiful.

The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

BH02891: In My Name, the Ruler over all creation

In My Name, the Ruler over all creation.

This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One to him who hath believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. He verily speaketh the truth. There is none other God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

O thou who gazeth toward the Supreme Horizon and hath drunk the choice wine of thy Lord's mercy, the Lord of all beings, make mention of the one about whom the views of the people differ. Some say that he believed in God, the lord of all that was and shall be. Others assert that he followed his passions insofar as he denied in his heart while affirming with his tongue. Thus have all persons expressed what they imagined.

Say: We bear witness that he believed in God and attained the presence of the throne most days, listening to and witnessing the greatest signs of his lord in the evening and at dawn. In truth, we entered the land of Taff and found him frozen. We set him on fire with the flames of our Lote-Tree, and in truth, I am the Powerful, the Igniter, the Mighty, the Knowing. We saved him by means of our grace and revived him through this water that flowed from the pen of God, the king of names.

However, he masters every field, joins in every gathering, and listens to what is said. At first, he was with the one who was named ʿAla in the land of Taff. He tends to mysticism. When we entered that city, he used to spend most of his time in my presence. When he saw the sea, he forsook the puddle, and was enthralled by the verses of his lord, the king of creation. He was intoxicated with the heavenly stream of utterance, which flowed from the lips of his lord, the All-Merciful, such that he did not desire to leave my presence. The people of Baghdad bear witness to this, and beyond them all who possess the Mother Book.

Thus did the tongue and pen speak from the presence of the Lord of Eternity, and all who have found the fragrance of fairness bear witness to it. We have mentioned this briefly that thou mayest be informed of that which most of the servants know not.

Say: By God, he speaketh the truth and hath come to raise the banners of friendship among all creatures and to plant the standards of trustworthiness upon the heights. Say: He hath not lied, and speaketh what he hath seen, and commandeth what he was commanded by God, the Cleaver of the Dawn. Whether one acknowledgeth this for himself or denieth it, He verily is the Self-Sufficient, the All-Knowing.

Glory be upon him who looketh with his own eyes upon this Cause whereby feet have slipped.

BH02946: The first breath of fragrance was shed abroad…

He is God

The first breath of fragrance was shed abroad from the vesture of the mercy of thy Lord, the Possessor of all names, upon thee, O shining star that hath arisen from the horizon of fidelity, and that gazeth towards the most exalted Horizon. I bear witness that thou didst turn unto Him in a day whereon every backslider turned away; that thou didst take up the Book when every idolater cast it behind his back; that thou didst confess that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath proclaimed when every denier rejected it; and that thou didst quaff the choice wine of meanings when every hypocrite forsook it. Blessed art thou, and blessed the land that hath been honoured by thy body, and blessed the visitor who seeketh thy resting-place, and visiteth thy tomb, and blessed the tongue that hath spoken thy praise and uttered that which befell thee in the days of thy Lord.

I testify that through thee the Divine Lote-Tree hath lamented, and the hearts of those creatures have melted away who have cast aside the world and turned unto the most exalted Horizon in the Days of God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust. Thus hath the Pen spoken in the Spot wherein the Ancient of Days hath established Himself upon His mighty Throne.

Glory and peace and praise and the spirit be upon thee, O thou through whom the tale of a ʻusayn hath been renewed, and for whom the Purest Maid and the Apostle have bewailed with manifest sorrow. Woe unto the people who denied thy right and cast away that which they were bidden to observe from the presence of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

He is the Comforter, the All-Knowing.

God willing, hold fast to the cord of patience and cling to the hem of resignation.

Although from the calamity that occurred, every tranquil one was stirred to motion, and every patient one rent their garment, and every steadfast one cried out in anguish, yet I swear by the luminosity of the dawn of inner meanings that such a bounty hath appeared as hath never been conceived possible in creation, nor shall be.

This calamity which you witnessed—these very twin radiant lights had themselves, in previous years, beseeched and implored it in their petitions to God. Praise be to God, in this world they lived with utmost honor, and in their final days they attained the supreme martyrdom in the path of love for the Beloved of the worlds. What bounty is greater than this bounty, and what station more exalted than this station?

You must, in the name of God, protect that noble lady and those related to this station, and not let them slip away through the words of this one and that.

Glory be upon you and upon those women who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

BH03021: Your letter reached the Wronged One of all horizons…

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful

Your letter reached the Wronged One of all horizons in the Most Great Prison, and what was written therein became known. You had written of your distress at the aforementioned person's lack of certitude in the Manifestation of the All-Merciful. Such a matter is most strange from souls who have drunk from the Kawthar of utterance and been illumined by the lights of the Sun of proof, for that which is necessary today is the teaching of God's Cause.

However, in all tablets this most great matter has been made contingent upon wisdom. The imparting of the divine Word to receptive souls is beloved. The Wise One bestows not until He sees seeking, and water has no nearness until thirst appears. The seeds of divine wisdom must be deposited in pure and goodly soil; if the seed of bounty be sown a hundred thousand times in barren ground, it will yield no fruit. Therefore, you should not be distressed by the turning away and objections of the heedless and deniers.

Concerning the Messengers, who are the proofs of God and the lamps of divine commandments, He has said: “The Messenger’s duty is but to convey the Message.” Consider the Prophets: each one carried out that which they were commanded with utmost joy and fragrance. Whoso believes, believes for his own sake, and whoso denies, denies to his own loss. Whoso turns towards it, turns for his own sake, and whoso turns away, turns away to his own detriment.

God willing, you should gaze with complete certitude toward the horizon of the Revelation of the All-Merciful, detached from all else. Thus does the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, teach you. In reply to that person, words have also been revealed from the Supreme Pen, purely for the sake of God, that perchance he may remember and fear. Verily your Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Bestower, the Generous.

Turn not to the people and their ways, but to God and what has been revealed from Him. Verily He is independent of the faith of every doubter, the acceptance of every denier, the unity of every idolater, the praise of every ignorant one, and the mention of every heedless one. Verily He is sanctified from all else beside Him, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

As for what you asked about the words of the late Shaykh Ahmad, that which suffices all has been revealed from the Supreme Pen concerning every matter. Blessed is he who searches and finds what God has revealed in the Books and Tablets.

BH03115: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

He is the Dawning One from the horizon of eternity with His name, the Manifest, the Wondrous!

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. His is the greatness and the majesty, and His is the power, the might and the transcendence. He giveth His unified servants to drink of His choice sealed wine, sealed with the finger of His power, and to those near unto Him that which causeth spirits to soar. He, verily, is the One Who uttered the Most Great Word, whereupon all who are in earth and heaven were thunderstruck, save those whom the hand of power did rescue. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

When the horizon of manifestation did shine forth and the birds did warble upon the branches, then were the eyes of those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds, dimmed. They behold the Most Great Ocean before their faces, yet turn away from it and cling to a mere pond. The Tongue of Grandeur calleth them at all times and summoneth them to His most exalted horizon, yet the people remain heedless.

We have heard thy mention and have remembered thee with these verses, through which the fragrance of the divine Robe hath been wafted throughout the world, as every discerning scholar doth testify.

God willing, may you ever speak in remembrance of the Beloved of all creation. All that thou beholdest today hath no permanence—all shall pass away and sovereignty shall remain with God and His loved ones. Observe how many souls depart this world each day, whether through calamities that descend or through wars that occur. It is entirely clear and evident that none of these things did profit those souls, nor ever shall. That which would have profited them they did not acquire, but rather turned away from it.

Surely no person of perfect understanding would set their heart upon a station that passeth away like the blowing of winds—neither rejoicing in its elevation nor sorrowing at its abasement. Blessed is the state of that soul who hath been delivered from this whirlpool and hath found intimacy with the Divine Beloved. Such a one is as a star in the heaven of true knowledge, and their light shall endure forever.

We make mention of him who hath turned toward God, that his remembrance may endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing Witness. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the lights of the Divine Countenance and have held fast to this mighty cord.

BH03168: O Pen of the Most High! Make mention…

He is

O Pen of the Most High! Make mention of My name Hasan, who offered himself as a ransom in My path, and expended whatsoever he possessed out of love for My beauty and yearning for My presence. Then make mention of My name Husayn, from whose field of sacrifice he returned not; through them was the tale of the slaughter renewed, and hearts were consumed with anguish. Then make mention of al-Kazim, who beheld that which none among the servants hath beheld.

I bear witness that ye believed in God in a Day wherein earthquakes seized all the tribes of the earth, and hearts were shaken, and eyes were fixed in terror. I testify that through you the banners of remembrance were uplifted amongst men, and the standards of guidance were raised in many lands. Ye are they in whose affliction the Divine Lote-Tree lamented, and the Rock cried out, and the mountains were levelled. Blessed is he that draweth nigh unto you, and is honoured by your visitation, and uttereth that which the Pen of the Most High hath uttered in making mention of you, and in praising you, and in recounting that whereon ye stood fast in the love of God, the Lord of beginning and of end.

He is the Expounder, the All-Knowing.

Witness their people and their oppression. I swear by the Sun of Truth that they hamstrung the She-Camel and tore apart the pavilion that had been raised in the name of Truth. They committed that which neither ʿAd nor Thamud committed, and inflicted upon the Husayns of this age that which the Jews were not willing to inflict upon the Spirit (Christ) and which Abu-Jahl did not decree against the Messenger.

Yet they still go to the mosque and, in their imagination, engage in the remembrance of God. Fie upon them for what they have earned in their vain life! Soon shall they find themselves in the lowest depths. Verily thy Lord is the All-Remembering, the All-Informed.

This is such a calamity that God Himself consoles His servants and makes mention of it. Therefore He is the One Who bears this calamity, and this is a station that the two worlds cannot equal. The glory be upon thee and upon every people that hath believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

BH03081: O Muhammad! Praise be to God that thou hast…

In the Name of the All-Knowing One

O Muhammad! Praise be to God that thou hast turned unto the Most Exalted Horizon, hast drunk from the Kawthar of reunion, and hast attained unto the lights of the Presence which is the greatest and most glorious of all deeds, and hast heard, time and again with thine own ears, the call of the Wronged One. We beseech God—exalted and glorified be He—not to withhold, through His boundless grace, the droppings of the Most Great Ocean from thee and from the other friends.

Say: Occupy not yourselves with the mirage, and deprive not yourselves of the waves of the ocean of meanings. The pleasures of the world have been and shall ever be transient. Say: Be not beguiled by its honey for it is pure venom. Strive ye that all may be adorned with the ornament of knowledge.

Convey to all those souls who are gazing toward the Most Exalted Horizon the greetings of this Wronged One, that all may be gladdened by the sweet savors of divine glorification and may act in accordance with that which is befitting. To all those souls, both men and women, who have turned toward the Prison and have attained unto the lights of the Throne, convey greetings from God. God willing, they must attain unto and act according to that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Book.

O friends! Fix your gaze in all conditions upon steadfastness and trustworthiness. These two qualities are as two great luminaries shining forth and manifest from the heaven of the divine Tablet. Blessed is the state of the one who is illumined by the light of these two luminaries. By the Most Great Name! Such a one is recorded and inscribed in the Book among the Concourse on High.

Blessed art thou, O Muhammad, in that thou hast attained unto the lights of the Kingdom and hast believed in God, the Lord of the worlds. Verily, she who hath ascended is among those who have attained in a preserved Tablet. Be thou assured through the grace of thy Lord, then act according to that which thou hast been commanded by the One Who is the All-Knowing Revealer.

O people of Q! We have heard your call and have answered you through Our grace, for We are the Answerer. Unite ye first, then make mention of your Lord, the Stranger.

The glory rest upon you and upon thee, O Muhammad, and upon thy mother who hath recognized and attained and heard that which the Tongue of God, the Lord of the worlds, hath uttered, and upon thy family and upon those women who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

BH03120: The Promise hath come, and the Promised One hath…

He is the Most Great

The Promise hath come, and the Promised One hath appeared, yet the people are in evident confusion. The sea of life hath surged, yet they hasten toward death. The fragrance of the All-Merciful hath wafted, yet they turn away from it. They have taken the pond and cast aside the Salsabil—what aileth them that they perceive not? They occupy themselves with dust, turning away from the All-Bestowing. Verily they understand not. By God! Their eyes are blind and their ears are deaf—they neither hear nor see.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath turned to the Light and set his face toward God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling—he who heard the Call when it was raised in the kingdom of

creation and hastened through the fields of divine good-pleasure until he recognized and said: “Praise be unto Thee, O God of the seen and unseen!”

Say: O people of Baha! Are ye asleep, or hath the wine of desire overtaken you and prevented you from the remembrance of God, the Lord of existence? Say: This is the Day of Rising—how is it ye remain seated? This is the Day of the Call—how is it ye remain silent? Arise in My Name, then speak with wisdom and utterance, that perchance the people of the contingent world may turn unto the All-Merciful, Who calleth from this forbidden station.

Say: Have ye heard, yet remained patient? Fear God and be not of those who know not. Say: Turn ye, that ye may hear God’s melody in the kingdom of utterance. By My life! Were they to hear it, the rapture of longing would seize them to such degree that they would dance and not even perceive it.

Say: Do ye abandon the cup of immortality and take the putrid water of extinction from the hand of every rejected transgressor? Say: Hath the teacher of desire taught you this, or your own selves? Be truthful with Me, O people, and follow not every veiled liar. Arise with wisdom and remind the servants of what the Lord of creation hath commanded you, that perchance they may turn unto God, the Mighty, the Loving.

Thus hath My Pen spoken, My Tongue uttered, and My limbs testified. Blessed is he who hath drawn near and taken the Tablet of God with the hand of power and drunk therefrom what was inscribed in My Preserved Tablet. O thou who drinkest from My cup and speaketh in My Name! Give thanks for what hath been sent down to thee from the heaven of providence—this irrevocable Book.

BH03268: Your call reached the Most Holy and Luminous Threshold…

In the name of the one incomparable God

Your call reached the Most Holy and Luminous Threshold, and whatsoever you mentioned, this servant presented it. That which is beloved today is steadfastness in the Cause, and this matter is greater than what may occur to the heart or the realm of imagination can enumerate. Ask of the exalted Truth to make you successful in attaining a drop from this ocean.

Consider the divines of the age who, though they waited night and day for the Truth and would say from the pulpits “May God hasten His coming,” when the horizon of the world was illumined with the Sun of Manifestation, all arose in opposition and strove with hands of tyranny and hypocrisy to preserve their leadership. They passed by the Truth and what pertains to Him, and remained content with their own idle fancies and vain imaginings. They are seen to be deprived and forbidden from the sealed wine and the ocean of the bounty of the Self-Subsisting Name. Although they witness at all times the transience of the world, nevertheless some are heedless, some fearful, some agitated, some bewildered, and some veiled.

Consider the King of Martyrs, that is, the name of Ha’—upon him be all the most glorious Glory. He attained to such a station, though he himself had beseeched the Truth, glorified and exalted be He, for numbered years. When he attained unto it, most souls became agitated, although the Truth aided him and adorned him with the ornament of might and exaltation. At the end of his life he reached a station

which all the Prophets and Messengers and near-brought angels at all times beseech and hope for. Now all must be thankful to the Truth—exalted be His dominion and magnified be His power—not agitated and fearful. By My life! They have not found the sweetness of this station and are pleased and occupied with the ornaments and things of the world.

And God speaks the Truth and He guides the Way. Verily He has power over all things.

BH03219: At all times the Supreme Pen summons the people…

In the name of the One All-Knowing God

At all times the Supreme Pen summons the people of the world of possibility to the Dawning-Place of the revelation of the All-Merciful. Yet most of mankind remain veiled and deprived therefrom, even though they witness and know with certainty that whatever is visible will perish and decline shall overtake it. Some people are occupied with vain imaginings and are seen to be far from the Dawning-Place of certitude, while others are deluded by outward bounties and are thereby deprived of the Dawning-Place of divine revelation and the Source of the sublime Command. God shall soon purify the earth of these people and their deeds and actions and words and pride and vainglory. Verily He is the Just Rewarder, the All-Knowing.

We convey greetings to all the friends in that land and command all to show forth the utmost steadfastness, for the deniers and objectors and hosts of negation exist both within and without. We beseech God to protect them all. In most Tablets mention hath been made and continues to be made of steadfastness. Nevertheless it was observed that a certain soul was deprived of the Euphrates of divine favors by a drop of bitter salt. Such is the condition of souls. In all divine Books mention hath been made of this Day and it hath been named the Day of God. Yet people remain occupied with the vain imaginings of the past and are far removed from the Purpose. Fie upon them! They have no share in this blessed, mighty and wondrous Day.

With the utmost earnestness and endeavor you must summon the people to this exalted and most sublime station and this most glorious Spot. The beginning of the matter is to believe in God and its end is to remain steadfast in His Cause. The glory of God rest upon you and upon My loved ones who have heard My call and recognized My path and acted according to what was commanded in My Book and attained unto the choice wine of steadfastness from the hand of My bounty. These are the people of My Kingdom, upon whom the Manifestations of My Cause and the Dawning-Places of My wondrous utterance shower their blessings.

From this station We send greetings to your wife who has turned to God and attained unto His days and believed while all on earth turned away, save those whom God desired, the Single One, the All-Knowing.

BH03216: To be typed

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BH03294: O Javad! The Wronged One gives thee the glad…

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

O Javad! The Wronged One gives thee the glad tidings of God's favors and bounties. Verily He is the One, the Single, the All-Knowing. Thou art he who hast drunk from My generous hand the Kawthar of divine knowledge and turned unto the All-Merciful when most of the people of the world turned away from Him. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen make mention of him who hath turned to the Most Glorious Horizon, as a token of grace from the All-Bountiful.

The servant in attendance before Us hath read thy supplication, which was honored to be heard by the Prisoner in this noble scene. Verily We behold thee in thy condition and have heard thy heart's yearning in God, the Lord of the worlds. That which thou didst send by the hand of glory hath arrived. We have distributed it with Our own hand as a token of Our grace and mercy upon thee. Rejoice thou and be of the thankful ones.

Say: O Thou Who art wronged throughout all regions and consumed by the fire kindled by the people of discord who have broken the Covenant! Whenever I desire to ascend to the heaven of Thy mention, I behold Thee exalted above it and above all that imaginings can attain. Therefore do I confess, O Beloved of my heart, Solace of mine eyes, my Lord and my King, that I am powerless to mention even a single leaf among the leaves of Thy most exalted Paradise which Thou didst create through Thy Most Glorious Name—how then could I be capable of making mention of Thee or speaking in praise of Thy Self? I testify that Thou hast ever been sanctified above the recognition of Thy creation and holy beyond the description of Thy servants.

Since this is so, I make mention of what the tongue of Thy Revelation hath spoken in Thy Tablets: that Thou art not described except by Thyself and not mentioned save through Thyself. I beseech Thee to make this mention the crown of all mentions through Thy grace and favor, and to accept from me, through the wonders of Thy bounties, that which Thou hast taught me through Thy generosity. Verily Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, my Beloved and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and the earth.

We make mention of Our servant that We may give him the glad tidings of My gracious remembrance. The glory be upon thee and upon him and upon his brother and upon a handmaiden from the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Convey My greetings unto Muhammad-Qabli-Husayn and his mother and his wife, that they may rejoice in this wondrous mention.

BH09228: Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses…

He is the One Who calleth amidst His servants

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses in truth and revealed what He hath willed. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. The world hath been honored by the advent of the Most Great Name, whereupon the trembling seized all the tribes of the earth except such as God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting, hath willed.

O thou who soarest in the atmosphere of the All-Merciful! Hearken unto that which the hosts of Satan who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of Lords, do speak. Verily, he who pronounced judgment against the Third Letter who believed in Him Whom God shall make manifest hath uttered that which hath rent asunder the veil of the Kingdom and caused the dwellers of the realms above to lament. He who should have kissed the dust of his feet hath been unjustly slain—to this doth the Wronged One bear witness in this praiseworthy station. Moreover, he pronounced judgment against certain souls, whereat the eyes of the Concourse on High and the dwellers in the cities of Names shed tears. Woe unto him and unto those who followed him among such as disbelieved in the All-Merciful when He came unto them with manifest sovereignty!

Say: When We returned from Our exile to Zawra (Baghdad), We found that he had taken possession of the sanctuary of the Point. At this, the eye of My inner being wept and My heart melted. By God's life! I concealed this with all diligence lest any hateful rejected one should become aware of it. By God! The Pen is powerless to recount what he committed in his vain life, for it is ashamed to mention that which is unworthy of mention this Day. To this testify those who were with him and associated with him, and beyond them the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Thou dost ponder My forbearance despite My power, and My concealment despite My knowledge, and that which every ignorant oppressor doth utter. We have mentioned unto thee some of what hath befallen Us at the hands of those who know not their right hand from their left, let alone this exalted station.

When thou receivest this Tablet, recite it unto thyself, then read it to those who have quaffed the wine of life in the days of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have cast away idle fancies through the Name of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen.

BH03331: We have expressed divine utterances in the Persian tongue…

In the name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing.

We have expressed divine utterances in the Persian tongue. Although Arabic is more excellent, yet Persian speech is sweeter. In all conditions, fix your gaze upon this blessed word which, like the Most Great Luminary, hath dawned from the horizon of the divine Tablet. He saith: "Whoso belongeth to God, God belongeth to him." This servant beareth witness to that which hath been mentioned. Hold fast unto it, for it sufficeth thee if thou act according to it. He, verily, is the All-Knowing Teacher.

Reflect a little: the whole world hath been created for the knowledge of God. In all the heavenly Books, they were given the glad-tidings of the Most Great Manifestation. Nevertheless, when the veils were rent asunder, and the clouds were lifted, and the Countenance of the Intended One appeared and was made manifest from the horizon of the heaven of revelation, all arose in opposition and protest, though all were expectant. This is why He formerly said that true believers are rarer than red sulphur. Had they reflected even less than that on what was revealed before, they would not have been deprived today of the ocean of meanings and prevented from the sun of clear vision.

Hearken unto the call of this Wronged One, and in the end of life hold fast unto that which is better for thee than all the treasures of the world. By the ocean of knowledge! What is being said is the truth, there

is no doubt in it. Hear thou My call and say “God!” then leave them to their vain disputes. If thou shouldst find even less than a needle’s eye of the fragrances of the utterance of the All-Merciful, thou wouldst find thyself detached from the world and all who dwell therein, and wouldst take up thy habitation and find thy refuge in the shadow of the Friend in the utmost joy and delight and tranquility.

A prayer was sent before; persevere in it, for it is a key to the gates of divine favor and mercy and kindness. Blessed is he who holdeth fast to the cord of the Command and cleaveth to the hem of the grace of his Lord, the All-Bountiful.

BH03369: The Qayyum came, and the Qa’im was standing at…

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing

The Qayyum came, and the Qa’im was standing at the Gate. We said: “Thou art the Promised One.” He replied: “Nay, by thy life! He is the Imagined One Who hath been created from the imaginings of the people of the Furqan.”

We said: “Is He the One Who gave thee glad tidings?” He replied: “How could that be, after thou didst sanctify Him above all vain imaginings?”

We said: “Dost thou know where His station is and when He will come?” He replied: “Neither I nor anyone possessed of knowledge of all things knoweth this, for Thou art the Mighty, the All-Knowing.”

We said: “Wouldst thou judge as false one who hath given tidings of His presence on earth?” He replied: “He in Whose possession is the Mother Book hath so judged.”

We said: “If we were to deny this Cause, which was the very foundation of the religion of the Furqan and the edifice of their Faith, how then could we believe what we hear from those who desire to walk in their footsteps and follow their path, and make the successors conform to what preceded from their forebears?” He replied: “By thy life! We believe them not in what they say, and Thou art the All-Seeing Witness.”

We said: “Were any follower of the Bayan who hath denied God and His signs to hear this, he would pronounce thee an infidel and order thy death.” He replied: “I would offer him my breast and neck and head more swiftly than the flash of lightning—thy Self, which dominateth all religions, beareth witness to this.”

We said: “Dost thou deny him who assigned a station to the Qa’im and called it the Holy Precinct, and issued proclamations in His name therefrom and spread them throughout the land?” He replied: “Thou seest me, O my God, like one bewildered and dumbfounded, and I behold myself perplexed regarding those who have taken for themselves a path to other than Thee and have risen against Thee in hypocrisy.”

We said:

> "He is the one from whom originated the doctrine of the people of the Furqan who call themselves the Shi'ih, and who gave false rulings against God, the One, the Chosen. And he is the one who denied those who said He was in the loins, and pronounced them infidels, and ruled they should be killed, whereat hearts grieved and eyes shed tears. Thou knowest him not, nor his like. We make him known to thee and inform thee of them and their condition. Verily thy Lord is He Who speaketh at the return."

BH03521: The verses have been sent down and the signs…

He is the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

The verses have been sent down and the signs have appeared, yet the people remain in evident veils. O servants of the All-Merciful! By God, the Balance hath appeared, and verily it walketh and speaketh. There is none other God besides Him, the Mighty, the Bountiful. He saith:

> "I am God's justice amongst the nations, and through Me hath every straight cause been made manifest. God hath made Me the Discriminator between created things—verily He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Single One, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Through Me is revealed the station and measure of all things, and I am the Distinguisher, the Detailer, the All-Knowing. I walk at all times before all who dwell in the realm of possibility. I see and I hear, and I am the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing."

O people of the earth! Fear God and follow not your desires, nor conceal your deeds. God hath made Me their Manifester and their Expounder, and I am the Unveiler from God, the Lord of all worlds. Adorn your temples with the robes of uprightness and trustworthiness, if ye be of them that know. No matter is hidden from Me, though it be hidden from you as it was hidden aforetime, and I am the Informed, the All-Knowing. Say: Arise through the Most Great Name and turn unto God, that He may forgive your sins and absolve you of your misdeeds. He, verily, is the Single One, the All-Informed.

I have desired naught from you and have arisen among you by the command of my Lord to draw you nigh unto the supreme horizon and give you to drink of the Kawthar of your Lord's tender mercy. Say: Will that which ye have hoarded profit you? Nay, by the Self of Truth! Abandon what ye possess—the Most Great Treasure of God hath appeared. Turn ye unto it and be not of the heedless ones. It will enrich you beyond all else—thus hath the matter been decreed in a preserved Tablet.

We have sent down unto thee this Tablet that thou mayest remind the people thereby, that they may find for themselves a path unto God. Thy Lord, verily, is the Mighty, the Praised One. Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones who have attained unto My Day and have tasted the sweetness of the love of their Lord, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

BH03569: O Nazir, upon him be the Glory of God…

O Nazir, upon him be the Glory of God, He Who is sanctified above mention and utterance!

O thou who gazest upon My face, who speaketh My praise, who soareth in My atmosphere, who turneth toward My horizon, who shunneth Mine enemies, and who drinketh the choice wine of revelation from the hand of My bounty! Hearken unto My call even as thou didst hear it time and again, as beareth witness to this the Lord of all creation while sorrows encompass Him in this mighty prison.

We sent thee a Tablet before, and before that another Tablet—verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. By My life! The Pen loveth him who is steadfast in the Cause of his Lord, and the Tongue desireth to speak that which draweth it to the ultimate Goal and the Divine Lote-Tree—He is the Attractor, the All-Wise.

We were seated in the house when the servant who was present brought thy letter and read it before Us, and We answered thee with this perspicuous Tablet. Verily We answer thee at all times, as testifieth He with Whom is a preserving Book.

O thou who gazest upon the Face! By God, the tale of the sacrifice hath returned—God hath manifested it through a clear command. By My life! The Most Great Sacrifice hath appeared. Woe unto the people who imagined they had gained, when by God they are in manifest loss.

The Most Exalted Pen hath not rested in these days, and hath revealed that whereby the dwellers of Paradise, and the Concourse on High, and the inhabitants of the Cities of Names have lamented. The heart of Baha hath been so distressed that all things have been seized with perturbation, and were it not for My Name, the All-Composing, all would be numbered among the dead. Thus hath the matter been decreed by the Pen of thy Lord.

We send thee what We have revealed. Verily thy Lord mourneth and saith: “Praise be to God for what He hath ordained and decreed.” Verily He is the Beloved in His Cause, and the One to be obeyed in His judgment, and He is the Forgiving, the Generous.

The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have remembered Him even as the Most Exalted Pen hath made mention in this mighty prison.

BH03752: O Rahim! Praise be to the Beloved…

In the name of the One Beloved

O Rahim! Praise be to the Beloved of the world that thy letter reached the Most Great Paradise and whatsoever thou didst submit was adorned with truthfulness. The whole world hath been created for this Day and all are promised it in the divine Books. This blessed Day, the Day when “thy Lord shall come” hath been as the apple of the Qur’an’s eye, and “thy Lord shall come with angels rank on rank” is its heart. Nevertheless all remained veiled from it and heedless of it save whom thy Lord willeth.

Moses came: the idolaters denied Him. The Spirit appeared: they turned away to such extent that God raised Him to heaven. The Beloved came: the divines of that age denied Him. By My life, what befell Him cannot be mentioned in words. Consider briefly “there came not unto them any Messenger.”

After pondering on what hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, two stations and two matters become clear and evident. First, the station of God's most great favor bestowed upon thee, that despite the heedlessness and ignorance of most of the servants, He enabled thee to attain this greatest bounty. And second, that the heedless ones—those souls who are oblivious of the Most Great Ocean and who cling to the chiefs of idle fancies—realize that in all ages such objections have been raised against the Manifestations of the Cause.

Blessed art thou for having turned to My Self, drunk the choice wine of My love, spoken in remembrance and praise of Me, and desired to attain My presence, the Mighty, the Beloved. Henceforth be not grieved. The Cause hath been and shall ever be in God's hands. If He willeth, He bestoweth the reward of attainment unto His presence. Verily He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth.

Today all must strive to teach the Cause. Blessed is the nightingale that announceth unto men My Revelation and My days and their turning unto My luminous horizon.

BH03672: Blessed is he who visits My Name Husayn, concerning…

He is.

Blessed is he who visits My Name Husayn, concerning whom My Most Exalted Pen has spoken, and who says before his grave:

> "By God! Through you the tale of sacrifice was renewed, and the Concourse on High lamented, and the Lote-Tree of the Far Boundary cried out. Blessed is the soul that turned to you and visited your dust and remembered your days and what befell you from the enemies of the Self of God, your Lord. I testify that you are he who was seized by the rapture of the Call when it was raised between earth and heaven, and you turned to the horizon of manifestation and attained to what was recorded in the Books of God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. Shame upon the people who knew you not and pronounced judgment against you and wronged you without any proof or Book from God, the Lord of the unseen and the seen."

He is the All-Knowing Rememberer.

There befell you from tribulations what none can reckon save God, the Lord of all worlds. All things are engaged in weeping and lamentation. The hearing ears have heard the cry of the rock, yet most people remain veiled and rejoice in what they have done. But after this joy shall come a sorrow and a tribulation that shall endure as long as God's kingdom endures. They have lost, those who denied the signs of God and committed what was not committed by those who wronged aforetime. To this testifies He Who speaks the truth from God, the One, the All-Informed.

You must, in the prime of youth, occupy yourself with the remembrance of the Lord of the Final End. Though what befell was very great, yet it occurred in the path of God. Know the value of this bounty and pay no heed to the words of the doubters. Hold fast to the cord of patience and trust in God, the Most High, the Most Great. The glory be upon you and upon those who are with you and who love you for the sake of God, your Lord and the Lord of your forefathers of old.

BH03787: In the name of God, the All-Knowing! Today those…

In the name of God, the All-Knowing! Today those who have appeared in the name of Truth and are gazing toward His horizon must be adorned with spiritual qualities, so that the people of the world may receive their portion of this most great bounty. We beseech God to assist those who drink the choice wine of inner meanings with that which will exalt His Cause. Many are those who verbally acknowledge the appearance of Truth and His power, yet since they have not held fast to the deeds that were revealed in God's Book, they have become the cause of delay for the people of earth. God willing, all must act in a manner befitting the days of God.

Blessed art thou for having been mentioned by My Pen and for having attained to My remembrance and praise. Know thou this glorious and exalted station. O servant of God! When the heart is illumined with the lights of divine knowledge, wherever thou dwellest thou shalt abide beneath His mercy. Rejoice in thy Lord's favor and be of the thankful ones.

The occupation that is beloved in the sight of God is engagement in crafts and professions. However, if someone is employed in service to the government for the protection of His Cause or for serving the loved ones of God, there is and has been no objection. And if the rulers of the earth were to attain to the lights of divine knowledge, such souls would be like unto stars. We beseech God to assist all to recognize the Manifestation of His Cause. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

As for what thou hast written regarding remembrance—read what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Book. Whatsoever hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen is a lamp for the guidance of the servants and a guide and teacher for those in all lands. The recitation of any of these will be beloved and will become the cause and means of the outpourings of the Lord of all being.

BH03875: O Ibrahim! The Wronged One hath heard thy call…

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

O Ibrahim! The Wronged One hath heard thy call and calleth thee with His most sweet voice between earth and heaven, saying: "O Ibrahim! The tale of the fire hath been renewed, and My Friend hath been consumed thereby in the land of Sad—he who dawned forth from the horizon of faithfulness with the love of God, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And the account of the sacrifice and the sacrificed one hath been renewed—he who returned not from the place of sacrifice but gave up his spirit in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. God hath seized him who did wrong, and He shall soon seize those who disputed His signs and denied His manifest proof.

Well is it with thee for having drunk the choice wine of revelation from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the Generous, and for having circled round the fire until thou didst enter it and wast enkindled with the fire of God, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Blessed is he who hath heard My call and soared in My atmosphere and was attracted by the rustling of My Lote-Tree and the cooing of My Dove that speaketh: 'There is none other God besides Him, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.'

We have indeed found the fragrance of thy love and beheld thee turning toward Our most exalted horizon. We make mention of thee in this Tablet, before which, when it was sent down from the kingdom of the command of thy Lord, all the books of the world bowed down in submission. Blessed is he who hath turned toward it and rendered thanks, and woe unto those who have turned away. Give thanks unto God for having caused thee to hear the shrill voice of His Pen and for having mentioned thee in such wise that thy name shall endure in His mighty and impregnable kingdom.

When thou hast received My Tablet and been intoxicated with the wine of My utterance, turn thy face toward My Prison and say: ʻPraise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art wronged and lonely, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the ocean of life surged in all creation and all things spoke forth: "The kingdom belongeth unto God, the Most High, the Most Great!"' We beseech God to make thee steadfast in this Cause whereby feet have slipped save such as God, the Peerless, the All-Informed, hath willed."

BH03890: Kaf. Ra. Once again hearken unto the Call…

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

Kaf. Ra. Once again hearken unto the Call from the luminous Spot, the place wherein speaketh the Lord of Names. The Prison is become a dawning-place for the revelation of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. By My life! The Prison is My habitation, and it is more glorious than all other habitations, were ye of those who know. Though My hand hath opened the gate of the Prison, yet My heart desireth to remain therein. Thy Lord is, verily, the Expositor, the All-Wise.

The Chief desired My humiliation, My injury and My imprisonment, but God seized him with power from His presence. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. That which was revealed in the Tablet to the Chief hath come to pass. Verily thy Lord doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. We came forth from the Prison through a power from Our presence, despite his will, then returned unto it. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The Ancient Beauty hath grown attached to the Most Great Prison. At times palaces and paradise became the footstool of the feet of the All-Merciful, yet in every case He chose to return to the Prison, for it is adorned with the Name of Truth and established in the path of the Friend. He Who remembereth thee is the Truth—to this testify all atoms. He is the Truth and He is the Friend. Blessed is he who knoweth and is of the thankful ones.

Give thanks unto God for having enabled thee to make mention of Him and to praise Him, and for having honored thee through His Book which shall endure as long as His names and attributes endure. He is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Thy letter hath attained unto the Most Great Vision, and We have read it and answered thee with this wondrous Tablet that thou mayest find therein the fragrance of the loving-kindness of thy Lord and make mention of Him with a mention whereby the hearts of those who have turned unto Him shall be attracted. Praise be unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, from the presence of One Who is Forgiving, Merciful.

BH03801: O Rahim! The fragrances of thy love attained…

In the name of the Best-Beloved of the world

O Rahim! The fragrances of thy love attained the Most Holy Court, and thy call was heard time after time, again and again. That which was revealed from the Supreme Pen concerning thee shall endure and remain as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endures. Guard this most exalted and glorious station like thy very life, that the hands of the thieves may not reach it. The entire world cannot be compared to a single word of the divine utterances. Know thou that which the All-Merciful hath revealed, and be thou of the thankful ones.

They have expressed their desire to turn toward the Supreme Horizon. All have been created for attainment unto His presence; however, today service to the Cause takes precedence. Whoso is assisted today to aid the Cause, verily he hath attained unto all good from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Praise be to God that thou hast been enabled to make mention of God in days when the pillars of the world were seen to be trembling. This is among the great bounties of thy Lord. Sublime Tablets were repeatedly sent. God willing, ye shall attain unto them and unto that which they contain.

Today, in the Most Holy Court, mention of God, service to the Cause, and virtues and qualities that conduce to the exaltation of God's Cause take precedence. God willing, that honored one shall strive with the utmost endeavor in these matters, and if at any time circumstances should require it—that is, if it would in no way conflict with wisdom—he may turn toward the Most Holy Court.

The Glory be upon thee and upon thy mother and thy father who attained the presence of his Lord in Baghdad and heard His most sweet call. My Most Exalted Pen in this sublime Tablet doth testify to this. We, from this station, send Our greetings upon thee and upon thy wife and upon those who dwell with thee in thy home, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Speaking, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

BH03784: In My Name, Who warbleth upon the branches

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Praise be to God that through divine grace thou hast arrived at the shore of the ocean of celestial knowledge and been illumined by the rays of the Sun of inner meanings. Thine eye hath been brightened by the light of the Most Great Countenance and thine ear honored by hearkening to the divine call. Time and again didst thou turn.

Praise the Beloved of the world that after being illumined by the lights of the Sun of Permission, thou didst turn toward the Most Great Prison which is the seat of the Beloved of the world and the Lord of nations, and didst attain the ultimate goal and the divine Lote-Tree and the supreme horizon and the primal valley. Blessed art thou for having entered a gate which the Holy Spirit serveth and around which the Faithful Spirit circleth. Thou didst turn and arrive and attain and hear and behold the Dawning-Place of Beauty in this noble station.

How many a king desired yet attained not, and how many a subject beheld the ocean and drank therefrom through My Name, the Generous. How many renowned ones were seen deprived of all bounties on the Day of Resurrection, and how many unknown souls were illumined by the lights of the Morn of Revelation and received their portion and share from the Kawthar of meeting and the Salsabil of reunion.

O emigrant, convey a wondrous mention from this wronged exile to the divine helpers and say: O ye who seek the right hand of spirit, God willing may ye be enkindled by the fire of the Lote-Tree in the wilderness and illumined by its light.

O traveler, the Supreme Pen maketh mention of those souls who ascended in this path. This is the most great bounty, were ye of them that know. It is incumbent upon all, and recorded in God's Book, to remember the Truth and show consideration for the remaining family members of such souls.

BH03885: The Supreme Pen at all times summons the people…

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

The Supreme Pen at all times summons the people of the world to the direction of the All-Merciful. However, some souls hearkened to the call of the Friend and turned toward the Beloved, while others remained deprived of the light of His countenance and forbidden from the Kawthar of immortality. These conditions are the recompense of deeds they had previously committed. No matter comes to pass without a cause.

Today, although the ocean of forgiveness is manifest and surging in the world of possibility, and the sun of generosity is radiant and evident, yet they remain forbidden and deprived. Sanctified and omnipotent is He Who created sight, and in the moment it sees, prevented it from seeing; and bestowed hearing, and in the moment it hears, deprived it of hearing. The tongue of the Wronged One testifies that He is the sovereign Actor and none may question His bidding, for He is the All-Wise and the mysteries of His wisdom are concealed—none knoweth them save His Own Self and those to whom He hath given a portion in the Book.

To those souls who have quaffed from the Kawthar of revelation and are gazing toward the horizon of manifestation, convey greetings from the True One and say: In all conditions, beseech the Self-Sufficient, the Exalted that He may strengthen you with the most great steadfastness. For it is observed that although most of the Tablets mention steadfastness, they have not pondered what the cause of repeating this mention is, and what the reason may be. Well then, ask of the True One that He may enable all to attain this most great bounty and not deprive them of the robe of steadfastness. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the All-Bountiful.

Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee.

BH03959: O peoples of the realm of contingent being!…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Speaking One, the All-Knowing

O peoples of the realm of contingent being! The Temple of the All-Merciful hath appeared and been established upon the throne with a sovereignty that neither the dominion of kings nor the clamor of their subjects can prevent. He doeth as He willeth. He is, verily, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath appeared in truth is verily the Dawning-Place of His Revelation, the Dayspring of His Cause, and the Manifestation of His Self. He hath arisen with supreme steadfastness and called out to all who are in earth and heaven on a Day whereon the limbs of every mighty and powerful one did tremble.

We make mention of those who have turned unto the Temple and believed in God, the Single One, the All-Informed. Blessed is he who hath been attracted by the fragrances of My days and drawn nigh unto a station which the All-Merciful hath revealed in a preserved Tablet. Beware lest human conditions prevent you from turning to the Most Great Horizon. Place your trust in the Lord of destiny and turn with radiant faces toward the horizon from which hath dawned the Sun of the Cause of your Lord, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

We enjoin upon you patience and forbearance in what the hands of the wicked have wrought. Verily your Lord, the Chosen One, is the All-Patient, the Forbearing. Observe and ponder how He hath taken from His prison. By God! Whosoever looketh with the eye of insight will cry out and say:

> "Thine is the power and majesty, O Splendor of all who are in the heavens and on earth!"

Grieve not for what hath passed. His Cause shall surely come. Thus doth He Who possesseth knowledge of all things inform you in a clear Book.

Hold fast unto the cord of My loving-kindness and cling to the hem of My mercy. Then drink the choice wine of utterance from the hands of My bounty. He, verily, is the Munificent, the Generous. He remembereth him who remembereth Him, and turneth unto him who turneth unto Him, and answereth him who raiseth his call in this wondrous Day. Thus have We expounded for you that ye may rejoice in the days of your Lord, the All-Merciful. He, verily, is the Ever-Forgiving, the Ancient of Days. The glory be upon you from God, the Lord of the mighty Throne.

BH04074: This is a mention from Us unto him who…

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

This is a mention from Us unto him who hath cast away what he possessed and taken what was sent down from God, the Lord of all worlds. When he drank the wine of recognition, he turned toward the Dawning-Place of his Lord's Command, the All-Merciful, and traversed land and sea until he entered the abode of the Wronged One, Who was imprisoned through what the hands of the heedless had wrought. Blessed art thou for having turned and attained the lights of the Countenance and been among those who have attained. By the life of God! My mention of thee cannot be equaled by whatsoever hath been created in earth and heaven. The Tongue of Grandeur in the most exalted station beareth witness to this. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord, my Helper and my Strengthener! I beseech Thee by those who were martyred in Thy path and gave up their spirits in Thy good-pleasure, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy service. O Lord! I have turned to Thee, acknowledging my weakness, my powerlessness and my evanescence. I beseech Thee to assist me in all conditions and to send down upon me a blessing from Thy presence. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. All atoms testify to Thy sovereignty and all created things to Thy power. There is no God but Thee, the Helper, the All-Seeing.

Thus doth the Wronged One guide thee and strengthen thee to turn unto Him and teach thee that whereby thou mayest remember God, thy Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earth. Give thanks and be of the grateful. Grieve not over anything. Trust in the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. He is with those who have turned to Him. He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing. The glory rest upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this Mention whereby the faces of those near unto God were illumined. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH04085: This is a Book which speaketh the truth…

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

This is a Book which speaketh the truth in the world and summoneth the peoples unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: We sent forth Ahmad and Kazim to herald the Revelation of God and His sovereignty on this Day which was mentioned in the tablets of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

By the life of God! The Hour hath come, and the Sure Truth hath appeared, and the Trump hath sounded, and the Trumpet hath been blown, and all who are in the heavens and on earth have swooned away, save those whom thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, hath willed.

Say: By God! This is a Day whereon the breezes of the All-Merciful have wafted, and the fragrance of musk hath been diffused from this glorious station. Say: The earthquakes have seized all the tribes, and the mountains have passed away, and the people have risen up for the Lord of the worlds.

This is a Day whereon the Voice of Him Who conversed on Sinai hath been heard, and verily He from the horizon of Revelation proclaimeth: There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Verily he who hath objected hath objected unto God throughout all ages, as attesteth He Who possesseth this perspicuous Book.

Say: The Book speaketh, yet most of the people are heedless. Say: The Balance moveth, yet most of the people are asleep. Say: The Path crieth out in the midst of the heavens, saying:

> “Unto Me, unto Me, O concourse of earth! Be not of the heedless ones.”

Blessed be the soul that hath rent asunder the veils through the name of its Lord, the All-Bestowing, and hath emerged from behind the clouds of idle fancies through His name, the All-Powerful.

By the life of God! Were thou to hear My call with the ear of thine inmost nature, the vibration of My Word would so grip thee that thou wouldst cry out in the wilderness, saying:

> “Here am I, here am I, O Thou Who hast called me from the horizon of Thy prison! And here am I, here am I, O Thou Who art wronged at the hands of the oppressors!”

BH03968: He is the Glory that has appeared and shone…

He is the Glory that has appeared and shone forth at the first dawn wherein God manifested Himself to those in His dominion and His kingdom and to the choicest of His creation.

Upon thee, O sovereign of fidelity and My Name the H and the H, My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness that ye both have turned and advanced toward God, the Cleaver of the dawn, on a day wherein the stars fell and the sun was darkened and the trumpet was sounded and the mountains were moved. Blessed is he who hath advanced toward you both and attained to your mention and held fast to the cord of love for you and disavowed those who have risen against you without any proof or book.

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious.

O My leaf and she who speaketh My praise, hearken unto the call of the Wronged One of the horizons, Who calleth thee from the Most Great Prison and maketh mention of thee.

O My handmaiden, ponder upon the son of Zachariah, whose blessed head was severed for the sake of a harlot, and the head of Husayn which was raised upon a spear at the command of a transgressor, and the Temple of the Bayan which was suspended in the air. Had the world any worth, the gems of existence would never have been afflicted with such tribulations.

Although the oppression that hath been wrought is grievous, yet as it hath occurred in the path of God, thou must needs be utterly content and resigned. Blessed art thou for having borne that which none else hath borne. Be thou patient in God, thy Lord and the Lord of the worlds.

In truth, this fire which they have kindled, they have kindled for themselves, though they perceive it not this day. All things testify to their heedlessness and to the knowledge of thy Lord, the All-Informed. The glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

BH03994: The first salutation that was uttered by the Tongue…

He is

The first salutation that was uttered by the Tongue of Grandeur ere the creation of earth and heaven be upon thee, O thou Name Ha’, thou who shinest above the horizon of fidelity. I testify that thou didst direct thyself towards God; didst hear the Call; didst answer “Yea!” unto the Possessor of all Names; and wast so transported by the rapture born of the Divine Verses that thou didst offer up thine all, thy family and thy spirit, in the path of God, the Help in Peril, the All-Glorious, the Self-Subsisting.

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

There hath befallen you in the path of God that which hath not befallen anyone in the Dispensation of the Bayan. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of oneness that this supreme affliction hath appeared for naught save the exaltation, elevation and manifestation of that which the Twin Shining Stars, that is Hasan and

Husayn, exemplified. Blessed is the condition of the land that became the resting place of those two temples, and the state of those souls who, purely for the sake of God, drew nigh and attained unto their visitation. O leaf! Every abasement encountered in the path of Truth is the sovereign of all glory, and every hardship endured in the way of the Friend is the king of all ease.

Though in these days the eyes of the heedless souls are veiled by the veils of vain desires from beholding the Truth and Its manifestations, the time shall come when they shall wail and lament for what hath escaped them. Soon shall the fruits of the deeds of the oppressors become manifest and evident. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. In all conditions fix your gaze upon the Truth and hold fast to the cord of His grace. Verily He comforteth you and consoleth you. He is indeed the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. The glory be upon thee and upon those who were martyred in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH04025: In My Most Great Name! My remembrance of My…

In My Most Great Name! My remembrance of My servant is, by My life, more excellent than the choicest wine, more beloved than the purest water, more crystalline than the Kawthar of life, and sweeter than any water created in all the worlds. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who hath sent down this clear remembrance. Is there anyone who recognizeth this most great station? Is there any possessor of sight who beholdeth this luminous horizon?

Say: Through My remembrance the Most Great Sea appeared, and through My name the Faithful Spirit was created. Say: Through My call the Call was raised between earth and heaven, and through My will every trustworthy Messenger was sent forth. Through My love the Fire appeared on the Mount, and through My name the Trumpet was blown and the graves arose, were ye of those who know. Through My fire the world was set ablaze, and through My light every sincere and informed one was guided. Through My call every learned one was attracted, and through My word all who are in the heavens and earth were thunderstruck. Blessed is the people who recognized, and every eye that turned to the All-Seeing.

Through My movement all created things moved, and through My rising the people arose unto the Lord of the worlds. Through My grief appeared the most great terror, and from My joy the people of Paradise hastened unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. The rock was seized by the rapture of My verses, and creation by the fragrance of My luminous robe.

We have manifested Our Self and sent down the verses and informed the servants of what the All-Merciful revealed in the Bayan, that they might turn to Him with radiant hearts and shining faces. But the people heard not what they were commanded, and We found them struck down. He is indeed the All-Informed.

Thus hath God sent down for thee that which gladdeneth thy heart and solaceth the eyes of them that know. Remember thy Lord, that perchance the hearts of the heedless may be attracted thereby. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH04018: In My Name, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

In My Name, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

A mention from Us to those who have drunk the choice wine of utterance from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the Most Merciful, and who have turned to the Countenance when every heedless doubter turned away from it.

The Pen hath testified to that which the Ancient Beauty testified before the creation of the heavens and earth. Bear ye witness, O people of understanding! The King hath come, and We see the subjects in trepidation and disturbance.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear ye the Most Merciful, and oppose not Him through Whom the proof hath been perfected and the evidence made manifest.

Rejoice, O My loved ones, in that the Lord of the worlds remembereth you in the most desolate of lands. We counsel you to observe the Most Great Trustworthiness and that whereby the Cause of God is uplifted amongst His servants. Soon shall appear the crier of whom We have previously informed the servants. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Blessed is he who hath held fast to the cord of steadfastness, and woe unto every contentious infidel.

O Rida! Hearken unto that which the Lord of Names calleth thee. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O My Pen! Make mention of him who is named Ahmad and give him the glad tidings of this mention whereby the sea hath surged and the winds have been stirred. Then make mention of their other brother from God, the Lord of all men. We have made mention in the Tablet of every servant who hath believed and every maidservant who hath believed in God, the One, the Chosen One.

O My loved ones! Hearken unto My call, then act according to what hath been sent down from the heaven of My will. By the life of God! It shall profit you in every world of the worlds of your Lord, the Sovereign of all men.

O people of Baha! Upon you be the glory of God and His mercy which hath preceded all created things. Hold ye fast unto steadfastness in this Cause whereby feet have slipped.

BH04240: 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 that He Who hath come in the shadows of the clouds is verily the Dawning-Place of His Revelation, the Dayspring of His Cause, and the Source of His firm and irrefutable wisdom. Whoso hath clung unto Him hath verily clung unto the cord of God, the Lord of all names, and whoso hath turned away is accounted among the heedless ones.

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! Call to mind when ʻAli-Qabli-Akbar proceeded to the Prison accompanied by My Name Jamal and a few other souls. By My life! He was martyred in the

path of God, the Lord of all worlds. The Concourse on High and the dwellers of the cities of names welcomed him after his ascension, and the Tongue of Grandeur extolled him from His glorious and exalted station.

When thou attainest unto the Tablet of God, turn thy face toward the Land of Ta and say: The essence of remembrance and praise be upon thee, O thou who didst bear hardships in the path of God, the Creator of heaven, and didst drink from the cup of tribulation in His love, the Mighty, the Wondrous. I testify that thou didst turn toward the Qiblih of the horizons and didst traverse land and sea until thou didst enter the Spot of Paradise, the place wherefrom was raised the call of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Thou didst stand before the Gate, didst hear His call and witness His revelations, and didst attain unto that which flowed upon thee from the ocean of His Name, the Mighty, the Generous. We have sent down for him from the heaven of the Divine Will that whereby his mention shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven, yet most of the people are heedless. Soon shall they bewail their own selves, and shall find for themselves neither helper nor protector. Thus have We made mention of thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord and be of them that are steadfast.

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BH04207: A mention from Us to him who hath desired…

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

A mention from Us to him who hath desired to attain unto the presence of God and hath drunk the choice wine of utterance from the hand of his Lord, the Merciful, in days wherein the great terror hath appeared and intoxication hath seized the dwellers of the heavens and earth, except such as God hath willed, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Thou art he who hath called upon God time and again, and He hath answered thee as a token of His grace. Rejoice thou in this mention from which the fragrance of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Forgiving, the Bountiful, hath been wafted. Thou didst make mention of Him in thy letter; He maketh mention of thee in a Tablet to which nothing that existeth on earth can compare, as doth testify the Tongue of Grandeur in its exalted and glorious station.

By My life! That which will gladden thy heart and solace thine eyes hath been ordained for thee. Thus doth He Who possesseth the knowledge of all things inform thee in a perspicuous Book.

Limit thy affairs to the service of thy Lord. He will, in truth, aid thee. There is none other God but He, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Be thou disdainful of all else save Him and strive in His path. Verily, He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Thus hath God given thee glad tidings through the mention of the Dayspring of His Revelation, that thou mayest render thanks and be of them that are steadfast. When clamor is raised, leave it behind thee and say:

"Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having called me and caused me to hear and to know."

I bear witness that through Thee every wise command hath been revealed. I beseech Thee to protect me under all conditions beneath the shadow of Thy Most Great Mercy. Verily, Thou hast power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones in that place who have attained unto My days and have stood firm in My wondrous Cause.

BH04312: O My handmaiden! Hearken unto My call…

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

O My handmaiden! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Great.

O handmaiden of God! Hear thou the voice of the Wronged One. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of sanctification that each of His members, each of His elements, each of His veins, and each of His hairs hath testified and doth testify to the oneness of God, His singleness, His bounty, His sovereignty, His power, His might, and His all-encompassing nature. He hath not uttered a word except that word hath been as the greatest elixir for mankind, and its purpose hath been the salvation of humanity and their comfort, glory and exaltation. Nevertheless, heedless ears are prevented from hearkening to the call of the Lord of creation and are deprived of comprehending it. Finally, through sheer tyranny they seized Him and imprisoned Him in the most ruinous of the world's lands. Such is the state of the heedless souls and their station.

Observe how many distinguished ones and learned men are seen today intoxicated with the wine of pride, such that they have turned away from the Truth and are debarred and deprived from the Sun of Reality which shineth at its meridian. And how many handmaidens have adorned themselves with the ornament of divine knowledge and have turned with heart and soul and spirit toward His horizon. Verily, grace is in the hand of God. He ordaineth whatsoever He willeth for whomsoever He willeth. None can question His doings. He is indeed the Ruler, the One Who doeth as He pleaseth.

BH04301: This is the Day wherein the hearts of those…

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

This is the Day wherein the hearts of those who have turned to the Most Exalted Horizon have found tranquility and have drunk the Kawthar of immortality from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. This is the Day wherein agitation hath seized the dwellers of the earth, save those whom the hand of divine power hath preserved from a mighty, powerful One. This is the Day wherein all that was hidden hath been revealed, and all that was concealed hath come forth, and every stammering tongue hath spoken, and every slumberer hath awakened, and every seated one hath arisen, and every stationary thing hath been set in motion. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in this forbidden station.

This is the Day wherein God maketh mention of one of His handmaidens who served His Most Truthful Name, who detached himself from the world by the command of the King of Names and turned toward the Crimson Spot, this most exalted station wherein the atoms proclaim that there is none other God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Blessed art thou, O leaf, in that thou wert with him at all times and didst hear what he uttered. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Loving. Grieve thou not for him, for he is in the supreme horizon—to this My Pen doth testify in this exalted station.

Hold thou fast unto the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of land and sea, and Sovereign of creation and command, for having caused me to turn toward the Kaaba of Thy manifestation and to utter Thy praise. My Lord! Write down for me that which shall cause me to be among those who circle round Thy throne. Thou art, verily, powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved.

BH04205: The remembrance of God, in the form…

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

The remembrance of God, in the form of the Sun behind the ocean of grandeur, hath been witnessed above the horizon of utterance. He, verily, is the One Who speaketh the truth at the heart of the world. Blessed is he who hath clung to the Most Great Name and turned toward the Station which hath been known by the name of God.

We have found the fragrance of thy love and have sent down unto thee from the heaven of knowledge the rains of utterance. Thy Lord, verily, hath power over all things.

Say: By the life of God! The Most Great Ocean hath appeared, and upon it hath moved the Sun of Beauty with a light that hath encompassed all worlds. Thus doth the ocean of meanings overflow, that thou mayest thank thy Lord and remember Him morning and evening.

We entered the prison by Our command and departed from it according to what We had promised in the Book that was mentioned by the name of God.

Say: By God! The Light walketh, and the Book speaketh, and the Ancient Beauty calleth out in the midst of the atmosphere, summoning all created things unto a Luminary that hath been illumined by the light of His countenance.

Know thou, moreover, that whenever We have made mention of this Beauty Who walketh and speaketh—verily, He nameth Himself by the most beautiful names, and at times He declareth them sanctified from what hath been mentioned, and He mentioneth that thy Lord hath power over all things.

Say: Were He to find mighty servants, He would forever and always proclaim "Verily, I am God!" Thus hath the matter been inscribed in the Mother Book by the Pen of Revelation in truth.

Rejoice thou in My praise, then recite My verses which We have sent down in this Tablet. They shall profit thee in this world and the next. Thus doth He command thee Who is in truth all-knowing.

BH04199: To be typed

To be typed.

BH04416: The days which were written of in the divine…

In the Name of the One True God

The days which were written of in the divine Books of old have become manifest and visible, and the morn of Revelation hath dawned from the horizon of Will with resplendent light. The ocean of divine knowledge, which adorneth the heavenly tablets, hath appeared in creation with perfect manifestation and surging waves, and the sun of wisdom and inner meanings hath risen, shining and evident, from the dawning-place of the divine Will.

Yet veils have prevented hearts, and the disease of selfish desires hath deprived eyes from beholding. Thus it is observed that although the divine Call is raised at all times, the people remain debarred and withered, nay rather dead, save for a few who have quaffed from the Kawthar of the All-Merciful's recognition and, intoxicated, occupy themselves with the mention of the One Beloved in the gathering of contingent beings. Blessed are they, then blessed are they! By My life, theirs shall be a goodly return.

The friends in that land all stand before the Gate and dwell beneath the shade of the Tree of Providence. The Most Exalted Pen commandeth them all to the Most Great Steadfastness, for the satans lie in wait and every falsehood, clothed in the garment of truth, leadeth the people astray. Therefore the souls who have accepted the Cause of God must remain steadfast in such wise that, having recognized the Truth and been blessed by His grace, they shall see themselves independent and in no need of the world.

This is the station of the people of Baha which hath been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. Blessed are they that know, and joy be to them that have attained!

BH04488: There hath come before the Throne that which thou…

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

There hath come before the Throne that which thou didst send to the servant who standeth before the Face, and We have answered thee through this Tablet from which the near ones inhale the fragrance of God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Knowing.

Blessed art thou, inasmuch as We behold thee steadfast in the Cause and speaking forth this Name through which the believers have hastened to the Kawthar of eternity, and the near ones to the Supreme Horizon, and the sincere ones to the Dawning-Place of the Light of Baha, which none hath known save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

He, verily, is He; whoso hath acknowledged this hath acknowledged that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the will of his Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Know thou, O thou who hast emigrated unto God and turned thy face toward Him, that there hath befallen Us that which hath grieved the Concourse on High and caused the Spirit of Holiness to lament in this exalted Station. By the life of God! The horizon of trustworthiness hath been darkened, and the bow hath been taken from its Maker, and the House from its Builder. Understand thou the melody of these words, that thou mayest be of them that are informed.

We have commanded all to observe the Most Great Trustworthiness—to this beareth witness My tongue, My Pen, My limbs, and those who circle round Me, then this luminous Book. Among the people are those who have cast it behind their backs, and thereby have violated the sanctity of God, the Most High, the Mighty, the Protected.

Convey My greetings unto the faces of My loved ones and say: Beware lest ye cast the Book of God behind your backs. Hold fast unto it, then act according to that which the All-Merciful hath revealed therein. This, verily, is a mighty triumph.

The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned toward God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH04779: Thy letter was presented before this Wronged One…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

Thy letter was presented before this Wronged One in this Most Great Prison and was read by the servant in attendance, and We make reply with this perspicuous Book.

God grant that through His bounteous favours thou mayest quaff from the living waters of certitude and fix thy gaze upon the Most Sublime Horizon. The call of the Burning Bush hath been raised and the light of Sinai hath been revealed. Every eye that hath been anointed and illumined with the collyrium of the knowledge of God doth indeed behold His effulgences and perceive the shining light of His countenance reflected in all things.

This is the day whereon all eyes can gaze upon the beauty of the All-Glorious, a day which hath neither peer nor equal whether in the past or in the future. It behoveth thee, then, to engage at all times in the praise of Him Who is the Desire of the worlds, for He hath aided thee to hearken unto His Word and to recognize His Self. At a time when most ears are deprived of hearing the sweet voice of the All-Merciful and most eyes prevented from beholding the light of His countenance, do thou treasure and magnify this grace!

Praise be to God, thy letter was received and the reply sent down from the empyrean of divine bestowal. The names thou hadst mentioned were called to mind and remembered in His presence. Glory be to thee, to thy brother, Elias, to thy kindred, to thy son who hath been guided aright by the light of His Lord, and to all that have believed in God, the Incomparable, the All-Informed.

BH04937: In the Name of the peerless God! The Day…

In the Name of the peerless God! The Day of God is manifest and the Tongue of the All-Compelling uttereth the Most Great Word. Reflect upon the divine bounty and mercy. The Word of Negation which in

former times was revealed and sent down from the Source of the Command hath now been transformed into affirmation. I swear by the Sun of Divine Unity that shineth from the horizon of the prison, if anyone were to reflect upon this bounty We have mentioned, throughout his life he would ceaselessly utter "Thine be the praise, O Glory of the worlds!"

O Mihdi! Thy letter hath come before the Most Great Vision and the Wronged One hath beheld it, and the servant in attendance hath presented whatsoever thou didst mention therein. Be thou thankful that thy letter hath attained unto My hearing and thou hast been honored with My attention and mention in this Manifest Book.

O friends! Reflect upon the proof of the All-Merciful and deprive not yourselves of the eternal realms for the sake of ephemeral days. Cling ye to the cord of the Cause with such firmness that the entire world shall be powerless to separate you from it. This is the most exalted and lofty station. Blessed is he who hath attained unto this station. There have been and shall be many vain souls. Not every speaker is worthy of credence. Fix your gaze upon wisdom and hold fast unto its hem. Display not the pearls of divine knowledge before every ignorant one, and preserve them from thieves in the name of the Truth.

I conclude with the words: There is none other God but Him, the Most High, the Most Great. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH04928: O thou who hath remembered Me! Know thou…

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

O thou who hath remembered Me! Know thou that He Who is remembered remembereth thee, and the Beloved speaketh that which rejoiceth thy heart and the hearts of them who have turned towards the Supreme Horizon on a day wherein souls lamented and feet did slip.

Observe the people and their heedlessness: they wailed and cried out and supplicated at their separation from the Dawning-Place of the revelation of their Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Yet when the veils were rent asunder and the Promised One appeared, they rose up against Him with such tyranny as caused them who are nigh unto God to lament in their most exalted station. They recite the Qur'an, yet deny Him Who revealed it in truth. Thus did their souls prompt them, without any proof or Book.

Blessed art thou for having rent asunder the veils and turned towards God, thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Say: O Fashioner of the heavens and Creator of names! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the sun of Thy grace hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy Revelation and the ocean of Thy bounty hath surged amongst Thy creatures, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in the service of them who love Thee.

O my Lord! I am he who heard Thy sweetest call and turned towards Thy Most Exalted Horizon. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me the outpourings of the clouds of Thy mercy, nor to drive me from Thy door which Thou hast opened unto all who are in Thy heaven and on Thy earth.

O my Lord! Aid Thy servants to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy signs and strengthen them to turn towards the lights of Thy countenance. Thou art, verily, the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

BH04775: We have sent the Messengers and revealed the Books…

He is the All-Knowing Speaker

We have sent the Messengers and revealed the Books to give the glad tidings to mankind of this Day, which was mentioned in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. But when the appointed time came and the dawn of the Day appeared, all who were on earth turned away from it except those whom God, the King, the Mighty, the Wise, willed. Among the people were those who turned away from the Countenance, and among them were those who pronounced judgment against the Wronged One with manifest injustice. We have borne for the sake of God that which no one before Us hath borne—to this every fair-minded and perceiving one doth testify.

Thou art he who hath followed thy Lord and borne tribulations in this straight Path. Beware lest the might of men prevent thee from Him Who holdeth all power. Thus doth the Prisoner command thee from the direction of His Most Great Scene, that thou mayest rejoice and be among the thankful ones. By the life of God! All the treasures of earth cannot equal a particle of tribulation in the path of God, the Lord of Names—to this thy Lord, the All-Informed, doth testify.

Say: O my God and the God of the world, my Lord and the Lord of the nations! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name, at Whose appearance all who are in the heavens and earth were thunderstruck, and all in the kingdoms of Command and creation were shaken, to strengthen me in steadfastness in Thy Cause, through which the feet of most of Thy servants have slipped. O Lord! Thou art the Generous One and I am the supplicant at the door of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee to ordain for me the reward of meeting Thee, whereof Thou didst give glad tidings through the tongues of Thy chosen ones in Thy Books, Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH04659: O handmaiden of God! Thy letter was presented before…

In the name of the peerless, all-knowing Lord!

O handmaiden of God! Thy letter was presented before the Wronged One, and that which was mentioned therein was brought to the attention of Him Who is present before the Face, until it reached this verse:

> “My God! Make me so steadfast in Thy binding Cause That I grow firmer still when raised upon the cross”

I swear by the Sun of the horizon of vision that if the people of the age were to inhale the fragrances of the divine Cause, they would all choose the gallows with a hundred thousand entreaties. However, most are heedless of this most glorious and exalted station, for they have not drunk of the choice wine of recognition nor attained to the Kawthar of certitude.

O handmaiden! Pray that God—exalted be His sovereignty and His glory—may cause men to attain to that station which thou hast written of. One soul advanced toward martyrdom in the path of God with a hundred thousand lives, while another concealed himself behind a hundred thousand veils. Each one acteth according to his way, and thy Lord is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O handmaiden of God! This verse found acceptance in the presence of the One, the Single, the Most Great. God willing, may all, both men and women, attain unto it and walk with the utmost steadfastness and dignity. Glory be upon thee if We find thee firm in that which thou hast professed, and upon every man who hath attained to this most mighty, this impregnable station. Preserve this Tablet as thy very soul and hold it as precious as thine eye. He verily sufficeth thee in truth. Thy Lord is verily the All-Informed.

BH04716: A mention from Us to the Leaf who ascended…

He is the Just, the Wise

A mention from Us to the Leaf who ascended to the Most Exalted Horizon and attained the lights of her Lord's countenance, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

The Wronged One testifieth in this forbidden prison that she turned to God, believed, witnessed, acknowledged and confessed that which was uttered by the Tongue of God, the King, the True One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. She attained the ocean of knowledge in days wherein all in creation were shaken, save whom God, the Lord of the worlds, willed. We have mentioned her before in various Tablets and We mention her after her ascension in this Clear Book.

Upon thee, O My handmaiden and My Leaf, be the mercy of God which hath preceded all things and His grace which hath encompassed those in the heavens and on earth. Rejoice in that which the Most Exalted Pen hath testified for thee, than which nothing that hath been or shall be created can compare, whereunto every fair-minded and perceiving one doth witness. Upon thee be the glory of God, His care, His mention and His praise, throughout the eternity of His names and attributes. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Giving, the Forgiving, the Generous.

Blessed art thou and blessed is My Name, whom thou rememberest in going and describest in returning in such wise as to gladden the hearts of them that are nigh unto God. Verily he hath taken for himself a station before the eyes of his Lord, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate. By the life of God! This is of His most great favor, yet most of the people are heedless.

Thus hath the matter been decreed and the utterance come forth in this holy, mighty and wondrous Tablet.

BH04807: A Book sent down by the All-Wise…

He is the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious

A Book sent down by the All-Wise from the heaven of Command unto him who hath believed in the One, the All-Informed.

When thou hast drunk from the cup of fidelity the Kawthar of eternity, render thanks unto thy Lord and make mention of the Wronged One Who hath arisen to establish the Cause through His Name, the One Who ruleth over the worlds.

By God! I arose to establish the Cause in days wherein hearts were troubled and souls lamented by reason of the assault of wrath, as attesteth He with Whom is a glorious Book. By the life of God! Every confessor denied, every manifest one became hidden, every dweller fled, and every tranquil one was seized with fear from dread of those days. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

He whom the heedless had taken as lord besides God would flee from land to land and from place to place. Then when the Cause was made manifest he came forth and pronounced judgment against Him through Whom the Trump was sounded, the Standard of the Manifestation was raised, and the Straight Path of God appeared. By God! He could not speak in the presence of the Countenance and was as one of those who circled round the Throne, yet Satan led him astray and made him to be among the perishing ones.

Thus do We recount unto thee that thou mayest be possessed of insight from God, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. Blessed art thou for having held fast unto that which is right in this mighty Cause. Aid thy Lord through wisdom, make mention of My loved ones on My behalf, and give them the glad-tidings of My grace, My care, and My gracious remembrance.

The glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned unto God, the Mighty, the Most Praised.

BH05066: Glorified be He Who hath sent down the Book…

He is the Speaker in the Kingdom.

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the Book, and, through His irrevocable and wise behest, hath revealed whatsoever He willed. Say: O company of mankind! By God! the Most Great Vision hath appeared, and the Lord of destiny calleth aloud with loftiest summons, proclaiming:

> "The Possessor of Names is come with a sovereignty that hath encompassed all who dwell in the heavens and on the earth. Verily He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful."

Blessed is the soul that hath drawn nigh, and attained; and woe betide the heedless!

Say: Mine All-Glorious Horizon hath dawned, and the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing hath uttered its voice; yet the people remain veiled in manifest obscurity. O mine ear! Give heed to the words of the ungodly who have disbelieved in God, the Great. Among them are those who have turned unto the raven, and have turned away from the Euphrates of the mercy of their gracious Lord. Say: O heedless one! By the life of God! thou art he who hath turned aside from Him, after He had caused thee to hear His luminous Book.

Say: Thou hast taken the false god, and hast cast away Him Who was the Desire of all worlds. Such are they whom the world hath beguiled, until they have denied God, the Most High, the All-Exalted. Thus did his own soul entice him, and made him of the utterly lost.

Thou, O thou who dost turn unto God—if the attraction of the verses of thy Lord seize thee, and thou dost set thy face toward God, the Lord of all worlds—say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, in that Thou hast caused me to know the Dayspring of Thy verses, and hast loosed my tongue in Thy remembrance and Thy praise. I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, and content with whatsoever Thou hast ordained for me in Thy Book. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH05010: Hearken unto the call of Husayn which hath been…

In the name of the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing Lord

Hearken unto the call of Husayn which hath been raised betwixt earth and heaven.

O Husayn! The true spiritual stars that had dawned from the horizon of the heaven of divine knowledge have set, due to the oppression of the oppressors, and have ascended to the Supreme Companion. Tyranny reached such a pass that every hearing ear perceived the lamentation of the rock and the wailing of the divine Lote-Tree.

However, the All-Informed gave no respite to oppression and hypocrisy, and seized them, and He shall soon seize those who have committed oppression on the earth without clear proof or enlightening Book.

Rejoice thou in that He hath aided thee to recognize Him and hath mentioned thee aforetime and at this hour, and hath adorned thee and thy father with the ornament of His mercy which hath preceded all worlds.

Be thou of such quality that nothing shall prevent thee from God, the Goal of them that have known Him. The Glory be upon thee and upon him who hath attained unto My counsel and acted according to that which hath been sent down in My Mighty Book.

BH05208: O Javad! Hearken unto the call time and again…

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

O Javad! Hearken unto the call time and again. By God's life! In every moment it hath an influence which none knoweth save God, thy Lord and the Lord of the mighty throne. Blessed art thou for having attained unto My Book, My Tablet, My remembrance and My days, while every heedless one that is far removed turned away.

We desired to make mention of one of My maidservants who turned toward My horizon and hastened to the Dawning-Place of the light of My countenance until she entered My abode and stood before the throne of My grandeur, and her eyes were solaced by My beauty, and she drank the choice wine of reunion in her final days from the cup of My bounty.

We bear witness that she heard the call of her Lord and responded when the servants and handmaidens, who were created for My days and to hearken to My call and to arise to serve My Cause, turned away from her. Blessed is she for having inhaled the fragrance of My robe and uttered My praise until she

ascended to the station We had ordained for her. Thus hath the decree been fulfilled from God, the Mighty, the Bestower.

O My handmaiden! Be thou thankful that the Pen of Revelation hath made mention of thee in thy days and after thy ascension. We are the One Who showed thee Our horizon, caused thee to know Our Self, and adorned thee with the ornament of forgiveness. He is verily the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

The splendor rest upon her and upon her daughter who turned toward Us and attained Our presence and achieved that which is inscribed in the Book of God, the Lord of creation.

BH05102: We have sent down verses unto thee aforetime…

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing!

We have sent down verses unto thee aforetime, and We make mention of thee on this night as a token of grace from Us. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

From this station do We send Our greetings unto thy face and unto the faces of them from whom the lights have shone forth through their love of God, the Lord of all worlds.

How many a servant who laid claim to knowledge and wisdom was hindered when the All-Merciful appeared, and how many an unlearned one drank from the ocean of knowledge through My Name, the All-Subduing over all who are in the heavens and on earth.

God willing, may steadfast and firm souls find rest beneath the shade of the divine Unity, and be illumined by the light of His countenance.

This is the Day whereon all atoms proclaim “The Kingdom is God’s!” They who have quaffed the Kawthar of immortality must speak forth the remembrance of God, the Lord of all names, in such wise as to cause the seated to arise and the heedless to turn unto Him.

Know ye the value of these days. These are the very days whose mention hath been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in most of the divine Books. Blessed is the heart that hath recognized and drunk and attained, and woe unto them that deny!

From this remote station do We send Our greetings unto the faces of them that have believed, and make mention unto them of that which is better for them than all the treasures of earth. He, verily, is the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

We counsel thee to manifest the Most Great Steadfastness and to observe that which God hath ordained in His wondrous Book. We beseech God to assist you and to ordain for you that which He hath ordained for His chosen ones. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Most Great.

BH05107: Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and We have noted its contents and have answered thee with that which will draw those who believe in divine unity to the most exalted horizon—the station wherein the Dayspring of Names proclaims: "There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower." Blessed is the face that hath turned unto the countenance of the Beloved, and the tongue that hath uttered the remembrance of God, the Lord of creation.

Thy letter was seen in the Most Great Prison. And concerning what thou didst write about speaking the goodly Word through the grace of the Beloved—I swear by the Sun of the heaven of sanctification that this station is greater than all that hath been created. This blessed and goodly Word remained hidden and concealed in the treasury of divine knowledge for ages, centuries and years, while all people sought it with the utmost striving and endeavor. Yet when it shone forth from the horizon of the world, most of mankind turned away, save those souls who broke the chains of imitation through the name of the Almighty and turned toward the horizon of the Cause. God willing, thou shalt remain steadfast in that which thou hast attained and strive that perchance a lost one may be guided or a thirsty one given to drink. The Cause is in God's hands. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Peerless.

Preserve thou this Tablet and give thanks unto God for what thou hast been granted. By thy life, this is indeed a great bounty!

BH05312: God willing, thou shalt drink from the Kawthar…

In the name of the All-Knowing Friend

God willing, thou shalt drink from the Kawthar of patience and partake of the Salsabil of steadfastness. Thy grief in the path of God is evident and manifest before the Divine Throne. However, every hardship that is endured in the path of the Friend is assuredly beloved. How many holy and sanctified souls have sacrificed their lives, possessions, honor and name in the path of the All-Merciful's love, and have detached themselves from all else.

By God, O my handmaiden, thy trade hath proved profitable in the path of God! The True One, the All-Knowing, is my witness that not a single atom of the deeds manifested in His path hath been or ever shall be lost. All are recorded and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Book. Blessed are they that act and blessed are they that are patient.

Thou must occupy thyself with the remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds with the utmost patience and steadfastness. In any case, the outward human temple shall perish; therefore if it occurs in the path of the Friend it is beloved, for it attaineth unto eternal life. Were the people of the world to fully comprehend this station, all would beseech God with the utmost lowliness and supplication to attain unto it.

Blessed art thou and blessed is thy son who turned unto God and ascended unto Him, the Lord of all worlds.

BH05477: This is a Book We have sent down…

He is the One witnessed from His most exalted horizon

This is a Book We have sent down in truth, as a mercy from Us to those who have attained unto the days of God and have turned with their hearts to His noble station. Merit lies not with those who make verbal profession, but rather with those who act according to what the All-Merciful hath revealed in His wondrous Book.

Is there one endowed with the sense of smell who can inhale the fragrance of God from His most exalted Word? Is there one possessed of sight who can behold My luminous countenance? Is there one with hearing who can hear My most sweet call? Is there one with a heart who can detect My pervading fragrance between the heavens and the earth? Is there one with a tongue who can speak that which the Tongue of Grandeur speaketh in this mighty Prison? Is there one possessed of steadfastness who can cast the world behind him and arise with supreme steadfastness in this momentous Cause?

O thou who speaketh My praise! Know thou that We have heard thy call and found from thee the fragrance of My glorious love. We have, therefore, made mention of thee and sent unto thee this Tablet that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, Who hath been imprisoned in this spot because He hath opened the door of grace unto all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Know thou that My crime among these people is that I have arisen to promote the Cause of God, made mention of Him, and testified to His Manifestation that hath appeared from this most mighty, most exalted and luminous horizon.

BH05409: Glorified art Thou, O my God and the God…

He is the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Glorified art Thou, O my God and the God of all nations, my Lord and the Lord of the world! Behold my sighs and the tears that fall from mine eyes in my separation and remoteness from Thee.

Consider with justice, O my God—that justice which Thou hast enjoined upon Thy servants—can any one of them that love Thee behold a city and not see Thee rising resplendent above its horizon? Can any soul enter a garden and not perceive Thee seated upon the throne of Thy majesty and glory?

O Lord! Hearts have melted in their separation from Thee, and spirits have been consumed in their remoteness from Thee. I beseech Thee by Thine own Self to cause the waters of reunion with Thee to rain down upon Thy loved ones, and grant them to hear Thy call and attain unto the presence at the gate of union with Thee.

Thou art He Who hath manifested Thy beauty and sent down Thy verses and revealed that which lay hidden in Thy knowledge. The veils of the world cannot conceal Thee, nor can the doings of them that have disbelieved in Thee and Thy signs prevent Thee from accomplishing that which Thou hast purposed.

O Lord! Write down for those who have been consumed by the fire of remoteness that which Thou hast ordained for them that are near unto Thee. Thou art He Who hath established supreme justice between earth and heaven. Every thing beareth witness to Thy generosity, Thy bounty, Thy grace and Thy loving-kindness. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH05480: This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent…

He is the One Who is seated upon the throne of utterance

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down unto him who hath turned towards the Most Great Prison and attained the presence of the Countenance and heard the call of the Wronged One, for Whose tribulations at the hands of the oppressors the dwellers of the Kingdom of Names and the Concourse on High have lamented.

O Kazim! Hearken unto the call from this most exalted Station—verily there is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Take heed lest anything deter thee in the path of God. Be steadfast in My Cause and articulate in My praise, that perchance every heedless doubter may be awakened thereby.

Praise be to God that through the bounties of the Goal of the world's desire thou hast attained His presence and, by the leave of the Lord of eternity, entered the Most Great Prison and hearkened unto the call of the Wronged One of the horizons. It behooveth thee to return to thy land with the Book of thy Lord, the Possessor of all creation, that perchance the heedless souls may become aware and partake of the wine of knowledge.

And whatsoever hath been mentioned in the presence of the Countenance, thou must preserve it in such wise that the hosts of forgetfulness and negligence seize it not. The world hath never had, nor will it ever have, any permanence. Hearken unto the counsel of the Friend and be vocal in His remembrance amongst the people, and arise to serve His Cause.

Blessed art thou and blessed is every doer who hath done that which he was bidden by God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH05317: May you ever be, through Divine grace, the recipient…

In the name of the one incomparable God

May you ever be, through Divine grace, the recipient of God's favors and engaged in His remembrance.

Praise be to God that in these days, which are in truth the springtime of revelation and witnessing, you have attained unto His recognition. This is the Day in which the Beloved Who declared "Thou shalt not see Me" now proclaims "Look and thou shalt see Me."

I swear by the Sun of the heaven of utterance that were all who dwell within the realm of possibility to hearken with attentive ears unto this word, they would, through its sweetness and intoxication, detach themselves from the world and all who dwell therein, and turn their gaze toward the most exalted horizon. This blessed word is like unto the sun in the heaven of wisdom, and like unto the lesser luminary

in the firmament of insight. Blessed is he who hath ears to hear and blessed is he whose eyes have attained unto this resplendent horizon.

Praise be to God that you have reached this station and have partaken of the choice wine of recognition. Your letter was seen and your call reached the ears of the Wronged One of the horizons.

Behold all the world as transient, while this Tablet that hath appeared from the Dayspring of the Most Great Bounty is everlasting and eternal. Blessed art thou for having attained unto this station and for having had the Pen of God, the Help in Peril, the Mighty, the All-Wise, moved to make mention of thee.

The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned unto the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH05435: The petition which you had sent to the Most…

In the name of the one true God

The petition which you had sent to the Most Holy Court was noted. God the All-Knowing bears witness that this Wronged One has shown and continues to show the utmost kindness towards you. You have always dwelt beneath the shade of the Divine Lote-Tree and been gladdened by His favors, and whatever is said is for your own good. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid you in achieving what you desired in your letter, that there may appear from you that which brings joy to hearts and souls.

This journey of yours is by God's will. God willing, whatever is beneficial for the Cause and for you shall come to pass. Keep the counsels of the Wronged One before your eyes, for whatsoever has been and is spoken is and shall be pure good. Hold fast to the Sure Handle and cling to the hem of the grace of the Lord of Names, and say:

O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Name and Thy sovereignty and the power that has encompassed those in Thy earth and heaven, to make me in all conditions one who gazes upon Thy Throne whereon is established the Temple of Thy Cause and the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation. O my Lord! Cut me not off from the glances of Thy grace, but give me to drink from the Kawthar of bounty at morn and eventide. Verily Thou art the Self-Sufficing, the Most Exalted.

This is the reply to the previous petition that was written before.

BH05351: In the name of the all-knowing God! All…

In the name of the all-knowing God! All the divines and mystics were waiting to see on what day the new Sun would rise and the ocean of knowledge would appear. In the days and nights they were occupied with the remembrance of God upon their pulpits, beseeching and hoping for divine bounty that they might receive a portion from the Kawthar of reunion with the Dawning-Place of divine verses and take their share from the Salsabil of meeting. Nevertheless, when the world was illumined by the Sun of Manifestation, they turned away and objected, except for souls who rent asunder the veils of fancy in the name of God and turned toward the supreme horizon.

The fruit of all souls is that they attain the divine presence in the Day of Manifestation, as this point is mentioned and recorded in several places in the Qur'an. Blessed are they who possess understanding! How excellent is the state of the one who today has rent asunder veils and limitations and has turned toward the Manifestation of God's Cause. God willing, you will be occupied at all times with the remembrance of the Goal of all the worlds.

A letter from his honor Shaykh Ahmad, upon him be the glory of God, reached this Wronged One wherein you were mentioned. Therefore this Tablet was revealed that you might be assured and gladdened by God's infinite favors. Blessed art thou for having heard from him that which was spoken concerning this mighty Cause. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH05468: Say: Glory be to Thee, O Lord of Lords…

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

Say: Glory be to Thee, O Lord of Lords and Master of all necks! I testify that Thou didst give glad tidings unto Thy servants in Thy Books and Scriptures and Tablets of the Day wherein would appear the Dawning-Place of Thy verses, the Dayspring of Thy clear tokens, the Source of Thy laws and the Fountainhead of Thy commandments—the Day wherein the Trump would be sounded and the call of the Bugle would be raised, the Bridge would be set up and the Balance would be established.

At this hour, O my God, I testify to that whereunto Thou didst testify before the creation of the heavens and earth, that Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee. Thou hast ever been what Thou art and wilt ever remain as Thou hast been from all eternity.

I testify before Thee that what Thou didst promise hath appeared, what Thou didst indicate hath come to pass, and the Day which Thou didst name as the Day of God hath arrived—wherein the Trump was sounded and all who are in Thy heaven and earth were thunderstruck, save those whom the hand of Thy power did rescue. And I testify that the Bridge hath been set up and the Balance hath been established and Thy call hath been raised from the precincts of Thy prison.

I beseech Thee, O Master of eternity and Sovereign of nations, to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy Cause, whereby hearts were troubled and feet did slip. O Lord! Ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the Bountiful.

BH05326: O Qasim, although you are not physically present, yet…

In the Name of the one true Friend

O Qasim, although you are not physically present, yet you are mentioned in the presence of the Countenance. I praise God for this, for verily He remembers the one who remembers Him and turns unto the one who has turned unto His luminous countenance. Whenever the Wronged One of the world turns toward the garden, He beholds your traces. Know thou the value of this deed and preserve it in the name of God.

O Qasim! Great is the Cause and souls are weak. We beseech God to adorn all with the ornament of strength and power, that all may remain firm on the straight path of His Cause. The evanescent world has never had, nor has, any worth, for in a moment it vanishes and becomes nothing. God willing, those souls who have drunk from the wine of immortality should at all times gaze toward the highest horizon, detached and free from all who are on earth.

Hold fast to the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and say: O Thou through Whom the horizon of the world was illumined and the hearts of the nations were shaken! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Word and by Thy Most Luminous and Most Glorious Countenance to aid me in Thy remembrance and praise and in serving Thy Cause, and to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for the best among Thy creatures. Verily Thou art the One Who has power over whatsoever He willeth. In Thy hand is the kingdom of all things and Thou are indeed the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH05381: A mention from the Wronged One to those who…

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

A mention from the Wronged One to those who have soared in the atmosphere of the love of the All-Merciful, when the Herald proclaimed throughout the Kingdom of Utterance:

> "Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing."

We give glad-tidings to those who have turned towards the Countenance with the remembrance and praise of God. By the life of God! His remembrance is better than whatsoever hath been created on earth. He Who speaketh "there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Praised" beareth witness to this.

Blessed are ye for having turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon and having drunk the Kawthar of the All-Glorious from the hand of the bounty of your Lord, the Generous, the All-Bountiful.

We counsel you to fear God and to that whereby His Cause is exalted. He, verily, is the Ruler, the All-Informed. Remember Him with joy and radiance that the people of the contingent world may be attracted thereby—they who have been seized by the intoxication of their desires in such wise as to be shut out from the straight path of God.

Be united, O My loved ones in My lands! Thus hath the All-Merciful revealed in His Preserved Tablet. Hold fast unto the Book of God and that which hath been revealed therein. It shall profit you in all the worlds of your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Thus hath the Tablet of eternity been adorned with the ink of My Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is the soul that hath attained, the eye that hath seen, and the ear that hath heard the Call of God, the Lord of all worlds. Glory be upon you and upon all who have turned towards Him, cast away idle fancies, and drunk the choice wine of certitude.

BH05464: The Author of the Bayan wept by night…

He is the One Who standeth through My Most Glorious Name

The Author of the Bayan wept by night and by day at that which hath befallen My Self at the hands of those who deny the All-Merciful.

Say: Beware, O people of the Bayan, lest that which was revealed in the Bayan withhold you from His presence, or its letters prevent you from recognizing Him—a recognition which is the most glorious of all things in the estimation of God, the Lord of all beings. Nothing in the kingdom of earth and heaven can be compared with Him—to this doth the Lord of the realms above bear witness from His most exalted station.

When the horizon of heaven was illumined and the Morn of eternity breathed forth its fragrance, the Desired One appeared, whereupon the people of the Bayan rose in opposition, save those whom God, the Lord of the Day of Return, pleased to guide. Among them were those who said He had uttered in the Bayan that which was inconsistent with this Revelation, while others claimed He had decreed other than what God had ordained in the Book.

Say: Woe unto thee, O heedless one! This is the Day whereon the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Bountiful!

Be fair, O people of the Bayan—ye were commanded not to look this Day to the Bayan and its letters, but rather to that which the Revealer of verses ordaineth for you. Say: The Bayan itself curseth you and disowneth you, O ye that are veiled!

Thus have We sent down unto thee the Book that thou mayest rejoice and remind the people of that which it containeth from One Who is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. The glory be upon thee and upon him who hath partaken of the choice wine from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

BH05743: A mention from Us to him who hath turned…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

A mention from Us to him who hath turned unto the Countenance and believed in God when most of the servants turned away. He, verily, is the All-Knowing Witness.

The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness unto him who hath turned to His Most Exalted Horizon, despite those who disbelieved in the Lord of the worlds. They who turned away, these are debarred from the breezes of My mercy and We have forbidden them the heavenly table We sent down from the heaven of Our grace. We, verily, are powerful over all things.

The gate of heaven hath been opened and the angels and the Spirit descend at every moment. We have mentioned thee before and mention thee now as a grace from Us. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

This is a Day wherein all things speak even as the Ancient Beauty spoke when He was seated upon His Most Great Throne. Yet most of the people are heedless. Blessed art thou for having fulfilled the Covenant of thy Lord and believed in what He revealed unto thee. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Giving, the All-Bountiful.

Know thou then that thy son hath journeyed until he entered Paradise and stood before the presence of his Lord, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing. We have sheltered him beneath the shade of the Tree as a grace from Us. Be thou assured and be of the thankful ones.

The Glory be upon thee and upon him and upon those who are with thee in thy station. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH05888: Your letter was presented before the Wronged One…

He is the All-Knowing, the Observer, the Hearing, the Wise!

Your letter was presented before the Wronged One by ʿAbd who was present before Our face. The sweet fragrances of love were inhaled from it. Praise the Beloved of the world Who confirmed you in His recognition and His remembrance and praise.

The whole world utters “O Thou the Desired One!”, yet when the Desired One appeared and shone forth from behind the pavilion of infallibility, all turned away except for a few sanctified souls who were encompassed by the providence of God—exalted be His grandeur. He guided you through His wondrous grace to the ocean of recognition and granted you a portion from the cup of everlasting life.

God willing, you are not among those souls who returned with the bedouins, but rather you are counted among those who drank the wine of reunion and were sustained by the Kawthar of His presence, becoming thereby detached and independent from all else. Ask God to confirm you in preserving this station that has been bestowed upon you. Verily He is the Guardian of those who place their trust in Him and the Guardian of those who remember Him.

God willing, you will be occupied at all times with that which He loves and is pleased with. The Glory be upon the people of Glory from the presence of the All-Knowing, the Wise.

BH05824: Your letter has come before Us and We have…

He is the One that dawns from the horizon of divine knowledge

Your letter has come before Us and We have heard that wherewith you called upon God, the Lord of all worlds, and We have answered you with this Tablet, from which the fragrance of the All-Merciful has been wafted between the heavens and the earth.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is the reins of all created things and in Whose grasp are the controls of all existence! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which, when it appeared, the foundation of every house was shaken, the heart of every powerful one was disturbed, every idol wailed,

and every idolater cried out—to ordain for me by Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will profit me in every world of Thy worlds.

O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward the Kaaba of […]. I beseech Thee by the lights of the horizon of Thy Cause to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who hastened to the seat of Thy Cause and held fast to what Thou didst reveal in Thy Book.

O my Lord! Thou seest me clinging to the cord of Thy grace and holding fast to the hem of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me in Thy days, for I […] that this is the day wherein the heaven of Thy grace has been upraised and the ocean of Thy favors has surged. I beseech Thee by Thy bounty and mercy to take my hand, then preserve me from the intimations of Thy creatures, then give me to drink from the Kawthar of steadfastness from the hand of Thy bestowal.

Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH05756: Glorified is He Who hath revealed His Cause…

He is the Caller from the horizon of the Bayan:

Glorified is He Who hath revealed His Cause and acquainted the servants with that which was recorded in the Scriptures and Tablets.

Say: O peoples of the earth! Cast away what ye possess of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Take hold of that which ye have been commanded by God, the Revealer of verses. This is a Day through whose mention the Books have been adorned, and in whose praise the birds have warbled upon the branches.

Say: Fear ye God, O peoples of the earth! Follow that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Book, and follow not every doubting idolater. By the life of God! The ocean of knowledge hath surged and the heaven of understanding hath been upraised on a Day wherein the All-Merciful hath established Himself upon the throne of His Name, the All-Bountiful.

Ye were created for this Day, to this all atoms bear witness. Where are the ears? By God! They are for this Day, and the eyes for this time wherein the Most Great Luminary hath shone forth from the horizon of His Name, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the breezes of My days, and beware lest ye follow any ignorant infidel. Cast away the world and take what the Lord of creation hath brought. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken from the Lote-Tree of My remembrance and praise.

Blessed is he who hath heard and said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all mankind!”

BH05858: In the Name of the Kind Lord! The Divine…

In the Name of the Kind Lord! The Divine Pen has in most times been occupied with the mention of friends—that is, those souls who have hearkened to the Divine Call and have turned toward His horizon. Blessed are those servants who have attained unto the most great honor and who have arisen with heart

and soul to serve the Cause. Praise be to God that that household has attained unto this bounty and been honored with this distinction.

If a soul draws but one breath in the path of the Friend, it shall assuredly be recorded in the Book of God and neither extinction nor annihilation shall overtake it. Blessed be your hearts for having attained unto the love of God, and blessed be your eyes for having turned toward His luminous horizon. Hold this station in high regard. By the life of God, it is more precious than the rarest crimson stone, as attested by the Pen of God, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

Aziziyyih was present before the Face a few minutes ago. Praise be to God, she has been and will remain under the shadow of the Divine Lote-Tree. And the glad-tidings of the Tablet that will be revealed tonight was given to her.

The glory be upon thee, O my handmaiden, and upon him who has become renowned among the servants for My love, and upon him who has been named Ahmad, and upon those who have testified to that which God, the Exalted, the Great, hath testified.

BH05813: The Sun hath dawned from the horizon of proof…

In His Name, the Lord of Dominion over earth and heaven!

The Sun hath dawned from the horizon of proof, and the Nightingale of divine knowledge hath warbled upon the branches, and the Spirit hath cried out at the midmost heart of creation—yet the people remain sunk in slumber. They have not awakened at the call of God, nor have they been stirred by this Spirit whereby the world hath been shaken. Thus doth the tongue of grace speak with pure justice, yet most people are as dead. They are like leaves that are moved by every wind. Thus do We recount unto thee that thou mayest be among those possessed of knowledge.

How many a servant hath claimed steadfastness within himself, yet when We tested him We found him among the doubtful ones. He turned to God with clear signs, then turned away from Him through a word from the satans. Thus do We mention unto thee what hath come to pass. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing Expositor.

By God the Truth! This Cause is mighty, mighty indeed! This is a word We have repeated in most of the Tablets, that perchance the servants may thereby be awakened. To this My glorious and luminous tongue beareth witness. Yet none have been awakened thereby save those who have cast behind their backs the tales of old, turning unto the One, the All-Knowing.

The glory be upon thee and upon whosoever speaketh the truth in this Day wherein the atoms proclaim that there is none other God besides Him, the Truth, the Sovereign, the Just, the Manifest One.

BH05952: O My handmaid and My leaf! Hearken unto My…

In the Name of the One God!

O My handmaid and My leaf! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Thou art among My handmaidens concerning whom My Most Exalted Pen hath moved and concerning whose tribulations the denizens of the cities of names have spoken. Blessed art thou, O My handmaiden, for the sorrows that have overtaken thee in the path of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

O handmaiden! Though the women of the world were, according to their own claims, occupied with the remembrance of God throughout the nights and days, they did not attain unto the blessed word "O My handmaiden," while thou, through the bounty of the True Sovereign, hast attained unto it time and again.

We counsel thee to patience and steadfastness. The world was not and is not worthy of mention. God willing, thou shalt manifest thyself in such wise that its conditions shall neither disturb nor sadden thee. Dwell within the pavilion of the protection of God and fix thy gaze upon His horizon. Verily, He is with thee, witnessing and seeing, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

The Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was previously sent through the fruit of the Crimson Leaf. God willing, thou shalt attain unto it and be illumined and enlightened by the lights of the suns of divine utterances.

BH05693: In the name of the All-Knowing! O Lord! This…

In the name of the All-Knowing! O Lord! This is one of Thy handmaidens who hath sought the ocean of Thy bounty and the horizon of Thy good-pleasure. I beseech Thee, O Master of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen, to assist me in Thy remembrance and to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for the leaves of the Tree of Thy Cause.

O Lord! Thou seest that Thy helpless handmaiden hath turned toward Thy most exalted horizon and Thy Most Holy Sanctuary. I implore Thee by Thy generosity not to disappoint her, nor to withhold her from the shores of the ocean of Thy bestowals, nor to keep her distant from the pavilion of Thy nearness and the tabernacle of Thy glory.

Thou knowest, O my God and my Lord, what I have heard in Thy path from the ungodly among Thy creatures and what I have witnessed in Thy days. By Thy might, O Beloved of the world and Desire of the nations, Thy handmaiden is not dismayed by tribulations in Thy love nor by adversities in her devotion to Thee. Every poison in Thy path is an antidote, and every ordeal in Thy love is a comfort.

I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name, through which the nations were shaken and the pillars of the world trembled, to open the doors of the heaven of Thy mercy unto Thy loved ones, even as Thou didst open the prison door by the finger of Thy will. O Lord! Illumine the hearts of Thy servants and handmaidens with the light of Thy knowledge, then draw them through the fragrances of Thy raiment. Thou art He Who hath ever been and ever shall be, and verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH05958: In My Name, the Most Manifest, the Most Luminous

In My Name, the Most Manifest, the Most Luminous

O thou who hast drunk the wine of divine knowledge! Hearken unto that whereunto the All-Merciful calleth thee from this Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Faithful Spot.

We have created all creation for this Day and have manifested the Cause unto every hearing and seeing one. Every ignorant one hath turned away from Us, and every idolater remote from truth hath opposed Us.

This is the Day wherein the earth hath disclosed her tidings and hath shone with the light of her Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The rapture of the Day of Resurrection hath seized the essence of all beings, yet the idolaters remain in manifest delusion.

They who have inhaled the fragrance of the Revelation are, by My life, among the triumphant ones. The Most Exalted Pen hath made mention of them and hath written down for them that which hath brought joy to the Concourse on High. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this from this exalted station.

We have passed numbered years in prison until the appointed time was fulfilled and the gate of prevention was opened by the key of My Name, the All-Powerful. This city was among the most desolate cities of the world, yet God hath made it among the most flourishing thereof through that which caused the Throne to be established thereon and whereon the Wronged One, the Stranger, was seated.

Be as sight unto the temple of man and as the tongue unto humanity. Thus hast thou been commanded from before the All-Merciful in a noble Tablet. Make mention of My loved ones on My behalf and glorify their faces. Verily, We are with them at all times.

BH05928: Every soul that hath today drunk from the living…

In the name of the peerless Lord

Every soul that hath today drunk from the living waters and turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon must needs walk among the servants in such wise that all will testify to his sanctity and detachment. The ornament of man hath ever been trustworthiness and godliness, and these pertain especially to such as are related to the Truth.

It is observed today that if any of the souls who have accepted the Cause manifest the slightest transgression, this is attributed to the Truth. Glory be unto Him, glory be unto Him! Exalted be His station, sanctified be His Self, and holy be His Cause!

The people are heedless and deprived of the effulgences of the Sun of Truth. Where is the eye that can see, and where the ear that can hear the utterance of the Friend? What regret and remorse, that the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Kingdom and the Realm of Might are all adorned today with the ornament of His manifestation—that is, they have attained to His recognition and knowledge—while

most of the people of the earth remain veiled by the veils of fancy and debarred by the signs of idle imaginings.

We beseech God to aid you and the other friends in that which is His good-pleasure. By My life! This indeed is a mighty grace, an exalted station, a noble seat, and a manifest refuge.

BH05761: Glory be to Him Who hath made me…

He is sanctified above mention and description

Glory be to Him Who hath made me a prisoner in this land which hath been named the Crimson Spot in the Book of Names and the Most Great Prison in a glorious Tablet. Verily We name the Book at times as the Tablet and at other times by another name, and then the Tablet as the Book and by other names. He, verily, is the Ruler over what He willeth.

Say: We desired by "heaven" naught but the realm of transcendence and exaltation and the ultimate station of all things, were ye of them that understand. We make mention of a heaven for all things, meaning thereby the realm of its transcendence and exaltation and its ultimate station, were ye of them that comprehend.

Say: O people of the contingent world! Should ye hear from Us a word whose meaning is difficult for you to grasp, ask it of Him Who hath revealed it in truth. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. How many a verse have We sent down from the heaven of grace whose interpretation none knoweth save God, the All-Knowing. Blessed is the soul that hath heard the verses of God and believed in Him, and woe betide them that turn away.

How many a servant hath objected to God for having proclaimed from time immemorial: "There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Informed." We have turned toward thee from this Spot that thou mayest rejoice and make mention of the Wronged One Who hath been imprisoned in this deep pit.

BH05836: For all things hath God, the Giving, the Bounteous…

He is the Most Exalted above all names!

For all things hath God, the Giving, the Bounteous, the Gracious, ordained sustenance. For the eye hath He ordained the blessing of sight—behold ye then the handiwork of God and what hath appeared from this noble prospect. For the ear hath He ordained the blessing of hearing—say: hearken unto that which the Tongue of Grandeur doth speak between the heavens and the earth. For the tongue hath He ordained the blessing of utterance—recite ye then what the All-Merciful hath sent down in His perspicuous Book. For the spirit, the food of divine knowledge—by God, this hath been sent down from the heaven of My grace upon My creatures. Blessed is he who recognizeth it and attaineth unto it, for he is of the sincere ones. And for the body, that which We have brought forth from the earth as a bounty from Us, for I am the Giving, the Forgiving, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

Say: O people of Baha, deprive not yourselves, your souls, and your limbs of that which hath been ordained for you by My Most Exalted Pen, through which the Trump was blown and all who are in the heavens and on earth were struck down, save whom God pleased, the Powerful, the Mighty.

O My loved ones! Let not hardships sadden you. Soon shall all that is on earth perish, and sovereignty shall remain with God, your Lord, the Mighty, the Wondrous. We have indeed perceived the fragrance of thy love and steadfastness, and have sent down for thee that which shall gladden the eyes of them that draw nigh.

BH06006: O my leaf, O my handmaiden! The Lord…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

O my leaf, O my handmaiden! The Lord of Names remembers thee from the midst of tribulation, that He may draw thee to a station inscribed by the Pen of Command in the Book of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. Blessed is the handmaiden whom the whisperings of creation did not prevent from the Truth, who clung to the handle of grace and turned away from every ignorant and remote one.

Express in Persian: Say: O Lord of the world and Goal of the nations! It is evident that the heroes among men and the mightiest of servants are, on the Day of Manifestation, deprived and forbidden by the assault of the oppressors. How then could it be imagined that this weak and lowly handmaiden could step into the arena of recognizing Thee or soar in the atmosphere of Thy love?

However, O my Beloved and my Goal, Thy generosity has made me bold and Thy forgiveness has increased my audacity. Now with the fingers of hope I cling to the hem of the robe of Thy bounty and with a hundred thousand tongues I entreat Thee: Do not deprive me from Thy door and forbid me not from the Kawthar of Thy grace. Forgive my sins through Thy favor and conceal my faults through Thy protection. I testify that Thou art the Answerer and that Thou art the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH06137: In the name of the Beloved of the world!…

In the name of the Beloved of the world! At all times the living waters flow and stream forth from the Pen of the All-Merciful, yet heedless souls remain veiled and deprived thereof. Strange it is that, although God, exalted and glorified be He, hath bestowed sight and consciousness and taste, sweet and fresh water appeareth to them the same as salt and bitter—nay, the latter is deemed more excellent and preferable. As can be plainly observed, they have forsaken the Most Great Ocean and turned instead to putrid waters that have stagnated for years in the pool of self. Evil is that which they have wrought, and they shall have no portion of this Great Sea.

Discrimination hath vanished and justice hath perished. Every sect among the sects hath taken unto itself one of the names and made it lord for itself besides God. Thus have their souls beguiled them. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Beseech ye God and supplicate Him in utter humility and lowliness that He may not deprive His servants of their own Day and may enable them to attain unto that which was intended. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH06254: Say: Glory be to Thee, O Lord of all…

He is the One Who dawns from the horizon of utterance

Say: Glory be to Thee, O Lord of all beings and King of all days! I beseech Thee by this Day which Thou hast made luminous through the lights of Thy countenance and hast made renowned in Thy Scriptures, Thy Books and Thy Tablets, to make me steadfast in Thy service, victorious in Thy Cause, speaking in Thy praise, and turned toward Thy horizon.

O my Lord! This is Thy weak servant who hath clung to Thy mighty Name. I beseech Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world and the Beloved of the nations, by Thy Most Great Name, to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that whereby my remembrance shall endure in Thy kingdom and Thy dominion.

O my Lord! Thou art the All-Bountiful and I am the suppliant standing before the door of Thy grace. Do with me as befitteth Thy greatness and Thy sovereignty and as beseemeth Thy generosity and Thy favors.

O my Lord! Leave me not to myself, and regard not my rank and station and deeds. Rather look upon the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity and the sun of Thy bestowals. Thou art He to Whose grace all created things have testified and to Whose loving-kindness all contingent beings have borne witness. Ordain for me what Thou lovest and art pleased with, then adorn me with the ornament of steadfastness amidst all creatures. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH06180: Glorified be He Who hath sent down the Book…

He is the Ever-Abiding, the Everlasting

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the Book in truth. He, verily, is the Ancient Sender-down. He hath sent down the Tablet upon the truth that there is none other God but Him, the Most Exalted, the Most Great.

Say: When the sun hath risen, the lamp profiteth you not, even were it a true lamp. Fear ye God and be not of the heedless ones.

We commanded the Names in their Book to follow the Truth when it appeared. Yet when the veil was rent asunder they denied God, save those who beheld the Manifestation with their own eyes. Thus did God command His servants in His Mighty Book.

Woe unto that name who recognized not his Lord after We had counseled him thereof in every Book, nay in every page and line and column. Thus hath the matter been decreed by My Most Exalted Pen in a perspicuous Tablet.

Say: O people! Fear ye God, then be fair in My Cause and follow not every ignorant doubter. If ye deny this Cause, by what proof can ye establish that which ye possess? Answer truthfully if ye be of the fair-minded.

Blessed is the soul that hath attained and shown fairness in what it hath witnessed and acted according to what was commanded from the presence of the Strong, the Ancient. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee and be of the thankful ones.

BH06322: This is the Day wherein the birds warble, seized…

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

This is the Day wherein the birds warble, seized by the rapture of the Manifestation, yet the people perceive not. All things have been drawn to the melodies of the Lord of Names, yet the people turn away therefrom. Every hearing ear perceiveth from the Rock that which the Interlocutor heard in the wilderness, yet the people understand not.

Say: By God! The gate of heaven hath been opened by the key of My Most Great Name, and there hath appeared that which had not appeared before, would ye but know it. Say: Were ye to judge fairly, by God, if ye deny this Cause, could ye establish any other cause? Nay, by the Lord of Destiny! Yet the people judge not fairly.

Thus doth the Dove of Eternity warble in the prison of ʿAkka. Hearken, O people, and be not of them who heard the call of God and then turned away from it. Say: By the life of God! This is the cup of life—draw nigh unto it in My Name, and take it by My leave, then drink in remembrance of Me, the Mighty, the Beloved.

Glorified be the people of Baha who have turned to God with faces radiant with light, whom the doubts of them that have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the seen and unseen, have not prevented.

BH06086: O Javad! Your mention has been made…

In the name of God, the Lord of all worlds!

O Javad! Your mention has been made, and that which pertains to you is manifest and visible in the mirror of divine knowledge. Blessed art thou for having turned, recognized, heard and attained, while most people remain behind an evident veil.

Through God’s might and power, thou shouldst at all times remind the friends of the Friend of those matters which lead to the exaltation of His Cause.

Say: O friends! The heaven of human station hath ever been and shall remain illumined and adorned by two luminaries: steadfastness and trustworthiness.

Strive that all souls may, through divine grace, be adorned with heavenly characteristics, for verily every virtuous quality is in truth a messenger, herald and summoner from God, calling mankind to the highest

horizon. Blessed is he who heareth and recognizeth God's purpose in that which He hath veritably revealed. He, verily, is the Revealer, the All-Wise.

A special Tablet hath been revealed and sent to each one. God willing, they shall attain unto it. And the glory be upon you.

BH06183: Glorified is He Who mentions whomsoever He willeth…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great!

Glorified is He Who mentions whomsoever He willeth as a grace from His presence. Verily He is the All-Mentioning, the All-Knowing.

We have mentioned thee before and will mention thee hereafter, and We mention thee at this time in this Clear Tablet. Thou art he who hath shown patience in the Decree of God and His Command, and turned unto the Countenance when most of mankind turned away from it. To this testifieth every fair-minded and informed one.

The people have turned away from God and His proof, and have disputed His verses until they hamstrung the She-Camel of God with grievous wrong. By God! They have committed that which Abu-Jahl did not commit against Muhammad the Messenger of God. Thus doth the All-Knowing inform thee.

They have cast aside My laws after I came to them from the Dayspring of the Command with an authority that the clamor of the infidels could not withstand. Thou didst arise to promote the Cause and didst call all unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Among the people were those who were attracted by the Call of God, and among them were those who denied Him, following every rebellious devil. Blessed art thou for having attained unto My days and for having moved My Pen to make mention of thee.

Rejoice thou and say:

> "Thine be the praise, O Thou Who art wronged, and Thine be the glory, O Thou Who art the Beloved of them that know!"

BH06138: The ocean of generosity is manifest and the sun…

In the name of the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing!

The ocean of generosity is manifest and the sun of divine favor is shining, yet there is no ear to hear the waves of the sea and no eye to behold the rays of the sun, save whom God, the Lord of all worlds, willeth.

The best of souls today is one whom the veils of idle fancies have not prevented from the Truth, and who hath taken with clear certitude and drunk the sealed wine from the hand of the Self-Subsisting.

Let not the loved ones of God be saddened by the conflicts of the world. Soon shall they behold themselves in the most exalted station. The Most Exalted Pen counseleth all to act in accordance with what is recorded in the Book of God.

Blessed is thy father who attained unto tribulation in the path of his Lord and drank the cup of martyrdom in His Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. In the name of the Friend, preserve this exalted station.

If thou shouldst hold thyself back from all that thou art forbidden in the Book, God hath forgiven what is past. He is verily the Forgiving, the Merciful.

The kindred of his honor the Martyr, upon him be my glory, have been and continue to be in Our thoughts. He is verily the Protector of the sincere ones.

BH06241: That which was hidden in the treasury of knowledge…

He is the Mighty, the Great

That which was hidden in the treasury of knowledge hath been revealed, and that which was concealed in the repositories of wisdom hath been sent down. We have sent down from the heaven of divine knowledge that which was as the water of life unto all contingent beings. We have revealed the verses and manifested in the realm of creation that which none knoweth save God, the Manifestation of creation.

The bounty is not for him who hath acknowledged and confessed, but rather for him who hath acted in God, the Sovereign of ordinances. He verily judgeth as He pleaseth and ordaineth as He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower.

The grace hath been sent down, the proof hath been perfected, and the evidence hath appeared, yet the people remain in doubt and hypocrisy. They seek to prove what they believe through the verses while denying Him Who revealed them. Thus hath the matter been decreed in the Book. I desire naught from them. We but remind the servants for the sake of God, the Lord of lords.

Every denier hath lost, and he who hath turned to the Dayspring of proof hath gained. My Most Exalted Pen hath judged on this Day of God according to what the All-Powerful hath taught it, and verily it is the First Ambassador from God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

We have mentioned thee that thou mayest rejoice and give thanks unto thy Lord, the Lord of the final end.

BH06237: In My Name that is sanctified above all mention

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The atoms themselves have testified to My arising to fulfill the Cause when trembling seized all the dwellers of the earth save whom God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting, did will.

Verily, We sheltered the speckled serpent in winter beneath My tent, yet when the sun of summer shone forth it stirred and bit Me for the first time—to this do honored servants bear witness. By God! The pens are powerless to recount what I endured from that heedless and veiled one.

We beseech God to open the eyes of His servants that they may recognize Him and deal justly regarding what hath befallen the Wronged One. We have mentioned to thee some of what We have endured that thou mayest be informed of him who hath wronged the Mighty, the Loving.

God knoweth that each month he would flee to some quarter in fear for himself, but when the Cause was exalted he emerged and conspired with one of My servants against Me—yet the people know not. We left him and those with him to wander in the wilderness of passion. Thus was the decree fulfilled, but the people perceive not.

When he departed he committed that which caused the denizens of the Kingdom to lament, and behind them the sincere servants. Thus hath My tongue spoken in the heaven of Mine utterance, and He is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

BH06064: We entered the prison and summoned all to God…

He is the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious

We entered the prison and summoned all to God, the Lord of Lords, and made manifest the Cause and revealed verses in such wise that the fragrances of the Revelation encompassed all regions. When the throne was established and the standard of the Bayan was raised throughout the lands, he who had remained hidden behind the veil emerged and proclaimed: "I am the lord of earth and heaven!" By God! He desired to slay Me. When his plot was exposed, he raised an outcry against his own self, as witnessed by those who were with Me, and beyond them by the Mother Book which is with Him. We concealed his deeds and protected him as a token of Our grace, for verily We are the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

O Pen! Leave off mention of him and those who followed him, and make mention instead of him who hath turned unto thee and believed in God, the Lord of creation. Thou wert created to make mention of God and His loved ones. Rejoice thou in this and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of eternity, and glory be unto Thee, O Master of final return!"

Blessed art thou for having remained faithful to the Covenant when most of the servants broke it. Thus have We made mention of thee and called out to thee while We were in the Most Great Prison in the most desolate of lands.

BH06179: Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great!

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and hath mentioned through them whomsoever He willeth of His creation. He is verily the Mighty, the Powerful.

Blessed is he who hath attained unto the mention of the Most Exalted Pen on this Day wherein the Lord of Names doth speak, and woe unto him who hath been deprived of this wondrous bounty.

Say: This is a bounty that shall endure as long as the kingdom and the realm of might endure. To this do the birds of the Divine Throne bear witness, yet most of the people are heedless.

The river of mercy hath flowed amidst creation, yet most of mankind are turned away. They drink of putrid water while imagining it to be Kawthar and Salsabil. Woe unto them for having cast the truth behind their backs and followed every ignorant remote one.

We have found the fragrance of thy love and thy turning unto God. We have sent down for thee that which gladdeneth the hearts of them that profess His unity.

When thou didst perceive My fragrance from My verses and didst attain unto My Tablet and My traces, say: Thine be the eternity, O Lord of creation! Praise be unto Thee for having made me know Thy beauty and caused me to speak forth Thy praise. I beseech Thee not to leave me to myself. Ordain for me a station with Thy chosen ones. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Supreme, the Transcendent, the Mighty, the Impregnable.

BH06283: This is a Book that speaketh with truth…

He is the One Who warbleth upon the branches

This is a Book that speaketh with truth, and verily it is the Path of God for all who are in the heavens and on earth, and the Sign of Pre-existence for those in the kingdom of Command and Creation.

Verily it is the Most Great Trumpet amidst the nations. When it was blown, every living soul was struck down save whom God, the Lord of the worlds, willed. Through its fragrances those in the graves were stirred. Exalted is He Who hath sent it down and made it the Dawning-Place of His knowledge for all in the world. He is verily the Mighty, the Powerful.

Thy remembrance hath been mentioned before the Wronged One, and He hath revealed for thee this Tablet which speaketh in the heaven of revelation that there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

We have indeed found from thee the fragrance of sincerity and have turned toward thee from this noble station. Blessed art thou for having turned to My most exalted horizon and for having sought the Station which God hath sanctified from the knowledge of every heedless doubter.

Grieve not over anything, for He hath accepted from thee what thou hast shown forth in His love. By My life! This is a word that causeth the breasts of the mystics to expand.

Be grateful to thy Lord for having been mentioned by His Most Exalted Pen, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and earths.

BH06097: Praise be to God! Through divine grace thou hast…

In the name of the Lord of Utterance, the All-Wise!

Praise be to God! Through divine grace thou hast attained the ocean of faith and set thy face towards the Supreme Horizon. However, the divine Touchstone hath ever been and will be established amongst His servants. In like manner, the divine Balance is set up at all times.

He should at all times take refuge in God, hallowed and glorified be His name, and seek His confirmation that he may be assisted to remain steadfast in that which he hath attained and to act in accordance with that which hath been revealed by the Pen of the Most High in the Book of God. Should a man spend his whole life engaged in worship, yet remain deprived of the attributes which are the cause of the exaltation of the Cause of God, that worship will produce no result and yield no fruit.

The heaven of the Cause of God is illuminated by the sun of trustworthiness. He should cling to the cord of trustworthiness and hold fast to the hem of truthfulness. These are the two most great luminaries which have risen above the horizon of the Pen of the Most High, and in the heaven of the decree of the Sovereign of mankind, they are shining and resplendent.

God grant that thou shalt attain to this station and speak forth the praises of the Friend. He, verily, is the Rememberer, the Counselor, the Almighty, the All-Wise.

BH06246: In My Name, the Most Glorious!

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We verily behold the Kingdom—it speaketh and saith: “O people of the Realm of Might! By God, the King of Kings hath come with a sovereignty that hath encompassed all who are in existence. Every tongue hath testified to the Manifestation of God, yet the idolaters hear not. The Spirit calleth out before all faces, yet the people comprehend not.

The Beloved crieth out from the Supreme Horizon: By God, the Best-Beloved hath come! He, verily, is the Treasured Secret!’ And the Author of the Bayan proclaimeth amidst all possibilities, declaring: The All-Merciful hath come! He, verily, is the Promised One, the Remembered One, the One inscribed, the Hidden Treasure!’

And the Most Exalted Pen declareth: ‘O peoples of creation! By God, the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens hath come! Turn ye unto Him, and be not of those who have denied God’s proof and His signs, if ye be understanding. Say: Arise in His Name from the slumber of vain desires, and be not among the dwellers of the graves.’

Thus hath My grace taught thee, My Pen revealed for thee, and My mercy been made manifest unto thee, that thou mayest arise to serve thy Lord and remember those whom thou seest among the hesitant ones.”

BH06197: Glorified art Thou, O Sovereign of the world…

He is the All-Giving, the Sufficient, the Mighty, the Great

Glorified art Thou, O Sovereign of the world and Ruler of the nations! I testify that Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee. From time immemorial Thou hast been sanctified above all similitudes and likenesses, and wilt continue to be even as Thou wert in the beginning of all beginnings. Nothing escapeth Thy knowledge, nor can the might of princes or the power of the strong defeat Thee.

O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and gazing toward the horizon of Thy grace and the ocean of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the hearts of the sincere ones soared into the atmosphere of Thy knowledge and the faces of them that are nigh unto Thee were turned toward the lights of Thy countenance, to ordain for me that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. I know not what lieth with Thee or what shall benefit me, but with Thee is the knowledge of all things in a perspicuous Book.

O my Lord! I thank Thee and praise Thee for having made known unto me the Manifestation of Thy Cause, the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the Dayspring of Thy manifestation, and for having awakened me through the breezes of the dawn of Thy days after I had been sleeping upon the couch of heedlessness and forgetfulness.

O my Lord! Aid me to preserve that which Thou hast given me and to stand firm in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

BH06035: Today those who quaff the choice wine of inner…

In the name of the All-Merciful Lord

Today those who quaff the choice wine of inner meanings must at all times fix their gaze upon the horizon of the All-Merciful, and with the utmost steadfastness and wisdom bestow the Kawthar of utterance upon the people of possibility.

O friends! While time remaineth, let not the everlasting dominion slip from your grasp. All that is visible shall perish and be no more, save that which appeareth for God’s sake and that soul which ariseth for God’s sake. A world of striving is needed, and a world of attention, that the standard of the Most Great Word may be raised aloft upon the flags. Though by God’s grace it hath been and shall ever be raised aloft, and the Truth hath by its own essence aided and shall ever aid His Cause, yet the purpose is that souls who are reckoned among the Concourse on High may attain unto the most great honor and be deprived of no bounty whatsoever. He, verily, is the Counselor, the All-Knowing, the Perspicuous.

Thy call was heard, and that which thou didst desire hath been granted. Verily, He hath forgiven those for whom thou didst seek forgiveness, and hath accepted thy presence in the prison. He, verily, is the Bestower, the Generous. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

BH06213: The Divine Manifestation is clear and evident to such…

In the Name of the One Incomparable God!

The Divine Manifestation is clear and evident to such a degree that were all who dwell on earth to contemplate, without prejudice, His traces and characteristics and conditions, or were they to observe them, they would be convinced that He is the Sovereign of existence in the realms of the seen and unseen.

Whatsoever was recorded and inscribed in numerous books is today manifest and evident in the gathering of the world, and like unto the sun of heaven and the full moon, hath risen from the horizon of the Divine Will. Blessed are the souls who have attained the fragrances of these days and who have been freed from aught else but the Friend. Soar with spiritual wings in this holy and divine atmosphere. He is the true Helper, the true Confirmer, and the true Sovereign.

All the Books give glad tidings of this Most Great Manifestation and voice the praise of the Lord of Eternity. Some, because their eyes are afflicted with the ophthalmia of desire, have failed to recognize Him and have contented themselves with this perishable world, passing by the eternal Kingdom.

God willing, mayest thou remain firm on the straight path and engaged in the mention of the Peerless Friend.

The Glory be upon its people.

BH06366: O Tahir! We have heard your call and have…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O Tahir! We have heard your call and have answered you, and We have seen your devotion and have turned toward you from this Station and revealed for you this Tablet that you may read it and remember your Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower.

This is the Day wherein it behooveth every soul to arise to serve his Lord. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. The loved ones of the Beloved must today be engaged in divine remembrance with utmost love and unity.

I swear by the Sun of Grandeur that the soul was created for this Day, and hearing, sight, heart, tongue and ears were brought into being to hearken unto His verses, recognize the Dawning-Place thereof and mention Him. Strive that perchance thou mayest attain unto the most great steadfastness and summon the people unto it.

Although We have forbidden the people in all divine Books from clinging to names in the Day of Manifestation, yet it is observed that some have clung to certain names and have remained heedless of and turned away from the Lord and Creator of Names.

Blessed art thou for having attained unto this Tablet from whose horizon hath shone the sun of thy Lord's tender mercy, the Generous One.

BH06091: O Rahman! The Beloved of the worlds, while…

In the Name of God, the One, the Most Compassionate

O Rahman! The Beloved of the worlds, while in the Most Great Prison, hath turned toward thee and maketh mention of thee. It is clear and evident that this mention hath been and will ever be purely for the sake of God, sanctified from all ulterior motives and vain imaginings. Thou must, by God's leave, know the value of this station.

I swear by the Ocean of inner meanings, which surgeth through the winds of divine Will, that shouldst thou observe with the eye of insight this mention that hath appeared from the Pen of the Divine Command, thou wouldst assuredly find it more precious than the rarest substance, nay more precious than whatsoever hath been created in the heavens and on earth. For verily this mention shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven shall endure.

Shouldst thou become aware of its station and recognize its worth, hearken then unto the voice of the Friend and strive that perchance thou mayest succeed in that which is pleasing unto the Friend.

We beseech God to assist thee and those who have believed to recognize this Day, whereby the Sacred Scriptures, Books and Tablets have been adorned. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH06082: O handmaiden of God! That which hath befallen you…

In the name of the perceptive Knower

O handmaiden of God! That which hath befallen you in the path of God hath been recorded and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Book. Well is it with the soul whom nothing among all created things hath prevented from the path of the Lord of Names. Accepted is the one who hath attained unto His acceptance, and beloved the deed that hath been manifested in His name.

Praise be to God that through His grace thou hast attained unto the blessed ornament of faith and hast drunk from the Kawthar of divine knowledge. Now beseech Him that He may enable and assist thee to preserve it. Ask thy Lord that He may enable thee to do that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily He is the Lord of the last and the first. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

We send greetings to all the handmaidens of God who dwell in that land and are adorned with the lights of the Throne, and We bid them all to be steadfast, inasmuch as this Cause is mighty indeed and hath no peer or likeness. Thus hath spoken the tongue of grandeur in My mighty prison. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds and the Master of the Day of Judgment.

BH06123: The True One, exalted be His glory, hath created…

In the Name of the one true God!

The True One, exalted be His glory, hath created all mankind for His knowledge, and hath adorned all with the ornament of understanding and wisdom, that none might be deprived of the living waters which are

the recognition of the All-Merciful. And through His Messengers He hath mentioned those means that are the cause and source of the exaltation of being and the elevation of souls. Yet some have been hindered by their selfish desires, such that thou dost witness that although, by the belief of all, mankind was created specifically for the knowledge of God, they remain veiled from Him and turn to others. God protect us and you from the evil of those who have turned away from God and have neglected that which they were commanded in His mighty Book.

Your honor should, placing your trust in God, occupy yourself with that which today is the cause of the elevation of His Cause and the remembrance of His servants. This is a word which God hath commanded all, both before and after. Well is it with them that act!

If thou shouldst meet any of the friends in those regions, convey to them the greetings and praise of this Wronged One. Glory be upon him who remaineth steadfast in the Cause of God and followeth that which God hath sent down from His mighty and impregnable Kingdom.

BH06256: In the Name of the Beloved of the worlds!…

In the Name of the Beloved of the worlds! The Supreme Pen testifies at all times that He is the peerless One God, Who has been and will forever be the All-Possessing. Opposition and objection and questioning in His Cause is sheer misguidance. Blessed is the state of one who has acknowledged His Revelation and His sovereignty, for if today someone acknowledges Him but hesitates regarding any of His deeds, such a one is not counted among those who truly acknowledge Him in the eyes of those near unto God.

He it is Who spoke in the eternity of eternities:

> "I am the One praised in My deeds and obeyed in My command."

All men and women must acknowledge and be assured of this blessed word which has shone forth from the horizon of divine revelation.

Today the matter which is great in the sight of God is steadfastness. Strive that all may attain unto it. Verily He inscribes and decrees. Blessed are they that act! Blessed are they that attain!

This Wronged One sends greetings to all the handmaidens of God. The glory be upon you and upon them and upon thy daughter who hath believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

BH06289: Praise be unto Thee, O my God…

He is the Speaker on Sinai

Praise be unto Thee, O my God and the God of all nations, my Desire and the Desire of the world, for having manifested Thy Cause, and made apparent Thy sovereignty, and that which was hidden in the treasuries of Thy knowledge, and for having guided the servants to the shore of the ocean of Thy recognition and shown them Thy straight path and Thy all-encompassing favor.

O my Lord! This is the Day wherein Thou hast revealed Thyself unto all things and wherein Thy bounty hath encompassed all who are in earth and heaven. This is the Day whereon the Friend proclaimeth:

“Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made steadfast my heart in Thy days,” and the Interlocutor crieth out: “Thanks be unto Thee, O my Beloved, for having shown me Thy Beauty.”

I beseech Thee, O my God, by this Day and by them who have attained unto Thy presence and have drunk the choice wine of reunion from the hands of Thy bounty, to make me steadfast in all conditions in Thy love and Thy good-pleasure.

O my Lord! Sorrows have seized the dwellers of Thy earth and heaven, for they behold the Dayspring of Thy love beneath the talons of hatred of the people of Thy realm. O Lord! He hath preceded most of Thy creation in believing in Thee and in Thy signs. I beseech Thee to preserve him and deliver him through Thy power and sovereignty. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH06644: We have sent down the verses and manifested…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs and informed all of that which was hidden from them. Yet the people have not turned to the Revelation of God and His sovereignty, save whom God hath willed, the Lord of all worlds.

We have arisen to fulfill the Cause with a sovereignty from Us and have spoken the Most Great Word, whereupon all who are in the heavens and earth were thunderstruck, save whom God, the Mighty, the Wise, hath willed.

Among the people are those who have turned away from God and opposed Him through their own idle fancies and imaginings, and among them are those who have shattered the idols in the name of God, the Lord of all men, and hastened with radiant hearts to the Dawning-Place of Revelation. Thus hath the Divine Lote-Tree spoken in the kingdom of creation. Blessed is he who hath attained to hear this most sweet call, and woe unto every heedless doubter.

When thou hast quaffed the choice wine of revelation from the fountainhead of My words, and been seized by the Kawthar of My knowledge, arise and say: O my God and my Sovereign! I acknowledge that which Thy tongue hath spoken, and I bear witness to that which Thou didst testify before the creation of the heavens and earth. I beseech Thee not to deprive me of the wonders of Thy favors. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH06685: Say: Glory be to Thee, O God, the Lord…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

Say: Glory be to Thee, O God, the Lord of all things, and Creator of all Names! I ask Thee by that Name whereby all idols have been shattered, and through which all vain imaginations have passed away, to immerse me in the ocean of certitude, O Thou Who art the Lord of Revelation!

O my Lord! Assist me to perform that which Thou hast desired, through the power of Thy sovereignty, and which Thou hast sent down in Thine unerring Book.

O my Lord! This is a day wherewith the Scriptures of the world, and the Books which Thou didst send down upon Thy Messengers and Thy Chosen Ones, have been adorned. I beseech Thee not to deprive me of the drops sprinkled by the ocean of Thy grace, nor to cast me out of the door which Thou hast opened before all who are in Thy heaven and all who are on Thine earth.

O my Lord! I am weak: yet have I laid hold upon Thy Name, the Powerful, the Mighty. Do Thou destine for me by Thy grace that which shall profit me both in this world and in the world to come. Thou, verily, art the Great Giver, the All-Bountiful, the Most Powerful, the All-Glorious, the All-Wise.

BH06764: The melodies and songs and warbling of the birds…

In the name of the Goal of the mystics!

The melodies and songs and warbling of the birds of mystic knowledge from your honor, which were raised upon the branches of the Tree of Knowledge, have been honored to reach Our hearing. God willing, you will be occupied at all times with the remembrance and praise of God, and will firmly gird up the loins of service for the teaching of the Cause through divine might and power.

In truth, that which has been and ever shall be beloved from a human being is this, inasmuch as its influence has ever been and shall ever remain enduring and permanent in the contingent world. This Day has been different from all other days, and in all the Books and Scriptures and Psalms it has been attributed to the Truth and mentioned and recorded by the name of Truth. And whatsoever deed is manifested in these days has been and shall be the king of deeds.

Verily He hath heard what thou didst utter and will reward thee with the most excellent reward from His presence. He is, in truth, the Mighty, the Wise.

Illumine the friends with the lights of divine remembrance. And the Glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned towards God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH06703: In My Name which is sanctified above all names

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The Book of Detachment hath been witnessed in truth from the horizon of justice, and through it was raised the standard of trustworthiness amongst mankind, and the banner of justice upon this ensign which was upraised in the name of God.

O people! Answer ye the Call of God among you, and follow not every ignorant one who hath been deprived of the ocean of knowledge. How many a servant hath worshipped idols while imagining he believed in God, Lord of all mankind. Thus was he heedless of the Cause and debarred from the breezes of revelation.

Observe thou the first one who denied God—he stood before the Face while We sent down verses unto him, until Satan deceived him, who was indeed mankind’s manifest enemy. He claimed the Cause for

himself after he denied God Who created him by His command—to this testify all things and beyond them every Tablet that was inscribed by the Pen of God.

We make mention of thee from the precincts of My Most Great Prison that thou mayest remind the people of this Cause which hath been known by the name of God.

BH06893: He is the Rememberer and the Remembered! Every name…

He is the Rememberer and the Remembered! Every name beareth witness that He is sanctified from all names, and every thing testifieth that He is the Most Exalted, the Most Great.

Verily He counseleth His servants to truthfulness and faithfulness, and that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of Names, may be uplifted, but most of the people are heedless. He maketh mention of him who hath adorned himself with the raiment of trustworthiness among all people, and ordaineth for him that which the Pen of the world is powerless to recount. All things bear witness to this, but most of the people are asleep.

We have made the earth other than the earth—ponder ye upon it and upon that which hath grown therefrom through My Name, the Planter, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Blessed is he who hath turned unto the Countenance and turned away from those who disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Remember thou the Wronged One in thy days and put thy trust in God, the Single, the All-Informed. We make mention of him who hath turned toward the Countenance and give him glad tidings of the favors of his Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

When the rustling of My Most Exalted Pen attracteth thee, say: O Lord of Names! I beseech Thee by Thy grace to withhold me not from the river of Thy mercy and the ocean of Thy bounty. Thou art verily powerful to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

BH06468: O youth! God willing, through the bounties…

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

O youth! God willing, through the bounties of the All-Merciful thou shalt be favored with His infinite divine outpourings. As thou hast been adorned in early youth with the recognition of the Dawning-Place of Revelation, beseech God that thou mayest be assisted in that which shall endure and remain permanent in the Book of the world.

Every matter shall be seized by extinction save that which is uttered for God's sake, and every deed which appeareth for God's sake shall not be seized by extinction. Strive thou to drink from the everlasting nectar and to attain unto the Kawthar of steadfastness.

We beseech God to assist thee in His remembrance and praise and service, and to confirm thee in that which shall cause thy mention to endure in His Manifest Book. Know thou the value of these days, and preserve like unto the sight of thine eye these exalted words which have been sent from the Most Great Scene.

And say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art wronged by the peoples of the world! Thus doth the tongue speak forth in this noble station.

Glory be unto those who have cast behind their backs the idle fancies of the people and have taken that which they were bidden by an All-Powerful, Ancient Lord.

BH06630: The rock hath been seized with the rapture…

He is the Most Great, the Most Glorious

The rock hath been seized with the rapture of the verses, and it beareth witness that there is no God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. The mountains have trembled at the manifestations of the All-Possessing, the Most High, yet most of the people understand not. The trees proclaim the appearance of the Most Great Name, and the fruits thereon smile and say:

> "Praise be unto Him for having revealed His beauty and brought forth that which was hidden."

All things have been stirred by the breezes of revelation, yet most of the people know not.

While We were engaged in remembrance in the House and uttering the praise of God, We found thee turning toward Our face, and We make mention of thee through this remembrance whereby every slumberer is awakened and every seeker is turned toward God. Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Hold thou fast unto the cord of God in such wise that neither the affairs of the world nor the multitude of armies shall prevent thee.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the world, Who hath appeared with the Most Great Name! I beseech Thee by Thyself and by Thy sovereignty which cannot be indicated by any sign, nor comprehended through any mention, nor described by any praise, to make me in all conditions to cling to the hem of Thy mercy and hold fast unto Thy Name, the Mighty, the Beloved.

BH06495: He is the One Who abideth after the passing…

He is the One Who abideth after the passing of all things! Blessed is He Who hath ordained for His loved ones that which none knoweth save Him. The Dawning-Place of Revelation beareth witness unto this, yet most among the people know it not. They who have turned in this Day unto the Most Great Ocean—these are the denizens of Paradise in the sight of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

We have commanded all to turn unto the Most Sublime Horizon and to show forth the Most Great Steadfastness, whereby the limbs of the chosen ones have trembled, save whom God hath willed, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. Say: This is a Cause the like of which God hath not ordained in all creation. By God's life! This is the Most Wondrous One, through Whose remembrance the Preserved Tablet hath been adorned. The world hath been bewildered by this Most Great Remembrance, whereby the Trump hath been blown, the Balance set up, and every determined matter made manifest.

Grieve thou not over anything. Put thy trust in God and hold fast unto this grace that hath encompassed all who are in existence. Read thou what the All-Merciful hath revealed with joy and fragrance. It will

draw thee unto a praiseworthy station. Thus doth the Wronged One make mention of thee from this Protected Fortress.

BH06631: O my God! The dwellers of Thy Kingdom…

He is the All-Knowing

O my God! The dwellers of Thy Kingdom and Thy Dominion have been seized with grief by reason of that which the hands of them that have associated partners with Thy Self and denied Thy signs have wrought. Such oppression hath reached a state where the stars of heaven wail for Thy chosen servants, and all things cry out by reason of what hath befallen them at the hands of them that have turned away from Thee, O Lord of all names!

O Lord! Thou knowest that the earth hath become strait for Thy loved ones who have acknowledged that which Thy tongue hath spoken and who have circled round Thy Cause.

O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the All-Subduing above all names, to ordain for Thy loved ones that which shall render them detached from all else save Thee and cause them to fix their gaze upon the horizon of Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Moreover, I entreat Thee by Thy Self to protect Thy chosen ones from the evil of Thine enemies and to ordain for them that which shall gladden their eyes through Thy bounty. O Lord! They are Thy servants and in Thy grasp, and they have taken no helper besides Thee. Verily, Thou art He to Whose power all atoms testify, and Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful.

BH06402: In the name of the one true God! Most…

In the name of the one true God! Most of the people of the world are waiting to see when the Sun of Truth will dawn from the horizon of the divine Will. But when the appointed time came and the world was illumined by the lights of the Dawning-Place of divine verses and the Dayspring of heavenly revelation, these same expectant souls who had been lamenting and bewailing their separation from the Dawning-Place of the Cause turned away from the Truth. Nay more, they arose to contend with it, even imprisoning the One Who at all times summoned mankind to the horizon of the All-Merciful.

However, in the eyes of those endowed with vision who gaze toward the Most Great Horizon, those souls who turned away from the Truth and who wander in the wilderness of fancy and ignorance were and shall ever be the true prisoners. Soon shall the wrongdoer return to the lowest depths, and sovereignty shall remain with God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Through God’s loving-kindness may you be joyous. His honor M.H., upon whom be the glory of God, attained the privilege of visiting the true House and mentioned you. Therefore this Tablet was revealed and sent, that you might drink from it the Kawthar of your Lord’s bountiful gifts, the All-Bountiful.

BH06538: This is a mention from Us to the one…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

This is a mention from Us to the one who has soared in the atmosphere of the love of the All-Merciful and believed when other handmaidens who turned away from this luminous horizon denied. Be thankful that God has aided you to recognize the ocean of His knowledge and the heaven of His wisdom. He is verily the Helper, the Generous One. His generosity has encompassed the world and His bounty existence itself. Blessed are they who are endowed with true understanding. Whoso denies His sovereignty, no mention of him shall be found in My mighty Book. Hold fast to the cord of My loving-kindness and cling to the hem of My all-embracing favor.

O handmaid of God! Strive that you may at all times attain unto God's good-pleasure. He is the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing, and for every deed He has ordained a recompense. We beseech God to aid the people of Baha to achieve that which He has willed and which has been sent down from the heaven of His Will. How many souls there are who claim to have turned to Him and recognized Him, yet in their deeds and actions they are found wanting. Strive that you may drink from the Salsabil of detachment and receive your portion from the Kawthar of steadfastness. Glory be upon those handmaidens who have believed in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH06397: For every man and woman who hath been accepted…

In the name of the One True Friend

For every man and woman who hath been accepted, and every male and female believer—that which hath been revealed is more precious in the sight of God than what lieth concealed in the bowels of the earth and what is visible upon its surface.

O handmaiden of God! Today is the day for deeds. God willing, thou wilt act at all times in accordance with that which is loved and acceptable.

God hath created all specifically for the recognition of the Dawning-Place of His verses and the Dayspring of His evidences. How exalted is the state of the one who hath attained unto the fruit of his being and acted according to that which the Intended One hath desired.

All handmaidens must occupy themselves with the remembrance of God and the unification of hearts with the utmost trustworthiness, truthfulness and steadfastness. By My life! This indeed is what is loved in the presence of the Mighty, the Beloved.

Convey My greetings to the handmaidens of that land. If outwardly no word hath specifically issued from the Supreme Pen for certain ones, assuredly they are mentioned and recorded inwardly.

Drink ye, O My handmaidens, from the cup of My remembrance in My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

BH06523: The ocean of bounty is surging and the sun…

In the name of the loving Lord

The ocean of bounty is surging and the sun of grace is manifest and evident, yet most of humanity hath not seen or comprehended. The promised Herald calleth out and raiseth His voice between earth and heaven, yet the servants are not drawn to hearken, save whom God willeth. The ophthalmia of vain imaginings hath prevented the eye from beholding, and the cotton of idle fancies hath stopped the ear from hearing.

O handmaid of God! This bounty sufficeth thee—that while the divines of Iran who for long years and successive centuries deemed themselves the most exalted, most great, most pious, most noble and most learned, failed to recognize the Sun of Manifestation, thou hast attained unto its recognition. Know thou this mighty blessing and guard it in the name of God from thieves and robbers.

Many pure and goodly deeds were destroyed by the fire of disobedience, and many radiant faces were darkened by the smoke of waywardness. Hold fast to the cord of thy Lord's grace and cling to the hem of His Generous Name.

BH06607: The Wronged One testifies that there is none other…

In His Name, the All-Bestowing

The Wronged One testifies that there is none other God but Me, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. All things have spoken in the Days of God, the Lord of Names, that which none knows save God, Lord of the Kingdom. We have sent down the verses and revealed that which has illumined the horizons, yet the people do not understand. Among the people are those who have turned away from God and spoken that which caused eyes to shed tears. He is among those whom vain imaginings have prevented from turning to God, Lord of Might.

Say: O people, observe! By God, the gate of heaven has been opened and the Lord of Names has come with a Cause before which none can stand. To this testifies the preserved Book in His possession, which was inscribed by the Finger of Power and wherein every hidden matter is recorded. Say: Observe then judge fairly. The One Who came with the Kingdom of verses—against Him have the people risen up, while he who cannot speak in the presence of His countenance is deemed the Beloved. The decree in the Qur'an has been fulfilled: "Every sect rejoices in what it possesses."

We have remembered and called out to you from the prison, that you might give thanks to your Lord, the Kind One.

BH06466: O handmaiden of God! The Wronged One…

He is the Manifest, the Concealed

O handmaiden of God! The Wronged One of the horizons counsels thee and other handmaidens to observe the Covenant. By My life! This is indeed a mighty matter.

Today the earth has been transformed—its heights have become low and its depths have become high. Every lofty one is brought low and every lowly one is elevated. How many learned ones are deprived of the ocean of knowledge, and how many possessed of insight are barred from the sun of vision. Today the possessors of hearing, sight and heart are and have been the people of Baha, and besides these souls, even if one should possess a thousand eyes they are recorded as blind in the Preserved Tablet, and if possessed of a thousand ears they are mentioned as deaf in the Most Great Scene.

Praise be to God that that handmaiden was, on the Day of God, successful in recognizing Him and drank from the Salsabil of His love. Blessed art thou and blessed is thy son who hath ascended unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Convey My greetings from the Prisoner to thy daughter and thy daughter's daughter. Verily thy Lord is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing.

BH06717: This is a Book sent down by the All-Bountiful…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

This is a Book sent down by the All-Bountiful from the heaven of Command. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Ancient Revealer.

Blessed is the ear that hath heard the Call and the eye that hath beheld the lights of its Lord's countenance, the Mighty, the Praised One.

We observe those who have believed to be in a state of lethargy after We kindled the fire and lit the lamp in the world. Thus doth the Lord of Eternity make mention in this clear Tablet.

This is not the day of silence and stillness. Arise in My Name, then speak forth My praise with the wisdom We have sent down in truth. Verily We are the Commanders.

O My loved ones! Strive that there may appear from you that which beseemeth the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. That in which the servants rejoice shall perish and that of which every heedless doubter boasteth shall pass away. We have ordained for you in My most exalted Kingdom that which shall solace the eyes of them that see.

Beware, O Yusuf, lest anything prevent thee from God, thy Lord. Hold fast unto Him and be of them that are steadfast.

The glory be upon thee and upon My chosen ones who have fulfilled My Covenant and clung to the hem of the robe of My bounty and grace. Verily thy Lord is the All-Giving, the Generous.

BH06452: We created the Names and sent down their Book…

He is the Exposition and I am the Wondrous One!

We created the Names and sent down their Book, and We counseled them therein, through My most exalted utterance and My most glorious remembrance, to believe in God when He comes with the banners of verses. And We commanded them not to cling to anything at the time of the Manifestation, nor to hold fast to the hem of the Bayan and whatsoever commands and ordinances are therein.

Yet when the horizon of the Manifestation shone forth and the Lord of the Day of Resurrection appeared, We saw every name clinging to another name and taking it as lord for itself instead of God. Thus did their souls entice them. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

By God's life! They answered not God's call when it was raised up, nor did they turn toward the Horizon when it shone forth. They followed their own desires, turning away from God, the Lord of all men. By night they took counsel together and by day they openly denied. Thus was the matter decreed in that which the Mother Book encompasseth.

Leave them to themselves and hold fast to that which hath come to thee with spirit and sweet fragrance. Read thou the Tablet, then recite it unto them that have believed in God, the One, the Chosen One. Glory be upon thee and upon whosoever heareth thy words concerning God, the Knower of secrets.

BH07063: A remembrance from Us unto one who hath turned…

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

A remembrance from Us unto one who hath turned unto God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. O thou who art remembered in the prison! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He calleth out, saying: "The Kingdom is God's, the Almighty, the All-Loving!"

We have revealed the Face and raised up the Cause, yet the people have turned away and pronounced judgment against Us, following their own desires. To this beareth witness the Lord of the invisible and the visible.

The fire of oppression hath been kindled in the land of Sad through that which the hands of the infidels have wrought, they who have denied God, the Lord of all kings. He hath seized him through whom the furnace of tyranny was set ablaze, by virtue of His sovereignty. Verily, He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the One Who ruleth over all that was and that shall be. Soon will He seize those who were partners in oppression. Thus doth the Truth, the Knower of things unseen, inform thee.

Give thanks unto God for having sent down unto thee this Tablet and for thy having been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have cast the world behind their backs, turning unto God, the Lord of eternity. Thy Lord, verily, is the Rewarder, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved.

BH07132: In My Most Great Name

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The world beareth witness that He is verily the Most Great Name and that He is verily the Hidden Mystery.

Verily, he who was deprived of the sense of smell found not the fragrance of God, and he who had no sight saw not what was manifest and attained not unto the presence of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-

Compelling. Say: Everyone possessed of the sense of smell hath found, and everyone possessed of sight hath turned unto God, the Lord of existence.

O people! Deprive not yourselves of the presence of God, and bar not your ears from hearkening unto that which hath been sent down in truth. Draw nigh and be ye of them who witness and give thanks. Verily, He heareth your call and seeth your condition. He is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the Knower of things unseen.

It behooveth thee to read My epistle and to reflect upon My days and what hath befallen Me from him who disbelieved in God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. The glory rest upon thee and upon him who hath endured and shown patience, nay rather, given thanks in the path of God, the Lord of existence.

BH07057: In His Name, Most Sacred, Most Great. Mention hath…

In His Name, Most Sacred, Most Great. Mention hath been made by Us unto her whose son attained unto Our presence time and again, and heard the call of God when he presented himself at this noble station. Once did he turn and was illumined by the light of the Countenance, and again he drank the choice wine of revelation from this resplendent cup. They who turned with permission are they who attained the presence of God and drank from the Kawthar of reunion from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Generous.

O My handmaiden! Grieve not at God's decree and His command. It behooveth thee to be content and well-pleased with the command of God, the Almighty, the Powerful. By His sovereignty He manifesteth what He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Rejoice thou in that thou hast been mentioned before the Throne and the Ancient Beauty hath turned toward thee from this exalted station. We have made mention of thee and of those who have ascended unto God, a grace from the presence of One forgiving, merciful. The glory be upon thee and upon those women who have turned and believed in God, the Single, the Beautiful.

BH07179: The Ancient Beauty hath turned His face toward…

He is the Mighty, the All-Wise.

The Ancient Beauty hath turned His face toward the world, and verily He is the Most Great Name, calling out with the most exalted call and bringing glad tidings to those in the kingdom of creation, unto God, the Sender of winds. Verily he who hath heard and turned unto Him is numbered in the Book among the people of Paradise.

He verily prayeth for those who have remained faithful to God's Covenant and His pledge, to which the Tongue of God doth testify from the most exalted station. Blessed is the soul that hath acted according to what the All-Merciful hath revealed in His Most Holy Book, which hath been adorned with laws.

Say: Verily the Book is a heaven which We have adorned with the stars of commandments and prohibitions, as attested by Him Who possesseth the Mother Book. He who hath taken hold of God's

Book with the hand of might is of the people of Baha, and he who hath turned away is among those who have gone astray.

Thus hath My tongue spoken and My Pen moved and My face turned, that thou mayest rejoice and be of those possessed of certitude. This Book hath been sent down for those who have acknowledged God, the Lord of the beginning and the end.

BH07126: Glorified art Thou, O my God and the God…

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

Glorified art Thou, O my God and the God of all who are in the heavens and the earth! I testify that Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee. Thou hast ever been sanctified above mention and utterance, and wilt ever remain exalted above description and explanation.

Thou beholdest me, O my God, standing in this station, acknowledging Thy oneness and confessing Thy singleness, and I acknowledge that which the tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken and that which Thy chosen ones have acknowledged. I beseech Thee by Thy Name that hath dominion over all names to aid me in that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book and to enable me to remember Thee and to praise Thee. Verily Thou art He Whom the conditions of Thy servants cannot frustrate, nor the clamor of those in Thy lands. Thou art the Most High, the Mighty, the Great.

O Lord! Ordain for me by Thy Most Exalted Pen that which Thou hast ordained for such of Thy servants as have cast away vain imaginings and held fast to the cord of certitude in recognizing Thee, and whom the oppression of those who turned away from Thy beauty did not frighten. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH06968: He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! We make mention…

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! We make mention of him who hath turned unto God and desired to drink from the Kawthar of life from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Bestower, the Gracious.

Among the people are those who heard the Call from the Supreme Horizon and turned unto Him, detached from all who are in the heavens and on earth; and among them are those who were content with their own vain imaginings and turned away from the One, the All-Informed. Blessed is he who hath heard My call and soared in the atmosphere of the love of his Lord, the All-Merciful. He is among the most exalted of creation in the sight of God, the Most High, the Most Great.

Soon shall all on earth perish, and sovereignty shall remain with God, the Mighty, the Praised.

Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and say: O God of Names and Creator of heaven! I beseech Thee by Thy grace not to withhold from me the outpourings of the ocean of Thy knowledge, nor to banish me from the shadow of Thy favor. O my Lord! I am the poor one, standing before the door of Thy bounty. Ordain for me that which befitteth Thy generosity and beneficence. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

BH07425: He is the One Who speaks from the Most…

He is the One Who speaks from the Most Exalted Station! O peoples of all religions! Hearken unto the Call of the All-Merciful. Verily it hath been raised in truth from this Spot which hath been named the Most Great Prison in a Preserved Tablet. Beware lest ye be hindered by the utterances of those who turned away after having believed, and denied after having acknowledged God, the Lord of all worlds.

Say: Read ye what We have sent down from the heaven of bounty, and ponder upon it in My Name, the Triumphant, the Mighty. Verily, He Who is able to subdue the world through a gesture of His Pen hath become a wronged and lonely exile in this remote spot. Let not the world sadden you. By My life! It shall pass away. To this beareth witness that which was sent down from time immemorial by God, the Numberer, the All-Knowing.

Cast the world behind you, then act according to what We have commanded you in Our Most Holy Book. Verily it hath been sent down from the heaven of the Will of your Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Be thou thankful that God hath given thee to drink the choice wine of His Revelation. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. The glory rest upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the lights of faith at this radiant dawn.

BH07386: O Sadiq! The countenance of the Wronged One hath…

He is the One manifest from the Most Exalted Horizon

O Sadiq! The countenance of the Wronged One hath turned toward thee from this spot which the heedless have made a prison for Him Who desired to save them from grievous torment. He calleth unto him who hath turned toward Him, remembereth him who hath uttered His praise, and draweth nigh unto him who hath sought the Living Waters from His all-pervading bounty.

The world hath been illumined by the lamp of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Most Glorious, yet the people remain behind an obvious veil. They have denied that which We promised them in the Books and Tablets, to which every fair-minded and clear-sighted one beareth witness.

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and He hath revealed for thee this Tablet that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Generous Bestower. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He heareth and seeth; He is verily the Single One, the All-Informed.

Blessed is he who hath inhaled My fragrance, spoken My praise, and attained unto the choice wine of steadfastness in My mighty and impregnable Cause. The glory be upon thee and upon him who remembereth Me in that land and announceth unto the people this wondrous Cause.

BH07442: The Book beareth witness that He hath come upon…

He is the Rememberer and the Remembered.

The Book beareth witness that He hath come upon the clouds, yet the people remain in heedlessness and schism. They have clung to vain imaginings after the Sun of Certitude hath shone forth from this manifest horizon.

Say: O concourse of the earth! By God, that which ye possess will profit you not this Day. Cast aside your suppositions and hold fast unto the Self-Subsisting One, Who hath come with the truth in this trustworthy station.

We have spent what We possessed in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. Though tribulation hath weakened Me and affliction hath exhausted Me, My tongue beareth witness to God's grace and My limbs to His praise, yet most of the people remain heedless.

They imagined that through imprisonment God's Cause and sovereignty would be altered. Nay, they are among the lowly ones. The Cause hath been exalted through what hath befallen Us—to this My tongue of grandeur beareth witness in this station, round which circle the Concourse on High and the near-stationed angels.

Thus hath He Who caused all things to speak forth His praise given utterance, and He, verily, is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. Neither the hosts of the world nor the conditions of the heedless ones can frustrate Him.

BH07133: The Pen of the Kingdom has testified…

He is the Most Holy

The Pen of the Kingdom has testified to the King of Eternity. The Tongue of Command has testified to My Most Great Name. The names have testified to the glory of God, Creator of heaven, through Whom the fragrance of Revelation has wafted and the ocean of bounty has surged. All things have testified that there is no God but Him, and that He Who has come is the Speaker among the nations.

When you attain the lights of the Throne and are honored with the Tablet, say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names, and glory be unto Thee, O Master of the world!" Thus have We sent down the Book and dispatched it to you, that you may thank your Lord through Whom the Balance has appeared and the Standard has been raised. Give thanks to Him Who created you, sustained you, and gave you to drink from the Kawthar of utterance from this Pen. When the rapture of verses takes hold of you, say: "O Lord of the world! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the atoms have testified, to preserve me beneath the shadow of Thy supreme providence. Verily Thou art the Ruler over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Most Generous, the Most Ancient."

BH07270: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having…

In the Name of the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge, and shown me Thy path, and revealed unto me the Dawning-Place of Thy bounty, at a time when vain imaginings have blinded the eyes of Thy creation and Thy creatures.

O Lord! Send down from the heaven of Thy gifts that which will tranquilize the hearts of those servants of Thine who have been prevented by their own possessions from that which is with Thee. O Lord! Illumine the eyes of their hearts with the light of Thy Day, that they may hasten to the horizon of Thy Manifestation and the shore of the ocean of Thy nearness.

By Thy glory, O God of the world and Desire of the nations! It grieveth me to behold Thee forbidden from that which Thou hast created for Thyself and for Thy days, and wronged at the hands of Thy creatures who have denied the Most Great Sign and turned away from the Most Exalted Horizon.

O Lord! I beseech Thee by the Sovereign of Names Who hath shone forth from Thy Most Glorious Horizon, to draw forth the hand of power from the sleeve of patience, and manifest that whereby Thy Cause may be exalted and Thy sovereignty revealed.

O Lord! I am the poor one standing before the gate of Thy riches. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which is with Thee and what Thou hast ordained for Thy trusted ones. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH07157: Your petitions attained the sacred precinct. Praise be…

He is the One All-Knowing God

Your petitions attained the sacred precinct. Praise be to the Lord of all the worlds that He hath provided for you that which His servants throughout infinite ages have longed and yearned for.

Each one of the divines, mystics, theologians, men of letters and philosophers had conceived in his mind a notion of how the Manifestation of the Cause would appear, and awaited His advent according to those imaginary limitations which they had conceived. But He appeared contrary to all their conceptions. Thus were their imaginings proved vain, both then and now.

Throughout all ages this matter hath been the cause of the deprivation of all peoples, as thou dost witness. Today the Living Waters surge before every eye, yet none perceiveth or is aware save a few who, through God's grace, have attained thereunto.

Know thou thine own station and regard this as a bounty from God. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all the worlds!

BH07081: Mention was made of thee before the Wronged One…

In the name of the All-Seeing, All-Knowing One

Mention was made of thee before the Wronged One, and the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was sent. God willing, thou shalt be enkindled in all conditions with the fire of the love of God, and with the lights of His luminous countenance.

The call of thy heart was heard and attained to this most exalted, most glorious station, which is the station of hearing. Thou must remain turned toward the Truth throughout all days, in such wise that neither weariness shall overtake thee nor the clamor of the idolaters deter thee.

By My life! Soon shall the world be seen purified and sanctified from whatsoever is therein. Shall that which it containeth endure for its people? Nay, by the life of thy Lord! Blessed is he who hath arisen to serve his Lord, and woe unto every heedless doubter.

Praise the Beloved of the world Who hath mentioned thee time and again. I swear by the ocean of God's grace that whatsoever hath flowed from His Pen specifically for those who have turned unto Him shall remain firm and enduring for as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven shall last. How excellent is this for those who know, and woe unto the ignorant!

BH07275: The Dawning-Place of divine verses and the Dayspring…

In the Name of the one incomparable God

The Dawning-Place of divine verses and the Dayspring of heavenly evidences hath several times tasted the sweetness of imprisonment and incarceration in the path of the Friend. First he was cast into prison in the Land of Ta (Tehran), and afterwards in Mazandaran in the city of Amul he fell into the hands of the wicked ones and dwelt in prison, and yet again for a third time in the Land of Ta he was favored with the bounty of imprisonment and adversity and tribulation, bound with chains and fetters. Blessed is he upon whom hath befallen that which befell his Lord!

Be not saddened by what hath come to pass. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of the All-Merciful's utterance that grief in the path of the Friend is better and sweeter than a hundred thousand joys. Soon shall the oppressor witness the supreme remorse and the oppressed the most great glad-tidings.

We enjoin all the loved ones of God to patience and steadfastness. Verily He commandeth you that which profiteth you in all the worlds of your Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Rejoice thou in My remembrance and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is the dominion of all worlds!

BH07015: Blessed is He Who hath spoken and caused all…

In the Name of Him Who is the All-Encompassing over all names!

Blessed is He Who hath spoken and caused all things to speak that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

The Book hath testified to the Revealer of verses, yet the people are in doubt and dissension. We have sent down the Book and commanded all therein with that which profiteth their souls and exalteth their station. To this testifieth every hearing and seeing one. We have detailed therein the details of all things and sent down therein the commandments and ordinances. Whoso acteth in accordance with what hath been commanded, God will send down upon him mercy and blessing from heaven. He, verily, is the Bestower, the Bountiful.

The Wronged One in prison uttereth that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in the most exalted station. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the recognition of what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Tablets.

O concourse of men! The Lord of all religions hath come. The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of Lords. Beware lest names withhold you from the Creator of heaven, or allusions veil you from the Dawning-Place of inspiration.

We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid thee and those who have believed to make mention of Him and to praise Him amongst all people.

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BH07068: A mention from Us to him who was named…

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

A mention from Us to him who was named Kazim, who turned to the horizon of faith and believed in the All-Merciful when every heedless and remote one turned away from Him.

O Kazim! Reflect upon him who was named with thy name and offered up his spirit in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. He attained to the most great steadfastness and sacrificed his spirit and his wealth in the path of God in such wise as to astonish the hearts of the mystics and the minds of the learned ones who cast the ordinances of God behind their backs and followed their vain desires. They are indeed in manifest error.

The fire of tyranny hath been kindled in the land of Sad through that which the hands of them that disbelieved in God, the Exalted, the Great, have wrought. The serpent did bite the kindred of the Apostle and plundered their possessions. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We seized it with an authority from Us and made it a warning unto them that have eyes to see.

Beware lest the world hold thee back from God, the Lord of all names. Turn unto Him and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

BH07030: The essence of praise befitteth and is worthy…

In the name of the one incomparable God!

The essence of praise befitteth and is worthy of that Beloved One Who, through a single word of His words, adorned the world with the ornament of existence, and through His sublime and glorious bounty nurtured it. He is the true Sovereign, the true Ordainer, the true Educator, the true Benefactor, and the true Teacher. How blessed is the soul that hath entered His school and received its portion and share from the drops of the ocean of His knowledge!

While the Sun was concealed behind the clouds, all were engaged in lamentation and weeping, yet when it emerged through the blessing of the Most Great Name from behind the clouds, most failed to behold it, for eyes were afflicted with the ophthalmia of desire.

God willing, may the friends in that land attain unto the immortal Kawthar which is the very recognition of Truth, and may they be sustained by that everlasting and eternal bounty which hath been sent down from the heaven of grace. All bounty is in His hands, and all generosity lieth within His grasp. Verily He is the All-Compelling, the All-Purposeful.

BH06918: Today the Sun of Truth hath risen…

In the Name of God, the All-Uttering!

Today the Sun of Truth hath risen from the horizon of the heaven of God's Will, and its rays have encompassed the world. Blessed is the eye that hath beheld it, blessed is the tongue that hath uttered its praise, and blessed is the heart that hath attained its recognition.

Be thou thankful unto the one true God, inasmuch as thou hast attained unto His recognition and turned thyself unto His horizon. The kingdom of the tongue was created specifically for the mention of the Best-Beloved of the worlds, yet only a few have attained thereunto. All eyes were created for the purpose of beholding the Dawning-Place of the divine Manifestation, yet only a small number have been honored therewith.

Praise be to God that thou, His handmaiden, hast attained unto this most exalted, this most great station. However, its preservation is most difficult. Beseech thou God that He may aid thee to preserve it.

What bounty could be greater than that the Ancient King should make mention of thee from within the Most Great Prison? Know thou the value of this bounty and occupy thyself with the praise and glorification of the Best-Beloved of the world.

BH07203: Your letter attained the presence of the Wronged One…

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

Your letter attained the presence of the Wronged One and was honored to be heard in the prison of Him Who was imprisoned in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. By the life of God! This is the hour wherein the Most Great Sea surgeth by reason of that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken, whereby the sweet savors of the All-Merciful have been wafted throughout all contingent being. Thus doth speak He Who is the Guardian over all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O My Name! We have permitted thee to attain Our presence as a bounty on Our part. Thus hath the matter been decreed in a mighty Tablet. Grieve not over anything. Hold fast unto that whereby the Cause of God may be exalted above all else. By thy life! Whosoever hath clung to the hem of My robe must in all conditions be oriented toward the Most Sublime Horizon. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Drink thou the Kawthar of joy in the name of thy Lord, then make mention of Him at morn and eventide. The glory of God be upon thee and upon those who are with thee. Give him the glad-tidings of My remembrance of him and My loving-kindness toward him, that he may rejoice and be of those who are filled with gladness. Thus hath the matter been decreed by the Wronged One in this perspicuous Book.

BH07194: The atoms have testified to the Revealer of verses…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

The atoms have testified to the Revealer of verses that there is none other God besides Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. The Balance hath appeared and verily it speaketh throughout the world and summoneth the peoples unto God, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

That which was recorded in the books of old from the Pen of God, the Lord of all beings, hath been made manifest. When that which was hidden was revealed and that which was concealed appeared, the people arose in opposition save those who took refuge in the stronghold of the protection of their Lord, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

We have ordained for every soul a station beneath the shadow of My Most Great Mercy. Blessed is he who hath attained thereunto and woe unto every denier and infidel.

When thou hast been honored with My remembrance, give thanks unto thy Lord for having remembered thee in the prison and revealed verses unto thee. Remember thy wife on My behalf and say: Give thanks unto thy Lord for having attained unto His days and heard His call which hath been raised from this Station. The Glory be upon thee and upon her and upon thy son and upon those who have attained unto the Sovereign of Days.

BH07283: This is a mention from Us to one who…

He is the One Who calls between earth and heaven by His Most Exalted, Most Glorious Name

This is a mention from Us to one who has attained the presence and believed in God, the Lord of the worlds.

Know that thy letter which Our Name sent in the kingdom of creation hath been presented by the servant who standeth before the Throne. Verily thy Lord is the Hearer, the Answerer. We have heard and answered thee through Our grace, for We are the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

Verily she who did what she did erred and disobeyed her Lord and committed a grievous transgression. Thou shouldst not object to her—leave her to herself. Verily thy Lord is the Ruler over what He willeth. Such matters from the beginning should be conducted with kindness. This is what God hath decreed in His Gracious Book. And if you were not pleased with her actions, no blame attacheth to you.

As for the loss caused by the child, leave it to God, exalted be His glory, and be mindful of the wisdom mentioned in the Books and Tablets. The glory be upon thee and upon those with thee.

BH07365: O Javad! Upon thee be the Glory of God…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

O Javad! Upon thee be the Glory of God and His mercy! Thy letter hath reached Us and the servant in attendance before the Face hath read it, and We have heard its contents, as a mercy from Us. Verily thy

Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. By My life! Thou wert present before the Face. Nothing escapeth the knowledge of thy Lord. He is, verily, the All-Encompassing, the All-Knowing.

Grieve not over anything. He is with thee and will aid thee through His grace. He is, in truth, the All-Bountiful, the All-Informed. Drink thou the living waters of My loving-kindness in My days, and recognize the value of My favors. By God's life! There is nothing like unto them in all creation. To this beareth witness My Pen, and beyond it My Tongue which speaketh in the kingdom of Mine utterance that there is no God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and upon those who have believed in God, the Lord of the heavens and of the earth. Turn thou unto the ocean of reunion that thou mayest attain unto the presence of God, the Mighty, the Most Praised.

BH06969: From this station We make mention of him who…

He is the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

From this station We make mention of him who was named Ghulam before Rida, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of his Ancient Lord. We have remembered those who have turned to God throughout the nights and days, as attested by Him Who possesses knowledge of all things in a perspicuous Book.

By God! The gate of heaven hath been opened by the Most Great Key, and the Lord of Eternity hath come with mighty sovereignty. Among the people are those who have cast aside the Truth and followed falsehood—We testify that they are among the perishing ones. Blessed is he who hath turned and attained! By the life of God, he shall soon find himself in a glorious station.

How many a servant desired the Face, yet when it appeared from the horizon of Revelation, turned away from God, the Lord of all worlds. He worshipped naught but delusion and followed naught but the doubts of the suspicious ones.

Say: This is the Day of God! He hath come with the truth, were ye of those who know. Nothing should be mentioned therein save God alone—to this testifieth every assured and knowing one. Thus hath the Most Great Ocean sprinkled forth from this wondrous station. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH06960: We have sent down the verses in the tongue…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

We have sent down the verses in the tongue of the people of Persia and dispatched them to the Arabs, and We have sent down the verses to the Persians in a clear Arabic tongue. Verily, He doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty. No one may object to Him, for He is the Almighty, the Powerful. He giveth and withholdeth. Within His grasp is the Kingdom of Names. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the All-Informed.

Blessed be the soul that hath acknowledged what He possesseth of strength, power and grandeur, and woe unto every ignorant one who hath denied God's grace, the Lord of all worlds.

Give thanks unto God, for My Most Exalted Pen hath moved and revealed that which God hath made the Water of Life for all who dwell in the realm of possibilities, and the Most Great Medicine for those who have been afflicted with poison, and a light for this darkness that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth.

This is a Book from Us to whomever is on earth. Verily, he who hath heard My call—it hath been sent down for him in truth. He is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Thus hath the Tongue of Revelation spoken while in this prison, firm and impregnable.

BH06915: Today those souls who have been illumined…

In the name of the One True All-Knowing God!

Today those souls who have been illumined by the lights of the Sun of Truth and have drunk from the choice wine of the utterance of the All-Merciful must strive with utmost effort to guide humanity. This is the greatest deed in God's Book and the most noble station which hath been mentioned by the tongue of the Prophets and Messengers:

> "O My loved ones! Arise to serve the Cause, then rend asunder the veils of idle fancy through My Name, the Self-Subsisting, with the wisdom wherewith the Tablets of the world have been adorned. Verily your Lord, the All-Knowing, is the All-Informed. Leave behind what the people possess and take what cometh to you from God, the Lord of all worlds."

Night and day they were occupied with the remembrance of Truth, but when He appeared from the horizon of creation, all became engaged in rejection and protest, save those souls whom the hand of God's power did protect.

We, from this most exalted Station, send Our greetings upon the faces of the people of Baha who have turned with radiant faces toward the Supreme Horizon—the Station wherein was raised the Call of God, the Lord of Names. He, verily, is the Expositor, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH07148: Blessed are those souls who in this divine Day…

In the Name of the Goal of all the worlds!

Blessed are those souls who in this divine Day have attained unto the infinite outpourings. Every deed that appeareth today purely for the sake of God is the king of deeds, and every goodly attribute that is manifested by anyone is and shall be the sovereign of attributes, inasmuch as this Day is associated with God, exalted be His glory.

Thy letter hath come before Us and the servant in attendance hath read it. We have answered thee with this clear Book. Thy petition was presented before the Most Holy Court. God willing, thou shalt attain unto this most wondrous answer which hath descended from the heaven of favor and act according to that which God loveth.

Know thou the value of this bounty, for nothing that existeth on earth can equal the words of God. He Who possesseth the knowledge of the Book beareth witness unto this. Strive thou to attain unto that which shall cause thy mention to endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Verily thy Lord is the All-Wise Teacher.

The glory rest upon thee and upon whosoever hath attained unto this mighty Cause.

BH07167: He is the Most Holy, the Most Great!…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great! In the midst of sorrows moveth the Pen of the Most Merciful and maketh mention of all created things, that perchance they may cast away what they possess and turn toward the Most Exalted Horizon—the station wherein the Lord of Names proclaimeth: "There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Praised."

O kings! Hearken ye unto My call and then judge fairly in My Cause. How long will ye follow your desires? Follow Him Who hath come with manifest sovereignty. He desireth to draw you nigh unto Him and to deliver you from that wherein ye are immersed. He, verily, is the Deliverer, the Savior, the Mighty, the Generous. By My life! That which ye possess shall profit you not. Soon shall ye find yourselves in manifest loss.

O peoples of the earth! Do ye deny Him Who speaketh the truth? Be fair and be not of the heedless. Cast away what ye have taken through your desires and take what ye have been commanded by God, the Lord of all worlds. Thus have We made mention of them that exist and make mention of him who desireth to drink the choice wine sealed from the cup of the bounty of his Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Adorn thy temple with the robe of holiness and thy heart with the remembrance of Me, the Gracious.

BH07803: This is a Book We have sent down…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Generous

This is a Book We have sent down in truth to give glad tidings to the people of this wondrous Day. All things have rejoiced at the appearance of God and His sovereignty, yet most people are among the heedless. They follow the evil one and deny Him Who hath come unto them with this mighty Name. The horizons have been illumined with the light of His countenance, yet the people remain behind a clear veil.

We called unto them from the right side of the snow-white spot, this most exalted station, yet the names remain behind a thick veil. Verily, whosoever holdeth fast today to the cord of God is among the triumphant ones, and whosoever denieth Him is among those who have disbelieved and turned away from God, the Single, the All-Informed. Thus hath the Truth spoken among creation. Blessed are the people who have heard the call of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. When thou hast attained unto the verses of God and heard His call, turn thy face toward thy Lord and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Desired One, and glory be unto Thee, O Splendor of the worlds!"

BH07919: O peoples of the world! Hearken unto the call…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

O peoples of the world! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of eternity. He, verily, commandeth you to observe righteousness and God-consciousness, and acquainteth you with that which shall profit you throughout the eternity of God, the Lord of all worlds. Turn not your attention to the world and its concerns, but rather turn your hearts toward the abode of the Beloved, the station wherein everything therein proclaimeth: "There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

O My loved ones! We counsel you to observe that which We have revealed in the Book. Hold fast unto it and be not of the heedless ones. Cast behind you the tales of old and cleave unto this Most Great Announcement. By God! It sufficeth you in truth, as every fair-minded and discerning one doth testify.

Thus have We made mention of thee, that thou mayest become aware of the favor of thy Lord Who maketh mention of thee in this impregnable fortress. Convey My greetings unto thy wife. We have formerly remembered her as a token of Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. Give her the glad-tidings, from Me, of this wise remembrance.

BH07578: Blessed is He in Whose hand is the kingdom…

He is the Ever-Abiding, the Everlasting

Blessed is He in Whose hand is the kingdom of verses. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

He calleth out at all times: O concourse of possibilities! By God, the All-Merciful hath appeared with a sovereignty that hath subdued all who are in the heavens and on earth. O people! By God, the Most Great Spectacle hath appeared and the Lord of Destiny proclaimeth with His most exalted Call: This is the Day wherein what was hidden in the Treasury of God, the Mighty, the Inaccessible, hath been revealed. Say: The Promise hath come, and the Promised One calleth aloud, were ye of them that hear. All things have been honored through the sovereignty of His Revelation, yet the people are in evident delusion.

When thou hast attained to the lights of the Tablet and recited the verses of God, say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made Thyself known unto me, shown me Thy horizon, and remembered me in Thy prison. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, a servant unto Thy Countenance, and one gazing upon Thy face. Thou art He through Whose power all things have testified that there is no God but Thee, the Most High, the All-Knowing.

BH07768: The fragrances of inner meanings have wafted…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

The fragrances of inner meanings have wafted and that which was hidden in God's treasury, the Lord of creation, has been manifested. We make mention of those who have drawn nigh unto God and turned

towards the Most Exalted Horizon, that they may rejoice in what has flowed from His Pen, the One ascendant over all servants.

We have recognized thy turning to the Countenance and have revealed for thee that which has caused the sweet-scented breeze of the All-Merciful to be diffused throughout all possibility.

When My melodies have attracted thee to the horizon of My knowledge and the Kawthar of My utterance has intoxicated thee, turn thy face toward the Prison and say:

I call upon Thee, O Thou Who art wronged, and I remember Thee, O Thou Who art imprisoned. I testify that Thou art He Who hath endured tribulations in the path of God, the Lord of Names, and hath drunk from the cup of sorrows by reason of what the hands of the infidels have wrought. I beseech Thee, O Beloved of the world and Lord of eternity, to assist me to love Thee and to be content with Thy pleasure, and to make me steadfast in this Cause whereby feet have slipped.

BH07764: He is the One Who dominates what has been!...

He is the One Who dominates what has been! The Herald proclaimed when the Lord of creation appeared, yet the servants remain in evident drunkenness. The wine of idle fancy has so seized them that they are kept from recognizing this wondrous Day.

Say: This is God's Day through which every glorious tablet has been adorned. Blessed is the tomb over which the breeze of God has wafted, and the nostrils that have inhaled His wondrous fragrance. Blessed is the earth that He has made the resting place of His feet, and the dwellings that have been honored by the lights of His countenance, and the soul that has attained His glorious presence.

O servants of the All-Merciful! Do not deprive yourselves of meeting Him in this Day and of the bounties your Lord, the Merciful, has ordained therein. Say: Leave behind what you have acquired and heard, then hearken to that which the Dove of Revelation warbles upon the branches of the Tree of Eternity from God, the Lord of the worlds.

Thus have We remembered you and caused you to hear, that you may thank your All-Knowing Lord. Glory be upon you and upon him who has rent asunder the veils through this Name, whereby every heedless doubter was struck with fear.

BH07548: O Haydar, beseech God that there may be manifested...

In the name of the one God

O Haydar, beseech God that there may be manifested from thee that which befitteth and conformeth to thy name. The purpose of these words is not transgression and corruption, but rather it hath been and shall be steadfastness in the Cause of God.

If today one should conquer the whole world, he hath not been nor shall he be, in the sight of God, powerful and triumphant. But if he remaineth unperturbed in the Cause of God despite the clamor of the idolaters and hypocrites, We bear witness that he is indeed the Strong, the Trustworthy.

Conflict and contention have been forbidden in this Most Great Revelation. All are commanded to wisdom, and God Himself is powerful and mighty. If He so willeth, He can take hold of the entire world through a single word, as every insightful and assured one doth testify.

Blessed is he who readeth the Tablet of Ra'is and what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Tablets. The glory be upon the people of Baha from God, the Exalted, the Great.

BH07493: Behold the handiwork of God and His signs…

He is the Light shining from the horizon of eternity

Behold the handiwork of God and His signs that have filled the East and the West of the earth. Take heed, O ye who are endowed with insight! Observe and ponder that which We have manifested through Our sovereignty. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Bestower.

We have made the spring a source for the earth, and the trees its limbs, and We have clothed it with garments of grass and flowers. Take heed, O ye who are endowed with understanding!

How many are the lowly who observe and ponder the handiwork of God, and how many are the mighty who pass by it in heedlessness. Thus have We sent down the verses and manifested that which illumineth the hearts of the righteous.

O thou who gazeth toward My most exalted horizon! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One from the prison of Akka. He calleth aloud and summoneth all to God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

Be thankful to thy Lord at morn and eventide, then remember Him throughout the watches of the night and at the ends of the day.

BH07553: O Samandar! God willing, through the favors…

In the name of the Glory of the worlds!

O Samandar! God willing, through the favors of the Lord of Power thou shalt in all conditions be turned toward the Most Great Horizon.

Thy letter was received time after time, and thy call attained the honor of being heard. Thine acceptance was witnessed and thy call was heard. Verily He heareth and seeth, and verily He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

In all conditions thou must be occupied with promoting the Cause of God, but with wisdom. And to those souls who have turned toward the realm of Oneness and are gazing toward the Most Exalted Horizon, convey to all of them My greetings, and at all times give them to drink from the choice wine of steadfastness in the Name of Truth, that ancient tales and false reports and vain imaginings may not prevent them from the Most Holy Court.

Blessed art thou for having fulfilled God's Covenant and for having called the people unto Him, and blessed is thy brother and those who are related to thee and those who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

BH07749: The Book hath testified to that which the Wronged…

In the Name of the Mighty, the Triumphant

The Book hath testified to that which the Wronged One testified at the beginning and the end. O peoples of the earth! Hearken unto My call. By God! It will draw you nigh unto My Kingdom. Blessed is the soul that hath attained, and woe unto the deniers.

When the horizon of Revelation was illumined and the Promised One appeared, the people denied God, the Mighty, the Praised. Among them were those who said: "That which we heard not from our forefathers hath not appeared." And among them were those who said: "I have believed in Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and on earth."

This is a day wherein the raven hath croaked and the standard of tyranny hath been raised through that which the hands of the idolaters have wrought—they who cast aside God and took that which Satan commanded them. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen recount unto thee that thou mayest be of them that rejoice.

Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto My remembrance and taken My wondrous Book. O My loved ones! Be patient in what hath befallen the trustees of God and put your trust in Him in all matters. Verily He heareth and seeth. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Praised.

BH07779: Say: I am the one who, O my God…

He is the Most Holy

Say: I am the one who, O my God, has fled from my self to the ocean of Thy bounty and has turned away from all else but Thee, directing myself to Thy face. I beseech Thee, O Beloved of the world and Goal of the nations, to draw me ever closer to Thee in all conditions and to grant me from the ocean of Thy generosity that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and trusted ones. Verily Thou art the Almighty, from Whose knowledge nothing escapes. Thou doest what Thou willest in Thy dominion and decreest what Thou pleasest.

O Lord! Illumine my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and my face with the lights of Thy countenance. Then grant me the good of this world and the next, and that which benefits me in all the worlds of Thy worlds.

O Lord! Have mercy on this seeker who has sought the Ka'bah of Thy presence, and this approaching one who has drawn near to the pavilion of Thy outpouring and has raised the hand of hope to the heaven of Thy favors and gifts. All things testify to Thy power and might. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, the All-Giving, the All-Bountiful.

BH07708: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

He is the Mighty, the All-Wise

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh is indeed the Single One, the All-Informed. He is the Manifestation of His Cause, the Dawning-Place of His Revelation, and the Dayspring of His Will to all who are in the heavens and on earth, yet the people are in manifest error. They have lost who denied the signs of God and His clear and luminous proof.

We have sent down the Book and revealed the Cause in such wise that none denied it save every hostile doubter. Blessed is he who hath cast away the abode of fancy, turning unto the stronghold of certitude. He is indeed of the people of Baha in the Crimson Tablet. Thus hath the King of Names testified in His mighty Book. Say: This is a Day wherein all things cry out and bear witness unto the Lord of Names, yet most of the people remain heedless. When thou hast attained unto My Tablet, give thanks unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and earths. Glory be upon thee and upon him who hath turned unto the Mighty, the Great.

BH07821: A Tablet from the Wronged One to those whom…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

A Tablet from the Wronged One to those whom vain imaginings have not prevented from recognizing the Lord of all beings, Who hath manifested the Dawning-Place of His Cause with sublime sovereignty. Say: By God! This is a day wherein the heavens lament, the clouds cry out, and the air itself grieves by reason of what hath befallen the loved ones of God at the hands of those who have denied God, the Lord of all worlds. Sorrows have encompassed Us from all directions through that which hath appeared from the company of the oppressors who have cast the Book of God behind their backs and taken up their own book, following every froward devil.

When thou dost inhale the fragrance of the garment from thy Lord's Tablet, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Creator of the heavens, for having remembered me in Thy mighty prison. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me from the wonders of Thy grace, nor to deprive me of that which lieth with Thee. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, and the Cock of the Throne hath crowed from this sublime station.

BH07882: In My Name, the All-Knowing

In My Name, the All-Knowing

This is a day wherein the world is calling aloud and all are given glad tidings of God, the Lord of the worlds. Verily, he that hath heard hath been attracted and turned unto the All-Informed. This is a day wherein the wine of revelation hath intoxicated every one who hath advanced towards the All-Praised, the All-Glorious. We make mention of him who hath attained to that remembrance which causeth the

Concourse on High to rejoice and which endureth through the duration of God's kingdom, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Say: O people of the Bayan! By God, the All-Merciful hath come with a sovereignty that your vain imaginings cannot withhold, nor what ye possess of the tales of old. Fear God and be not of the wrongdoers. What wrong could be greater than that which hath appeared from you? Ye have denied the proof of God and His testimony when He came with a sovereignty that conquered all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thus doth the All-Knowing inform thee. We have informed thee of what hath befallen Us from the people of the Bayan after We had counseled them through the tongue of My Herald in every Tablet and in every perspicuous Book.

BH07790: Say: O my God and the God of all…

He is the All-Knowing Summoner

Say: O my God and the God of all who are in the earthly realm and the heavenly kingdom! Thou seest me turning toward the gate of the city of Thy grace, which Thou hast opened before the faces of such servants as have fulfilled Thy Covenant, soared in Thy atmosphere, quaffed the choice wine of bounty from the hand of Thy generosity, and become so intoxicated thereby that they have detached themselves from all else but Thee, been drawn to Thy signs, hastened to meet the arrows in Thy path and the swords in Thy love.

O Lord! I am he who hath turned toward Thee, clung to the hem of Thy robe, and held fast to Thy cord. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the limbs of all names trembled and the foundations of earth and heaven were shaken, to make me steadfast in Thy service and turned toward Thy horizon. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy bounty to give me to drink, from Thy generous and gracious hands, the Kawthar of steadfastness. Verily Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and verily Thou art the Supreme, the Most High, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

BH07520: We have adorned the heaven of man…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great!

We have adorned the heaven of man with the stars of steadfastness, trustworthiness, truthfulness and faithfulness. Blessed is he who has recognized the purpose of God and clung to the hem of the robe of his Lord's mercy, the Merciful.

It behooveth every soul today to act in accordance with what hath been enjoined upon him by the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One—verily He mentioneth thee for the sake of God and counseleth thee with that which will exalt the station of man amidst all created things. He is, verily, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

By the life of God! He desireth naught for Himself and uttereth only that which God hath commanded Him, the Mighty, the Beauteous. Whoso hath quaffed the choice wine of certitude, he is of the people of this utterance, and he who hath been debarred therefrom hath no portion in this perspicuous Book.

We make mention, at all times, of the servants of the All-Merciful and enjoin upon them what is right, even as We enjoined them aforetime. He in Whose possession is the knowledge of all things in a preserved Tablet beareth witness unto this.

BH07698: The Self-Subsisting testifieth that there is none other God…

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

The Self-Subsisting testifieth that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved, and the Best-Beloved testifieth that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is he who hath inhaled the fragrance of God in His days and hath clung unto Him, detached from those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

Say: Cleave ye to that which is good—this is what the All-Merciful hath enjoined in His beloved Book. Say: Beware, O peoples of the earth, lest ye follow them who have disbelieved in God and His sovereignty, after He came with the truth with a sovereignty that hath encompassed all existence. Say: Turn ye to the supreme horizon and follow not every rejected babbler. He announceth unto you the Kawthar of life while ye turn away from it.

We have heard thy call and witnessed thy turning to the Qiblih of the world. We have made mention of thee in this praiseworthy station. Be thou thankful to thy Lord for having remembered thee in the Most Great Prison and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the seen and the unseen.

BH07917: He is the Most Great, the Most Glorious! O…

He is the Most Great, the Most Glorious! O people of Baha! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison, and in all matters put your trust in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Be ye in the Cause of God of such steadfastness that neither the doubts of the world nor the signs of every denier who hath disbelieved in God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, can cause you to slip. How many a servant whom We counselled to be steadfast, yet when the croak of the raven was raised, his foot slipped from the path of God, the Mighty, the Loving. Hold thou fast in all conditions to the cord of steadfastness, and grasp with the hand of detachment the hem of God, the Lord of all mankind.

Say: I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Word through which the ocean of Thy bounty surged and the winds of Thy favors were stirred, to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Then cause me to be among those who have stood firm in Thy Cause and have attained unto faithfulness in Thy days. Verily Thou art He Whom the conditions of the nations cannot frustrate, nor can the hosts of the world dismay. Thou art, in truth, the Mighty, the Transcendent, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

BH07559: O Ni’mat! The divine bounty hath been sent down…

In the Name of the All-Knowing Speaker!

O Ni'mat! The divine bounty hath been sent down, and this is that same heavenly, holy, divine food that was mentioned in the Books. Thy name is "Bounty"—God willing, thou shalt not be deprived of this most great bounty.

The gates of heaven are flung wide, and the hand of generosity is visible from behind the clouds. How excellent is the state of that soul who was not, through vain imaginings, debarred from the Kawthar of certitude, but who took and drank in the name of the True One.

All that was recorded by the Supreme Pen in the Tablets hath been made manifest and evident, yet few indeed have been and shall be possessed of true vision.

We beseech God—exalted and glorified be He—to draw all heedless souls to the horizon of knowledge and to purify and sanctify the heart of the human world from idle fancies and vain imaginings through the Kawthar of inner meanings. He is the Powerful, He is the Mighty. There is none like unto Him, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

BH07902: O My handmaiden! The All-Merciful consoleth thee in what…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious.

O My handmaiden! The All-Merciful consoleth thee in what hath befallen thee in My straight Path. We make mention of every maidservant who hath believed in God and every servant who hath turned unto My luminous horizon. Grieve thou not over anything. Place thy trust in thy Lord, the Merciful. He heareth the call of His maidservants and servants and beholdeth their condition. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Hold thou fast unto the cord of patience, through the power of God, the One Who causeth the rivers to flow. He, verily, is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Remember thou and say: O God of existence and Source of generosity! I beseech Thee by the Name through which every hidden thing was revealed and every concealed thing was manifested, to aid me and Thy handmaidens to be steadfast in Thy Cause. Then write down for me and for them, with the Pen of grace, that which befitteth Thy greatness and Thy days. Verily, Thou art the Almighty Whom neither the imaginings of the world nor the conjectures of the nations can frustrate. There is none other God but Thee, the Giving, the Bountiful, the Kind, the Merciful.

BH07620: A mention from Us to him who hath believed…

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

A mention from Us to him who hath believed in God, the Lord of Lords. Verily he who hath attained unto the lights of this Day is reckoned among the people of Baha in the Scriptures and Tablets. We make mention of everyone who hath turned unto the Countenance and drawn nigh unto God, the Lord of all who dwell on earth. By God's life! Were he to be in the West, he would assuredly inhale the fragrance of the verses, even though they wafted from the direction of the East. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

We make mention of mankind and give them glad tidings of the Most Great Vision. Blessed is he who hath heard and attained, and woe unto every heedless doubter.

Ask thou God, thy Lord, to draw thee nigh unto the Most Great Sea and to ordain for thee supreme steadfastness in this Cause whereby the mountains have been scattered. Hold thou fast unto God and His sovereignty, and leave behind those who have remained heedless. He verily sufficeth thee in truth—to this testify all atoms.

Unto him who hath not believed in God and hath not quaffed the choice wine of certitude belongeth not that which We have revealed in the Book.

BH07940: O Hasan! The story of Husayn has returned…

He is the Outwardly Manifest, the Inwardly Hidden

O Hasan! The story of Husayn has returned, and he is under the claws of the oppressors. You have borne hardships in the path of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

You arose to serve the Cause in days when the tribes wailed, every silent one cried out, and every mighty trusted one was shaken. Then when the Cause was raised up and the banners were lifted high, the people rose up against it—among them were those who turned away, those who disbelieved, and those who pronounced judgment without any clear proof or evidence.

Thank God that He heard your call, O Wronged One, and answered you with this Book, from which those near to God find what every noble king has found.

Rejoice in My remembrance, then speak forth My praise in such wise that My enemies who have arisen to harm and afflict Me shall not prevent you. Thus does He command you, He by Whose command the Kingdom of the sovereignty of the heavens and earth was created. Verily your Lord is the Mighty, the Powerful.

BH07547: In the Name of the All-Knowing One! O son…

In the Name of the All-Knowing One! O son of ʿAdhir! May you be illumined, God willing, by the lights of the dawn of Revelation and be bright and radiant through the morning splendor of God's Day. Your letter reached the Most Holy Court and the servant in attendance submitted what was contained therein.

Praise be to God that you have attained to the recognition of the Dawning-Place of verses and the Dayspring of evidences, and have spoken in praise of the Beloved of the world. Today, through the blessing of the Most Holy Name, the world appeareth as paradise itself. Every perceiving one hath his portion and every hearing one his share. They who are possessed of insight have perceived the divine effulgences and have attained to and become aware of that which was promised aforetime in the divine Books.

You must in all conditions be vocal in thanksgiving to God, the Exalted, for He hath guided you to the straight path and granted you a portion from the ocean of knowledge. He is the Bestower, the All-Knowing, and He is the Speaker, the All-Powerful.

BH07789: Say: O my God and the God of all…

In the Name of Him Who overshadoweth the world!

Say: O my God and the God of all who are in the heavens and on earth, my Lord and the Lord of all who are in the kingdom of command and truth!

Thou knowest and seest how Thy verses have attracted me and how the wine of the Kawthar of Thy knowledge hath intoxicated me. Whenever I desire to sit still, the fire of longing and yearning causeth me to arise, and whenever I wish to remain silent, the wondrous tokens of Thy Cause move me to speak, O Illuminator of the horizons and Master of the Day of Separation!

By Thy glory, O Beloved of my heart and He Who is established upon the throne of my inner being, from my pen I hear Thy mention, from my tongue Thy verses, from my heart Thy praise, and from my poetry Thy glorification. Wilt Thou cast away this evanescent one who hath sought the kingdom of Thine eternity, and wilt Thou deny this thirsty one who hath turned toward the ocean of Thy bounty?

I beseech Thee, O King of Names, by the Most Great Name, the Most Glorious, to ordain for me what is best in this world and in the world to come. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

BH07447: In the Name of Him Who is the Goal…

In the Name of Him Who is the Goal of the worlds! The Divine Will hath appeared from the horizon of Purpose, and It is sovereign over all names and their Kingdom, and attributes and their Dominion. Well is it with them that understand!

Today all must become severed from their own wills and turn their gaze toward the Will of God, for whoso achieveth contentment with His Will and attaineth unto it, hath attained unto all good. This Ocean hath no end, and whoso entereth it findeth salvation and security. By thy Lord, the Mighty, the Trusted One!

The Friend hath come for the sake of meeting, and this matter hath been recorded as the greatest of deeds in the divine Books, yet due to wisdom it hath been forbidden. Therefore must all be content with His decisive command, nay rather, be thankful for whatsoever appeareth from Him. Verily He is the Beloved and the Beloved of the worlds.

He inscribeth for whomsoever He willeth the reward of them that have attained unto the Kawthar of His presence in His days. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

BH07460: He is the Mighty, the All-Wise! Praise be…

He is the Mighty, the All-Wise! Praise be to God Who hath sent down the Table, made manifest His bounty, perfected His proof, completed His Word, and revealed the Gentle Alif. He hath ever been powerful through His sovereignty and will continue to be even as He was in the beginning that hath no beginning. There is none other God but Him, the Self-Sufficing, the Most High.

And praise be to God Who hath uttered the Most Great Word and caused all things to speak forth that there is none other God but Him, the One manifest in the beginning and the end.

O thou who gazeth toward the Most Sublime Horizon and art attracted by the verses of thy Lord, the Lord of all creation! Know thou that the matter which God hath made to take precedence over all other matters and all other deeds is steadfastness. By the life of God! It is the greatest of all deeds and the mightiest thereof, for Satan crieth out, and the wolf howleth, and the dog barketh.

We beseech God to protect thee and those who have believed, and to ordain for thee the good of the world to come and of this world. Verily He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH07494: He is the Most High, the Most Great!…

He is the Most High, the Most Great! The Point of the Bayan informed all who are in the realm of possibility that He is the One Who speaks in all things "Verily I am God, there is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Bountiful." Yet when the Sun of the Word dawned from the horizon of the Bayan of the Lord of Names, all who were in the Bayan turned away from Him save whom God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, willed.

Say: There hath appeared from My presence that which He foretold and that which none save My Self, the All-Pervading over the worlds, knoweth. Whoso denieth Me hath denied God and His Messengers, and he who acknowledgeth it, verily he is in an exalted station.

O people of the earth! Hearken unto My call and then judge fairly in this irrevocable, this wise Cause. If ye deny Me, despite what the hand of My power hath manifested, and what the tongue of My knowledge hath proclaimed, and what the heaven of My will hath revealed, then by what proof can your faith in God, the Lord of the mighty Throne, be established? Is there any fair-minded one who will judge fairly? Is there any possessor of knowledge who will recognize that which hath flowed from the Pen of the All-Knowing, the All-Wise?

BH07526: In My Name, the Most Glorious!

In My Name, the Most Glorious!

We asked Our knowledge, saying:

> "O My knowledge! Teach Me and make Me aware: Doth the sprinkling of the ocean of Thine utterance move the people? Hath anyone ears to hear Thy sweetest call which hath been

raised from Thy most exalted station? Hath anyone eyes to behold Thy most glorious countenance? Say: Verily Thou art the All-Knowing."

When the Sacred Land was honored by the advent of the Lord of all beings, We asked it about My people and My children, and it responded as Mine all-encompassing knowledge responded: This is a word which, in this station, signifieth despair. Thy Lord, in truth, is the All-Aware.

Among the people are those who lamented My separation, but when the ocean of reunion surged they turned away from God, the Lord of all worlds. How many an informed one told the people of this Day, but when it came every informed and knowing one turned away from it.

Say: O loved ones of God! Hold fast unto the cord of grace—verily it will protect you in truth and deliver you from the great terror. He is verily the All-Bountiful. The glory of God be upon those who have turned toward Him and were among the steadfast ones.

BH07733: He is the Wondrous One! The Wronged One hath…

He is the Wondrous One! The Wronged One hath been afflicted with that which hath caused the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Cities of Eternity to lament. By God's life! He is indeed in grievous affliction. We have arisen to promote the Cause and have summoned all unto God, the Single, the All-Informed.

Among the people are those who have answered their Lord and hastened with clear certitude unto the Most Great Ocean, and among them are those whom vain desires have withheld from the Most Exalted Horizon and who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds. And among them are those who have responded with the sword, and those who have made Me a captive, and those who have imprisoned Me in this [mighty] prison.

I have borne tribulations such as no other servant hath borne—to this testifieth every truthful and discerning one. Were I to mention when the people of the Bayan rose up against Me—by God, I witnessed from them what no eye in creation hath witnessed.

Thus do We recount unto thee that thou mayest become aware of what hath befallen Me and remember thy Lord amongst the servants through that which hath flowed from His wondrous Pen.

BH07785: Say: Glory be to Thee, O Educator of all…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

Say: Glory be to Thee, O Educator of all created things and Creator of all existence! I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thou didst raise up the banner of Thy Cause and plant the emblems of Thy power upon the loftiest spots of Thy earth, to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise amongst Thy servants, and to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones who hastened to the ocean of Thy bounty and held fast to the cord of Thy loving care.

O Lord! I am the poor one at Thy gate. Ordain for me that which will profit me in the world to come and in this world. Verily, Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. The might of sovereigns does not frustrate Thee, nor do the doings of them that have turned away from the Day of Judgment hinder Thee. Verily, Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Lord! This is a day wherein Thou hast ordained all good and made it the sovereign of days. I beseech Thee not to deprive me therein of the heaven of Thy mercy and the sun of Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the Exalted, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Great.

BH08410: This is a Book from Our presence, and verily…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great.

This is a Book from Our presence, and verily it is a perspicuous Book, calling all unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Verily it is the Most Great Sign amongst all created things, and the Mightiest Key to the treasure of God, the Mighty, the Praised One. Through it is every matter revealed and that which was hidden in the knowledge of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, is made manifest.

O ʿAta! Take thou the chalice of bounty from the hand of the Bounty of thy Lord, then drink therefrom in His Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Say: Verily the chalice is this Book, and the Kawthar is that which floweth therein of wisdom and utterance. Verily He is the All-Informed, the Trusted One.

When thou art illumined by the lights of the Tablet and hearest that which the Spirit hath spoken, arise and say: Praise be unto Thee for having made Thyself known unto me and for having sent down unto me that which hath brought solace to mine eyes. I beseech Thee to provide me with the Kawthar of steadfastness, that my feet slip not from this Momentous Announcement.

BH08101: He consoles the one upon whom befell…

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

He consoles the one upon whom befell, in the path of God, that which caused tears to flow and hearts to grieve. Afflictions have seized him in the days of God. We verily commanded him, and do command him, to patience from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Grieve not for those who have forsaken this world and advanced to a praiseworthy station. Be immersed in the ocean of contentment. Thus have you been commanded by God, the Mighty, the Loving.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having caused me to turn towards the horizon of Thy Cause, to be assured of Thy signs, and to acknowledge that which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy Will. I beseech Thee by Thy Self to protect me from whatsoever is abhorrent to Thy good-pleasure. Thou art the One with power, to Whose might and sovereignty all atoms bear witness. Ordain for me, O my God, that which will solace mine eyes and gladden my heart. Thou art verily the Bestower, the Mighty, the Gracious.

BH08082: We have indeed expounded the Book and set forth…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

We have indeed expounded the Book and set forth the verses in diverse ways, that perchance the people may acknowledge what they witness of God's Revelation and His sovereignty that encompasses the horizons.

We have not fallen short in mentioning God and that which I was commanded to manifest among the people. To this testifieth what I have endured in My days from those who have denied the beginning and the return.

Among the people are those who turned away and denied after having testified, and among them are those who turned towards God and recognized Him, saying:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds, for having caused me to know Thee and made me one of those who have attained unto the lights of Beauty."

Say: O people! Fear God and follow not those who follow vain imaginings. Respond to Him Who calleth you to the Dayspring of lights.

We have found from thee the fragrance of My love, and We have sent down verses unto thee that thou mayest recite them at eventide and at dawn. We counsel thee to be steadfast, lest any misbeliever filled with doubt cause thee to slip.

BH08348: In My name, the All-Wise

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Such tyranny hath appeared that the pens are powerless to recount it. Justice hath lamented on account of it, and darkness hath enveloped all creatures save those whom God, the Lord of all men, hath willed otherwise. Through it the teeth of ruin have been bared, and prosperity hath wept throughout the nights and days. That which hath befallen the trustees of God hath caused the hearts of the righteous to be consumed. Those who claim to have faith have risen up to wage war against the All-Merciful, imagining themselves to be adherents of the Qur'an. Say: The Qur'an disavoweth you, and all religions lament because of your tyranny. Thus doth My Pen recount and My heart bewail, yet the people remain heedless and astray. I beseech God to assist thee to serve His Cause and to ordain for thee that which will draw thee to the most exalted station. Glory be upon thee and upon thy wife who hath believed in God, the Lord of Lords.

BH08326: The spheres of the heaven of the world have…

He is the Most Great, the Most Glorious

The spheres of the heaven of the world have been set in motion by this utterance which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken. The proof belongeth unto God, the Sovereign, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

This is He Whose proof is His verses and Whose manifestation is His evidence, would that ye might know. Say: This is He but for Whom no Divine Messenger would have been invested with the robe of prophethood, nor would any of the sacred scriptures have been revealed. To this bear witness all created things, though the hypocrites remain in manifest doubt. Give thanks, O thou who art mentioned before the Throne, for that which hath been revealed unto thee, whereby the fragrance of the divine garment hath been wafted throughout the world. Thy Lord is, verily, the Mighty, the Loving. Hold fast unto the Book of God and whatsoever hath been revealed therein, and leave those who have denied God when He came unto them in His Name, the Protector of all things seen and unseen. Thus hath the Pen spoken when it was between the fingers of the will of the Lord of eternity. He is, verily, the Protector of all in the realm of the visible and invisible.

BH08487: O Ibrahim! The Friend of God and He Who…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

O Ibrahim! The Friend of God and He Who conversed with God have returned and bear witness and see. And the Mount is once again perfumed by the fragrances of revelation. Thus speaks the Lord of humanity—verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The Tree that has spoken has sealed the gate of the tongue and opened the gate of ears to hear this sweetest Call raised between earth and heaven. Rejoice in what thy Lord, the King of the throne and dust, relates unto thee what was hidden from every heedless and remote one. How many who stood were seized with bewilderment, and how many who sat still heard and hastened with their hearts to the Dawning-Place of the verses of God, the Lord of the worlds. The earth has been transformed and the mountains have passed away and another heaven has been raised up, yet most among the people remain heedless. Blessed is the soul that has turned and woe unto those who have turned away.

BH08330: The river of life has flowed through the contingent…

He is the One manifest from the Most Glorious Horizon!

The river of life has flowed through the contingent world. Blessed is he who has drunk thereof and given thanks to his Lord, the Bestower, the Generous. They who have turned away from the fragrance of the Robe in the days of God—these are they who have deprived themselves of His mercy and favors. To this My glorious Book bears witness.

When darkness had encompassed all created things, We manifested Our Self, the Truth, as a token of grace from the Mighty, the All-Wise. Among the people are those who cling to darkness, and among them are those who have set their faces toward the Ultimate Goal and have attained the lights of their Lord's countenance, the All-Informed.

Say: O people of the earth, come forth and then judge fairly concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds. If you deny this Most Great Revelation, by what proof do you uphold that which you follow? Produce it, if you be truthful.

Thus have We mentioned thee that thou mayest say: “Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!” The splendor from God, the Goal of the mystics, rest upon the people of Baha.

BH08269: The Sun of Divine Knowledge from the horizon…

He is sanctified from the knowledge of aught else save Him.

The Sun of Divine Knowledge from the horizon of the Pen of the All-Merciful was in truth witnessed. The eye of whoso turned unto it was solaced and attained unto its lights on a Day which was mentioned in the Book by the name of God.

Verily He appeared in truth and spoke that which guideth the servants unto the Kawthar that was inscribed in the Tablet. We have remembered the servants and summoned them unto God. Among them are those who turned away and disbelieved, and among them are those who took God as their guardian.

Thy mention hath been made before the Wronged One, and this Book hath been sent down unto thee, which was revealed from the direction of the Throne. When thou attainest unto it say:

> “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast caused me to turn toward a station which was in truth praiseworthy.”

Thus have We remembered thee and caused thee to hear as a favor from Us. Verily thy Lord doth encompass all the worlds.

BH08040: The Divine Lote-Tree calls out with the most exalted…

He is the Sanctified beyond mention and description!

The Divine Lote-Tree calls out with the most exalted call and summons all unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Among the people are those who cling to their vain desires, turning away from God, the Lord of all mankind, and among them are those who have turned toward the Supreme Horizon, saying “I believe in Thee, O Thou Who art imprisoned, and I acknowledge that which Thou art, O Thou Who art wronged!”

He who is adorned with the robe of faithfulness between earth and heaven—upon him do the Concourse on High pray, while he who breaks the Covenant is cursed by the dominion of earth and heaven. Blessed is he who has held fast to the cord of steadfastness in this Cause whereby feet have slipped and hearts have been troubled.

Be thou of such constancy that the affairs of the world sadden thee not, nor do the allusions of those who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Loving, deter thee. We have remembered thee as a favor from Us, that thou mayest remember thy Lord, the Possessor of the seen and unseen.

BH08338: The banner of generosity hath been raised upon [the…

He is the Ever-Abiding, the All-Sufficing

The banner of generosity hath been raised upon [the heights]. To this beareth witness My Pen and My inscribed Tablet. Know thou the value of My days. By God! Eyes have not witnessed their like, nor have minds comprehended their parallel. To this beareth witness the Lord of Eternity and, beyond Him, My preserved Book. We have, with the hands of power, unsealed the choice sealed wine of immortality—drink thou of it in My Name, the All-Powerful. We have sent down from the heaven of divine knowledge the rains of utterance. Blessed is he who hath drawn nigh and attained, and woe unto them that turn aside! They read the verses yet deny Him Who revealed them. They are assuredly among the companions of the fire. Thus doth the Pen move when the Tongue of Eternity speaketh. He, verily, is the Single One, the All-Knowing. From this Most Great Station We send greetings unto those who have turned towards God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He prayeth for them, and beyond Him the dwellers of Paradise and they who circle round My mighty Throne.

BH08296: O handmaid of God! He is the Most Holy…

O handmaid of God! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great.

Blessed is the nation that has heard the call of God and turned to Him—verily it is among the people of Paradise in the clear Book.

The world has been honored by the call of My Name, the Self-Subsisting, yet the people remain behind a thick veil. How many learned ones have turned away from God, how many heroes have opposed Him, and how many veiled ones have believed in the One, the All-Informed! Verily all bounty is in the grasp of thy Lord's power—to this testifies every insightful mystic.

Ask thy Lord to grant thee the pure wine of steadfastness. By My life, it is among the greatest of deeds in My Preserved Tablet. Be thankful that thou hast been mentioned before the Countenance and hast attained this glorious Tablet.

He sendeth down what He willeth to whom He willeth—there is no God but He, the Mighty, the Wise. Thus hath the Tongue spoken in the Kingdom of Utterance—verily He is the Speaker, the All-Knowing.

BH08446: The divine fire hath appeared from the Blessed Tree…

In the Name of the Beloved One!

The divine fire hath appeared from the Blessed Tree and the light of oneness shineth resplendent from the horizon of the Countenance. This is the Day of mention and praise—whosoever attaineth unto it is reckoned before God among the denizens of Paradise.

O friends! The Pen of the All-Merciful moveth at all times and summoneth the people to the straight Path of God. The Way is manifest and the Guide is radiant as the sun, yet most of the people are seen to be without eyes and ears. Render thanks unto the Purpose of the world that He hath aided thee in that which most of the people remain veiled from.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Self to enable me to do what Thou desirest in Thy love. Then send down for me and for my brothers and my mother and my sister that which Thou

lovest and with which Thou art well-pleased. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

BH08440: The Desire of the world speaks in the Persian…

In the name of Him Who speaketh and endureth

The Desire of the world speaks in the Persian language. It would be praiseworthy to Him, if His loved ones also converse and write in this language.

Your letter arrived and your call was heard at a time when the torrential rains were pouring and flowing from the heaven of the grace of the Most High. Divine mercy has taken precedence and the lights of the Sun of His favor have encompassed all, yet most are found to be heedless and turning away from it.

All sacred books are adorned with the mention of this Day, and all the chosen ones and holy ones hoped for and worked towards this Day. Nevertheless, the people remain veiled and remote.

Thank God for having caused you to recognize the Manifestation of His Self and enabled you to praise Him after all the doubting world turned away from Him. He ordains for whomsoever has desired to attain His presence the recompense thereof. Verily your Lord is the Generous Bestower.

Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH08622: My tongue beareth witness that there is none other…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

My tongue beareth witness that there is none other God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. And His tongue beareth witness that He Who speaketh is indeed the Truth, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved.

By God's life! He guideth men unto the most exalted Paradise, yet they turn away therefrom. They cling to vain imaginings and turn aside from the station named the Praiseworthy Station.

Say: O people of names! By God, the Creator of the heavens hath come. Turn ye with radiant faces, thus hath God commanded you in a preserved Tablet. Do ye worship the calf and leave behind you the Lord of eternity? Ye are but in manifest error.

Say: Take what ye are commanded in the Book and be not of them that lose. Thus hath My tongue spoken in the kingdom of Mine utterance.

Blessed art thou for having turned thy face unto My countenance and drunk the choice wine of My love from the hand of My bounty, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

BH08470: In the Name of Him Who speaks the Truth…

In the Name of Him Who speaks the Truth. This is a Book from the True One to those who have turned and believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

This is the year wherein Hasan sacrificed himself in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds, and after him Husayn, who attained the most great martyrdom. By the life of God, all things wept for them both and for those who preceded them, yet the people are in evident joy. They denied the right of God and His chosen ones, having followed every ignorant one who turned away from God, the Exalted, the Great.

Whoso ponders what befell the family of the Messenger would weep with the weeping of the bereaved, or like one who has lost his father and mother and son. This speaking, all-seeing Book bears witness to that.

Blessed art thou for having drunk the wine of everlasting life from the hand of thy Lord, the Most Glorious, when most of the people turned away from Him—they whom vain desires kept back from the most exalted horizon and who were, in the days of profit, among the lost.

BH08431: In My Name, the Most Great

In My Name, the Most Great

Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds, for having caused me to know Thy Self, and given me to drink from the Kawthar of Thy knowledge, and shown me the horizon of Thy Revelation, and made me to hear Thy most sweet call whereby the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Kingdom of Names were attracted! O my Lord! Wilt Thou deny me after having called me, and keep me far after having drawn me nigh, and render me deprived after having taught me the scrolls of Thy bounty and the tablets of Thy grace? O my Lord! Thou seest him who standeth at the gate of the city of Thy favor, and him who subsisteth, gazing toward Thy horizon. I beseech Thee to enable me to remember Thee and serve Thee, and to assist me in that which beseemeth Thy Manifestation and Thy days. I testify that Thou art sanctified above all mention and holy beyond all thought. Before Thy face have prostrated themselves the people of the Kingdom and the dwellers of the Realm of Might, and those whom God hath purified from all that is repugnant—as befitteth His blessed Day.

BH08197: He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing. A mention…

He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing. A mention from Our presence unto him who hath believed in God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, that the rapture of My remembrance may take hold of him and draw him nigh unto a station wherein the conditions of the peoples shall not withhold him from Him Who holdeth within His grasp the reins of the Kingdom of earth and heaven.

This is a day whereon the Ancient Beauty hath gone forth from the garden, proceeding unto another place. He, verily, is the One Who ruleth through His word “Be” and it is. We have sent down all things in the Book and have commanded all to observe that whereby the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved, may be exalted.

O people of Baha! Arise to serve your Lord, then remember Him through that which He hath taught you in a perspicuous Tablet wherein hath been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen the knowledge of what hath been and what shall be.

Say: Rejoice, O people, in the appearance of God and His sovereignty, then act in accordance with that which shall profit you in the world to come and in the first one. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Best-Beloved.

BH08075: Verily, We have inclined Our hearing toward the realms…

He is the Everlasting, the Eternal

Verily, We have inclined Our hearing toward the realms of the Alif, whereupon We heard the croaking of the raven of tyranny and the cawing of him who hath arisen in oppression. Al-Baqir hath passed judgment upon the chosen ones of God and His trustees, and he hath been designated as the Wolf by the Pen of God, the Lord of creation. The she-serpent aided him in murder; nay, through her was laid the foundation of tyranny. Woe unto her and unto those who have taken her as a leader for themselves without any evidence from God, the Lord of Lords! She hath pierced the liver of the Apostle while imagining herself to be the protector of Islam. She hath seized their possessions and shed their blood without sin or proof. Thus hath the decree been fulfilled upon those through whom the horizon of divine knowledge was illumined.

We have expounded unto thee what hath befallen the chosen ones of God, that thou mayest recognize those who committed injustice on the day wherein was raised the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen, and the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimed: 'The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the Chosen!

BH08520: O ye people of the world! There hath befallen…

He is the One Who knoweth and remembereth

O ye people of the world! There hath befallen the most excellent of nations that which hath caused the lamentation of weeping to be upraised among the Concourse on High, and from this glorious station. The oppressors have wrought upon Kazim that which hath caused all things to cry out, and the Maids of Heaven to beat their faces in their exalted habitation. They have torn him limb from limb in the path of God.

By God! Through him have the horizons been perfumed, yet the people remain in evident darkness. Through him hath the breeze wafted, and the Law of God, the Lord of all worlds, been manifested, and through him hath the Ark of the love of God sailed upon the sea of names, and the horizon of faithfulness hath shone forth. To this beareth witness the Lord of all things in this Luminous Book.

Remember thou those who have martyred themselves in the path of God, even as thy Lord, the All-Informed, hath made mention of them. Blessed is he who draweth nigh unto them and seeketh intercession through them with God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH08315: The Day of Resurrection hath come, and in it…

He is the One Who warbleth upon the branches.

The Day of Resurrection hath come, and in it the Self-Subsisting One of Names hath arisen with a sovereignty that encompasseth all who are in the heavens and on earth. When the trumpet was blown

and the tombs arose, the people were shaken: among them were those who were bewildered, those who swooned away, and those who took wing in their longing for the appearance of God, the Lord of the worlds. Joy hath seized those who have perceived the fragrance of the garment, while sorrow hath overtaken every malicious sinner. Blessed is he who hath cast away what the people possess and hath taken the Book of God through His Name, the Protector, the Powerful.

The face of the Wronged One hath turned toward thee from this place which hath been named the Most Great Prison by the Pen of God, the Single One, the All-Informed, that thou mayest rejoice and give thanks to Him at Whose remembrance all things have spoken forth wondrously. Thus have the rains of remembrance and knowledge been sent down from the clouds of thy Lord's mercy. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Wise.

BH08095: May you be engaged in the remembrance…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great!

May you be engaged in the remembrance of the Lord of all beings throughout the nights and days, and be focused on His Cause.

O handmaiden of God! Strive that you may drink from the hand of grace the cup of steadfastness, for this Cause is most mighty, and its mightiness is such that mention of it hath been revealed in the divine Books of the past and future. How many souls claimed steadfastness but with the slightest wind returned to fire.

O handmaiden of God! Be intimate with the Name of Truth, speak His praise, gaze toward His horizon, act according to His command, and be assured of His sovereignty. Blessed is every handmaiden who hath attained unto this most glorious, most exalted station. She is indeed among those who are assured in the perspicuous Book.

The Glory be upon thee and upon every handmaiden who hath turned and believed in God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH08345: In My Name, the All-Knowing

In My Name, the All-Knowing

The books have testified to the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. All things have testified to the Day of God, but the people are heedless. Verily, he who turned away has said that which none in the world has ever said—to this every just and discerning one bears witness.

O people of the earth! We desire for you naught save that which draws you nigh unto the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: Whether ye acknowledge or deny, verily He hath come and speaketh:

> "There is no God but Me, the Manifest, the Speaking, the All-Knowing."

Say: By God! The tongue was created for this Day and sight for this noble vision.

O thou who art mentioned! Say: O people! By God, that which was never manifest in creation hath appeared. Fear ye God and be not of the wrongdoers. If they hear, it shall be to their benefit, and if they turn away, verily thy Lord is the Self-Sufficient, the All-Bountiful.

The glory be upon thee and upon whoso hath turned toward the Mighty, the Beautiful.

BH08350: In My Name, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

In My Name, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

The Book of Dawn hath appeared, wherein hath been inscribed by the Supreme Pen: "Sovereignty belongeth unto the Lord of all mankind." Verily, He proclaimeth: "There is none other God but He, the Almighty, the All-Powerful." God hath sent down the Books for this Day, and dispatched the Messengers for this blessed and wondrous Cause. We have manifested the Cause concerning which the world hath been powerless to make mention, save him who hath come with a clear authority. Say: Verily, He is the One Who hath appeared, and He is the One Who hath come with the truth, with a sovereignty that hath subdued all who are in the heavens and on earth. He is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We make mention, at all times, of them that are in the realm of possibility, purely for the sake of God, the Lord of all worlds. Thus have We sent unto thee oceans of inner meanings, that thou mayest drink therefrom in My Name, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. When thou hast attained and visited, say: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and earths!"

BH08283: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

In the Name of Him Who is the Overseer of all names!

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh with truth is verily the Wronged One amidst the world and the One who is grief-stricken by that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought.

By God! The clouds have wept for My grief and the heaven for this great anguish. The brilliant stars have vanished from the land of Sad, whereby hearts have melted and the eyes of the sincere ones have wept. The people have denied the bounty of God and His sovereignty, to the extent that they committed that which caused the Faithful Spirit to cry out.

When thou attainest unto this Tablet of the Wronged One, render thanks unto God for having revealed unto thee this Clear Book and enabled thee to recognize the Dayspring of His Cause in days wherein darkness hath encompassed all created things save those whom God, the King, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, hath willed. Be thou steadfast in My Cause, speaking My praise, turning thy face toward My luminous horizon.

BH08275: In My Name, the Most Ancient, the Most Glorious

In My Name, the Most Ancient, the Most Glorious

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. Behold, O my God, Thy handmaid who hath turned toward the horizon whence hath shone the Sun of Thy favors, and who hath desired to circumambulate the Kaaba of Thy manifestation. O Lord! Deprive her not, through Thy bounty, and disappoint not her hopes, through Thy grace. Ordain for her, O Thou Who art the Ruler of all names, from the Supreme Pen that which will gladden her heart.

Verily, Thou art He Whom nothing whatsoever can frustrate from the ocean of Thy will, nor can any matter distance Thee from the heaven of Thy purpose. Thou hast ever been the Sovereign of all names and their Ruler, and Thou wilt ever continue to be what Thou hast been from time immemorial. All things have testified to Thy power and might, and every possessor of a tongue to Thy greatness and sovereignty.

I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art the Hope of the worlds, to forgive me and have mercy upon me. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH08037: In My Name, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

In My Name, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

Verily the servant came to brew from the leaves of China that his Ancient Lord might drink thereof. He brewed and brought it into the presence. We took and drank it, for I am He who doeth whatsoever He willeth. Blessed is he who sent it, blessed is he who brewed and brought it, and grace be unto him who took and drank it and said: “Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.”

This is the Day whereon the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken: “There is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.” Verily We record that which descendeth from the heaven of My grace, for I am the Gracious Bestower.

How many a servant hath heard the call and turned away therefrom, and how many a servant hath heard and was attracted by the verses of his Lord. For each is a portion in My perspicuous Book. Blessed art thou for having turned unto God and been mentioned by His All-Knowing Pen.

BH08204: This is a mention from Us to him who…

He is the One Who rules over all names.

This is a mention from Us to him who fulfilled the Covenant of God when the Promised One appeared and the appointed time was completed, that he may rejoice in his Lord’s loving-kindness and remember Him at eventide and at dawn.

The Divine Lote-Tree hath called aloud, yet the people are in strange delusion. Blessed is the ear that hath been privileged to hear My most sweet call, and woe betide him whom veils have kept back.

Say: Exchange not the verses of God for vanities, nor follow every doubting idolater. They have cast behind their backs the Kawthar of God, hastening to the foulest of waters in all directions.

Say: This is the Day wherein the proof hath been perfected, the Word hath appeared, and the evidence hath shone forth.

When thou adornest thy head with this Tablet which God hath made the crown of utterance, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast caused me to know the Dayspring of Thy verses while the people were in doubt and schism.

BH08125: O Tabib! The True Physician speaketh: Strive ye…

In the Name of the Peerless, the All-Powerful

O Tabib! The True Physician speaketh: Strive ye to protect humankind from the disease of ignorance and heedlessness through the power of the Lord of Destiny, and heal them through this supreme remedy which is the recognition of the Lord of all peoples. The horizon of the world is illumined by the Sun of the Most Great Name, yet veils prevent eyes from beholding it. Beseech ye God to sanctify the eyes of His servants from the ophthalmia of vain imaginings, that they may not be deprived or prevented from witnessing the lights of His Face in this blessed Day which is, in truth, the Day of vision. Verily, bounty is in God's hand—He giveth and withholdeth as He pleaseth. He is indeed the Ever-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. We beseech God to aid all to turn towards His Most Exalted Horizon and to acknowledge that which the Tongue of Eternity hath acknowledged among the peoples. He is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

BH08188: A mention from Us to a handmaiden among…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

A mention from Us to a handmaiden among the handmaidens of God, that she may thank her Lord at all times. Give thanks to thy Lord for having aided thee to turn towards Him after all the learned ones who held in their grasp the reins of men had turned away. Verily, he who hath not heard today the call of the All-Merciful is more abject than the animal. To this beareth witness the tongue of the Wronged One in the highest Paradise.

By the life of God! He who tendeth sheep in the valleys and upon the mountains is, in the sight of God, superior to those who have perused the books of the world in the evenings and the mornings and during the nights and days. Thus have the mountains been leveled and the trees been felled by the command of God, the Lord of all men. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath believed and attained, and woe unto every learned one who doubteth. Thus hath moved the Supreme Pen and revealed that which was commanded by One mighty and all-knowing.

BH08381: The Most Exalted Pen proclaims: Whatsoever was recorded…

In the Name of the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing!

The Most Exalted Pen proclaims: Whatsoever was recorded and hidden in all the divine Books concerning the Divine Manifestation has in this Day become manifest and evident. No excuse remains for anyone, unless they speak from the promptings of idle fancy.

This is the Day wherein all things have turned towards the Lord of Names, save such souls as have been prevented from the Straight Path by the drunkenness of the wine of vainglory.

Should anyone observe with the eye of insight in the Books of old, they would witness that which hath been sent down from God shining forth in this Day from the horizon of the Prison. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto the fragrances of these days and hath turned unto the Truth.

BH08518: O people of Baha! Hearken unto the Call…

He is the Exposition in the Kingdom of Divine Utterance!

O people of Baha! Hearken unto the Call from the luminous Spot, from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, and hold fast unto the cord of faithfulness in such wise that the promptings of them that have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds, shall not prevent you.

This is a garden beneath whose shadows flow rivers from this Tree which hath been raised up in truth—verily He is the Speaker, the All-Seeing. A river named Faithfulness—whoso drinketh therefrom hath indeed attained unto the most great steadfastness. To this My glorious Pen doth testify.

And verily he findeth himself in such a station that the Names prevent him not from their Owner, nor what is named from His straight path. He is of them unto whom the All-Merciful hath testified in His mighty Book. He hath spoken, and His word is the truth: The mention of the Prophet preventeth him not from Him through Whose word the Prophets and Messengers were created.

Thus have We adorned the Book with this wondrous remembrance that thou mayest find from it the fragrance of God's loving-kindness and be of them that are firmly established.

BH08077: We have, at all times, made mention of Our…

He is the Most Great, the Most Glorious

We have, at all times, made mention of Our male and female servants and summoned them to the straight path. Among My servants are those who have believed and turned towards God, and among them are those who have turned away and denied God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And among the handmaidens are those who have heard and turned towards God, and have drunk from the Kawthar of utterance from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the Most Merciful, and among them are those who have denied God, the Lord of all worlds.

O My handmaiden! Be thankful that the Wronged One hath remembered thee—He Who is seen at one time in prison and at another time above the world. He, verily, is the All-Wise, the All-Powerful. We send Our greetings from this spot upon the faces of My handmaidens and servants who have turned towards the Most Great Sea and have attained the recognition of their Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. By God's life! If they but knew, they would hasten, but today they are veiled by a thick veil. The Glory be upon thee and upon those handmaidens who have believed in the Single One, the All-Bountiful.

BH08458: Blessed is the state of one who, in this…

In the Name of the All-Loving Friend!

Blessed is the state of one who, in this divine Day, has attained unto the hearing of His call and has turned toward the horizon of His Cause.

All the peoples of the earth were engaged, throughout the days and nights, in lamentation and weeping, that perchance the pitch darkness of those days might be illumined by the light of the appearance of the King of all mankind, so that the possessors of insight might turn toward the Most Great Horizon and become illumined by the rays of His countenance.

When the morn of His manifestation dawned and the breeze from His raiment wafted, He found them all sunk in the slumber of heedlessness, nay rather, found them lifeless and dead, save those souls who held fast to the firm cord and clung to the hem of His bounty.

The friends of the Beloved of the worlds must, at all times, beseech and implore the manifest Truth to keep them steadfast in His Cause and not to deprive them from the shelter of His mercy. Verily, He is the Bestower, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

BH08134: O Muhammad! Your mention hath been made…

In the Name of the one true God!

O Muhammad! Your mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One. Therefore, the Most Exalted Pen hath turned toward thee and doth make mention of thee through these sublime and wondrous words, that perchance the heedless ones among men may inhale the sweet fragrances of the utterance of the Best-Beloved of all creation and may turn toward the horizon of the All-Merciful.

Most mighty is this Cause—the Lord of “Were it not for Thee” hath declared “It hath turned me grey” and the command “Be thou steadfast” was revealed unto Him. Hold thou fast unto the cord of grace with firmness and cleave thou with utmost resolution unto the hem of bounty, lest the tempests of the deniers and the storms of the idolators should move thee.

Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the Word of God and hast been honored with the Tablet of Him Who is the Desired One, which is even as the Water of Life unto the world. Thou must preserve it through the Name of the true Sovereign and at all times take refuge in Him. He is the Helper, and He is the Giver, and He is the Protector.

The splendor from God rest upon the people of Baha, from God, the Mighty, the Bestower.

BH08124: O Rida! This name hath come from the realm…

In the Name of the Peerless Lord!

O Rida! This name hath come from the realm of the unseen into the world of being, that all servants might attain to that which is intended by this name. Today, whosoever hath not attained unto the good-

pleasure of God hath not received and shall not receive his portion from the knowledge of this name, and the good-pleasure of the Best-Beloved of the worlds shall not be attained except through recognition of the Dawning-Place of His Revelation, the Dayspring of His knowledge, and the Recipient of His inspiration. Blessed is the soul that hath drunk from the ocean of true understanding and hath turned toward the horizon of the appearance of the Lord of Religions. Such a one is among the companions of the Crimson Ark which hath been mentioned and recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Book of Names. God willing, ye must strive with utmost endeavor that perchance ye may attain to the recognition of this most exalted and most high station. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid thee and ordain for thee that which shall profit thee. Verily He is the Almighty, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

BH08130: O handmaid of God! In the name…

O handmaid of God! In the name of the Kind Friend!

O divine maidservant! God willing, may you be occupied at all times and under all conditions with the remembrance of the Dawning-Place of the revelation of the All-Merciful, and be focused on the horizon of His good-pleasure.

For today it is binding and obligatory upon everyone, whether female or male, that their deeds be in accordance with the divine good-pleasure. The Truth has, in most of His Tablets, commanded His maidservants and servants to perform praiseworthy deeds, for through goodly acts and pleasing conduct has the Cause of God been and continues to be made manifest among His servants.

Give thanks to the Beloved of the world that your name has flowed from the Pen of the Most Great Name, and the thanks for this bounty is that you act according to what He loves and is pleased with.

From this station We send Our greetings upon the faces of My maidservants who have believed in God, the Powerful, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Wise.

BH08457: My Most Great Remembrance calls all contingent beings unto…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

My Most Great Remembrance calls all contingent beings unto God, Lord of all religions. We have sent it forth in human form—exalted be the All-Merciful Who has sent down every command in the Book. That which was inscribed has appeared, and that which was hidden in the Tablets has come forth. Say: The horizon of utterance has been illumined by the Sun of My Name, the All-Encompassing over all who are in earth and heaven. By God’s life! We have not fallen short in remembrance and utterance, but the people remain in doubt and behind a veil. When thou hast attained unto this Tablet, arise to serve thy Lord, the Wronged One, through Whom most of those on earth were thunderstruck and the mountains were crushed to dust. Make mention of thy Lord through that which God hath taught thee, as a grace from His presence. He is verily the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Glory be upon the people of Baha, whom God hath mentioned in the Book with the most excellent of remembrances.

BH08048: He is the One mentioned in the scriptures…

He is the One mentioned in the scriptures of the world. The Wronged One calls out amidst the world and commands the people to that which He was commanded by the Mighty, the Wise.

Say: The ears were created to hearken unto My call and the eyes for My luminous horizon. We created hands to grasp My books and hearts for My love and minds for the recognition of Me, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

Blessed is the breast that hath expanded in My days and the tongue that hath spoken forth this Name whereby the Concourse on High was illumined and every sinful remote one did lament.

We have made mention of thee in the Tablet and have called thee from this glorious station. Rejoice in the bounty of thy Lord, then drink the choice sealed wine through this Name that dominateth the worlds.

Soon shall every heedless one lament and every ignorant one moan and every oppressive base one cry out. He shall seize those who denied Him and chastise those who rejected that which appeared in the days of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH08175: In numerous Tablets We have summoned the servants…

In the Name of the One Knowing God!

In numerous Tablets We have summoned the servants of God to steadfastness, and the greatness of this Cause hath been recorded and set down by the Most Exalted Pen in numerous passages. Nevertheless, because of the word of the lowliest of servants, a soul hath been deprived of the dawning of the Sun of inner meanings and hath returned to darkness upon darkness. Such is the station of the people and the steadfastness and knowledge which they claim to possess.

He shunned the Most Great Ocean and turned to the turbid and bitter spring. Evil is that which he hath wrought! Soon shall he find himself in manifest loss.

O friend! Call thou them who drink the choice wine of utterance to steadfastness, and give them to drink from the spring of steadfastness, that they may pass beyond the Guide and the Guided One and all names, and turn toward the Sun of Truth, and receive their portion from the ocean of vision.

Blessed art thou for having believed in God and turned away from those who have denied this wondrous Day.

BH08196: This is a mention from Us unto him who…

In the Name of the Most Mighty, the Most High

This is a mention from Us unto him who hath turned towards Our countenance, after the Tongue of Grandeur did proclaim:

> “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Single, the One, the Chosen One!”

The Day of God hath come, and the Balance hath been set up, and the Trumpet hath been blown, and the Lord of Revelation hath spoken; yet the people are in strange doubt. Doubt hath so seized them that they have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all beings. When the Promise came to pass, the world was overturned. How many a light was darkened, how many a learned one became heedless, how many a knower was debarred from the Known One! Thus was the matter decreed in the Mother Book. Blessed is he who hath turned towards the Most Sublime Horizon; he is indeed of the people of Baha in the Scriptures and Tablets. Thus doth God make clear unto you what He desireth, as a grace from His presence. He is verily the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We found thee turning unto Us, whereupon We sent unto thee that which caused the mountains to soar aloft.

BH08210: This is a mention from the Wronged One…

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

This is a mention from the Wronged One to him who hath acknowledged what God Himself hath acknowledged on a Day whereon every hidden secret was revealed and every wise command was made manifest. Verily, We give glad-tidings unto all of the days of God and of meeting Him. To this testifieth the Pen of God in whatsoever hath been asked of it, and this perspicuous Tablet. How many a servant hath been kept back by vain imaginings from the All-Knowing, the Mighty, and how many a servant hath hastened until he drank the wine of certitude from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Generous. Rejoice, O My loved ones, in that God hath aided you to recognize Him Who remained hidden from the learned and the mystics, save him whom the hand of thy Lord's loving-kindness did preserve. Rejoice thou in that thou hast been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and in that this mighty and glorious Book hath been sent down unto thee. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in this mighty Prison. Praise be unto God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH08274: He is the Most Ancient, the Most Glorious. God…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Glorious. God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. I bear witness that verily He is God, there is none other God but Him, the Munificent, the Generous.

Glorified be He Who hath sent down whatsoever He willeth, and verily He is the Ancient Revealer. He doeth what He pleaseth and ordaineth as He desireth. He is indeed the All-Wise, the All-Seeing.

Blessed is he who hath recognized My path, and blessed is he who hath acted according to that which was ordained by the All-Wise. We have commanded all to follow that which the All-Wise hath revealed in His perspicuous Book.

Among the people are those who have turned away and those who have turned towards Him, and he who hath turned and attained hath verily become one of those drawn nigh. We make mention of every one who maketh mention of Us, and We behold every beholder, and We answer every seeker who turneth unto Us.

The glory of God rest upon those who have sought the Ultimate Goal and have turned towards the horizon which hath been illumined by His shining countenance.

BH08360: Every stone and clod of earth hath spoken…

He is the One manifest through His Name, the All-Compelling over all names.

Every stone and clod of earth hath spoken that which the Book hath spoken, yet the people remain in doubt and dissension. When the Call was raised, they turned away and clung to their own idle fancies and vain imaginings. The ocean of divine knowledge hath surged in the days of their Lord, the Most Merciful, yet they turned away from it and advanced toward every doubting idolater. The Path crieth out in My Name, and heaven lamenteth for what hath befallen Us through that which the hands of the wicked have wrought.

O thou who gazeth upon the Face! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, then remember what hath befallen Him from those who disbelieved in the Lord of Lords.

Among the people are those who said: “He hath repudiated the divines.” Say: “Yea, by My Lord! I, in very truth, was the One Who abolished the idols!” Thus hath the fragrance of musk been wafted from this ink which hath flowed from My chosen Pen.

BH08380: The Supreme Pen states in the Hidden Words: “The…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great.

The Supreme Pen states in the Hidden Words:

> “The people of knowledge and insight strived for years but attained not unto the presence of the All-Glorious, and ran for ages but reached not the meeting with the All-Beauteous. Yet thou, without any effort, hast achieved the goal, and without any search hast obtained the object of thy quest. And after all these stations and ranks, thou didst remain so veiled by the veils of self that thine eye beheld not the beauty of the Friend, nor did thy hand touch the hem of the Beloved.”

Now observe how great would be the reward and recompense ordained by God for one who would rend asunder these veils through the power of His Name. Today the people are seen to be blind and deaf, save the soul who, through the breezes of the grace of the Dawn of Manifestation, lifted its head from the couch of heedlessness and turned toward the supreme horizon. Verily, such a one is of the people of this glorious station.

BH08432: Praise be unto Thee, O our God, our Sovereign…

In the Name of our Lord, the Mighty, the Most Glorious!

Praise be unto Thee, O our God, our Sovereign, our Lord, for having awakened us through Thy sweetest call, and made us recognize Thy Most Glorious Beauty and Thy most exalted horizon. We beseech Thee, O

Creator of the heavens and Lord of all names, by the Most Great Word which hath proceeded from the mouth of Thy Will and the Pen of Thy Purpose, to assist us in remembering and praising Thee and in arising to serve Thy Cause.

O Lord! We are Thy servants and in Thy grasp. We have heard Thy call and turned toward the horizon of Thy bounties. We implore Thee by the ocean of Thy knowledge and the heaven of Thy generosity to make us detached from all else save Thee, and to enable us to arise to teach Thy Cause and to act according to that which Thou lovest and approvest. Verily, Thou art the Ruler over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The sum of one hundred rupees which had been sent through His Holiness Khalil, upon him be all glory most glorious, reached this evanescent servant.

BH08499: O my God and the God of all names…

In the Name of the One Who is the Remembering, the All-Knowing

O my God and the God of all names, my Creator and Creator of heaven, my Maker and Maker of all things, my Helper and Helper of the weak ones, my Beloved and Beloved of whosoever hath turned toward Thy most exalted horizon! Thou hearest the sighing of my heart, the groaning of my pen, the lamentation of my soul, and the crying out of my being in Thy days wherein Thou didst establish Thyself upon the throne of Thy mercy and called all unto the ocean of Thy knowledge and the heaven of Thy bounty. O Lord! There hath befallen Thy loved ones at the hands of the enemies of Thy Self that which the tongue is ashamed to recount and the pen to record. O Lord! Thou seest them beneath the talons of the idolaters and in the clutches of the oppressors. I beseech Thee, O King of Kings and Mover of the celestial sphere, by Thy Most Great Name, to send down from the clouds of Thy grace that which will manifest the station of Thy chosen ones among the nations. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful.

BH08549: In My Name, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

In My Name, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

O thou who makest mention of Me and art the herald of My Cause! Thou hast called all to My Self and informed all of My manifestation and My dawning and My effulgence and My sovereignty, and counseled them to attain unto My presence and acknowledge My Cause and confess that which proceedeth from Me. Yet thou seest them turning away and denying Him at Whose name the Tree hath cried out and the tongue of Oneness hath spoken:

> “The Kingdom belongeth to Him Who hath appeared and come with the Most Great Name.”

Thou didst counsel them in every book and on every page and leaf, nay in every line and word, to bow down before the Throne, yet they turned away, and if they turned, they turned with their arrows and their swords, as He Who is the Lord of all nations doth testify.

O thou who art mentioned! Give thanks unto the Beloved in that He hath sent unto thee this Tablet through which the fragrance of the Divine Garment hath been wafted and the Standard hath been raised by the Lord of ancient days.

BH08693: We have adorned the heaven of ordinances…

He is the One manifest from My most glorious horizon

We have adorned the heaven of ordinances with the sun of wisdom that every person of insight might hold fast unto it. He who hath cast wisdom behind him hath indeed neglected that which was enjoined upon him by the One, the All-Informed.

Say: O people! Hold fast unto wisdom in all matters, for it profiteth you in all conditions, and I am the All-Knowing. It is the lamp of God among you and the light of justice for you, were ye of those who remember.

Say: Contend not with anyone, nor deny any soul's rights. Consider ye the justice of God and His mercy which encompasseth the worlds.

Thus have We made mention of thee that thou mayest remind the people in the days of God and recite unto them this wondrous Tablet. And praise be to the One, the All-Knowing.

BH08960: Say: I was sleeping when the hand of grace…

In His Name, the All-Loving!

Say: I was sleeping when the hand of grace awakened me, and I was sitting when the decree of justice made me arise, and I was silent when His Name, the All-Subduing over the worlds, caused me to speak. O people! The sea is walking and beareth witness unto the Promised One, and the land proclaimeth: The Day hath come, and dominion belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Loving. They who have heard, these are among the successful ones in the Books of God, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting, and they who have turned away, these have no mention with God, the Sovereign of the Kingdom and the Realm. O people! Fear God and follow not those who denied the Truth when it came with a manifest proof. Behold then with your own eyes the Dayspring of the Manifestation. This is what the All-Merciful hath decreed in the Bayan, if ye be of them that know. We have sent down the Tablet and dispatched it unto thee that thou mayest be of the thankful ones.

BH08931: The Supreme Pen hath testified, as have they who…

He is the Most Exalted above all mention and praise!

The Supreme Pen hath testified, as have they who circle round the Most Great Name, the All-Glorious, yet the people hear not. At every moment He calleth and summoneth them to the horizon of the Cause, yet most of the people perceive not. The wine of heedlessness hath so seized them that they have not awakened at the call of God on this Day wherein the Standard of His Cause hath been raised aloft and

every atom testifieth that there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Thus hath the Most Great Ocean surged amongst the peoples, yet most of them comprehend not.

Say: Cast away the idols of vain imaginings. This is the Dawning-Place of the signs of your Lord, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved. Beware lest what hath been created on earth prevent you from attaining unto the station whose decree hath been inscribed in the Preserved Tablet.

BH08974: It has been asked whether Tablets have been revealed…

He is the One Who speaks the Truth!

It has been asked whether Tablets have been revealed. Say: Yea, by my Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful! Among the people are those who have turned to the cawing of the crow, turning away from that which the All-Merciful has revealed in the Book.

O people! Fear God and do not oppose Him through Whom the proof has appeared and the evidence has shone forth. He calls you to that which profits you and commands you to that which draws you near unto God, the Lord of all religions.

Say: Fear God and do not invalidate the truth through your idle fancies. He has come from the heaven of grandeur with power and sovereignty.

Soar upon the wings of joy, for We have caused thee to hear the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree from this Spot which God has made the Dawning-place of Revelation and the Dayspring of Light. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Lord of all men.

BH08691: In My Name the Manifest in this station

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We have mentioned in the Book that which draweth men nigh unto the straight path. Whoso attaineth unto justice hath attained unto that which God, the Lord of all beings, hath desired. Verily he who denieth and turneth away, he is recorded in the Book as one of the denizens of the fire.

God hath heard the words of those who have uttered His praise and turned toward His most exalted horizon. He, verily, is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. He doth witness and behold, and His is the Most Great Sign, and the Ultimate Dwelling, and the Most Exalted Station. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Thus hath the Tongue spoken what the All-Merciful hath sent down that thou mayest read and be of them that render thanks in the Mother Book. We, from this Station, send Our greetings upon thee and upon them who have quaffed the choice wine of utterance from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the All-Bestowing.

BH09177: He is the Dawning Place from this manifest horizon…

He is the Dawning Place from this manifest horizon. The Tongue of Eternity speaketh in the midmost heart of the world: He is God, there is none other God beside Him, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting.

Say: O servants of the All-Merciful! Ascend unto the heaven of knowledge by the steps of wisdom and utterance. This is what ye were commanded in My Preserved Tablet.

Say: Be ye of such a state that all the books of the world shall not withhold you from this Book, through one dot of which all books and every decreed matter have been detailed.

We have commanded the servants to be steadfast in the Cause of God, yet when the croaking of a raven was raised, the feet of every servant who took fancy as his lord instead of God, the Lord of the Promised Day, did slip. Will that which he possesseth profit him? Nay, by the Lord of the seen and the unseen!

Thus have We mentioned thee that thou mayest remind the people of that which hath been sent down from God, the Mighty, the Loving.

BH09028: In My Most Glorious Name

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Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having immersed me in the ocean of Thy knowledge and caused me to turn toward the horizon from which the Sun of Thy beauty hath shone forth. O Lord! I am the poor one standing at the gate of the city of Thy bounty, and the helpless one clinging to the cord of Thy might. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and a herald of Thy Name amongst Thy servants.

O Lord! Enable me to do that which Thou lovest and with which Thou art well-pleased. By Thy glory, O Beloved of the world! It grieveth me to behold Thee wronged amidst the tyrannous ones among Thy creatures and imprisoned between the rebellious ones of Thy creation. I beseech Thee by Thy Self to manifest through Thy sovereignty that which shall transform sorrow into joy and abasement into glory. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest, and verily Thou art the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

BH08703: We counsel him who hath turned towards the Most…

He is the One Who abideth through His Own Being

We counsel him who hath turned towards the Most Sublime Horizon to observe the Most Great Trustworthiness and that whereby the lights of justice may shine forth among all the tribes of the earth. Thus doth the Mother Book command you from His presence. O thou who gazest towards My horizon! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My throne: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bestower. The denizens of the Kingdom are astonished at those who have cast God behind their backs, turning instead to every idolatrous infidel. They have taken what the people possess and cast aside what God, the Lord of all men, hath brought. Thus have We recounted unto thee that thou mayest

become aware of what hath befallen Us at the hands of the people of error. When thou findest and attainest unto the lights of the Tablet, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Revealer of verses!

BH09000: A book by My most exalted Pen, revealed unto…

In the Name of Him Who is the Manifest, the Hidden

A book by My most exalted Pen, revealed unto him that hath turned unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Verily We have given glad-tidings unto the servants of God of His appearance and His sovereignty. Blessed is he who hath turned towards Him, and woe unto those who have turned aside!

Among the people are those who have cast the Book of God behind their backs, and among them are those who have embraced it with manifest certitude. By the life of God! No day hath passed but We have sent down therein that which draweth men nigh unto the river of the mercy of their Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Verily those who have denied Our verses after their revelation—these are accounted among the most lost in a mighty Book. And those who have attained unto My most exalted horizon—these are reckoned among them that are nigh unto God in a preserved Tablet.

Thus have We made mention of thee that thou mayest rejoice and remember thy Lord with wisdom and utterance. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The glory rest upon thee and upon him who hath believed in the One, the All-Informed.

BH09088: O my God, my Lord, my Support, my Beloved…

He is the Wronged One.

O my God, my Lord, my Support, my Beloved, my Goal, my Hope!

Thou seest the Countenance of Justice beneath the claws of tyranny, and the Temple of Unity in the hands of the idolaters. O Lord! The days of oppression have lengthened, though Thou didst promise in the Book their brevity, and the times of hardship have extended, though Thou didst pledge that ease would accompany them.

I beseech Thee, O my God, by the light of Thy countenance whereby earth and heaven were illumined, to send down from the heaven of Thy grace that which shall gladden the hearts of Thy loved ones after this sorrow which hath clouded the pure wine of assurance in Thy days.

Then cause them, O my God, to be of those whom nothing whatsoever preventeth from turning unto Thee, O Creator of the heavens and Sovereign of Names! Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

BH08666: Verily the Book itself proclaimeth and saith: “O people!…

He is the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

Verily the Book itself proclaimeth and saith: “O people! The All-Bountiful hath come upon the clouds. Behold ye the countenance of God, the Lord of all worlds! He hath appeared from the most exalted horizon after the passing away of all things. Turn ye unto Him and be not of them who denied the signs of God when they were sent down in truth and turned away from His mighty proof.” By God’s life! The vibration of the Word hath seized all things, yet the people remain in manifest lethargy. They witness the signs of God yet deny them—verily they are among the most lost. When thou hast quaffed the choice wine of utterance from the cup of the bounty of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, then render thanks and say: “Thine is the bounty, O Possessor of Names, and Thine is the grace, O Thou through Whom every mighty cause hath appeared!”

BH08982: This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent…

In the Name of Him Who moveth the still, Who is both Manifest and Hidden

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down unto him who hath believed in God, the Lord of the worlds, that he may follow the ways of God and His commandments which were sent down in His mighty Book.

Hearken unto the call of Him Who hath been wronged from this Spot which God hath made the Seat of His mighty Throne. We have enjoined upon men what is right, but they have followed their own desires, except such as God hath willed, the All-Powerful, the All-Informed. We make mention of God in this Most Great Prison and We thank Him for having ordained imprisonment for Us in His straight Path.

O people of Baha! It behooveth you to follow that whereunto ye have been commanded. Verily it shall profit you in this world and the next. To this beareth witness the Tongue of Grandeur from His luminous Horizon. Thus hath the human one revealed the fruits of utterance from this Tree which hath been raised up in truth by God, the Almighty, the All-Wise.

BH08968: In My Name, the Most Holy

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Say: O Thou Who art the Lord of existence and the Sovereign of all that exists! Thou seest me turning my face toward the horizon of Thy bounty, with the gaze of one who beseecheth the ocean of Thy forgiveness and the sun of Thy pardon. Wilt Thou render me deprived, after I have acknowledged Thy generosity? And wilt Thou make me forbidden, after I have confessed Thy favors?

O my Lord! The poor one hath stood before Thy gate, and the lowly one before the treasury of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the tribes have lamented, save those whom Thy pervading Will and Thy all-compelling Purpose have chosen, to grant me the Kawthar of Thy good-pleasure and to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy Messengers who spoke not except by Thy leave and command, and moved not except by Thy will.

Verily Thou art the Potent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

BH09038: Your letter was honored to receive the glance…

He is the Hearer and Seer.

Your letter was honored to receive the glance of favor in the Most Great Prison, and the longing of your heart in love and separation was heard.

Praise the Beloved of the world Who assisted you in a Cause from which most people are deprived and veiled, although all have been created for His recognition and His Day.

Know thou the value of this exalted station and preserve it in the name of Truth, for thieves and traitors have been and are lying in wait.

Such injustice hath appeared that justice hath lamented, but God will seize whom He willeth through His sovereignty. Verily He is the Powerful over what He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful.

BH08713: O Maidservant of God! The ocean of divine bounty…

In the Name of the Kind God

O Maidservant of God! The ocean of divine bounty is manifest and the sun of generosity is shining upon all existence. Strive that thou mayest receive thy portion and take thy share of the outpourings of these divine days. That which is lost by any soul in this day can never be regained, and this truth is attested by every person of wisdom and insight.

Say: O handmaidens! The cloud of mercy is raised high, and from the heaven of grace the rains of generosity are flowing down and descending. How excellent is the state of the one who hath recognized it and drunk therefrom.

Thus have We sent down from the heaven of utterance the water of wisdom and explanation. Blessed is he who hath recognized it and hath said: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all the worlds!

BH08874: 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, and that He Who speaketh this day is indeed the Hidden Treasure through Whose remembrance the Books of God have been adorned throughout all ages and centuries. He was concealed within God's knowledge and treasured up from time immemorial, and when the appointed hour arrived He appeared through the power of Truth, and toward Him have turned the sincere ones from every direction.

Say: The Trumpet is His Call, the Straight Path His Cause, the Book His utterance, and the Balance that which hath appeared through His all-pervading grace. How many a servant hath turned and attained the Supreme Horizon, and how many a servant hath lost by following every remote learned one.

Thus hath crowed the Cock and cooed the Dove of the Cause upon a lofty branch.

BH08977: The Book of God hath been sent down…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

The Book of God hath been sent down in truth, and verily it is a noble Book which God, the Lord of the worlds, hath revealed. Verily it beareth glad tidings to the world of My remembrance and My mighty Manifestation, from which every distant misbeliever hath fled and every malicious doubter hath turned away. We have revealed the Cause and sent down every wise command. We counsel those who are [among the people of] Baha to be steadfast and trustworthy and to manifest spiritual qualities. He, verily, is the All-Wise Ruler. We make mention of those who have held fast to the cord of the Cause and acted according to what they were commanded in My mighty Book. Those who have disbelieved and turned away, these are the companions of the fire, to which every fair-minded and insightful one doth testify. Glorify thou the praise of thy Lord, then render thanks unto Him for what He hath sent down unto thee from His Most Exalted Pen that whereby the hearts of them that are nigh are made glad.

BH08709: He sends blessings upon those who hold fast…

In His Name, the Mighty, the Great!

He sends blessings upon those who hold fast to trustworthiness and remembers those who fulfill what they have covenanted. He is, in truth, the Guardian of those who act.

How many a servant cast behind him God's covenant and pledge, and how many a hero remained steadfast therein until he ascended unto God, the Single, the All-Informed.

We commanded all to that whereby their stations might be elevated, yet they did that which rent asunder the veil of sanctity among creatures. God bears witness to this, and I am the All-Knowing Witness.

Say: O people, hearken unto My call and turn towards My mighty kingdom. When the attraction of My verses seizes thee and the wine of My praise intoxicates thee, turn with thy radiant heart toward My Most Great Horizon and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Wronged and Exiled One.

BH08911: We have, verily, sent down the verses, and I…

In His Name, the Speaking One, the Manifest One

We have, verily, sent down the verses, and I am, in truth, the Ancient Sender. We have, verily, revealed the clear proofs, and I am, in truth, the All-Knowing Revealer. I have borne in the path of God what no one in all the worlds hath borne. Were I to recount what I have witnessed for the sake of God, every fair-minded and discerning one would weep. We have placed Our trust in all matters in God, the Single One, the All-Informed, and We remember Him at all times, and the hosts of all who are on earth do not frighten Us. To this beareth witness what hath appeared from Me before and after, and beyond these My perspicuous Book. By the life of God! Had the deniers known what God intended for them, they would

have cast aside the hatred they harbor and turned to Us with great joy. Thus have We remembered thee, that thou mayest give thanks and be of those who praise. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH08966: I am the Wronged One, the Rememberer

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Say: O thou serpent! The Pure One asketh thee concerning her daughters. Make clear what thou hast pronounced against them. And O wolf! The Messenger asketh thee concerning his son. Where is Joseph of the Messenger, and where is the apple of the Pure One's eye?

By God! The calumny fell upon the first Wolf, while this wolf hath devoured the son of the Messenger before the faces of the heedless. The serpent was deceived when she found herself before those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of the worlds.

This calamity hath transcended mention and description. We beseech God to console the Family. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

O thou hearer! When thou hearest the call of the Wronged One from the direction of the Prison, ponder upon those who oppressed and those who gave up their spirits for God, the Mighty, the Praised One.

BH08957: Say: Glorified art Thou, O God of existence…

In the name of the Most Holy, Most Great Beauty!

Say: Glorified art Thou, O God of existence and Sovereign over the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by the Word through which the heavens were raised up, the verses were sent down, and the signs appeared, that Thou draw me nigh unto the ocean of Thy knowledge which hath been manifested through one of Thy names. O my Lord! The Wronged One hath turned toward the shore of Thy justice, the evanescent one hath faced the horizon of Thy perpetuity, and the ailing one hath hastened to the Kawthar of Thy healing. Wilt Thou disappoint him after he hath acknowledged the heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy generosity? And wilt Thou turn him away from the door of Thy grace after he hath turned to Thee, hoping for Thy ancient favor and Thy wondrous gifts? O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Self to make me steadfast in Thy mighty Cause and to preserve me in all conditions from the accursed Satan. Verily Thou art the Generous Giver. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

BH08798: This is the Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious…

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

This is the Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious remembrance from Us to him who hath attained unto the recognition of God, the Lord of all worlds.

Thy letter hath come before Us, and We have answered thee in days wherein the Temple of Justice hath been shaken by the onslaught of tyranny and the Faithful Spirit hath lamented in an exalted station. This is a day wherein the Spirit of the Cause hath wept by reason of that which the hands of the oppressors

have wrought. The sun of fidelity hath set from the horizon of Sad. Blessed is he whose eyes have shed tears—woe unto the heedless!

Place thy trust in God, then render thanks unto Him for having turned toward thee from this most exalted Horizon and revealed unto thee that which hath diffused the fragrance of divine knowledge between the heavens and the earth. Thus hath the Luminary of utterance shone forth from the horizon of the mouth of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, that thou mayest give thanks and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the world, and glorification be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of them that have recognized Thee!"

BH08790: A mention from Us unto him who desires…

In His Name, the Most Holy, the Most Great

A mention from Us unto him who desires to drink from the wine of life and turn unto the Dawning-Place of the Cause of his Lord, the Most Merciful. He, verily, is the All-Knowing Rememberer.

We make mention of all who dwell in creation and give them glad tidings of God, the Lord of all worlds, Who hath manifested the Manifestation of His Cause and the Dawning-Place of His Revelation amidst mankind. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Hold thou fast unto the cord of God, then make mention of Him at all times. He, verily, is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

This is a Day wherein all things have been attracted by the breezes of the revelation of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Great. Be thou thankful that this Book hath been sent down unto thee from the heaven of the Will of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

Glory be unto him who hath fulfilled God's Covenant and Testament and cast behind him every misbeliever far removed.

BH08963: Say: Praise be to Thee, O Lord of existence…

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing

Say: Praise be to Thee, O Lord of existence and Educator of the seen and unseen, for having transformed the fire of my heedlessness into the light of Thy recognition and the darkness of my ignorance into the radiance of Thy knowledge.

O my Lord! Thou seest me standing before the door of Thy grace, hoping for the wonders of Thy bounty and generosity. O my God, my Lord, my Beloved and my Purpose! Thou seest my face turned toward the horizon of Thy Manifestation and my eyes expectant of the outpourings of Thy grace and gifts.

O my Lord! Having guided me to the ocean of Thy knowledge, withhold me not from the effusions of the clouds of Thy bounties. Having caused me to recognize the Manifestation of Thy signs, drive me not from Thy door which Thou hast opened to all who are in Thy heaven and on Thy earth.

O my Lord! Through Thy generosity, teach me that which will cause me to endure through the endurance of Thy celestial dominion and Thy realm of might. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Great.

BH08989: A Book sent down by the Wronged One…

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

A Book sent down by the Wronged One for a handmaiden who hath believed in God, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting.

Glory be unto Thee, O Sovereign of Names and Creator of earth and heaven! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy knowledge and the heaven of Thy wisdom and the sun of Thy Will to inscribe me among those who have circled round the Throne of Thy grandeur and have attained unto Thy presence in Thy days.

O my Lord! Thine exile and Thine affliction have consumed me, and what hath befallen Thee at the hands of Thine enemies hath set me ablaze. I beseech Thee to aid me in all conditions to remain steadfast in Thy Cause and to enable me to turn toward Thy horizon.

Verily Thou art He Whom the happenings of the world cannot frustrate, nor can the clamor of the nations prevent Thee. Thou doest through Thy sovereignty whatsoever Thou willest and ordainest through Thy power whatsoever Thou pleasest. Verily Thou art the Single One, the Unique One, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

BH08668: Verily the Point of the Bayan heralded unto all…

He is the Most Luminous Expositor!

Verily the Point of the Bayan heralded unto all who dwell within the realm of contingent being the Revelation of the All-Merciful in every scripture, psalm and book. Yet when the Gate was flung open and the All-Bestowing appeared, every doubting idolater turned away. They violated God's Covenant and His Testament, and uttered that which caused the dwellers of Paradise to lament, and likewise He in Whose possession is the Mother Book. They cast behind their backs the counsels of God and seized upon that which the Idol of Vain Imaginings had whispered in their breasts. Thus did Satan make their deeds seem fair unto them.

When thou hast attained unto My Book and hast read My verses, and the Kawthar of Mine utterance hath taken hold of thee, turn thy face towards God, the Lord of the Final End.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast caused me to know Thy Self and shown me Thy horizon and enabled me to remember Thee! I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, the Unconstrained.

BH08737: O handmaiden of God! Fierce winds are blowing…

In the Name of God, the Speaker

O handmaiden of God! Fierce winds are blowing and the tempest of ungodly souls is evident and manifest. Beseech the Almighty Friend with utmost humility and supplication to protect you and other maidservants and handmaidens of God beneath the shade of the Tree of Providence. O maidservant of God! Hold fast to the strong cord of steadfastness, for it hath been observed that certain men who counted themselves among the most exalted of servants were, through an ignorant utterance, deprived of the ocean of knowledge and forbidden from the sun of insight. Thus hath spoken the Tongue of Grandeur in this noble station, counseling His servants and handmaidens to supreme steadfastness in this Cause whereby the feet of the mystics and the learned and the jurists have slipped, save whom God, the Lord of the worlds, hath willed.

BH08813: He Who is established upon the Most Great Throne

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Glorified is He Who hath inspired His chosen servants and made them recognize this Day which was inscribed in His Preserved Tablet.

Say: This is the Day wherewith God hath gladdened His servants, and He verily speaketh the truth when He saith: “There is none other God but I, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.”

Verily, this Day walketh and speaketh and proclaimeth, yet most of the people are heedless. It crieth out by its own self and saith:

> “By God! The Lord of Eternity hath come with the Most Great Name. Turn ye unto Him and be not of the heedless ones. By God! He hath prospered who hath turned unto Him, and lost are they who have turned away from God and followed the vain imaginings of every remote impostor.”

Blessed art thou for having turned to the Most Sublime Horizon and believed in God, the All-Informed.

BH08862: Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name…

He is the Mighty, the All-Praised

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name the heaven hath been adorned with the stars of wisdom and utterance, and the earth was established when the Throne was set upon it through Thy Name, the All-Merciful! I beseech Thee to write down for me that which will exalt me among Thy creation and render me mighty among Thy servants. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. The knowledge of all things escapeth not Thy knowledge. Thou art, verily, the Mighty, the All-Wise. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name, through which every rock and clod and leaf hath spoken forth Thy praise and glorification, to protect me from the evil of those who have disbelieved in Thee and in Thy signs. O Lord! I am he who hath turned unto Thee and hath held fast unto the cord of Thy bounty. Write down, then, for me that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Thou art, verily, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

BH08864: The Lamp of God calleth out between you saying…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great!

The Lamp of God calleth out between you saying: “Unto Me, unto Me, O My people and My servants! By My life, I have manifested Myself unto you and I am the Mighty, the Bountiful. Follow My command and follow not those who worship their desires and have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds.

Verily We have manifested Ourselves for your life, but most of the people are heedless. The tongue of My grandeur calleth unto them and commandeth them with that which profiteth them in My dominion and My kingdom, yet they are in evident doubt.

O Pen! Leave their mention, then make mention of him who hath turned unto the countenance of thy Lord and believed in God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Verily, the glory be upon thee for having heard My sweetest call and turned unto it through My Most Glorious Name, whereby all created things were shaken save whom God, the Single One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, did will.”

BH08867: The Self-Subsisting hath testified concerning this Wronged One…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great.

The Self-Subsisting hath testified concerning this Wronged One that there is no God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. He hath opened the gate of heaven, and this is that Gate which hath been opened through the Most Great Name unto all who are in the kingdom of earth and heaven. Blessed is he who hath turned unto it and stood before its court, and woe betide every denier and doubter.

All things have borne witness unto the Lord of Names, yet the people understand not. The Most Great Vision hath appeared, yet the people have turned away from it.

We have turned unto thee from this most sublime station. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Loving. How many a servant hath believed, and how many a servant hath turned away—and he who hath turned away is assuredly among the denizens of the graves.

Hold fast in all conditions to the cord of thy Lord’s loving-kindness and place thy trust in Him. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Compassionate.

BH08910: We have sent down the verses and made manifest…

He is the One dawning from the horizon of utterance!

We have sent down the verses and made manifest the clear proofs. To this testify all things and My Most Exalted Pen in this luminous station.

Say: By God! The Trumpet soundeth in My Name, and the Bugle proclaimeth My remembrance, and the Bell ringeth out: “The Sovereign hath come with manifest sovereignty!”

O peoples of the earth, recognize the value of these days, then behold what hath shone forth from the horizon of the will of your Lord, the All-Informed. We make mention of you and acquaint you as a grace from Our presence, and I am the All-Seeing.

Hold fast to the robe of thy Lord and say: O God of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in the Cause whereby the feet of the learned have slipped, save those whom Thou didst rescue through Thy grace that overshadoweth the worlds.

Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH08924: Your letter has arrived and that which was contained…

In His Name, the Answerer

Your letter has arrived and that which was contained therein was presented before the Face by the servant who was present. We have heard it and answer you with this wondrous Tablet. Give thanks unto God for having aided you to recognize Him at Whose appearance all who are in the heavens and earth were thunderstruck, save whom God willed, the Mighty, the Powerful. When the gate of heaven was opened and the Lord of Names appeared, agitation seized all in the realms of creation save those whom the hand of grace had taken hold of. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Grieve not over anything. Remember Him Who was wronged among the servants and imprisoned in this remote fortress. Thus have We remembered thee that thou mayest rejoice and be of those who are steadfast. Remind My loved ones with fragrance and joy, and give them the glad-tidings of the verses of God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH08941: In His Most Great, Most Glorious Name

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The Balance was appointed when the All-Merciful appeared with a Cause that caused all who are in the heavens and earth to swoon away, save whom God willed, the Lord of all worlds. The Herald hath cried out between earth and heaven: The Gate hath been opened and the All-Bestower hath come with manifest sovereignty.

Verily, he who was drawn by the attraction of the Call hath turned toward My most exalted horizon and said:

> “Praise be unto Thee, O God of the world, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Beloved of them that know!”

By God! The All-Informed hath proclaimed My Manifestation, and the All-Knowing crieth out before My luminous countenance.

The people have been seized with such intoxication of vain desire that they have turned away from God, the Lord of all creation, except those who have held fast to My strong cord. Such are accounted among the most exalted of creation in My mighty Book.

Blessed art thou for having turned unto Me, and taken, and drunk the choice wine in My glorious, mighty Name.

BH08961: Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God…

He is the Most Ancient

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for that Thou hast revealed unto me Thy beauty, made me to hearken unto Thy Call, made known unto me Thy Horizon, and cast upon me Thy Most Exalted Word, through which all things have inhaled the fragrance of reunion with Thee.

O Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. Thou beholdest me standing at the gate of Thy City, seeking refuge in Thy bounty. I entreat Thee, O Thou Beloved of the world and Desire of the nations, to make me of those whom the might of the Pharaohs hath not debarred from Thy love, nor the tyranny of the mighty withheld from Thy remembrance.

O my Lord! Thou art He whose manifestations of bounty have encompassed all beings, and whose tokens of generosity are revealed in all contingent things. Ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, then make me firm and steadfast in Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art He Who hath ever been potent, and shalt continue for ever to be all-compelling in might; and Thou, in truth, art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH08965: In My Most Great, the All-Glorious Name

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Say: O God of the world, Thou Who art made manifest through the Most Great Name, by which the nations have raised their plaintive cry! I beseech Thee, by Thy subduing my pen to Thy decree, to ordain for me, in Thy Book, that which shall endure as doth the everlastingness of Thy Kingdom and Thy Dominion.

O Lord! I am he who hath hastened unto the habitation of Thy Throne, turned unto the horizon of Thy justice, and directed himself towards Thy Countenance after the passing away of such as dwell upon Thy earth. I entreat Thee to deal with me in a manner befitting the heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy grace.

Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful One, before Whose might all created things have confessed; and Thou art, in truth, the Most Exalted, unto Whose loftiness all contingent beings have borne witness. All who are endowed with sight have testified to Thy sovereignty and Thy omnipotence, and all who are possessed of understanding have acknowledged Thy knowledge and Thy transcendent glory.

No God is there but Thee, the Most Exalted, the All-Powerful, the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

BH08981: This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent…

He is the Expounder, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down unto him who hath turned towards Him on a Day whereon every heedless one that is far removed hath turned away, that the fragrances of My utterance might draw him unto the kingdom of My loving-kindness—and I am verily the Forgiving, the Bountiful. That which had never appeared before hath now been manifested, and that which lay concealed in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds, hath come to pass.

The eye of the world hath been gladdened by His appearance, yet the people remain in evident veils. Hijaz hath trembled with longing for His presence, and the sacred Mount of God with yearning for His advent, and the land of Syria hath been perfumed by His luminous garment. They that have turned away—these shall have no portion. They make mention of God with their tongues while their hearts tell of images and idols. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen spoken. Blessed are they that hearken. When thou dost find the fragrance of My words, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the mystics!

BH08985: This is a Book sent down by the All-Merciful…

In the Name of the Most Glorious!

This is a Book sent down by the All-Merciful to all who dwell in the realm of possibility. To this all things bear witness.

Blessed are they who have recognized and turned to God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Woe to those who dispute God's verses and deny His irrevocable Cause. Can one who turns away be truly called human or deserve that designation? Nay, by My Name, the Protector over what was and what shall be! The people have turned away from the Countenance and denied God, the Lord of existence, save those rescued by the hand of God's will, Lord of the exalted Throne.

This is a Day that has brought joy to the eye of creation, did ye but know. In it hath appeared the Most Great Sign, manifested in human form. Blessed be God, Lord of all kings, through Whom the divine fragrances have wafted, the Word hath appeared, and those in the graves have arisen.

BH09163: In My Name, the Caller in the World

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O Revealer of verses and Manifestor of clear signs! Thou knowest and seest that the horizon of creation hath been darkened by what hath befallen Thy servant whose name beginneth with H at the hands of those who have denied Thy most beauteous names and Thy most great signs.

Thou knowest, O my God, that he is the one who arose to serve Thee after being awakened by Thy call, and turned toward Thy most exalted horizon after Thou didst reveal it to him through Thy grace and bounty.

Though tribulation in Thy path is as honey to the lovers and as light to the people of the Covenant, I beseech Thee, O Deliverer of Moses and Supporter of Abraham, to protect him with the hosts of the unseen and deliver him from those who cast Thy Cause behind their backs and were heedless of Thy remembrance.

Then I beseech Thee, O God of the world, to ordain for me that which shall profit me in this world and the next. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the Almighty.

BH09479: The great terror hath appeared through…

He is the Grieved, the Wronged One.

The great terror hath appeared through that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. All things have lamented by reason of the lamentation of the Apostle in the Most Exalted Paradise, while the people are in manifest error. They slay the children of the Apostle and enter the mosques, and they reckon themselves among the doers of good.

O thou who hast turned toward the Throne! Hearken unto My call from around My prison. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Recompenser, the All-Wise.

Turn not unto the world and its days and affairs. Remember thou the Ever-Abiding, the All-Knowing. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee and drawn thee near until thou didst attain to the recognition of the Manifestation of His mighty Cause.

Thus hath the tongue of the Wronged One spoken when He turned toward thee from this glorious station.

BH09702: O peoples of the earth! By God, verily…

He is the One Who Warbles in the Midst of the Heavens

O peoples of the earth! By God, verily the Book hath appeared in the temple of man and announceth unto you the appearance of God and His sovereignty. Hearken ye, and be not of the heedless. The heaven giveth you glad-tidings and the earth calleth out to you, yet ye are among those who slumber. Awaken at the shrill voice of My Most Exalted Pen and turn with pure hearts to the Most Great Scene, the Station wherein the Lord of Destiny proclaimeth: “There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Gracious.” This is the Word wherewith the Revealer of the Bayan informed you, and this is the Manifestation whereof the Books of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, gave you glad-tidings. Thus doth My Pen move in this Prison and My Tongue speak by My command, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

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BH09250: We have manifested trustworthiness upon the temple of man…

He is the One Who Dawneth from the Horizon of Immortality

We have manifested trustworthiness upon the temple of man, and verily he crieth out amidst the people of existence, saying:

> "All bounty belongeth unto him who hath clung unto me and acted according to that which was commanded by God, the Lord of all men."

Those who have turned away from me have no portion in the Book.

O people of the earth! Hearken unto my call and hold fast unto my cord. By God! Through it the Cause of God and His dominion over all religions shall be exalted. Arise from the slumber of passion, then drink the choice wine of trustworthiness from the hand of the bounty of your Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto him who hath believed in God, the Manifestation of clear proofs.

BH09256: We have indeed expounded the Point and have brought…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great!

We have indeed expounded the Point and have brought forth from it the knowledge of what was and what will be, and have caused all things to speak forth that which the Lord of Names has testified. He is, verily, the One Who oversees every witness and witnessed thing.

When the choice wine of revelation has taken hold of you from the hand of My bounty and My most sweet call has drawn you to the horizon of My loving-kindness, arise and say:

O You in Whose hand lies the kingdom of names and in Whose grasp are all who dwell on earth and in heaven! I beseech You by Your Name through which the Concourse on High rejoiced to make me in all conditions one who speaks forth Your praise and stands firm in Your Cause. Verily, You are the Powerful over whatsoever You will. There is no God but You, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH09283: O Hasan! Thy letter was presented before the Wronged…

In the Name of the One God!

O Hasan! Thy letter was presented before the Wronged One and attained the honor of His gracious regard. We counsel thee and all My loved ones to manifest the Most Great Steadfastness and the Most Great Trustworthiness. Make wisdom a lamp unto yourselves, then walk thereby in the darkness of the earth. Thus doth the All-Knowing counsel you.

Say: O Thou Beloved of the heavens and earth, and the Powerful over all who are in the kingdom of Command and Creation! I beseech Thee by those who were martyred in the land of Sad in Thy path, O Lord of creation, to make me steadfast in Thy service, then accept from me what I have done in Thy days. O my Lord! Thou art the Generous and I am the supplicant at Thy gate, hoping for what lieth with Thee. Verily, Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH09448: The divine favor hath encompassed thee. Thou didst attain…

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful.

The divine favor hath encompassed thee. Thou didst attain the presence of the Most Holy Court and wert honored with attaining His presence. Thou must, God willing, act according to that which He loveth and is pleased with.

Man must needs possess human qualities. Through God's loving-kindness, all the friends must manifest goodly deeds and spiritual qualities. Every good deed is today, and shall continue to be, the cause of the exaltation of His Cause.

Convey to all the friends greetings from God, and say: The Wronged One of the world remembereth you from the prison of the people of discord, and calleth you unto trustworthiness, truthfulness, steadfastness and fidelity.

The glory be upon you and upon him who heareth and respondeth.

BH09358: A remembrance unto My servant who hearkened unto…

He is the Glorious, the Most Glorious!

A remembrance unto My servant who hearkened unto that which God, the Lord of the worlds, proclaimed and responded to Him in days when the skin of the learned ones trembled and the feet of the mystics slipped.

O Qasim! We have mentioned thee before and have sent down verses unto thee as a bounty from Our presence, and verily I am the All-Wise.

Today each one of the loved ones of God must gather round the Tree of the Manifestation, and each according to their capacity must strive to diffuse the sweet fragrances of love and fellowship among the friends. Blessed is the state of the one who acted upon the divine counsels.

Hold fast to the cord of My loving-kindness and cling to the hem of thy resplendent Lord. We, from this station, pronounce Our "Allah-u-Akbar" upon thy face, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH09187: When the horizon of Manifestation was illumined…

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

When the horizon of Manifestation was illumined and the birds burst into song, trembling seized the dwellers of the earth save those whom God caused to dwell beneath the shadow of His Name, the Self-Subsisting. Say: He spoke a word whereupon the heavens were cleft asunder, the earth was rent, and every stubborn tyrant returned to his abode. Say: When He entered the Most Great Prison, He proclaimed unto the nations with His most exalted call. To this testifieth what hath been sent down from His Supreme Pen in His preserved Tablet. He is the One Who arose to proclaim the Cause in such wise

that the hosts of the world could not deter Him, nor could the ranks of men prevent Him from His firm and wise command. Thus did the ocean of My bounty surge, and the rains of My gifts shower down, that ye might be among them that rejoice.

BH09525: In My Name, the All-Knowing

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The Book of God hath been sent down in truth from the presence of One knowing and wise. Verily it is the Balance of Truth amongst creation and the Most Great Sign for all who are in the heavens and the earth. Through it the horizon of justice hath been illumined and that which was hidden in God's knowledge, the Lord of all worlds, hath been made manifest. Verily it judgeth between the servants with pure justice, and it is indeed the Judge from God, the Mighty, the Praised. Whoso hath been heedless of it is indeed the heedless, the doubtful one. And whoso hath recognized it is among the people of Baha in a noble tablet. Whoso hath attained unto My recognition hath attained unto all good from the presence of One mighty and powerful. To this testifieth every atom, but the people are in evident veiling.

BH09529: This is a Book sent down by the All-Merciful…

In His Name, the One Sanctified from All Mention!

This is a Book sent down by the All-Merciful, and verily it is the path of God for all who are in the heavens and on earth. Blessed is he who hath turned unto it; he is truly of the people of this glorious Scene. They who have remained heedless of it are assuredly among the lost.

We have sent down the verses and made manifest the clear proofs, yet the people remain behind an obvious veil. The Cause of God hath appeared and the earth hath been illumined with the light of God, the Lord of all worlds.

Say: O people! Follow not your desires; turn ye to the horizon of Revelation. This is better for you, did ye but know it.

We give thee glad tidings of My remembrance and recite unto thee My verses and draw thee nigh unto My mighty Kingdom. Whoso hath attained unto the Most Great Steadfastness hath attained unto this glorious station.

BH09490: The horizon of utterance hath dawned forth…

He is the Most Great, the Most Holy!

The horizon of utterance hath dawned forth from the Sun of My remembrance, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. We make mention of him who hath turned towards the Countenance, and counsel him with that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds, may be uplifted. How many a servant hath turned away from the Countenance, having followed the vain imaginings of those who disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Erelong shall he bewail his own self and repent of that which he wrought in these fleeting days. Verily thy Lord is the All-Informed. We have manifested the Cause and sent down the

verses, yet the people are in evident doubt. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as the Countenance of the Ancient One hath turned towards thee, and hath sent down unto thee from the Most Great Prison that which consoleth the eyes of them that know. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH09232: God and His Messengers and His chosen ones bear…

He is the Speaker, the All-Knowing!

God and His Messengers and His chosen ones bear witness that there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. The Pen hath proclaimed that there is no God but Him, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing. By God's life! They desired naught but My Self, and it moveth by My Name, the All-Encompassing over all horizons.

Among the people is he who clingeth to idle fancy, turning away from God, the Lord of all mankind, and among them is he who is seized by the attraction of the verses in such wise that he hath turned unto the Most Exalted Horizon and hath said:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all names, for having caused me to speak Thy praise after Thou didst make me to know Thy Manifestation, dawning from the horizon of creation."

Thus doth the Wronged One make mention that thou mayest thank thy Lord and remember Him throughout the nights and days.

BH09534: This is a Book sent down by the Wronged…

He is the One dawning from the horizon of the world.

This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One in the Most Great Prison to him who hath believed in God, the Lord of eternity.

We make mention of him who maketh mention of Us, and give glad-tidings unto him who hath turned towards God, the Lord of all nations. He that heareth My verses is indeed the hearing one, and he that turneth unto My horizon is the seeing one, and he that drinketh the choice wine of revelation from the hands of bounty is the mighty one.

Blessed is he who hath turned towards God and sought the Intended One while He was in His Most Great Prison. Thus have We made mention of thee and revealed for thee that which hath attracted the world. Happy is he who hath attained unto My days, and blessed is he who hath drunk the living waters of immortality from this Pen.

BH09429: My tongue, my heart, my innermost being, my limbs…

He is the Mighty, the All-Wise!

My tongue, my heart, my innermost being, my limbs, my veins and my very hairs bear witness that verily He is God, the Lord of all worlds. To this testifieth that which hath been sent down in His Manifest Book.

Verily he who hath borne witness to that which God hath testified is accounted among them that are nigh unto God in a luminous Book. And he who hath attained unto the fragrances of these days is assuredly among the denizens of Paradise in My Preserved Tablet.

We have made manifest the Point and have expounded it until there appeared books which none can reckon save the All-Knowing. Whoso hath gained knowledge of them hath gained knowledge through the power of God and His sovereignty which overshadoweth all who are in the heavens and on earth.

When thou hearest the Call, render thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Informed.

BH09215: This is the day when human knowledge and understanding…

In the Name of the one true God!

This is the day when human knowledge and understanding must come into being in the world of existence. Man is like unto a precious sword: as long as it remaineth concealed in the sheath no one knoweth its excellence and beauty and its precious nature, for it is concealed and veiled from sight. In like manner, until man's humanity becometh manifest his worth remaineth unknown.

We beseech God to bring forth all from the sheaths of self and passion, that the essence of each one may become evident and manifest before the jewelers.

Ye must strive, God willing, to drink from the choice wine of inner meanings and to gaze toward the supreme horizon. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Bestower, the Gracious.

BH09538: A Book which hath been honored with the breezes…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

A Book which hath been honored with the breezes of Revelation, and which the Best-Beloved of the world hath desired to send unto one of His handmaidens who hath immersed herself in the ocean of faith and turned unto God on a day whereon most of the divines and most of the handmaidens have turned away. To this the Most Exalted Pen beareth witness, and He, verily, is the True One, the Faithful.

O My handmaiden! Rejoice thou in My remembrance, for it is a sun that hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness. Verily, thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Praised. Be thou not grieved at anything, for He is with you, beholding from His Most Glorious Horizon. Thus hath the matter been decreed in a perspicuous Book. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon those who have inhaled the fragrance of the Divine Raiment and believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

BH09260: We make mention of him who hath acknowledged…

He is the Mighty, the Great!

We make mention of him who hath acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken when He was established upon the throne of His Most Great Name. We give glad-tidings unto them that have

believed of the good-pleasure of God and His nearness, and We acquaint them with His straight and manifest path.

Whoso hath turned unto Him hath indeed attained salvation, and he that hath turned away is assuredly among the perishing ones. By God's life! All that hath been created on earth shall profit him not. Unto this doth every knowing and perceiving one bear witness.

O Javad! Hold thou fast, under all conditions, to the Crimson Cord which hath appeared from the seat of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by it to make me steadfast in this Cause whereby every idolator hath wailed, every heedless one hath cried out, and every ignorant one far removed hath been sorely troubled.

BH09410: The handmaidens of God must in this day engage…

In the Name of the one true God

The handmaidens of God must in this day engage themselves with absolute sanctity and purity in the utterance of the praise of the Beloved of all creation. They should regard all save the Truth as non-existent and lost.

Whosoever hath in this day attained the love of God hath attained unto all good and is the possessor of all that is desired. Strive that with the aid of the True One this sublime station may be preserved by you in His Name.

Glory be upon you and upon all the handmaidens who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

BH09282: O Hasan! Praise be to God that through divine…

In the Name of the one true God!

O Hasan! Praise be to God that through divine grace thou hast drunk from the ocean of mystic knowledge and turned thy face toward the highest horizon. Through the might of God and the power of the eternal Sovereign, thou must, God willing, remain occupied with His remembrance in all conditions, that perchance those who thirst in the wilderness of idle fancies may drink from the heavenly stream of the All-Merciful and attain unto the breezes of the Day of God.

For every atom among the atoms of contingent beings a portion hath been ordained and a share hath been established in the Book of God. How excellent is the state of the one who hath arisen at the mention of the Friend, who hath taken and drunk the water of life from the hand of His bounty.

We beseech God to assist thee and cause thee to speak forth the praise of the Wronged One Who speaketh from this exalted, mighty and sublime station.

BH09253: We make mention of thee when thy letter was…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Generous!

We make mention of thee when thy letter was present before the Throne, that thou mayest read and be of the thankful ones.

The world hath been illumined by the lights of thy Lord's countenance, yet most of the people are in manifest darkness. They have cast the light behind their backs, having followed every remote oppressor—those who lay claim to knowledge without any proof from God and who pronounce judgment against His loved ones throughout months and years. Through them corruption hath encompassed the land and sea, as attesteth the Preserved Tablet in His presence.

They have followed their desires and cast aside the Book of God—thus doth the All-Informed inform thee. Shun them and take refuge in God from their evil. He verily protecteth whom He willeth through His sovereign might. He is, in truth, the Powerful, the All-Wise.

BH09530: A Book which the Single, the One, hath sent…

He is the All-Merciful, the Most Merciful

A Book which the Single, the One, hath sent down unto His servant who hath been named Muhammad, that he may speak forth the remembrance of God and His praise in these days wherein the standard of tyranny hath been raised up and the banner of justice hath been lowered through that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. A number of stars have set from the horizons of the heavens of thy Lord's knowledge, the All-Wise. O Muhammad! Muhammad, the Messenger of God, hath lamented in the most exalted station, and then the angels of the Throne in this noble station. He hath seized the oppressor through His sovereignty and He will seize those who followed him. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful. Rejoice thou in this Tablet, for it hath been sent down from before One Who is All-High, Most Great. Praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds.

BH09723: This is the Day of Revelation, and the Ancient…

In the Name of the One True God, the Compassionate!

This is the Day of Revelation, and the Ancient Beauty calls out to the peoples of the world from the Dawning-Place of the Most Great Name, and summons them to the Source of Divine Revelation and the Dayspring of Grace, which is the Truth Itself. Blessed are they who have attained unto this most great bounty!

Praise ye the one true God, Who hath, on this triumphant day, bestowed upon you from His bounteous hand the waters of everlasting life. He is the Bestower, the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing, and He is powerful and mighty over all things.

This Wronged One counsels you to manifest praiseworthy characteristics and to remain steadfast in the Cause, for mighty indeed is God's Cause. Hold fast unto it and place your trust in God, the Lord of all the worlds.

BH09251: In His Most Ancient Name

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We left the House, proceeding toward the garden, and on the way We encountered servants who had believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed. There accompanied Us a certain number of those who had acknowledged what God had testified in His Noble Book. We journeyed until We entered the place and drank Chinese tea, and We said: "Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds!" Those who were with Me remained around Me without sleep. When morning breathed forth, they drank tea and proceeded to the city by command of One mighty and knowing. We arose through God's might and grace, took up the pen, and revealed unto thee this Clear Book. When thou attainest unto it, be thankful and say: "Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!"

BH09357: My remembrance is among My servants that it might…

He is the All-Wise!

My remembrance is among My servants that it might draw them to My Kingdom, and I am the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. My call is among My creation that it might bring them near to My dominion, and I am the Manifest Caller. My Book is among My creatures that it might make known to them My path, and I am the Preserved Book. My Tablet is among My chosen ones that it might give them glad tidings of My paradise, and I am the Great Tablet wherein hath been inscribed by the Finger of Power that which none knoweth save God, the Lord of all worlds. O concourse of creation! Take hold of the Book of God with might, then with power from His presence. Verily, He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. Thus hath the door of utterance been opened with the key of My Name, the All-Merciful, that ye might be among those who render thanks. Remember God, thy Lord, at all times and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Master of the mystics.

BH09450: We make mention of God, the Goal of all…

He is the One Who standeth through His own Name, the Self-Subsisting, at all times.

We make mention of God, the Goal of all worlds.

In all days doth move the Pen of the Lord of all names that hearts may be attracted by its traces, and in every night doth speak the tongue of Revelation that perchance men may attain certitude through God's verses. The very rock hath testified to the Lord of all creation, yet the people understand not.

By My life! The heart findeth no rest save through that which attracteth it to the verses of its Lord, and the spirit soareth in its longing to attain His presence, and the tongue is never stilled from the remembrance of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

We have manifested the Cause and sent down the verses—blessed are they who hear! We have illumined the horizon of utterance with the sun of thy Lord's remembrance, the Most Merciful, that thou mayest give thanks unto God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen.

BH09517: Say: O Lord of existence, Who art seated upon…

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

Say: O Lord of existence, Who art seated upon the Throne of Manifestation! I beseech Thee by that Name through which Thou didst reveal Thyself unto Moses on Sinai and unto the Spirit in the wilderness of Appearance, to send down upon me and upon Thy loved ones that which beseemeth the cloud of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity. O Lord! I am he who hath laid fast hold on the cord of Thy bestowal and clung to the hem of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me that which Thou hast ordained for them who have suffered martyrdom in Thy path and have endured tribulations for love of Thee. Thou art He Who ruleth as He pleaseth and ordaineth what He willeth. The veils of the world cannot hinder Thee, nor can the clamor of the nations. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH09565: A written Tablet inscribed by the Finger of Power…

He is the Manifest, the Hidden

A written Tablet inscribed by the Finger of Power. Blessed are they who recognize that it is a drop from the ocean of utterance, as attested by My Preserved Tablet.

Verily We make mention of the Tablet at times as the Written and at other times as the Preserved, and they are one and the same station, and it is the Sun shining from the horizon of the heaven of the knowledge of your Lord, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Say: Every goodly name mentioned in the Book verifies this Most Great, this Witnessed Remembrance. The Books of the Bayan and He Who revealed them in truth bear witness to this, did ye but know.

Were this Book to be interpreted throughout all eternity, it would never end—to this beareth witness the Sovereign of the Kingdom.

From this most exalted station We send Our blessings upon the faces of those who have turned towards the Most Glorious Horizon and have quaffed My sealed wine.

BH09576: We hear Our very hair calling out and testifying…

He is the One manifest in the Kingdom!

We hear Our very hair calling out and testifying:

> "By God! The Most Great Countenance has appeared and the Lord of Destiny calls humanity and summons them to His luminous station."

And we hear from Our very sight that which hath attracted the heart of the world, yet the people remain in thick veils.

Thou knowest, O my God, that all my limbs and members remember Thee with a remembrance none can know save those endowed with true knowledge and insight, who proclaim that there is no God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Blessed art thou for having turned to My Countenance and drawn near to God, the Lord of all worlds. He remembers whoever turns to Him and draws near to whoever approaches Him. He is indeed the Single, the One, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH09768: In My Name, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

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We make mention of thee as a favor from Us, and verily I am the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. Say: O suns of My names and manifestations of My love! Hearken unto My call, then act according to that which ye have been commanded in My perspicuous Book. It behooveth each one of you to be as a sun in the heaven of faithfulness, that there may appear from him that which will comfort the hearts of them that have recognized the truth. Verily, he who hath recognized the station of faithfulness and adorned himself with its ornament, he is indeed of the people of this noble station. The denizens of the Kingdom will offer prayers for him, from the presence of One mighty and wise. Give unto the people the glad-tidings of that which hath been revealed in this Tablet, and remind them of this mighty Cause. The glory be upon thee from God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH10122: O Wahhab! The All-Bountiful calls thee and gives thee…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great.

O Wahhab! The All-Bountiful calls thee and gives thee glad tidings through this Remembrance whereby the Tablets have been adorned. Bear thou witness even as God hath testified before the creation of all things that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who speaketh is verily the One intended from all eternity.

Verily he who hath recognized this Cause and drunk the choice wine of steadfastness—none among all created things can be his equal. He around Whom the Book revolves testifieth to this. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken forth in the Most Great Prison.

Blessed is he who hath heard and hath seen the Dayspring of Lights. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon thy father who hath ascended to the Supreme Companion and upon thy mother, from God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH09963: Say: Glory be to Thee, O God of Names…

In His Name, the Most Holy, the Most Great!

Say: Glory be to Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven! Thou seest me bewildered in Thy praise and glorification. I know with certainty that no description can ever reach unto Thee, and no mention beside Thee befits Thy presence. To this bear witness Thy Scriptures, Thy Scrolls, Thy Books and Thy Tablets. When Thy grace encompassed all created things and Thy mercy pervaded all contingent beings, Thou didst permit Thy servants to make mention of Thee and describe Thee, and through Thy generosity and favors, Thou didst accept their remembrances. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Word, which Thou hast made the Dayspring of Thy knowledge, to ordain for us the best of what lieth with Thee and to strengthen us in that which Thou hast willed for us through Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most High, the Most Great.

BH10000: O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having…

He is the Ever-Present, the All-Seeing

O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having created me, revealed me, given me to drink, nourished me, reared me, and caused me to know Thee, until Thou didst make me turn toward the horizon of Thy oneness and the Kaaba of Thy presence on a day wherein the tribes of the earth did lament. I testify, O my God, that Thou hast not dealt with me save in a manner befitting Thy glory, Thy generosity and Thy favors, and that I have not acted save in ways that I would be ashamed to mention before the court of Thy Manifestation. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by this Day wherein the morn of Thy grace did breathe and the sun of Thy loving-kindness did shine forth, to ordain for Thy chosen ones every good thing in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH09841: Glorified be He Who hath spoken and caused all…

He is sanctified from all name and mention

Glorified be He Who hath spoken and caused all things to speak that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting.

The horizon of the world hath been illumined by the Sun of My Most Great Name, yet most of the people perceive not. The verses have filled all regions, yet the people recognize not. The atoms have testified to the Revealer of verses, yet the people hear not. My sweetest call hath been raised between earth and heaven. Blessed is the hearing ear that hath heard, and the face that hath turned unto God, the Lord of Lords.

Thus have We remembered thee as a favor from Our presence that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving.

BH09982: This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent…

He is the Summoner between the heavens and the earth!

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down from the heaven of Will as a token of His grace, and verily I am the All-Bountiful.

This is a remembrance from Us unto him who hath attained the lights of the Kingdom when the Lord of the Realms of Might came with manifest sovereignty, that he may arise to serve his Lord and make mention of Him in such wise as to cause the Tree to soar and every lofty mountain to crumble.

Say: O people! By God the Truth, the appointed time is fulfilled and the All-Bestowing One is come, through Whose remembrance every book and scroll and preserved tablet hath been adorned. Thus hath the ocean of knowledge surged and the fragrance of the garment wafted.

If thou hast found it, say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!

BH09775: Verily We hear at this hour the Call…

He is the Most Glorious, the Most Luminous!

Verily We hear at this hour the Call which hath been raised betwixt earth and heaven, as though the Caller were God, the Lord of all worlds. And when We turned toward it with Our most pure hearing, We heard it say:

> "O concourse of humanity! By God, the Most Great Spectacle hath appeared, and God hath made it the seat of His mighty Throne. O people of the realm of possibility! The All-Merciful hath appeared with clear proof—turn ye unto Him and be not of the heedless ones."

We have mentioned unto thee that which We heard through Our Name, the Self-Subsisting, Who is this truthful Speaker, that thou mayest give praise and thanks unto Him Who created thee and caused thee to know this luminous Day.

The glory be upon the people of glory from God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

BH09745: Hearken unto what he who associated partners with God…

He is the One manifest in the Kingdom

Hearken unto what he who associated partners with God said after We sheltered him beneath the shade of the Tree and protected him through My sovereignty that prevails over the worlds. By God's life! He pronounced unjust judgment against those whom he should have served, then uttered that which no idolater had ever uttered before. His likeness is as the spotted snake that both bites and hisses. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Give thanks unto God for having attained unto His Most Great Remembrance and for His revelation unto thee of this wondrous Tablet. Let not the might of the world frighten thee, nor the utterances of any deluded one cause thee grief. Hold fast unto God in all conditions and cling to His luminous hem.

BH09933: Every fair-minded one hath testified to that which thou…

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing!

Every fair-minded one hath testified to that which thou hast borne in the path of God, the Lord of Creation. Those who have been endowed with insight from God bear witness to that which God hath testified in the Book. They have prospered who have not been prevented by ornaments from God, the Cleaver of the Dawn.

We have turned from this Most Exalted Station toward thee and found thee steadfast in the love of God, the Lord of creation. We have, therefore, made mention of thee and revealed for thee that which rejoiceth the hearts of them that are endued with understanding.

Didst thou but know, with true knowledge, that which We have mentioned for thee, thou wouldst rejoice and make mention of thy Lord at all times.

BH10052: O Scions of that House! Verily, there hath come…

He is the Consoler

O Scions of that House! Verily, there hath come upon you in the path of God that which came upon the descendants of the Apostle and their women and children in the Land of Taff [Karbila] and elsewhere. Be ye confident of the grace of God and of His mercy. He is, verily, with you in every world of His worlds, and He is the Ever-Watchful, the Ever-Present, the All-Seeing. Woe unto those who wronged you and slew you and pillaged your possessions. By My life, they are in manifest loss. Ere long the gales of chastisement will beat upon them from every side. Verily, He is the All-Informed, the All-Knowing. Put your trust in God and say: ʻWell is it with us, and blessed are we for that which hath come upon us in His straight Path. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds

BH09990: This is a Book which judgeth with truth…

In the Name of Him Who holds sway over all who are in creation!

This is a Book which judgeth with truth, and verily it is a manifest Book, set forth from that Book which none hath known save God, the Lord of the worlds. Verily it is a Book inscribed by His Most Exalted Pen, wherein is recorded every wise command.

Say: O people, turn with radiant faces unto the Dayspring of your Lord’s decree, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. By God’s life! The Concourse on High pray for them that have turned unto Him—to this doth this perspicuous Tablet bear witness.

When thou hast attained unto the waves of the Most Great Ocean and drunk the Kawthar of revelation from the utterance of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, arise to serve thy Lord, then make mention of Him with wisdom and utterance. Verily thy Lord, He is the Trusted Teacher.

BH09975: Say: Praise be to Thee, O Beloved of my…

He is the Most Generous, the Most Glorious!

Say: Praise be to Thee, O Beloved of my heart and Purpose of my innermost being! I beseech Thee by the Sovereign of Names through Whom Thou didst subdue the kingdoms of creation, that Thou write down for me what Thou hast written down for Thy handmaidens who have turned to the choice wine of Thy Revelation and circled round Thy throne.

O my Lord! I confess that no deed hath appeared from me worthy of mention in Thy days. I beseech Thee to send upon my transgressions the winds of Thy forgiveness and the breezes of Thy pardon. Verily Thou art the Almighty Whom nothing whatsoever in the earth can frustrate, and Thou are the Ruler Who doeth as He pleaseth, through Thy Name, the All-Subduing, the Sovereign over all the worlds.

BH10374: A Book sent down by the Most Merciful…

He is the Caller in God

A Book sent down by the Most Merciful to him who hath believed in God when every possessor of knowledge denied, save whom God, the Lord of the hereafter and the former times, and the King of the throne and earth, willeth. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Verily He calleth unto His servant who hath turned unto Him and giveth him glad tidings through a Tablet that hath shone forth from the horizon of the utterance of his Lord, the Almighty. Read thou My verses and glorify the praise of thy Lord at all times. Thus hath God adorned thee with the ornament of His wondrous remembrance. Glory be upon the people of glory who bow down before none save the countenance of God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH10355: Say: I praise Thee, O my God, for having…

In the Name of the Most Unapproachable, the Most Glorious

Say: I praise Thee, O my God, for having cast upon me Thy Word, and made known to me Thy proof, and given me to drink from the Kawthar of Thy love, and taught me the ways of Thy favors, and shown me the manifestations of the lights of Thy Days which Thou didst announce in Thy Scriptures and didst give glad tidings of in Thy Books and Thy Tablets. O Lord! Having made me recognize Thee, deny me not through Thy bounty, for verily the Generous One disappointeth not His suppliants, and the Merciful One depriveth not those who hope in Him. I beseech Thee, O Sovereign of Names and Ruler of earth and heaven, to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy Cause and holding fast to the cord of Thy good-pleasure. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Beloved.

BH10356: In Thy Name, O Thou Who art the Lord…

In Thy Name, O Thou Who art the Lord of the world

I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name through which every misbeliever lamented, and every denier cried out, and every infidel perished, to make me of those who have drunk the wine of revelation from the hand of Thy bounty and who have soared on the wings of certitude to the heaven of Thy Cause.

O Lord! Aid Thy loved ones to remember and praise Thee, then ordain for them from Thy generosity that which will profit them in Thy worlds.

Verily Thou art He to Whose Self the tongue of all in the Kingdom hath testified even as Thou didst testify to Thine Own Self. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful.

BH10204: O servant of God! The Lord of Names calleth…

In the Name of the Self-Sufficing God

O servant of God! The Lord of Names calleth thee and saith:

> "Blessed is the soul that hath endured tribulations in My path, and hath offered up its life for love of My Beauty and longing to attain My presence."

The afflictions that are suffered in the path of Truth have been and ever shall be beloved. By My life! Its death is life, and its poison sweet honey.

Assuredly whatsoever hath befallen His loved ones in the path of the One True Friend hath not been, nor ever shall be, lost, and all hath been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in God's Book.

Be thou confident and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds!"

BH10195: May you ever be occupied with the remembrance…

In the Name of the one true God!

May you ever be occupied with the remembrance of Truth, and drink and give to drink of the true Wine whose seal has been broken by the hand of power.

This blessed Day has been associated with Truth, and mention of it is recorded and inscribed in the divine Books. Blessed is the soul that has recognized and attained, and woe to the heedless!

Convey greetings from this Wronged One to the friends. God willing, may all gather in complete unity within the circle of recognition and be engaged in the remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds.

BH10372: O my God, my Beloved, my Helper and my…

He is the Most Great, the Most Ancient

O my God, my Beloved, my Helper and my Sustainer! How many days have I heard Thy mention and Thy call, yet failed to act in a manner befitting Thy days. Whenever I reflect upon myself, my grief and regret and sighs and shame increase.

I beseech Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the ocean of forgiveness surged and the fragrance of the garment of Thy Name, the All-Merciful, was diffused, to assist me in serving Thee and remembering Thee.

And I know with certainty that serving Thee is serving Thy chosen ones who have not preceded Thee in utterance and who act according to Thy command.

BH10392: Your call hath reached the hearing of Him Who…

In the name of the one true Friend

Your call hath reached the hearing of Him Who is the Lord of all names. Both your poetry and prose were beheld.

Blessed is the tongue that the oppressor's might prevented not from the mention of God, and likewise blessed is the pen that spoke forth in praise of the true Sovereign.

Blessed art thou and blessed is thy father who believed in God on a day wherein trembling seized the dwellers of the earth, save whom God pleased—thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful.

Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, for verily it shall profit thee and be with thee. Thy Lord, truly, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH10197: Say: O people! By God, the Ocean hath appeared…

…Say: O people! By God, the Ocean hath appeared and upon it saileth the Ark of God. Take fast hold of it and follow not every heedless one who hath remained far from the ocean of knowledge. Be thou eloquent with wisdom, remembering with wisdom, and associating with wisdom. Thus hath commanded He Who is powerful over the Cause. Verily, the Cause is as heaven and wisdom is as the sun shining from its horizon. Blessed is he who hath turned unto them both together. He is assuredly of the people of Baha, and hath been inscribed by the Pen of Glory….

BH10373: Say: O Thou Beloved of the world…

He is the Most Holy

Say: O Thou Beloved of the world and the One remembered by the Greatest Name! I beseech Thee to ordain for Thy handmaidens that which will attract them to the horizon of Thy good-pleasure and provide them with the Kawthar of Thy verses. O Lord! I am Thy handmaiden and the daughter of Thy handmaiden. I have turned to Thee and have held fast to the cord of Thy bounty. Ordain for me that whereby faith may be preserved, for verily Thou art the All-Merciful. Neither the conditions of contingent beings nor the clamor of the followers of religions can prevent Thee. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou desirest. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Wise.

BH10371: In My Name, the Most Hidden

In My Name, the Most Hidden

O God of the worlds! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name, whereby the dwellers of the cities of names and the Concourse on High were seized with ecstasy, to ordain for Thy handmaiden that which will draw her nigh unto Thee and attract her to Thy good-pleasure.

O Lord! I am one of Thy handmaidens who hath sought the Kaaba of divine knowledge in Thy days.

O Lord! Open through Thy power the pathways of attaining Thy presence and reunion with Thee, even as Thou didst open the prison gates through Thy might and sovereignty.

I beseech Thee by the fire burning in the hearts of Thy loved ones to make me and Thy handmaidens steadfast in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Exalted, the Powerful, the Mighty.

BH10427: O My handmaiden! Hearken thou unto My call. I…

In the Name of Him Who is the Ruler over all the world!

O My handmaiden! Hearken thou unto My call. I say: Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of Names, and praise be unto Thee, O Creator of Heaven! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance and the fire of the Tree of Thy Cause not to deprive me of the glances of Thy favors, nor to shut me out from the ocean of Thy outpouring and the river of Thy grace.

O my Lord! I am a handmaiden who hath turned toward the heaven of Thy bounty and the horizon of Thy Manifestation. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Pen to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy handmaidens who have believed in Thee and in Thy signs and who have circled round Thy throne. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing.

BH10424: O my God, my Lord and my Support! I…

He is the Mighty, the All-Praised

O my God, my Lord and my Support! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and by the manifestations of the Exponents of Thy Cause to enable me to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy verses, the Dayspring of Thy revelation and the Manifestation of Thy Self.

O Lord! I am the ignorant one who hath sought the ocean of Thy knowledge, and I am the heedless one who hath turned toward the horizon of Thy recognition. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me the sun of Thy grace and the heaven of Thy generosity, and ordain for me that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds.

Verily, Thou art the All-Witnessing, the All-Perceiving, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

BH10702: O Lord of creation and Ruler over all lands!…

He is the One Who knoweth and remembereth

O Lord of creation and Ruler over all lands! I beseech Thee by the Name through which was raised the shrill voice of Thy Most Exalted Pen between earth and heaven, to ordain for Thy chosen ones that which will bring tranquility to their souls and gladness to their hearts.

O my Lord! Thou seest Thy loved ones in the hands of Thine enemies. I beseech Thee to decree for me and for them the good of this world and the next. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest, and Thou art indeed the Mighty, the Powerful.

BH10612: Thy petition hath been made mention…

In the Name of the Kind Friend!

Thy petition hath been made mention of in the Most Holy Court, and the Supreme Pen, in this most glorious and most exalted station, maketh mention of thee.

This is a station whereof the pens of the world and the tongues of the children of men are powerless to make mention. The Point of the Bayan hath said: The whole world existeth that it might attain unto but one word of His exalted utterances.

Now thou hast attained unto a Tablet—know thou this and be of them that render thanks. Verily, praise be unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH10595: Glorified art Thou, O Lord of all beings…

He is the Ruler by Right!

Glorified art Thou, O Lord of all beings and King of the throne and earth! I beseech Thee by the Name through which the trumpet was sounded and the dwellers of the graves arose, and through which Beauty was made manifest and the mountains were set in motion, to grant me the Kawthar of bounty from the hands of Thy favors and the choice wine of steadfastness through Thy grace and sovereignty. O my Lord! Assist me to serve Thy Cause and to arise for that whereby Thy Name may be exalted. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest and Thou art the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

BH10681: O God of earth and Creator of heaven! I…

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing

O God of earth and Creator of heaven! I beseech Thee by the Name through which the ocean of Thy knowledge surged and the pearls of Thy wisdom appeared, to send down from the clouds of Thy mercy and the heaven of Thy Will that which will purify the earth from the defilement of every transgressor who hath disbelieved in Thee and in Thy signs. O my Lord! I am he who hath turned his face toward Thy countenance and set his face toward the horizon of Thy recognition. Ordain for me that which befitteth Thy generosity and bounty. Verily, Thou art the Bountiful, the Generous.

BH10594: Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of existence…

He is the Speaker from the prison

Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of existence and King of the seen and unseen!

I beseech Thee by this Day wherein the earth hath been illumined by the light of Thy countenance and the heaven by the splendor of Thy manifestation, to send down from the heaven of Thy decree that which will adorn the people of Thy kingdom with the ornament of Thy justice and sanctify them from whatsoever beseemeth not Thee and Thy days.

O my Lord! Ordain for me and for all who have turned unto Thee the good of all the worlds that are Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

BH10864: Thy letter reached the Most Great Prison, attaining unto…

In the name of the one God!

Thy letter reached the Most Great Prison, attaining unto the lights of the countenance of the Ancient King, and that which was recorded therein was mentioned.

Praise be to God, thou hast been adorned with the embellishment of the recognition of the Beloved of all creation. Guard this blessed garment in His name, for thieves lie in wait in their ambush.

God protect us and you from the evil of those who have denied and oppressed and plundered and turned away. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

BH10861: In My Name, the Most Glorious

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Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all names, and I glorify and thank Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is the Kingdom of decree, for having taught me the way of Thy knowledge in Thy days, and having made me recognize Thy signs, and having shown me the horizon of Thy manifestation. O my Lord! I am a leaf among the leaves of the Tree of Thy Cause, which the winds of Thy will and the breezes of Thy revelation have stirred. I beseech Thee not to deprive me from the ocean of Thy bounty. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

BH11073: Glorified art Thou, O God of the land…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great!

Glorified art Thou, O God of the land and whatsoever moveth thereon, and Lord of the sea and whatsoever swimmeth therein!

I beseech Thee by the Name through which the heaven of Thy Cause was raised up and the sun of Thy Will shone forth, to illumine Thy earth with the light of Thy justice and the radiance of Thy countenance.

Then ordain for Thy loved ones that which will make them independent of all else save Thee and draw them nigh unto Thee. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful.

BH11213: O my God! O my God! Through the fire…

He is He

O my God! O my God! Through the fire of Thy love sleep hath fled from mine eyes. In the morning hours I call upon Thee, hoping for Thy boundless grace, and in the evening I turn to the horizon of Thy mercy, yearning for Thine ancient bounty. I call upon Thee by Thy name, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate.

BH11422: I testify to that which God hath testified…

I testify to that which God hath testified, that there is none other God but Him, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. This is a testimony that shall abide with thee, through the eternity of His Most Beautiful Names, from God, the Lord of the invisible and the visible.

BH00017: O ʿAndalib! Hear thou the Call, for verily it…

Section 1: "O ʿAndalib! Hear thou the Call, for verily…"

In the Name of the Most Great, Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious!

O ʿAndalib! Hear thou the Call, for verily it appeareth at times in the name of the Beloved, and at other times in My name the Well-Beloved, and yet again in the name of My Most Exalted Pen, and at times by this Name whereby the limbs of all names have trembled and all who are in earth and heaven have been thunderstruck, save whom God willeth—thy Lord, the Protector of all things. He, verily, is the Single One, the Most High, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We have mentioned thee before in such wise that the fragrance of utterance was wafted throughout all possibility and the breeze of God passed over all who are in the heavens and on earth. By God! The Sacred Valley hath perceived the fragrance of the garment of the Lord of Names, and the Hijaz hath quivered and cried out: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds, for having manifested Thyself unto Thy servants and honored Thy lands with Thy footsteps!" I testify that through Thee the Object of desire hath appeared and every beloved one hath turned toward God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. The Spirit in the wilderness of longing calleth unto the Lord of creation, saying: "Here am I, O Desired One of the world! Here am I, O Beloved of them that know!"

This is the Day whereon all things have been illumined by the lights of the Manifestation, yet most of the people remain heedless. The Mount of Sinai crieth out before the Manifestation and summoneth all unto the gathering-place of the Messengers. Behold then the people and their stations. They were waiting through nights and days for Him Whom they were promised aforetime in the Book of God, yet when the time came and the banner of the Manifestation was raised, they turned away from God, the Mighty, the

Praiseworthy. We shall cease mention of them and make mention of those who have believed there, with such mention as shall draw their minds and hearts in such wise that the divines of the earth shall not deter them from My straight path. By God! They are worshippers of fancy and idle imaginings. Knowledge itself hath disowned them, as doth My tongue testify in My mighty and glorious kingdom. They are they who turned away from the Countenance and opposed God when He came with an evidence that hath conquered all things and with a Cause before which all in the heavens and earth are powerless.

The letter which thou didst send to Ism-i-Jud hath come before the Wronged One, and the servant in attendance before the Throne hath read it. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing. We have desired to mention every name that was in thy letter, that they might rejoice in the bounty of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

O Mihdi! The Book, in the form of My Most Great Name, speaketh throughout the world: "There is none other God but I, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing." Blessed is the ear that hath been honored to hear the Call of God, and woe unto him who hath turned away and followed every heedless doubter. At all times it calleth unto all who are in the realm of possibility and summoneth the people unto God, the Lord of all men. Thy mention hath been made in the prison, and there hath been sent down for thee that which hath made the lips of utterance to smile. Rejoice thou in My mention, then thank thy Lord Who created thee and made thee to know the Dawning-Place of His verses and aided thee in this Cause whereby feet have slipped. Blessed art thou, and blessed are thy father, thy mother, thy sister and thy spouse. We send Our greetings upon him and upon them from this Spot which God hath made the Dawning-Place of His verses.

O Ali! Give thanks for the tongue of grandeur hath made mention of thee from its most exalted horizon and calleth thee and all who are on earth to the Most Great Ocean which hath appeared before all faces through My Name, the One Who holdeth dominion over all created things. We desired to draw the peoples near unto God, the Lord of eternity, yet they rose up to harm Us in such wise as caused the Concourse on High to lament, and the dwellers of Paradise and they who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn to weep. We have heard thy call and have answered thee from the Most Great Scene wherefrom the Lord of Decree proclaimeth: "There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Knowing."

Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto My days, and the tongue that hath spoken My praise, and the eye that hath turned toward My horizon, and the house wherein My remembrance is exalted, and the one who hath hastened to the straight path. We make mention of Baqir and Asghar and give them glad-tidings of the Most Great Remembrance which hath flowed from the Supreme Pen in the most exalted station. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon them and upon thy mother and thy sister from God, the Revealer of verses.

We make mention of Our handmaiden and say: O My handmaiden! How many a queen hath failed to recognize God, and how many a king hath remained heedless of Him Who remembereth him night and day. How many a prince hath been deceived by the world, and how many a great one hath been veiled by all things. Yet thou hast turned unto thy Lord and recognized Him and composed in His remembrance that which hath gladdened the hearts of them who are endued with understanding. Give thanks unto God

for having aided thee in His Cause and made thee know the Dawning-Place of His names from Whom the servants are veiled. Blessed is the tongue that hath spoken My praise, and the heart that hath been adorned with the ornament of My love, and the countenance that hath turned toward God, the Lord of all religions. Thy praise hath been read before the Throne and We have accepted it as a bounty from Us and recorded it in the Book. Sing, O My handmaiden, upon the branches of the tree of My knowledge. Verily it shall profit thee in all the worlds of My worlds. Thy Lord, the Sender of winds, beareth witness unto this.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath believed in God, the Lord of Names, that he may rejoice and be of them that are steadfast. O Joseph-ʿAli! We have observed thy turning unto Us and We have turned unto thee from this Station which God hath made the seat of His mighty Throne. God hath elevated the station of the Prison to such a degree that every lofty station is beneath it. I bear witness to that which God did testify before the creation of the heavens and earth: There is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh is verily the Hidden Treasure and the Concealed Mystery. He hath appeared in truth with a sovereignty that the hosts of the earth could not withstand, nor could the oppressors' might prevent it.

Say: O God of Names and Creator of heaven! I beseech Thee by the Name that hath been sanctified from letters and words and exalted above tongues and voices, to aid me to be steadfast in Thy Cause and to arise in Thy remembrance and praise. O my Lord! I am he who hath turned his face toward Thy face. I beseech Thee to cause me to be immersed in the ocean of Thy forgiveness and to hold fast unto the cord of Thy bounty. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Forgiving, the Generous.

O Messenger! The Lord of existence and the Lord of Hosts makes mention of thee from this praiseworthy station. We inform thee of the Messenger who soared in Mine atmosphere and spoke My praise amongst My servants and was seized by the Kawthar of Mine utterance to such extent that he sacrificed his spirit in My path. Thus doth mention thee He with Whom is the preserved Book.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of ʿAbdu'r-Rasul, who was martyred in Zawra. He it was who was entrusted with the giving of water at My Sacred House after the servant in attendance before the Throne of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. He went forth at dawn to give water at the House of God on the Day of the Covenant, whereupon the idolaters slew him with tyranny. All things lamented for him, as did those who circle round the Throne with humility and reverence.

Make mention of him on My behalf and say: O thou who didst speak in remembrance of the Lord of Names and who didst turn toward the Most Exalted Horizon! The first fragrance that wafted from the rose-garden of inner meanings be upon thee. I testify that thou didst hear the Call and didst turn toward Zawra, the seat of thy Lord's throne, the Creator of heaven, until thou didst enter the praiseworthy station and didst attain the presence of God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. Thou art he whom the clamor of the nations did not deter, nor did the affairs of the world. Thou didst turn with thy face, thine eyes, thy heart and all thy limbs toward God, the King of Kings, and thou didst circle round the House until thou didst drink the choice wine of martyrdom in the path of the Wronged One. Upon thee be the glory of God and the glory of all who are in the heavens and the earth, and the glory of all who have believed in God, the Mighty, the Loving.

Verily We make mention of him who hath turned towards My horizon and clung to the cord of My loving-kindness, he who hath been named Muhammad-before-Mihdi, that he may rejoice in My remembrance, He at Whose appearance the Nightingale of Utterance warbled upon the branches "There is none other God but Him," and all things between earth and heaven proclaimed "The Promised One hath come from the heaven of grace and favor." The Kingdom hath cried out: "By God! The Lord of Dominion hath appeared with such sovereignty that none in the heavens and earth can withstand!" And the Maids of Paradise cried out from the Most Exalted Paradise: "Blessed be the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven, Who hath appeared and manifested Himself through His most beautiful names unto all who dwell in the kingdom of command and creation.

Draw nigh, O people of earth, and be not of the heedless! By God, the Day of God hath appeared and the veil hath been lifted from that which was hidden, treasured, and concealed behind the veils of the Unseen. When the appointed time was fulfilled, He revealed Himself as a favor from His presence. He is, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful. This is the Day whereon the Herald of Sinai speaketh and the Lord of Hosts proclaimeth before all the world: 'There is none other God but I, the Peerless, the All-Informed.' Blessed art thou for having rent asunder the veils and turned unto the All-Bestowing One, while every heedless and remote one turned away. Behold those who claim allegiance to the Qur'an and profess knowledge—they pride themselves in My name amongst My servants, yet when I revealed Myself they turned away and denied Him in Whom they had believed.

Thus doth the Wronged One make mention of thee that thou mayest be among them that know. Rejoice in that thou hast been mentioned by My Most Exalted Pen. By God, this is better for thee than all that is on earth—to this My tongue in My remote prison doth testify.

We make mention too of thy son who hath attained unto the loving-kindness of his Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Whoso hath today turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon and acknowledged that which the Lord of Names hath acknowledged, he is of the people of Baha in a preserved Tablet. We beseech God to assist thee and him and to strengthen you both to remain steadfast in this mighty Cause. Blessed art thou, O Huda, for having turned unto God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, the Lord of the Beginning and the End, on the Day whereon the earth was cleft asunder and the mountains were crushed. Joy be to the one who hath shattered the idols in the name of the Lord of all men, and hath drunk the sealed wine in His name, the Self-Subsisting, and hath voiced His praise amidst the factions. We have seen thy devotion and have turned toward thee, and have heard thy call and have answered thee with this Book, at whose revelation in truth the books of the world cried out and proclaimed:

> "By God, the Mother Book hath appeared, having dawned from the horizon of utterance in the name of thy Lord, the Most Merciful!"

Say: O people of creation! By God, the gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of Names hath come upon the clouds. Come ye forth from the dwellings of fancy and vain imaginings. By the life of God! The Days have come whose mention hath adorned the holy Books and Tablets.

Hearken, O Javad, to the shrill voice of the Pen of My Will, and the flowing of the water of My loving-kindness, and the rustling of the breezes of Revelation in My days, and the murmuring of the Divine Lote-Tree which hath been raised up through this Name before which all necks have bowed low. Beseech thou God to make thee enkindled with the fire of His love and speaking in praise of His Self, and turning in all conditions toward the door of His grace, for which no doorkeeper hath been ordained. Take thou the chalice of eternity in the name of thy Lord, the Most Glorious, then drink from it the crystal pure water once in My name and again in remembrance of Me, before Whom all remembrances bow down. Thus hath the preamble of the Book of Utterance been adorned with the mention of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. When thou hast attained unto this, render thanks and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Revealer of the verses!"

Section 2: "O Ali! The Wronged One addresses thee…"

O Ali! The Wronged One addresses thee from this station that the rapture of thy Lord's utterance, the Lord of all being, may seize thee. I bear witness to that which God hath witnessed, that there is none other God but Him, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is the tongue that hath confessed what the Tongue of Grandeur hath confessed, and the face that hath turned toward the face of God, the Lord of the Kingdom. Say: This is the Day whereof Muhammad, the Apostle of God, gave tidings aforetime, and before Him the Gospel and the Psalms. Fear ye God, O people, and deny not this bounty that hath encompassed both the seen and the unseen. Cast away what ye possess and take what is with God.

Thus doth the Dawning-Place of Revelation command you in this perspicuous Tablet. Shun, O people, those who have followed their own desires and disbelieved in God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Hold fast unto the hem of thy Lord's loving-kindness and say: Praise be unto Thee for having made known unto me the Manifestation of Thy Self and enabled me to remember and glorify Thee on a Day whereon faces were darkened. I beseech Thee to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have fulfilled Thy Covenant and aided Thy irrevocable Cause.

O Muhammad-ʿAli! We give thee the glad-tidings of God's manifestation, His sovereignty, His power and His might, that thou mayest rejoice and be of them that render thanks. The horizon of the world hath been illumined with the Most Great Name's splendor, yet the nations are wrapt in a manifest veil. All things have been set ablaze by the fire of thy Lord's Word, the Lord of all names, yet the concourse of creation hath followed their desires and turned away from that which was promised them in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. Whenever the Pen is restrained from mentioning the Ancient King, it seizes the hem of its Lord, the Creator of the heavens, with the hands of supplication and saith: O Lord of the nations! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name not to deprive me of Thy remembrance in Thy days. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. Grant me leave, O my God, to inform the people of what Thou hast taught me of the mysteries of Thy wisdom and shown me of the pearls of Thy knowledge, that by them may be attracted the hearts of Thy servants who have turned unto Thee when most of Thy creation turned away.

Thus was the matter decreed when the Ancient Beauty walked in this noble scene. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as the face of God hath turned toward thee, and the Speaker of Sinai converseth with thee as a token of His grace. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

O Mahmud! Hear My call from My glorious station, then bear witness to that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath witnessed: that there is none other God but Me, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting. We have sent the Messengers and revealed the Books, and have expounded therein that which will raise the servants to the ultimate goal and the supreme Paradise. Yet the people turned away, having followed every rejected barker. How many a scholar hath clung to the Law and thereby condemned its Revealer! The dwellers of the pavilion of My majesty and the tabernacle of My protection bear witness to this, yet most people are heedless. Blessed is the seeing one whom desires have not kept back from the Lord of all beings, and the hearing one who hath turned and heard the call of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Loving.

O Rida! By God! Whoso hath gained My good-pleasure, he is of the people of My Kingdom. The Concourse on High pray for him and the dwellers of the Cities of Names. The Creator of heaven beareth witness to this in this irrevocable Book. He that attaineth unto it hath attained unto all good, and he that is debarred therefrom is of the people of the tomb. Blessed is the soul that hath cast away what it desired and taken what God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, hath willed. In God's knowledge there is no station greater than this. Well is it with him who hath quaffed this choice wine from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the All-Forgiving.

Didst thou but know the sweetness of thy Lord's utterance, thou wouldst soar in the air and walk upon the water, and cry out in the wilderness of the world: "Here am I, here am I, O God of existence! Here am I, here am I, O Lord of the seen and unseen! Here am I, here am I, O King of kings!" I testify that through Thee the world hath been honored, and at Thy manifestation the Mount was stirred, and it proclaimeth, saying: "All praise be unto Thee, O Thou through Whom all things have spoken and the hidden treasures have appeared!" Thus have We adorned the horizon of the heaven of utterance with the sun of knowledge. Give thanks, then praise thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving.

O ʿAli-Qabl-i-Naqi! We make mention of thee purely for My sake, that My call may draw thee unto My Kingdom and bring thee nigh unto the ocean of My grace. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Forgiving, the Most Bountiful. One word of thy Lord excelleth all the treasures of the earth. Know thou this and be of them that give thanks. Reflect upon thy Lord's favor—He remembereth thee in the Most Great Prison with a mention that surpasseth what the kings and rulers possess. When thou hast quaffed the choice wine of My utterance and attained unto My Book, arise, turning toward the Qiblih of all existence, and say:

O God of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by the fragrances of Thy days and the sweet scents of the garment of Thy grace, to make me steadfast and firm in Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest, and within Thy grasp is the Kingdom of Names. Thou doest what Thou pleasest and ordainest what Thou desirest.

O Asad! Hearken unto the call of the One, the Unique. He calleth thee unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Among the people are those who desire to extinguish the light of God. Say: Woe betide thee, O heedless

and remote one! He hath established His Cause upon a foundation firm and unshakeable, which neither the winds of the world nor the signs of the nations can move. Thus hath the matter been decreed in a guarded Tablet. Say: O concourse of divines! Why have ye turned away from Him through Whom your names were exalted and your stations elevated? Fear God and be not of those who have disbelieved in God's proof after its appearance and have turned away from God's favor after its descent.

Thus doth the Lord of all beings counsel you as a favor from Him, and He is the All-Wise Counselor. Say: Through your tyranny the Messengers of God have lamented in the most exalted station and the denizens of Paradise in a noble place. Fear God and pronounce not judgment against Him by Whom the Balance hath been set up and the path of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, hath appeared. Would ye slay Him Who calleth you to the most sublime horizon and sendeth down to you from the heaven of the Spirit that which attracteth the minds of the discerning? Fear God and be not of the oppressors. The ocean of knowledge hath appeared before your faces while ye wander bewildered in the desert of idle fancies. Raise your heads, for the Sun is at its zenith. Thus doth God remind you as a favor from Him. Verily, He is the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

O Nasrullah! Let not the affairs of the world grieve thee, nor the might of nations cause thee fear. Place thy trust in all conditions in the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Verily He witnesseth and seeth, and within His grasp is the Kingdom of the beginning and the end. He ordaineth for whomsoever He willeth the reward of them that have attained His presence and have drunk from the ocean of His reunion. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. Say: That which was never manifested in the world hath appeared. Hearken, O people, unto the call of Him Who speaketh amidst the nations. Beware lest the affairs of creation debar you from the Truth. Leave them to themselves and turn ye unto the Mighty, the Praised. The glory from the Lord of Heaven be upon every servant who hath turned and believed, and upon every maidservant who hath heard and drunk the pure water of her Lord's love, the Self-Sufficient, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

O Most Exalted Pen! Turn toward them that have believed in God, the Creator of the heavens, and withhold not from them thy most sweet voice. We have made thee the interpreter in the kingdom by thy Lord, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Give glad-tidings to Our servant who hath been named Iskandar of that which the Lord of Destiny hath mentioned him from the Most Sublime Vision, that he may rejoice and be of them that are thankful. Say: Thou hast drunk from the Water of Life, from which the first Alexander was debarred. To this beareth witness the King of nations and the Remover of ills, Who speaketh in the Most Great Prison amidst the nations. There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He traversed the lands but attained not his desire, whilst thou hast attained it in thine abode, through the bounty of One Who is Forgiving, Generous. Say: The Water of Life is the love of the All-Merciful in creation. Exalted is he who hath taken and drunk in My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

Reflect upon the generations of old. Where is Alexander and his like? Where are their victorious standards and their upraised banners? Where are their brandished spears and their flying arrows? Where are their outstretched necks and their lofty palaces? Where are their pitched tents and their raised pavilions? Where are their effective commands and their towering strongholds? Where is the clash of

their swords and the neighing of their steeds? Where are the warbling of their birds and the melodies of their singers? Where is the cooing of their doves and the murmuring of their rivers? Where is he at whose might the world trembled and nations were distressed? Where is he who prided himself in dominion while turning away from the Kingdom?

Where is he whom vainglory seized until he turned away from the Lord of Might? Where is he who ruled the horizons? Where is he who broke the Covenant? Where is she at whose swaying and stature the willow branch was put to shame, and at the unveiling of whose beauty and countenance the sun stood still? Where are the palaces of the Caesars and the branches of the Pharaohs? Where is the might of the Chosroes and the tyranny of oppressors? Where is he whom ranks deceived and who saw thousands behind him? Where is he who soared in the atmosphere of vainglory and turned away from God, the Lord of Resurrection? Where are their carpets and their delights, their glory and their power?

Where are their treasures and their ornaments, their commands and their temples? God hath brought them down from the highest chambers of their palaces to the lowest depths of their graves. Were anyone to search therein, could he distinguish the skulls of kings from subjects, or the fingers of the wealthy from the destitute? Nay, by the Lord of the Kingdom and the Sovereign of the Realm! They have returned to their dwellings and rest in their tombs. Their stations and conditions have been taken from them. Verily, we are God's and to Him we shall return. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken amongst creation. Read and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast remembered me, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of the worlds. Therefore, beseech God to make thee steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord and to bring thee to a station wherein the hosts of the oppressors shall not prevent thee.

A mention from Us to him who was named Muhammad-Hasan, that the remembrance of God may draw him nigh unto the Most Great Ocean, from whose surging waves can be heard: "There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Loving."

O people of the earth! Make not God's religion a cause of variance among you. Verily it hath been sent down in truth for the unification of all who dwell in the world. Fear God and be not of the ignorant. Blessed is he who loveth the world purely for the sake of his Lord, the Bountiful. Hold fast unto the Most Holy Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down from His holy and inviolable Kingdom. Verily it is God's Balance amongst you, whereby all deeds are weighed, from the presence of One mighty and powerful. Blessed is he who hath found in it the sweetness of his Lord's utterance and hath drunk from its words the Kawthar of God's commandments, the Lord of all worlds.

Section 3: "Revile no one among you, nor follow…"

Revile no one among you, nor follow in the footsteps of the heedless. We have come for the unity and concord of all who dwell on earth. To this beareth witness that which hath appeared from the ocean of Mine utterance amongst My servants, yet most of the people are in manifest remoteness. Should anyone revile you or harm befall you in God's path, be patient and put your trust in the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. He verily witnesseth and seeth, and doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty. He is, in truth, the Powerful, the Mighty.

Ye have been forbidden to engage in conflict and contention in God's Book, the Lord of the mighty Throne. Hold fast unto that which profiteth you and the peoples of the world. Thus doth command you the Lord of all being, Who hath appeared with the Most Great Name. He is, in truth, the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

When thou receivest My Book, say:

> "I testify that Thou art He by Whom the Bridge was erected, the Balance was set up, the Trumpet was blown, and all in the heavens and earth were struck down, and there appeared a preserved tablet."

God's countenance hath willed to turn toward one of His servants and mention him as a bounty from His presence. He is, verily, the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

O Siyyid Asad! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee and calleth thee to God, the Lord of the worlds. Be thankful that My Pen hath moved to remember thee, My face hath turned toward thee, and there hath been sent down for thee from the kingdom of My revelation that which, were it to be laid upon the mountains, thou wouldst behold them humbled and brought low before God, the Single, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

Say: My God, my God! At every stone I love to call Thee by Thy gracious Name, and at every clod to remember Thee by Thy merciful Name. In the mountains I love to raise my cry in love for Thy beauty, and upon the hills my lamentation and call in yearning for Thy presence. Ordain for me, O my God, what hath been decreed by the Pen of Thy ordainment in Thy path and Thy good-pleasure. Thou seest, O my God, my tears in my separation from Thee and my sighs in my reunion with Thee. I beseech Thee by the Most Exalted Word whereby Thou art extolled between earth and heaven, that Thou write down for Thy servant from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall render him wholly detached unto Thee, holding fast unto Thee, standing firm in Thy service, and awaiting Thy command. O Lord! The ocean of poverty hath been stirred within itself when it beheld the waves of the ocean of Thy riches. Ordain for him, O my God, what beseemeth Thee in Thy days. Thou art verily the Powerful over what Thou willest. Within Thy grasp is the kingdom of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Possessing, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

Thus have We opened unto thy face the gate of utterance that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Informed.

And We make mention of him who was named Sadiq, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of his Lord and be of those who have turned with their whole being unto God, the Lord of all men. Say:

O my God, my God! Wherefore didst Thou create eyes for Thy servants and bestow upon them insight through Thy grace? If Thou didst grant them to behold Thy beauty and to gaze upon the lights of Thy countenance, then remove from them the veils through Thy bounty and favors that they may behold Thee established upon the throne of Thy greatness in Thy days. And if Thou didst create them, O my God, for aught else, then all things bear witness that they are in a loss than which there can be none greater in Thy dominion. By Thy glory, O Beloved of my heart and Purpose of my being! I would rather Thou

shouldst chastise me with a chastisement than which there can be none greater in Thy knowledge, and ordain for me the sweetness of meeting Thee.

O Lord! I was asleep when the breeze of Thy day of manifestation stirred me, and when it awakened me, Thou didst inspire me with that of which I had been heedless in Thy days. O Lord! I perceived Thy fragrance and hastened unto Thee. I beseech Thee not to deprive me of what Thou hast ordained in Thy Book from the wonders of Thy grace, nor to forbid me from standing firm in Thy Cause. Write down for me then, O my God, by Thy Most Exalted Pen, the good of this world and the world to come. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful.

O Ali! The heart of the world hath turned to its loved ones and counseleth them with that wherewith We counseled one of Our Branches who was named Badi'u'llah in the Book of Names and Ali-Muhammad in the Tablet wherein He speaketh that there is none other God but I, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We counsel all to patience, calmness and trustworthiness, which is God's trust among His creatures. Blessed are they who raise high its standards and preserve its station.

We said: O Badi'! Be generous in prosperity and grateful in adversity. Be trustworthy in all things, cheerful in countenance, a treasure to the poor and a counselor to the rich. Be answering to the call, faithful to thy promise and fair in thy judgment. Be silent in the multitude, just in thy verdict, submissive unto man. Be as a lamp in darkness, a joy to the sorrowful, a sea for the thirsty, a haven for the distressed, a helper and defender of the victim of oppression. Let integrity and uprightness distinguish all thine acts. Be a home for the stranger, a balm to the suffering, a stronghold for the fugitive. Be eyes to the blind, a guiding light unto the feet of the erring.

Be an ornament to the countenance of truth, a crown to the brow of fidelity, a pillar of the temple of righteousness, a breath of life to the body of mankind, an ensign of the hosts of justice, a luminary above the horizon of virtue, a dew to the soil of the human heart, an ark on the ocean of knowledge, a sun in the heaven of bounty, a gem on the diadem of wisdom, a shining light in the firmament of thy generation, a fruit upon the tree of humility. We ask God to protect thee from the heat of jealousy and the cold of hatred. He verily is nigh, ready to answer. Thus hath My tongue spoken unto one of My Branches and We have mentioned it unto Our loved ones who have cast away idle fancies and taken that which they were commanded in the Day in which the Sun of Certitude hath shone forth from the horizon of the Will of God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Husayn! Hear what the Wronged One calleth unto thee. He mentioneth thee purely for the sake of God, that thou mayest arise to celebrate His praise and glorification amongst His servants. Let not the affairs of men grieve thee, nor the intimations of those who have denied the Beginning and the End cause thee fear. Cast aside what the people possess, as bidden by Us, and take what thou art given in the Book. Say: O concourse of earth! By God, the Preserved Tablet hath appeared, and He walketh among His servants, saying:

> "This is the Day ye were promised in God's Books of old."

Fear God, and follow not every doubting idolater. Rend asunder the veils in My Name and burn away the shrouds with the fire of My love. Thus commandeth you He Who speaketh the truth from the most exalted station.

Blessed is the stranger who seeketh his true home, the distant one who hasteneth to the ocean of nearness, and the ailing one who turneth to the Kawthar of healing on the Day when all things proclaim: "The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Lord of lords!" Know thou the worth of these days and take the chalice of detachment in the name of thy Lord, the Possessor of all mankind. Then drink thereof with joy and fragrance. Behold, then mention the world and what thou observest therein of its conditions, its changes and variations. By God! It constantly calleth unto its people, saying: "Take ye warning, O ye who are endowed with insight!" It remindeth men and informeth them of its transience and evanescence, yet the people remain in wondrous drunkenness.

Hear My call and act in accordance with what thou art bidden in this Book, to which the atoms themselves bear witness. How many a man of learning hath been misled by his knowledge and learning, and how many an ignorant one hath drawn nigh unto the Most Sublime Horizon and said:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast caused me to know the Dawning-Place of Thy signs on this Day when the thunder lamenteth and the clouds cry out by reason of what hath befallen the chosen ones of God at the hands of such as have been kept back by their wealth and their souls from God on the Day of Return!"

Blessed is the eye that hath won illumination from the light of the Countenance and the heart that hath turned toward the Qiblih of all horizons.

O Bird of Utterance! Warble upon the branches in the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Then make mention of him who hath been named Baha'u'd-Din, that the rapture of his Lord's verses may so grip him that he may soar on the wings of longing at all times unto God, the Lord of the Day of Separation. This is a Book sent down by the All-Bountiful when He came upon the clouds, and all parties turned away save whom God, the Lord of all men, willed. By God! This indeed is the Hidden Treasure and the Concealed Mystery. He hath come from the Dawning-Place of the Spirit with verses which all who are in the heavens and on earth were powerless to comprehend, save whom God aided through His grace. He is, in truth, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

We have heard what the Nightingale—who was thus named by the tongue of God, the Lord of creation—warbled, and We have heard thy mention. We make mention of thee through this Book which proclaimeth throughout the world that there is none other God but He, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Blessed art thou and thy father who soared to My horizon, heard My call, and was so enraptured by My verses that he offered up his life in My path. To this beareth witness the Tongue of Grandeur from the most exalted station. We make mention of him as We mentioned him before, as a token of Our grace, for We are the Mighty, the All-Bounteous. Upon him be My glory and the glory of the denizens of My Kingdom and My Realm, and the glory of them that circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn. Hold thou fast unto the cord of wisdom, then beseech God to give thee to drink, with the hands of grace,

from the Kawthar of steadfastness, and to ordain for thee what He hath ordained for every patient believer.

O Muhammad-Sadiq! Rejoice in that which the Countenance of God, the Sovereign Lord, the Self-Subsisting, hath turned towards thee, and remembereth thee with that which causeth the fragrance of the All-Merciful to be diffused throughout all creation. Blessed be God, the Lord of what was and what shall be! When the horizon of the heaven of knowledge was illumined and the river of wisdom flowed forth, the divines turned away therefrom and pronounced their verdict against Him, the mention of Whom adorneth the Preserved Tablet. They had awaited the days of God, yet when He appeared with the truth, they disbelieved in both the Witness and the Witnessed.

Say: O concourse of divines! Fear God and follow not your idle fancies. Leave your abodes, turning towards God, the Lord of all being. Your knowledge and all that ye possess will profit you not this day. Cast away your vain imaginings and take hold of that which hath been given you by God, the Lord of the Kingdom. How many a mystic hath given verdict against Him Who is known, how many a learned one hath passed judgment against Him Who is the All-Knowing, and how many an unlettered one hath entered the Kingdom in the name of his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Loving. If thou art intoxicated by the choice wine of My utterance and attracted by the living waters of My knowledge, take thou the chalice of detachment in My Name, then drink from it in remembrance of Me, the Well-Beloved. Thus hath the Supreme Pen spoken when the Lord of all names was established upon the most exalted heights with a sovereignty that subdued both the seen and the unseen.

O Supreme Pen! Make mention once again of the Nightingale who hath turned towards God, the Lord of creation, while every learned one turned away from Him, every mystic opposed Him, and every judge pronounced his verdict of unbelief in God, the Lord of all worlds. By God! My sighs have ascended, My tears have fallen, the eye of My loving-kindness hath wept, and My heart hath lamented to behold the servants turning away from the ocean of My mercy, the sun of My bounty, and the heaven of My generosity which hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. The tongue of Him Who is the Desired One giveth them glad-tidings and calleth them to the praiseworthy station, yet they pronounce judgment against Him with manifest tyranny. They have violated the Covenant of God and His testament, and have disbelieved in Him in Whom they had formerly believed. He Who possesseth the pearls of knowledge from the presence of One knowing and wise doth testify to this.

Section 4: “This is a Day wherein the Balance crieth…”

This is a Day wherein the Balance crieth out, saying: “By God! The All-Merciful is come, and I am the All-Discerning, the All-Informed,” wherein the Straight Path proclaimeth: “The Straight Way hath appeared,” and wherein the atoms cry out: “O peoples of earth and heaven! The Revealer of verses hath come with a sovereignty before which neither the hosts of the world can prevail, nor the might of those who have been heedless of this momentous Cause.” That which had never appeared in creation hath been made manifest, yet most of the people remain heedless.

O Ashraf! Thou art he who hast followed the example of thy Lord. The clamour of all who dwell on earth deterred Him not from the Cause. He proclaimed with loudest voice and summoned all to the Almighty,

the All-Praised. Thou hast verily aided the Faith of God and His Cause, and hast occupied thyself with teaching in these days wherein the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken, and whereby the Books of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beauteous, have been adorned. Thou art he whom the affairs of the world have not withheld from the mention of the Lord of all creation. To this beareth witness the Lord of the throne and of earth in this exalted station. Grieve not at anything. Put thy trust in God. He is with thee under all conditions. He is verily the All-Seeing Witness.

Say: O peoples of the earth! Fear God and follow not your desires. Hasten unto the Most Great Ocean which hath surged amongst creation through a sovereignty that hath subdued the worlds. Remember when the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in the Most Great Prison at the beginning of days: The ocean of tribulation hath surged and its waves have encompassed the Ark of God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting.

O Mariner! Be not dismayed by the winds. Verily the Cleaver of the Dawn is with Us in this darkness that hath encompassed the worlds. Thus hath shone forth the Sun of Utterance from the horizon of thy Lord's will, the All-Merciful, yet most of the people are sunk in slumber. They have not been awakened by the Call of God nor have they found the sweetness of His verses. To this testifieth every knowing, perceiving one.

Say: O peoples of the earth! By God, the Ship of God hath sailed upon the ocean of utterance, and verily it passeth over land and sea, were ye of them that comprehend. Hold fast unto it in the name of God, your Lord. He will save you through His grace. He is verily the Forgiving, the Bountiful. When thou didst inhale the fragrance of My utterance from My raiment and didst attain unto My Book, say: Unto Thee be glory, O Beloved of the worlds, and unto Thee be praise, O God of those who are in the heavens and on earth. Rejoice in that the Wronged One hath mentioned thee time and again with verses whose sweet savours shall never be cut off from the world. To this beareth witness the Lord of eternity from this luminous horizon.

O Most Exalted Pen! Say: Through My most sweet call have all things been enraptured, and through My Most Great Name hath surged the ocean of names, and the fragrance of God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting, hath been wafted. Say: Through this Revelation hath returned the discourse of Sinai, the trumpet hath been blown, and the servants have stood before God, the Mighty, the Loving. Say: By My finger hath been broken the seal of the Choice Wine, and the Self-Subsisting hath appeared and hath arisen to promote the Cause in such wise that neither the clamour of the people nor the might of hosts could deter Him. O ʿIsa! Rejoice that the Lord of the throne and of earth maketh mention of thee. By God! This is a station with which nothing on earth can compare. Ponder and say: Unto Thee be praise, O God of the seen and the unseen.

Say: This is the land wherein was raised the call of the Son of Mary, who gave the glad-tidings to the people of this Revelation, at whose appearance the Concourse on High proclaimed: The Hidden Mystery hath come with evident sovereignty. This is a station round which circled the Spirit and the denizens of the highest Paradise. To this testifieth the Lord of Names, yet the people hear not. Cast aside all else and take hold of My Book. Thus commandeth thee the Tongue of My grandeur from this Spot wherein naught can be seen save God, the Lord of existence.

O loved ones of the All-Merciful in all lands! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One Who hath appeared with His Name, the Self-Subsisting. He summoneth all to the supreme horizon and the most exalted station. To this testifieth all things, yet most of the people are turned away. Bear ye witness as God hath borne witness before the creation of the heavens and earth that there is none other God but I, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We counsel you with that wherewith We counseled one of Our Branches through Our Pen, who was named Diya'u'llah in Our Preserved Tablet. God beareth witness that I have believed in Him through Whose remembrance the near ones have quaffed the choice sealed wine, and the sincere ones that which none in the heavens and earth can comprehend, save whom God willeth, the Lord of all worlds.

O Diya! Be patient in tribulation, content in all matters, assured in truth, swift to good works, submissive unto God, a concealer of people's faults, detached from passion, hastening unto truth, like unto a cloud for mankind, tender in error, forgiving in transgression, steadfast in the Covenant, and firm in the Cause. Thus doth the Wronged One counsel thee. Moreover, He counseleth thee to fear God, then to be trustworthy and truthful. Hold fast unto these—yea, hold fast unto these. Blessed art thou and those who love thee for the sake of God, and woe betide those who hate thee and turn away from that which is ordained in the Book.

O Abraham! Hear the call of God, the Single, the Wise. He hath heard thy call and answered thee through His grace. He is verily the Forgiving, the Generous. When thou hast attained unto My verses and found the fragrance of My utterance, turn thy face toward My direction and say: I testify that by Thee the Resurrection hath appeared, by Thy manifestation the trumpet hath been blown, and by Thy supreme Word all things have spoken: "The Kingdom is God's, the Single, the All-Informed." Shouldst thou taste the sweetness of Mine utterance, thou wouldst soar on the wings of yearning in Mine atmosphere and witness that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath witnessed in the kingdom of Mine utterance. Thy Lord is verily the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing.

We make mention of thy brother and those with you who have turned unto God on a day wherein the limbs of every remote oppressor did quake. Thus have We adorned the ocean of utterance with the ark of inner meanings, which saileth thereon through My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. It behooveth you to thank God in all conditions for this supreme bounty.

O Safa! The Lord of Names, Who hath appeared with His Name, the Self-Subsisting, maketh mention of thee—He through Whom the seal of the choice sealed wine was broken. Blessed is he who hath sought, drunk, and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!" Say: He hath come with God's proof and His evidence, and uttereth at all times: "The Kingdom is God's, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed." O people of the earth! Fear God and follow not those who have turned away from the Face whereby the Kingdom of God, the Mighty, the Great, hath been illumined. By God! By the movement of My Pen the Concourse on High was stirred, and by My call the cry was raised from the Retreats of Grandeur, yet most of the people are heedless. He calleth all unto the Most Great Ocean, yet most of the nations are turned away. Thus hath the horizon of utterance been illumined by the Luminary of My wondrous utterance.

O Vahhab! Hear the call of Him Who summoneth thee from the Final Goal and calleth all to this horizon whereby appeared what was inscribed in the Books of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. Let nothing grieve thee. Leave the world behind thee and hold fast unto the Most Great Name through which appeared what was hidden behind the veils of the Unseen and treasured within God's knowledge, the Lord of existence. Be thou of such constancy that the affairs of the earth shall not shake thee from this Cause whereby every firm edifice hath been shaken. The earth and all that is therein and thereon shall perish, and there shall endure what hath been ordained for My loved ones in My Preserved Tablet.

O Abu-Talib! The One, the Single, maketh mention of thee with such remembrance as causeth the sincere ones to inhale the fragrance of God, the Mighty, the Loving. Say: O people of the Furqan! The All-Merciful hath come with manifest sovereignty. Beware lest the affairs of creation debar you from the Truth. Cast away your idle fancies and take hold of that which ye are bidden by God, the Lord of the unseen and the seen. Say: O people of the Gospel! The gate of heaven hath been opened and He Who ascended thereunto hath come. Indeed, He calleth aloud on land and sea and beareth unto all the glad-tidings of this Revelation through which the Tongue of Grandeur hath proclaimed: "The Promise is fulfilled and this is the Promised One."

Be thou in such wise that the affairs of earth cause thee not to slip. Take thou the chalice of steadfastness in the name of the Lord of creation, then drink therefrom by the leave of God, the Sovereign of the Kingdom. The clamor hath been raised throughout all regions—this is that whereof We informed the servants in a perspicuous Book. Should one who is perverse bring you the book of hell, cast it behind you, turning unto God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Soon shall tablets of fire be spread abroad throughout the lands. Thus doth He inform you, with Whom is the knowledge of what hath been and what shall be. Hold ye fast unto the cord of God and unto His mercy that hath preceded both the witness and that which is witnessed.

Verily, We make mention of the Alif and the Qaf before the Alif and the Jim, that he may give thanks unto his Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. O people of the earth! The Day of Victory hath come, and He Who conversed on Sinai hath appeared with such verses as have rendered impotent all who are in the heavens and on earth. We have forbidden all from corruption and conflict, and have ordained victory through remembrance and utterance. Thus hath the matter been decreed by the All-Merciful in His manifest Book.

Say: Spread not corruption in the earth and follow not your idle fancies. Follow that which ye are commanded by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. Hold fast unto the Greater Steadfastness in the days of your Lord, the Lord of all mankind. He commandeth you that which profiteth you. There is none other God but He, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

When thou attainest unto God's Tablet and findest the fragrance of the garment, turn thy face toward the Prison and say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having caused me to hear Thy call and recognized in me the Dayspring of Thy signs, and taught me Thy straight path. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me that which Thy Most Exalted Pen hath written for Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones. Thou art He to Whose generosity, grace, bounty and power all created things have testified. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise.

O Masum! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee and counseleth thee concerning the protection which We have sent down in the Psalms and Tablets. Whoso achieveth the Greater Steadfastness in this Cause, whereby the limbs of all names have quaked, is accounted among the protected ones in the Books of God, the Lord of Lords. Blessed is the servant whom God hath protected from turning away and guided unto the Dayspring of His signs. We created all mankind for this Day, yet the people have turned away therefrom, having followed the dawning-places of vain imaginings. We have ordained knowledge that it might give glad-tidings unto men and guide them unto this Revelation whereby the realm of possibility hath smiled; yet the divines thereof have turned away from the Dayspring of Revelation and have waxed proud before God, the Cleaver of daybreak. Blessed is the mighty one who hath rent asunder the veils through My Name, the All-Bountiful. The glory be upon thee and upon thy kindred and upon those who have been faithful to the Covenant.

Section 5: "O Tongue of Utterance! Turn thy face toward…"

O Tongue of Utterance! Turn thy face toward them that have believed in God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. Then make mention of him who was named Ghulam-i-Qabli-Husayn and give him the glad-tidings of the breath of God that hath wafted from the garden of the bounty of his Lord, the All-Bountiful. Say: This is the Day wherein every wise decree hath been made manifest, the Day wherein they that are nigh unto God have prospered while the idolaters are in manifest loss. This is the Day whereon God calleth out with the tongue of grandeur and summoneth all to His straight path. O peoples of the earth! Fear ye God and follow not every remote ignorant one. Cast away what ye possess and take hold of that which ye have been bidden by God, the Single, the All-Informed. Thus hath the Tongue spoken in the kingdom of utterance, yet most of the people are heedless.

O Muhammad-i-Qabli-Sadiq! The One, the Single, maketh mention of thee from this spot round which circle the Concourse on High and the dwellers of Paradise at eventide and at dawn. Blessed is he that hath purposed to attain unto My horizon, and blessed is he that hath spoken in My praise, and blessed is he that hath turned unto this exalted and impregnable station. Say: By God! That which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds, hath been made manifest. He, verily, is He Who was named in the Torah as Jehovah, in the Gospel as the Spirit of Truth, and in the Qur'an as the Great News. Hold fast, O people, unto that which ye were promised aforetime by the tongue of the Prophets and Messengers. Beware lest the tablets of fire withhold you from the Chosen One and the book of the wicked withhold you from the manifest Truth. O thou who hast turned unto Me! Drink from the Kawthar of utterance in the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all worlds!

A missive from the Wronged One unto him who desireth the sealed wine from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed art thou, O Samad, for having turned unto God and turned away from them that disbelieved when the Speaker of the Mount uttered His call. By My life! This is the Day of profit, yet the people perceive not; this is the Day of Resurrection, yet mankind comprehendeth not. Joy unto him who is set ablaze this Day with the fire of the love of God, and woe unto every heedless and deprived one. The ocean of utterance hath appeared at the pole of possibility, yet the people know not. They have cast certainty behind their backs and taken hold of idle fancies and

vain imaginings. Beware lest the intimations of the people withhold thee from My Self-Subsisting Name. Be steadfast in the Cause and speak forth this Name at Whose appearance the Kingdom proclaimed:

"The dominion belongeth unto God, the Lord of the visible and the invisible!"

We have manifested the Cause and revealed the verses, yet most of the people are turned away. The Sun of knowledge hath shone forth from the horizon of divine Will, yet the people are in gross ignorance. The star of nearness hath risen, yet the people are in manifest remoteness. The Tree hath spoken betwixt the Mount and creation, saying: "Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of them that know!" Every station hath been honored by the advent of its Lord and every Book by this Most Great Name. This is the Day wherein the sighing of the lovers can be heard from every horizon, to which testifieth the Lord of the Covenant Who hath come with manifest glory.

Blessed art thou, O Ghulam-i-Qabli-Husayn, for having turned unto Me and having won that which nothing on earth can equal. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Give thanks unto God for having turned unto thee and revealed for thee that from which the fragrance of the All-Merciful was wafted between earth and heaven. O Concourse of Names! The Creator of the heavens hath come with a Cause against which the hosts of earth and heaven cannot prevail. Say: The Preserved Tablet hath appeared, yet ye remain heedless. This is an inscribed Tablet, traced by My Most Exalted Pen through My binding and wise command. The Cry hath been raised in truth, and the Proof hath prostrated itself before the face of the All-Merciful, and the Evidence hath circled round My mighty Throne.

O Jim-before-Alif! The Mother Book hath appeared and all the books of the world have bowed down before it, yet the peoples are in grievous opposition. Blessed is he who hath cast away vain imaginings and turned with his heart to the All-Knowing One. O people of insight! The Most Great Vision hath appeared, wherein the Lord of Destiny calleth out amidst humanity, summoning them unto God, the Revealer of verses. O concourse of religions! Abandon that which ye possess. By God! The All-Merciful hath come with proof and evidence. Be fair in God's name and reflect upon that which the All-Giving hath revealed in the Book. Beware lest earthly affairs hold you back from the Lord of Names, or the intimations of creation debar you from the Truth that hath come with power and sovereignty.

O Mihdi! Rejoice in that the Wronged One hath turned toward thee from this Station, whereunto the Finger of Grandeur pointeth, saying:

"By My life, this is My station, upon which I have gazed from time immemorial."

This indeed is the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Secret, through whose mention the Sacred Scriptures and Tablets have been adorned. Thus have We adorned the heaven of utterance with the sun of proof. Blessed is he who hath discerning eyes to recognize, and hearing ears to hearken unto this sweet call.

O Husayn! The Wronged One remembereth thee while sorrows encompass Him from those who have denied God, the Lord of Lords. Thou didst stand firm in the Cause on a day when limbs trembled and foundations shook. When God's Cause was exalted, the buzzing of flies emerged from behind the veil. They cast aside fairness and embraced tyranny when the morn breathed and the horizons were illumined

by the lights of the countenance of God, the Lord of Return. Beware lest any mention hold thee back from this Most Great Remembrance, or anything veil thee from the Dayspring of verses. Hold fast unto God; verily He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Thus did the Ark sail, the rivers flow, and the seas proclaim: "Dominion belongeth unto God, the One, the Concealer."

O Letter B after B! The Glory remembereth thee, at Whose appearance all in the heavens and earth were thunderstruck, save whom God, the Lord of the worlds, willed. Do people hear yet comprehend not? Do the folk see yet deny? What aileth them that they believe not in God, the Mighty, the Loving, Who hath come with the banners of verses and proclaimeth:

> "Verily I am God, there is none other God but Me, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting."

Say: This is the Day of Supreme Joy, yet ye perceive not. The ocean of knowledge surgeth before your eyes, yet ye see not. Say: The gate of My most exalted Paradise hath been opened, yet the people turn away therefrom. Verily God remembereth who remembereth Him, and turneth unto who turneth unto Him, and draweth nigh unto those who have cast aside their desires and taken what God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, hath willed. Say: None should turn toward the Prison except by His leave. Thus have We sent down the command and that which the Desired One hath willed.

O Muhammad-Qablih-Ibrahim! The Wronged One makes mention of thee from this horizon whereby the horizon of the world was illumined and every wise decree was made manifest. Hearken unto the call from the precincts of My Most Great Prison, then summon the servants unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Say: O people! He cannot be pointed to by your gestures, nor does He walk in your ways. He hath appeared with truth and made manifest His straight path. He is the One mentioned in the ancient scriptures and the Promised One in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. He is the One through Whom the veils were rent asunder, the verses were sent down, and the clear proofs appeared, yet most of the people are heedless, and most of mankind are among the deniers. They have cast certitude behind their backs and followed every doubting learned one. Say: We have ordained knowledge that it may guide people to the path of God, the Most High, the Most Great. Blessed is the learned one who hath found the fragrance of the All-Knowing and turned with clear certitude to the Most Exalted Horizon. And woe unto every learned one who hath waxed proud before God and turned away from His binding and mighty Command.

Beware lest the tales of old withhold thee from the Lord of all creation. Break the idols of the servants in the name of thy Lord, the Possessor of Creation. Thus doth command thee He Who hath summoned all unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The Wronged One makes mention of thee for the sake of God and commands thee to that which shall profit thee in the Hereafter and in this first life. To this testifieth every fair-minded and discerning one.

Say: O people! The Day of Rising hath come. Arise from your seats and glorify your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. By My life! If thou shouldst discover the fragrance of My utterance and hear with the ear of the heart My call, thou wouldst arise to serve the Cause in such wise that neither the hosts of the world nor the cannons of those who are heedless of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment, would deter thee. The Cry hath been raised, the Hour hath come, and the Calamity hath appeared, yet the people are in

thick veils. Leave what the people possess and take what hath come from the Dawning-Place of thy Lord's revelation with power from Him and might from His presence. He is, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful.

Say: O Thou in Whose hand are the reins of all beings and the control of all things! I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thou didst rend the veils and didst manifest Thy Cause in the end, to aid me in recovering what hath passed me by in Thy days. Then make me among those who have soared in Thy atmosphere and drunk the wine of martyrdom in Thy name and for love of Thee. O my Lord! I am the poor one who hath turned to the horizon of Thy grace, and the ignorant one who hath sought the ocean of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of what is with Thee. O my Lord!

Enable me to rend asunder the veils of Thy servants and Thy creation that I may make known to them Thy mighty Book and Thy straight path, and remind them of that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and hold them back from all else besides Thee. Thou art the Almighty, to Whose greatness and power all atoms have testified. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the Most Exalted Pen and by Thy Most Holy, Most Great, Most Impregnable, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Name to forgive me through Thy bounty and grace, and to absolve my sins through Thy loving-kindness and favors. Then make me steadfast in Thy service and speaking in Thy praise and glorification. Thou art, verily, the Most Exalted, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

O Asad! Hear thou the call of the Wronged One Who hath endured tribulations and trials in the path of God, the Lord of all names, until He was cast into the most desolate of lands. He summoned the people unto the exalted Paradise, yet they seized Him and paraded Him through cities and lands. How many a night did sleep flee from the eyes of My loved ones through their love for Me, and how many a day did the factions rise against Me. At times I found Myself upon the highest mountains, and at others in the prison of Ta, bound in chains and fetters. By the life of God! In all conditions I remained thankful, speaking, remembering, turning towards Him, content, submissive and humble. Thus did My days pass until they ended in this Prison, whereby the earth was shaken and the heavens lamented.

Blessed art thou for having cast away idle fancies when the Hidden Unseen came with the banners of divine verses. He hath informed the people of what hath appeared and what shall appear, yet the people are in strange drunkenness—they hear the verses of God and deny them. Thus have their souls beguiled them on this Day which is the Dawning-point of all days. Before their faces surgeth the ocean of life, yet they hasten toward the mirage. Thus have We illumined the heaven of hearts with the sun of wisdom and utterance.

Section 6: "We make mention at this hour…"

We make mention at this hour of the third letter, he who believed in Me, against whom the Dayspring of tyranny pronounced judgment without proof or scripture. He turned toward Zawra until he arrived and stood before the gate, and entered after permission into the presence of the Countenance, and heard and said:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the seen and unseen, and glory be unto Thee, O Lord of lords! I testify that Thou wert hidden in the eternity of eternities and hast manifested Thyself in this

> Thy Day. Blessed is he who hath believed in Thee and drunk the choice wine from the hand of Thy bounty, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of all things."

The glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon him and upon those whom the buzzing of gnats hath not kept back from God, the Mighty, the Bestower.

O Joseph! Joseph of Baha calleth thee from this darksome pit and summoneth thee to the station of nearness and holiness—the station which none save God, the Lord of all worlds, can comprehend. Be thou steadfast in the Cause of God and in His love to such an extent that the utterances of the ungodly who dispute God's verses and proofs and turn away from Him when He came with manifest sovereignty, shall not deter thee. Blessed is he who hath found the fragrances of God in His days and witnessed what God had testified before the creation of the heavens and earth that there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Let not the affairs of the people grieve thee. Put thy trust in God—verily He loveth those who trust in Him. Know thou the value of these days, then give thanks to thy Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible, Who hath sent down for thee that which naught in all creation can equal. To this doth the Lord of Names bear witness in this noble station.

O Ali! Verily My name Ali gave thee glad tidings and informed thee of this Promised Day. He spoke—and His words are most sweet—saying: "Expect the appearance of Him Who conversed on Sinai." By God! It is He, and He proclaimeth with the most exalted call: "God hath come upon clouds of light, yet the people understand not." This is a word taught to him by the Messenger of God aforetime. With Him is the knowledge of all things in a Preserved Tablet. Say: The Divine Lote-Tree calleth out with the most exalted call, and Sinai speaketh: "He that was hidden hath come with manifest sovereignty." Is there any possessor of scent who can inhale the fragrance of My raiment? Is there any possessor of sight who can behold My horizon and My countenance? Is there any possessor of hearing who can hear this most sweet Call whereby all things were attracted? And is there any fair-minded one who will judge justly concerning that which God hath sent down from this glorious station?

O ʿAli! The Lord of all creation remembereth thee and giveth thee glad tidings of that wherewith the Herald of the Primal Point gave glad tidings. He spoke—and His words are most sweet—saying:

> "I have taken an essence in His remembrance, namely that He cannot be indicated by My indication nor by what was mentioned in the Bayan. The Bayan was revealed only for My remembrance, and it is but a leaf from the garden of My utterance and a ring upon My finger. Thy Lord doeth what He pleaseth and ordaineth what He willeth."

Say: He weigheth all things with the Most Great Balance and revealeth that which was hidden in the Books and Tablets. They who failed to recognize Him despite all that was mentioned in the Bayan opposed Him because of a single word therefrom. Lo! They are among the people of error. They have cast the Revealer of the Bayan behind their backs and clung to that which profiteth them not in the days of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Say: Die in your wrath! He hath appeared with the truth and all the books of the world cannot withhold Him. He hath come from the heaven of immortality with power and sovereignty.

O Sadiq! Truth crieth out between earth and heaven saying:

> “Is there anyone who loveth me and chooseth me for himself for the sake of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise?”

We have sent down concerning truthfulness a Tablet. Blessed is he who readeth it and holdeth fast unto it, as bidden by the Ordainer, the All-Informed. Blessed art thou, O Sadiq, for having attained unto the recognition of God in thy early days and for having turned unto the horizon from which every stubborn tyrant hath turned away. Hold thou fast unto the Sure Handle and cleave unto the hem of the mercy of thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken in this station which hath been adorned with the sweet savors of the revelation of thy Lord, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

O Husayn! Hearken unto what the Speaker of the Mount uttereth, and cast aside what thou hast heard of tales and reports. Reflect upon what thou beholdest today, for it shall suffice thee and guide thee to the straight path. The Wronged One hath come to remind you and guide you to the most exalted station. Among the people are those who have heard and turned towards Him, and those who have turned away from God, the Lord of Lords. The Kingdom hath appeared and the Throne hath been established thereon, then He, with Whom is the Mother Book, settled upon it. Say: O people! Deprive not yourselves of the Most Great Bounty, and follow not every ignorant doubter. Arise and make good what hath escaped you, then return unto God with humility and contrition. By God! All that ye behold today shall perish, and that which hath been ordained by the Supreme Pen shall endure, by God’s leave, He Who causeth the winds to blow.

O Supreme Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Husayn in the Kingdom of Names, and give him glad tidings of that which the Tongue of Eternity hath spoken at the station which God hath made the seat of His mighty Throne. He verily speaketh the truth and remembereth those who have turned unto Him with radiant faces. He is, in truth, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. We counsel Our loved ones with that whereby the Cause of God may be exalted above all else, and with trustworthiness, through which man’s station is uplifted and his glory made manifest among the servants. He Who hath subdued the world through His Name, the Mighty, the Powerful, beareth witness unto this.

Be thou grateful that My Pen and My Tongue have been moved to make mention of thee in My glorious and impregnable Kingdom. Say: O people! Spread not corruption in the earth, shed not blood, consume not the substance of others wrongfully, and follow not every clamorous evil one. When thou attainest unto the verses of thy Lord, arise from thy seat, turning unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O God of existence, both seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by the Name through which the earth was shaken, the heaven was cleft asunder, the mountains were moved, and the regions were convulsed, to aid me to remember Thee and praise Thee in such wise that the veils of them that have turned away from the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and the Dawning-Place of Thine inspiration may not hinder me. Thou art, verily, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Wise.

O Nasir! The All-Informed remembereth thee and remembereth the days when thou didst stand before the Gate and didst hear the call of God, the Lord of Lords. Thou art he who turned towards the Supreme Horizon and traversed land and sea until thou didst enter and attain the presence, and didst witness and hear the verses of thy Lord, the Master of all necks. He remembereth thee now as He remembered thee

before, and draweth thee nigh when thou turnest towards Him, and sanctifieth thee when thou ascendest unto God, the Lord of creation. Behold and remember when the Speaker of the Mount conversed with thee and the Countenance of the Manifestation turned towards thee in this station, round which circle the Frequented Fane, at eventide and at dawn. Blessed are they who observe the rights of My friends and serve them for love of My Beauty. They are assuredly of the people of the pavilion of My glory and the tabernacle of My grace that hath encompassed all creation. We counsel the servants of God to be patient and forbearing, calm and dignified, that the Cause of God may be made manifest to all who are in the heavens and on earth.

The glory be upon thee and upon those who have cast away idle fancies and chosen for themselves a path unto God, the Lord of the Day of Reckoning.

O Muhammad-ʿAli! The Wronged One makes mention of thee from the Most Great Prison, that He may draw thee nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds, Who hath manifested Himself through the Manifestation of His Self and the Dawning-Place of His signs. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful. Blessed is he who hath turned towards My horizon, and blessed the hearer who hath hearkened unto My verses, and blessed the seer who hath witnessed that which the Tongue of Grandeur did witness before the creation of the heavens and earth—that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Great. Give thanks unto God that the face of the Wronged One hath turned towards thee and hath sent down for thee that wherefrom the sincere ones perceive the fragrance of God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Beware lest the affairs of the world withhold thee from the Lord of all names. By God's life! All on earth shall perish, and there shall endure for thee what hath been sent down from the heaven of thy Lord's will, the Mighty, the Gracious. Thus hath the horizon of the Tablet been illumined by the light of thy Lord's utterance, the Kind, the Merciful.

O Muhammad-ʿAli! Hearken unto the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree which hath been raised betwixt earth and heaven. Verily it beareth glad-tidings unto the world, yet the people remain behind a clear veil, save him who hath shattered the idols of vain fancy in the name of his Lord, the Lord of all beings, and hath arisen to serve the Cause in such wise that the doubts of the divines who have turned away from God, the Lord of the worlds, have failed to deter him. Behold, then make mention of the generations of old who cast the signs of God behind their backs and pronounced judgment against the Manifestations of the Cause with manifest tyranny. How many a learned one lamented in separation and yearned, beseeching through nights and days, to attain the presence of one of the Names, yet when the Creator of the heavens appeared, he turned away from Him and denied God's proof and evidence, and rose up in such oppression as caused the eyes of the Messengers to shed tears.

Be thou not grieved at anything. Put thy trust in God in all affairs. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Thus have We adorned thee with the ornament of remembrance. Be thankful and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world!" We have seen thee and heard thy call. We have answered thee with this utterance, round which circle the Concourse on High and the dwellers of this luminous Station. Arise to make mention of Me and to praise Me amongst My servants, and say: "By God! The appointed time hath come and the Revealer of verses hath appeared with a wondrous Command. Verily He is the Originator of the heavens and earth. Blessed is he who hath

recognized and witnessed this great Day." Blessed art thou for having quaffed the choice wine from the hand of thy Lord's bounty, the Gracious. We counsel thee and My loved ones to observe supreme steadfastness in this Cause whereby feet have slipped and the hearts of the mystics have been perturbed.

Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this Most Great, Most Mighty Remembrance.

O ʿAndalib! We have sent down verses for every name that was in thy letter, as a token of Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Arise to serve the Cause and remind the people of the Day of God and His appearance through the wisdom We have sent down in a clear Book. Convey My glorification to the faces of My loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of My mercy, My providence and My favor which have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. We counsel them at the end of the Book with that which shall manifest man's station in the contingent world. This is better for them than all that is on earth. Verily thy Lord is the True One, the Manifest, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: Beware lest transient affairs withhold you from the Lord of creation. Leave what ye possess and take what ye have been commanded with power from God, the Almighty, the Powerful.

Glory be upon you and upon My handmaidens who have turned towards Me, hearkened, and responded to the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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BH03745: O thou who gazest upon the Most Exalted Horizon!…

He is the One Who calleth out between earth and heaven

O thou who gazest upon the Most Exalted Horizon! Hearken unto the Call of the Lord of all beings. He draweth thee unto a station where neither the might of the world will frighten thee nor will the hosts of the nations, who have remained heedless of this Most Great, this Mighty Cause, prevent thee. That which thou beholdest today shall perish, while the Kingdom and the Dominion will remain with God, the One, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Say: The Abu-Jahl of this age hath pronounced judgment against Muhammad the Apostle of God, and the Samiri against Him Who conversed with God, and the Jews against the Spirit, the Glorious, the Resplendent. And the people of the Furqan have risen against the Revealer of the Bayan, and the viper hath risen against God, the Help in Peril, the Mighty, the Powerful—for it did bite My chosen ones who soared in My atmosphere, turned unto My face, drank the choice wine of My love, held fast unto My cord, and clung to My sanctified and holy and mighty and inaccessible hem.

Observe then the people and their deeds. They have taken the viper as their leader instead of God and have committed that which hath caused the Concourse on High to lament and those who circle round My mighty Throne to weep. God hath seized it through His sovereignty and power from His presence, yet most of the people remain heedless. They have attained unto their desire and have sacrificed their souls and their wealth in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds, but the people have lost through their deeds. Soon shall they find themselves in manifest loss.

The Most Exalted Pen hath revealed in their remembrance that which all the treasures of the earth cannot equal. Thus hath the matter been decreed from the presence of thy Lord, the Gracious. Blessed is the strong one whom the hosts of tyranny have not weakened, and the speaker who hath held fast unto My All-Wise Name.

Say: Hold fast unto the cord of wisdom in all circumstances—this is what God hath decreed in most of the Tablets. He is verily the Expositor, the All-Knowing.

The Glory be upon thee and upon him who remaineth steadfast in this Cause, whereby every ignorant doubter hath been sorely troubled.

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BH00216: Praise be to Him Who is sanctified above…

Section 1: "Praise be to Him Who is sanctified above…"

He is God—exalted be His station, to Him belong majesty and grandeur

Praise be to Him Who is sanctified above the limitations of all created things, the Revealer of verses, Who through the sweetness of His call has drawn all creation to His most exalted horizon, such that some became intoxicated from the cup of the remembrance of their Beloved and turned to the place of sacrifice, while others adorned themselves, and yet others, enkindled with the fire of longing and desire, gave up their lives in the wilderness. Glory be to God! All that hath been mentioned is but the effect of a call that was raised from the Most Exalted Pen by the permission of the Lord of Names. Yet who hath the power to soar in His atmosphere or to voice His praise? I testify that whatsoever hath appeared in creation was created by His command and was brought into being by His will. Glorified be He Who hath made abasement a glory for His loved ones and tribulation a healing for His chosen ones, who utter no word before He hath spoken and who act according to His commandment.

The Jews came, raised the standard of rebellion, and in concert with their divines arose to oppose and protest against the Spirit (Jesus). That which they regarded as the cause of the abasement of the people of God, and acted upon accordingly, became the very source of glory, and that which they counted as the means of extinction became the pathway to everlasting life. Thus it was observed that afterwards the kings of the earth gloried and continue to glory in His name. The people of illusion came and opened their tongues in derision against the Lord of Reality and of the Hijaz, and with the utmost effort strived to extinguish the light. However, God—exalted be His glory—made that which was meant for extinction into the cause of illumination, and through the very means of debasement made manifest the way of exaltation.

Likewise in this Most Mighty, Most Exalted, Most Holy, and Most Glorious Cause, it can be seen that ere long these same souls who today mock or persecute shall arise to serve and voice His praise. Of this there is no doubt, and the Lord of all kingdoms shall assuredly… This servant's pen is truly incapable and

wanting in providing a detailed account of this station. Neither is there opportunity to witness it, nor is there any end to the mention of this station. Glorified be our Lord, the Most Exalted!

May my soul be a sacrifice for your praise. At a time when this evanescent servant was engaged in writing, your letter adorned both home and gathering, and upon beholding it, the sound of the waves of your love reached both the outer and inner ear and was seen by both the outer and inner eye. Blessed is your pen in that it moves in remembrance of our Beloved and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and earth, and blessed is your face in that it has turned toward the face of our Goal and the Goal of all who are in the kingdom of command and creation. After perusal, it was presented before the Most Exalted Face. His words were:

"O My physician! Treat My people with My Blessed, Mighty, and Wondrous Name. Remind them of My days and what befell Me from the hosts of the heedless. Thou wert created for the remembrance of God and His service. Hold fast unto it, for through it thy station will be made manifest and thy rank will be elevated. Thus doth the All-Informed apprise thee and the Bearer of Glad-Tidings give thee tidings. Turn not thy attention to the people and their clamor. By My life! God shall soon return them and their utterances to dust with manifest loss. O physician, soon these existing and visible souls and what they have spoken shall be seen as extinct and non-existent. Place thy trust in God and hold fast to the cord of wisdom. Thus doth the Wronged One command thee from the precincts of His mighty prison.

> "Be vigilant in all conditions and trust no one, especially those who associate with rulers and government officials, for such souls are unaware of the reality of this Cause and are veiled from it by their own imaginings. You yourself bear witness that were they to become aware of the truth, they would arise in unity and engage in educating the world. I wonder: Have they recognized and denied, or have they been prevented by their desires in following every distant crier? O physician! By the Most Great Name, if they were to attain but a drop from this ocean—that is, if they were to comprehend even as much as a needle's eye of God's purpose—they would surely lament and bewail what they have lost in this blessed Day. Say: Believe not every speaker, nor follow every crier. Say: It behooveth you to ponder what ye hear. By God's life! I desire at every moment to speak to the number of all atoms. Would that the world might know and understand!"

Concerning what you wrote about how after the arrival of some of the heedless and ignorant ones, they arose due to the instigation of certain individuals and girded themselves to harm you—such things have ever befallen and will continue to befall God's chosen ones. However, despite their wishes, God shall turn all this into glory, honor and lasting remembrance for you throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty. We beseech God to protect you and to maintain you at all times in that which pleases Him. Praise be to God that your wisdom prevailed and the words "they turn back upon their heels" became manifest.

And concerning what you wrote about Sassoon, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], praise be to God that through the power of God's Ancient Name he has broken the chains of blind imitation and has drunk from the wine of unity. I bear witness as God has borne witness that there is no God but Him, and that Muhammad is His Servant and His Messenger, His Manifestation and His Appearance, and that He is the

Source of His Most Beautiful Names and His Most Exalted Attributes, and through Him God adorned the Night Journey and opened the gates of knowledge to the face of all in creation.

As to what you wrote concerning how the Jewish people cried out at the top of their voices "Sasson ibn Rajwan, Hairim, Hairim"—blessed is he in having been made the target of such rejection and abuse. This is the same cry they uttered when they gathered against the Spirit [Christ]. Verily, We say: How pleasant and wholesome for him! And blessed are they who have tasted the food of tribulation in the path of the Lord of Names. By the truth itself, they are the triumphant ones, they are the knowing ones, they are the near ones, they are the sincere ones. One must beseech the True One at all times, by night and by day, to keep him steadfast that he may be enabled to preserve what has been bestowed. This is a word that, like the morning star, has dawned and risen from the horizon of the heaven of divine wisdom. Blessed are they who understand. Praise be to God that through your wisdom the fire of hatred has been quenched and the tongues of the heedless silenced. We beseech the Truth, exalted and mighty is He, to ever assist you in that which will cause the exaltation of His Cause. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

As to what you wrote about how that noble personage asked how it was possible for the claimant to make such claims—he was indeed pure in nature and showed love at the time when the Sun of the horizons rose from the horizon of Iraq. One day the Beloved of the world, accompanied by some companions, went to visit Salman Pak. On the return journey, Mulla Shaykh-Ali, who was among the learned and resided in Kazimayn (upon them be greetings and peace), was present and conversing with Him. The aforementioned Mulla Shaykh-Ali mentioned that the son of the late and forgiven Khan, namely Mirza Muhammad-Ali Khan, had seen a dream, and he related that dream, saying that they were very sorrowful. At this point He said:

> "Go and give him glad tidings. Soon his affairs will be set in order and he will attain to what he desires."

And He expressed satisfaction with him, that is, with the aforementioned Khan. When this servant heard these words, he became very happy, for his late father in his lifetime never uttered a word that would cause sorrow. And he [Mulla Shaykh-Ali], as commanded, went and delivered what he was instructed to convey, for on another day he came and mentioned that he had attained the presence of the Khan and related the matter. Now the Khan himself must guard against whisperings so that the fruits of those glad tidings may be fully manifested.

As for Mirza Husayn-i-Qumi, you know that he had absolutely no knowledge of this Cause, and whenever adversity occurred, he was the first to deny it, and when conditions became secure, he would count himself among the first to believe. We seek refuge in God! Again we seek refuge in God! He it was who spat upon the face of Quddus in the land of Taff with manifest cruelty. Such transgressions appeared from him that the pen is ashamed to mention them. Later he would express repentance in the blessed presence. The details about him are known and need not be mentioned. He speaks whatever his own desires command him. That statement which Khan related to you was among his fabrications.

By God, besides Whom there is no other God, he had no knowledge of any matter, nor does he now. Sometimes he would attain the blessed presence and would come to this servant, while the essence of

the matter remained hidden from him, for they would always say to him that two faults were observed in him, both of them grave: first, that he had no control over his tongue, and second, that he had no control over his feet—he would go wherever he pleased and speak whatever he wished. His conduct, deeds and words are clear and need not be mentioned.

As for that statement: First, the Manifestation has ever been and will ever be speaking that which He is commanded. In that station, neither a claimant nor one who summons others is to be seen. These two terms were among those commonly used in the school, while the Truth is sanctified, holy and exalted above them. By ʿschool' is meant that which is the source of satanic whisperings—its teacher is fancy and its students are idle imaginings. If one were to contemplate, truly without the taint of ulterior motives, upon that which has been revealed, he would understand who the Source of the Cause was and who the Manifestation of Revelation was. They would always say that the divine Source of the Cause had concealed Himself in the garments of names, that the Dayspring of Justice might be preserved from the evil of tyranny. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. Verily He is the Powerful, the Trustworthy, the Mighty, the All-Willing.

Section 2: "From the late Mu'tamidu'd-Dawlih, that is, Mirza ʿAbdu'l-Wahhab…"

From the late Mu'tamidu'd-Dawlih, that is, Mirza ʿAbdu'l-Wahhab, who was among the mystics, certain verses were heard, including this couplet which he composed:

> "I am enchanted by Thee, not by that countenance and tress / Where there is Paradise, there is neither morning nor evening."

Verily the Most Holy Court is sanctified from these mentions and from the vain imaginings of creation. And this saying of Husayn-i-Qumi is not correct according to any standard, for it often happens that one who summons is a pretender. However, if the one who summons was the Truth, meaning that he was calling people to the innermost essence which none knoweth save Him, this is correct; and if he was a claimant, meaning one claiming the station of Manifestation, this too is complete. In any case, the ignorance of that worthless Siyyid has reached such a degree that one is left bewildered—he perceives not what he says nor understands what he utters, as every discerning and fair-minded person will testify.

Apart from these matters, this servant was in Iraq. By God, the All-Powerful, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting—that person whom the Siyyid mentions was incapable of speech in the presence of His countenance. At first, this servant was also unaware until it was observed that in His presence he was like any ordinary person. This servant kept this matter concealed in accordance with the blessed word mentioned before, as He would always say that the Source of the Cause kept Himself veiled in the garments of names. In any case, outwardly this servant observed this matter and a hundred thousand times uttered "God, the Most High, the Most Great, speaketh the truth." We beseech God to assist people to illuminate the darkness of suppositions and imaginings with the light of certitude. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Another submission is that some time ago this servant sent a detailed letter to your honour which was forwarded to Mosul to Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza ʿAbdu'llah to deliver to you. No reply has been received. God willing, it has now arrived.

Regarding what you wrote about the deeds of certain ones, you are right. In truth, some of the friends have not preserved the sanctity of the Cause and have caused people of every description to arise in rejection and protest. Yes, during the days of Ridvan, it was revealed from the heaven of divine Will that the pen is lifted, but They have said that there must not be transgression beyond the bounds of propriety and what reason abhors. This is God's firm decree. Blessed are they who act accordingly. We hope that henceforth they will perceive from the fragrances of the Cause that which conduces to glory, exaltation and the station of true humanity.

When this ephemeral one reached this point in this letter, your other missive opened the gates of joy and became the source of delight and gladness. After perusing it, it was submitted to the Most Holy Court. He smiled greatly at its contents and showed His favor. The next morning, the Most Great Branch—may my spirit and being be sacrificed for the dust of His footsteps—appeared before His presence, and this servant, as commanded, presented your esteemed letter to Him. Again mention was made of you. Praise be to God that you have been and continue to be the recipient of this great favor. I beseech God that He may never, from time immemorial to eternity, withhold this distinction from you. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

That which you wrote regarding the reason for departure from Hadba and its details was indeed most graceful. Well done to that pen which became the cause of joy to the Beloved of the world!

As to what you wrote concerning Muhammad Surur Effendi, it was submitted. He said:

> "We have mentioned him before and We beseech the Most High to assist him upon His straight path and to ordain for him that which shall benefit him in all the worlds of His worlds. Verily, He is the Hearing, the Answering. O physician! Due to the actions of some in the past, most people have entertained unseemly doubts about God's most exalted, most impenetrable, most holy Cause. Some have imagined that, God forbid, God forbid, the chosen ones and the near ones are not acceptable. However, God shall establish the truth through His words. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty. Soon there shall be made manifest to all the world that which they are now heedless of and veiled from due to the whisperings of the satans of the earth. Remind the people with wisdom and utterance that there may appear to them that which the All-Merciful hath sent down unto the Prophets and Messengers."

From this evanescent one, convey greetings and glorification to them and say: Well done to thy hand and arm! Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto the sealed wine, which hath been the love of God and His Prophets. Thou art he who hath broken the bounds of the Jews and believed in God, the Mighty, the Loving. Blessed art thou in that thou hast been named after the Lord of the worlds Who shattered the idols through the power of His Lord, the Almighty.

As to what you wrote concerning Aqa Mirza Musa, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], it was submitted to the Most Holy Court. He said: "O physician! He hath suffered much in the Cause of God and hath endured

unseemly words until he drank the choice wine of God's love from the hand of grace and attained unto a station wherein his mention in the Supreme Concourse was more renowned than his mention on earth. This lofty, most exalted station and this glorious, most sublime place he nearly forgot entirely due to a minor outward change. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of eternity that all the world in comparison to an atom of that favor hath been and shall be as nothing, for the world and all that is therein shall perish at a word, while that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endure. By My life! It grieveth Me to see him extinguished after his enkindlement, and distant after having drawn nigh unto the Most Great Ocean.

Until now, in all circumstances, consideration hath been shown to him, for the right of faithfulness is beloved to Us. Therefore no word save that which is good hath been uttered concerning him, and We have commanded all the companions that if aught appeareth from him that is good, they should mention it, and if, God forbid, otherwise, they should remain silent. Perchance through the breaths of these words he may awaken and attain unto the words I have repented unto Thee and turned my face toward Thy court.' Say: Dost thou deny thyself everlasting stations for the sake of these fleeting days? Where are they who ruled over most of the earth aforetime? Hearken unto the voice of the faithful counselor and act upon this blessed word which declareth: Say: God! Then leave them to their vain disputes.' God willing, may he turn wholly unto the supreme horizon and arise to make good what hath been lost. Say: Know thou the value of thy station and let it not slip from thy grasp. That which thou now beholdest shall soon be hidden. Hold fast unto that which shall endure for thee as long as God's most beautiful names endure. Thus doth the Wronged One counsel thee out of His love. Verily thy Lord is the Witness, the All-Informed."

Concerning what you wrote about Abdullah, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], it was submitted and He said:

> "O Abdullah! Blessed art thou for having won the grace of God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed art thou for having cast aside vain imaginings and taken hold of that which thou wast commanded in the Book from God, the Exalted, the Great. Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God, the God of all who are in the heavens and earth, my Master and the Master of all who are in the kingdoms of Command and Creation! I beseech Thee by the Name through which the gate of understanding was opened to all contingent beings, to make me one of those who have detached themselves from all else save Thee and have acknowledged Thy unity and oneness. O Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee, relying upon Thee, and beseeching Thy ancient bounty and all-encompassing grace. Wouldst Thou, O my God, disappoint one who has raised his hands of hope toward the heaven of Thy generosity? Would one who has sought the fountain of Thy nearness, O my Beloved, be kept distant? I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name, by which the limbs of the nations have trembled, to make me one of those whom neither the might of the world nor the oppression of the heedless has frightened from Thy Cause, O Master of eternity! Then ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who hastened to the place of sacrifice in Thy love. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

That special Tablets were not sent to the aforementioned souls, upon them be the Glory of God, this has been and will be due to wisdom. You know that people are heedless. If special Tablets were sent to one or two of the friends, it would surely become widely known, and this would be contrary to wisdom. For people have not yet understood that the purpose of this Cause is to exalt the primary Cause and to establish that which the Messenger (peace be upon Him) brought. They have suspected corruption and continue to do so, mistaking pure good for evil. Had they become somewhat aware of the purpose, they would now see the banner of Islam at the highest station and would surely have been preserved from this great humiliation that occurred in the recent war. But what was decreed has been decreed, and the Command is in the hand of God, the Master of the Throne and earth.

My request of you is to convey this servant's greetings and sincere regard to all the friends of God. God willing, may all be seen as links in a chain and manifest the utmost wisdom and steadfastness, lest something occur that might cause some weak souls to waver. You too must observe wisdom with the utmost determination and act accordingly.

In Muharram 1297

BH01065: Praise be to God Who hath raised up His…

He is God, exalted be His station, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

Praise be to God Who hath raised up His Cause and manifested His sovereignty in such wise that neither the doubts of the skeptics, nor the utterances of the ungodly, nor the pronouncements of those who have denied the Day of Judgment could hinder it. Verily, He is the Single, the One, the All-Powerful, Who hath ever been supreme over all who are in the heavens and the earth, and exalted above the comprehension of those who dwell in the kingdoms of creation and command. He ordaineth what He willeth and decreeth as He pleaseth. Verily, He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

May my spirit be a sacrifice for your steadfastness. When this evanescent servant was lying upon his bed, one of the chosen ones named Siyyid Javad entered bearing your letter. When I sensed the fragrance of your sincerity to God, our Lord and your Lord, I sat upright and was blessed with its contents. When I read and understood it, it was presented before His face, and when what your heart had uttered in love of God, the Lord of the worlds, was presented, then the Kingdom of Utterance spoke and said:

> "Blessed art thou, O Muhammad, and joy be unto thee, O Mustafa! Thou art he who hath been confirmed in the love of God, the Lord of Names, and hath called the people to His supreme horizon, and hast remained steadfast in His Cause in such wise that neither the whisperings of the servants nor the doubts of those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment, caused thee to slip. Blessed are the people of Iraq who were stirred by the breezes of revelation in the days when the Sun of the horizons shone forth from the horizons of the land. Blessed be their faces, for they have turned toward My horizon, and their ears, for they have been blessed to hearken unto My call."

The Wronged One remembereth them and beseecheth God to aid them to remember and praise Him with wisdom and utterance, and to strengthen them to act according to what they have been

commanded in His mighty Book. We make mention of the imprisoned one who hath attained the recognition of God and hath drunk the choice wine of love from the hands of His bounty. He is, in truth, the One Who confirmeth and seeth. From this most exalted station We send Our greetings upon them and upon those who have attained what they have attained, and We remember them with a goodly remembrance.

O thou who gazest upon the Face! Thou hast known what thou didst mention concerning Ibrahim and his companion in the land of Sad. We were in the land of Sad and did not witness what was witnessed. Know thou this and be of them that understand. We beseech God to aid those who have believed with sincere truthfulness and to make them standards of truthfulness and steadfastness among all people. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful.

It behooveth thee to conceal the Cause of the Wronged One from those who are submerged in the sea of passion, to such an extent that they have denied the Furqan and the verses of the All-Merciful. We have forbidden mention and utterance in those regions and their surroundings. Conceal thou and be of them that conceal, for We have found the people bereft of fairness, as every discerning one doth witness. Beware, beware lest thou reveal the Cause to blind eyes or speak to deaf ears. The people are asleep; when they die they shall awaken. Thus doth the Wronged One inform thee, and He is, verily, the Truthful, the Trustworthy.

It behooveth no one to draw nigh unto him who hath denied the Prophets and Messengers and hath acknowledged what he possesseth of the promptings of Satan, nor to hear his words. Say: Keep away, O servants of the All-Merciful, and be ye manifestly on your guard. Their deeds testify to what is within them, and their words reveal them. By the life of God! Their conduct maketh manifest what is in their hearts. God is clear of these people, as doth testify what the All-Merciful hath sent down in the Furqan and unto the Prophets and Messengers.

Conceal what We have imparted unto thee concerning Ibrahim lest he become aware of what We have made known to thee. Hold fast unto wisdom in all circumstances lest a disturbance arise therein. We beseech God, exalted be He, to protect you from the scheming of every schemer and the falsehood of every liar. He, verily, hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Wise.

Moreover, We counsel you to maintain the greatest concealment concerning him and concerning all who claim to believe, unless they come to thee with a clear proof. Believe not every speaker. Preserve the pearls of knowledge in the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, from every distant betrayer. Peace and glory be upon thee and upon all who have believed in God, the One, the All-Informed.

O beloved of my heart! Most astonishing of all is those who deny God and His verses. Yet this is not the first instance of opposition, nor the first denial, nor the first discord, nor the first hypocrisy, nor the first rejection, nor the first turning away, nor the first objection. Servants before have uttered what these utter now, and they shall speak even more grievously hereafter. But God will manifest His Cause as He has manifested it before, despite them. He is, verily, the Mighty, the Powerful.

I marvel at him whom thou hast taken as a companion. I beseech the Almighty to make him steadfast in His Cause and purify him from the deeds of the idolaters. A tablet hath been sent to him in response, as wisdom requireth, that he might be among the tranquil ones. It behooveth you to be forbearing with him until God delivereth you from his company. This servant imploreth God to protect His servant Ibrahim. I observe that he consorteth with every corrupt one and associateth with every transgressor, and verily he is more harmful than poison. His own tongue would bear witness to this, were he to be among the fair-minded ones. You must conceal all that is mentioned in this letter, lest there arise the clamor of the heedless ones who have cast the ordinances of God behind their backs and followed every accursed satan.

As to the dervish, this servant hath presented his petition before the Throne, and he hath been granted pardon, should he be among the steadfast and firm ones. Give him the glad tidings of this bounty that he may rejoice and be among the thankful ones. This servant beseecheth his Lord to preserve him from the promptings of desire and enable him to be obedient and perform pure deeds. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Bountiful. This evanescent servant conveyeth his greetings unto him and unto Ibrahim and unto the loved ones in that place, and I beseech God, the Lord of the worlds, to grant them success. Praise be to God, the Goal of the mystics.

The servant 16 Rabi'u'l-Avval 1297

BH01452: This evanescent servant testifies that there is none other…

He is God, exalted be His glory, to Him belong greatness and majesty!

This evanescent servant testifies that there is none other God but Him. He was forever hidden and concealed in the treasury of the Unseen until the appointed time came, when He appeared from the horizon of creation with grandeur and glory. Then the trumpet was blown, the graves arose, the herald called out, the spirit was breathed, and the world was adorned with the ornament of knowledge. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who manifested Himself amidst all created things, Who speaks in the kingdom of utterance, and Whose Most Exalted Pen moves at every moment—the Pen through which He has detailed every matter with truth, revealed every mystery with justice, explained every wisdom with grace, and established every decree in His mighty Book. Glory be to the All-Bountiful Who made Himself known to us, taught us His Cause, and guided us to His straight path.

O beloved of my heart! The fragrant breezes of your love—for our Beloved, your Beloved, and the Beloved of all worlds—have stirred me, and the winds of your utterance have moved me, through which your acceptance, sincerity, steadfastness, love, affection, and arising in the Cause of God, the Beloved of all worlds, have become manifest. When your mention took hold of me, I ascended to a station that cannot be indicated by my indication, nor comprehended by my comprehension, nor known by my descriptions, nor expressed by my pen and ink. When I attained His presence, the Lord of all worlds and the Master of eternity asked me what was in my hand. Then, with permission, I opened it and presented what the nightingales of your love had sung upon the branches of the Lote-Tree of sincerity.

When it was concluded, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which I am unable to mention, until He said:

> “O servant present before Me! Convey My glorification to those who have attained to My recognition and My presence, who have immersed themselves in the ocean of My proof, who soar in the atmosphere of My love, who drink the choice wine of My remembrance and praise, who have turned toward My face, and who stand before My gate. Say: Blessed art thou, O Varqa, for My verses have attracted thee, caused thee to speak in My days, and drawn thee to My dwelling place, until thou didst stand before My throne, hear My call, and attain to the hearing of My utterance. Know thou with certainty that We have mentioned thee and do mention thee as a favor from Us. Verily, thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Be thou assured by thy Lord’s grace, then make mention of Him with wisdom and utterance. He will assist thee at all times. To this bear witness the dwellers of My realms, the guardians of My mysteries, the recipients of My revelation, the dawning-places of My attributes, and this mighty and wondrous Tongue. Make mention from Me to thy brother who attained in My days and circumambulated My mighty throne, and to those who have turned to the Supreme Horizon and held fast to the Most Great Name, whereby the limbs of all names have trembled, and give them the glad-tidings of My gracious remembrance.”

In brief, it is submitted that the travelers, upon them be the Glory of God, were present before the throne at the castle where the Greatest Scene is situated, when suddenly the Ancient Beauty gave permission for their return, and they were set to depart the next day. Therefore, this servant had no time or opportunity to express in detail the degrees of sincerity and love. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, that the opportunity may be granted hereafter. In any case, after learning of the travelers’ departure, these few words were submitted in brief so that they might rejoice in the divine favors and infinite bounties. The Tablets they had requested were sent, numbering five, corresponding to the blessed letter “Ha”. As commanded, they should be distributed by lot—that is, after ablutions, place them under a cloth, then draw one Tablet in each person’s name and give them to whomever they were intended for. Since the mention of names is not permitted in these days, the names were not written at the top of the Tablets.

Another submission: Convey this evanescent servant’s glorification to his honor, my brother, upon him be the Glory of God and His praise, and mention that what was promised was fulfilled, but did not reach you—God willing, it will reach you. There is no opportunity now to mention details. And another submission: Convey to all the friends in that land, on behalf of this evanescent servant, remembrance, praise, and the Most Wondrous, Most Exalted, Most Holy, Most Glorious glorification. Glory and praise be upon you and upon God’s loved ones there.

The servant, 15 Rabi’u’l-Avval 1297

BH00125: Praise be to God Who opened the gate…

Section 1: “Praise be to God Who opened the gate…”

He is God, exalted be His glory, His is the grandeur and majesty

Praise be to God Who opened the gate of revelation with the key of His Most Mighty, Most Holy, Most Glorious Name and summoned all through His sweetest call to the supreme horizon! Thereupon the

sincere were attracted, the believers drew near, the near ones took flight, the seekers sought, and those who turned did turn. The wine of the utterance of the All-Merciful so intoxicated all contingent beings that every extinguished one was set aflame, every frozen one was melted, every sleeper was awakened, every fallen one arose, and every seated one hastened forth, as though every atom among the atoms of creation turned towards the Dawning-Place of verses and the Day-Spring of clear signs.

Then did the Lord of Names desire to test His servants and commanded His Most Exalted Pen to speak that which would raise the standards of tribulation amidst the concourse of creation. When it spoke and the standards were raised, conditions were transformed, foundations were shaken, bodies trembled, hearts were struck with fear, souls quaked, feet stumbled, and mankind was divided: Among them were those who turned to these standards, embraced them, kissed them, and hastened to the place of sacrifice in the path of God, Creator of heaven; and among them were those whose faces reddened with the fire of God's love and who sacrificed themselves and their possessions in His path in such wise as to astonish the Concourse on High; and among them were those who hastened forth and those who hesitated and those who turned away and those who retreated and those who regretted their acceptance and those who were seized with such perturbation as to oppose the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Thus was the matter decreed from before God, the Lord of the beginning and the end.

O my beloved Abu'l-Hasan! This blessed word was repeatedly heard from the Most Holy and Exalted Tongue, saying: "Verily, this Cause is mighty, mighty indeed!" By the Sun of the horizon of certitude, the greatness of God's Cause and the stations of steadfast souls cannot be reckoned by the pen nor encompassed by the tongue. The greatness of this Day and this Cause was revealed and recorded aforetime in the divine Books. Most people today are heedless, occupied with these perishable things whose transience they witness with both their outer and inner eyes, while remaining oblivious and bewildered regarding the immortal Kingdom.

In the Book of Joel it is recorded: "For the day of the Lord is great and very terrible; who can abide it?" And likewise it states: "The Lord shall roar from Zion, and utter His voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake." Jerusalem is Akka, the Holy Land and its environs, and Zion is a place in these lands, as well as a place in Jerusalem. From this valley the divine Call has been raised, and the throne of divine Justice has been established in this land. Blessed are they whom the diverse colors of the world have not caused to deviate from the straight path.

Would that one of these souls who today consider themselves learned and who have arisen to oppose the Truth would come to their senses and become awakened by the Word of God, and would reflect: For what reason was Noah's lamentation? Why did his people reject him? What was the meaning of Hud's abasement? Why was Salih's she-camel hamstrung and he himself banished? Why did Jesus, son of Mary, ascend to the fourth heaven, and at whose hands did He suffer tribulations? Why did the Sun of Batha [Muhammad] turn towards Yathrib? For what purpose did Ja'far-i-Tayyar and his companions go to the Negus? The wine of vain desire hath so seized these heedless ones that they have not been able to reflect for a moment. They ride the steed of self and gallop in the arena of ignorance. Soon shall they lament and cry out "Would that we were but dust!"

Man is astonished at what these people cling to and to whom they adhere. If they deny this Manifestation, its revealed verses, its demonstrations of power, and its resplendent and manifest evidences, to what cause are they turning and to which religion do they adhere? Fie upon them and those who follow them! Observe how in all the Books the mention of the Day of Manifestation is clearly recorded; nevertheless, they have done what no people have ever done. In the Revelation of John it is recorded:

> "And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband… And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it."

And Jerusalem is now become the place of the Divine Throne.

It seems as though the sense of taste hath been lost in the world and the faculty of understanding vanished, for most of the servants have not found the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful and have failed to comprehend that which hath appeared from the Kingdom of power. They are engaged in cawing while veiled from the Luminary of the horizons. We beseech God that those souls who have drunk from the water of life and attained unto the sealed wine may hold fast unto the Book of God and His verses—that is, let them contemplate and reflect, and quicken the dead of the earth through the breaths of wisdom and utterance. Know ye with certitude that those souls who are this day adorned with the ornament of love and are mentioned by the name of God, exalted be His glory, if they arise to serve the Cause—that is, if they engage in teaching the divine Cause with the utmost wisdom, speaking for God's sake and making mention of Him for His sake—they will assuredly transform the world of brass into a world of gold.

Blessed are they who have recognized this day and acted according to its requirements. The evanescence of the world is clear and evident, and the Tree of Revelation hath appeared at the supreme station of Sinai, speaking forth; yet none are aware save whom God willeth, our Lord and the Lord of all things and the Lord of all worlds. We beseech God to assist His servants to recognize what is intended and draw them nigh unto Him. Verily He is the Mighty over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Helper, the All-Knowing.

To continue: thy letter dated the 15th of Shavval was received. Praise be to God, it became a source of joy and gladness, for it was adorned with the remembrance of God and embellished with His praise. God willing, mayest thou ever drink from the Kawthar of divine mercy and be assisted in His service. The loving-kindness of the Beloved hath encompassed thee and will continue to do so. Concerning what thou didst mention about the Afnan, Aqa Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be all Glory of Glories, having summoned thee—this was presented at the Holy Threshold. This is what the All-Merciful hath revealed from the Kingdom of Utterance:

> "O Abu'l-Hasan! We have heard thy call and what thou didst write to the servant who standeth before the Throne. We answered thee before, and in this noble station We say: Rejoice in My remembrance and give thanks unto God for having assisted thee and made thee among the successful ones. Thou hast attained the presence of thy Lord and heard His mighty and

> wondrous call. The deeds of no doer in the path of God have been or ever shall be lost. All matters are clear and evident before God. Verily He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Be thou assured of thy Lord's favor and hold fast unto the cord of steadfastness in this mighty Cause. Act according to what the Afnan of the Sacred Tree hath written. When thou seest My Afnan, convey to him My glorification, and give him the glad-tidings of My remembrance, My loving-kindness and My manifest grace. The Sacred Tree gazeth upon its Afnans. He hath created them, provided for them, exalted them, caused them to know Him, and hath written down for them from His Most Exalted Pen that which none knoweth save His Self, the One Who dominateth the worlds."

Regarding what thou didst write about Jinab-i-ʿAyn-Ba', upon him be the Glory of God—he hath ever been mentioned at the Most Great Scene and hath been and will continue to be the recipient of divine bounties. The purport of this matter hath been revealed in one of the Tablets: "Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed." We beseech God to assist all and enable them to make mention of Him and praise Him. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

Concerning what thou didst write about Jalil, it was presented. These are His mighty words:

> "Today the gate of grace is open. How excellent is the state of one who hath rent asunder the veils and attained to the recognition of the Dawning-Place of Divine Revelation. The true seekers have not been and shall never be deprived of their Goal. God willing, may they be gladdened through His grace and remain fixed upon His horizon. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

Concerning what you wrote about Haji Aqa Baba, it was presented before the Most Sublime Vision. He said:

> "O Abu'l-Hasan! We have heard what thou didst mention regarding him. We beseech God to enable him and all who are on earth to drink from this Ocean which surgeth before their faces. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the All-Compassionate. We make mention of him whom thou didst mention. Give him the glad-tidings of this remembrance from thy Lord, the All-Wise. Blessed is the soul that hath awakened in the days of its Lord, and the face that hath reddened from His love, and the hand that hath attained unto the taking of His Book. Thus hath the Pen spoken from this exalted station. By the life of God! What hath been created on earth cannot be compared with My remembrance, yet most of the people are heedless. We make mention of H and S who hath believed in God, the Lord of the worlds. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to give him and those who have believed to drink that which will purify them from all else save Him and draw them nigh unto Him. He is the Single One, the All-Informed. We perceive the fragrance of My love from there. Nothing escapeth His knowledge. He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Convey My greetings unto My loved ones who have attained unto My recognition and clung to the hem of My bounty. They are assuredly among the most exalted of creation before the Truth, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling."

Concerning what you wrote about Malik-Husayn, He showed favor, saying that God willing, his pilgrimage is accepted before the Throne. Whosoever turneth to God with sincere intention shall never be disappointed or deprived. The prohibition that was revealed was due to God's all-encompassing wisdom, as hath been revealed in certain Tablets. Blessed be they who attain! I beseech God, exalted and glorified be He, to assist him and make him steadfast in His love.

Regarding what you wrote about marriage, permission hath been granted. God willing, it is blessed, but is contingent upon the consent of both parties, as revealed in the Most Holy Book.

Concerning what you wrote about the beloved R and J, upon whom be all the most glorious Glory of God, praise be to God, they have attained unto God's special favors. Indeed, it is exactly as you have written, nay even greater. Some time ago, this servant wrote briefly to them and by command sent the Tablet of Proof that they might recite it and share it with upright and receptive souls, that perchance the peoples of the world might attain unto new life through the breaths of the verses of the All-Merciful. If you meet them, convey my greetings. God willing, may they drink and give to drink from the choice wine of the Recognition of the All-Merciful at all times. We beseech God to assist the souls in that land to hearken unto that which they mention concerning the Cause of God.

Concerning what you wrote about Haji Mulla Kazim, it was submitted, and this is what the All-Giving revealed in response:

> "O Abu'l-Hasan! The horizons have been filled with the signs of thy Lord, the Master of the Day of Meeting. We sent him a Tablet before and revealed therein that which brought delight to the eyes of the Concourse on High and those who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid him in serving His Cause—verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth—and to give him to drink that which will draw him unto Him. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. He who hath attained unto His forgiveness and drunk the Kawthar of His knowledge is assuredly among those who are brought near, as recorded in the Books and Tablets."

God willing, may the people of that land attain unto the hearing of the Tablet of Proof and the previously revealed Tablets. By the life of God! If today any soul should read one of the divine Tablets with a sanctified tongue and pure heart, and turn towards it, he will surely attain unto the Kawthar of steadfastness and will speak in praise of the Desired One. Blessed are they who act! Blessed are they who hear! Joy be to them who attain!

Concerning what you wrote about Ahmad (upon him be the Glory of God) from M., it was submitted, and this is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke:

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

This is a Book from Us to him who hath turned his face toward My countenance and dwelt beneath the tabernacles of My mercy, that he may give thanks unto his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. O Ahmad! We behold the servants playing like children on the shores of the sea of heedlessness and forgetfulness. By My life! They gather only pebbles. Thus doth the Revealer of verses inform thee from this station

which God hath made the most exalted of stations. Rejoice thou in My remembrance and in that which We have formerly revealed unto thee. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and the servant who was present read it, and We have mentioned thee with a mention that hath caused the pens to be attracted.

Convey My greetings to the faces of those who have believed in God in thy land and give them glad tidings of the favor of their Lord, Who dissolveth illusions. Say: Be not grieved at anything, put your trust in God, then remember Him at all times. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen spoken by the command of God, the Lord of all mankind. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy sons and upon those who have attained unto the mention of their Lord, the Lord of the beginning and the end.

Regarding what you mentioned about the sons of the beloved Mahbubi (upon him be nine [Glory] most glorious), it was presented before the Throne. He showed His favor, and God willing, may they all attain unto that which befitteth them. I beseech the True One to adorn them with such an ornament as shall cause the slumbering ones of the earth to awaken.

Section 2: "Concerning what you wrote about Muhammad Big, expressions…"

Concerning what you wrote about Muhammad Big, expressions of loving-kindness have been shown to him from the Dawning-Place of the Cause, both before and after. He should offer thanks to God with a hundred thousand tongues at all times, for He has enabled him to serve some of His loved ones, and exalted Tablets were specifically revealed and sent to him in previous years, with which he was favored. If you meet him, convey on behalf of this evanescent one a wondrous and glorious greeting—but such a greeting that would cause hearts and minds to soar in the atmosphere of the love of our Lord, the Mighty, the Beloved. And mention was made of Muhammad Husayn, Turab Big, Aqa Ghulam Husayn and Shahir in the presence of His glory. He said:

> "Verily We make mention of those who have remembered Us and turned to Our Most Exalted Horizon and have attained unto Our choicest Wine, whose seal We have broken through Our Most Exalted, Most Glorious Name. Thus hath the Truth spoken in the Kingdom of Utterance that His servants may rejoice thereby. He is, verily, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Say: Verily He heareth every call and seeth every deed and beholdeth every aspiration. He is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

All the loved ones of God are mentioned at the Throne. How could it be that one should make mention of God, or succeed in performing a good deed, and yet be deprived of the grace of God? The names of those souls who have turned to Him and remained steadfast are recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. All the friends must strive to attain to this station. Verily He seeth and knoweth; He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Concerning what you wrote about the sons of Aqa Siyyid Husayn, who hath ascended unto God, it was presented before His Most Holy Presence. This is what the Beloved hath revealed from the Kingdom of Utterance:

> “O Abu’l-Hasan! We made mention of Husayn before, and We mention him in this station that his rank may be made manifest. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He hath ascended unto the All-Merciful with joy and delight and dwelleth in the proximity of his Lord’s loving-kindness, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Make mention on My behalf of his son and his daughter, then his daughter who hath believed in God, the Lord of all worlds, then his wife who hath migrated in the path of God. We counsel them to be patient and to show forth fortitude in what hath befallen them in the days of their Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. Say: Be not grieved at anything. That wherein princes rejoice and every heedless doubter prideth himself shall soon pass away. They see themselves in a station while you are in the most exalted station. He Who speaketh in the world among the peoples beareth witness to this. There is none other God but Me, the One, the All-Informed.”

Concerning what you wrote about Mirza [S] Kh-A, it was presented. He said:

> “God willing, may he drink at all times from the Kawthar of utterance through the grace of the All-Merciful and keep his gaze fixed upon the Most Exalted Horizon. The days have no constancy. The changes and transformations of the world are like a tongue giving news to its people of the passing away and extinction of all that exists therein. Therefore, those possessed of vision, whose eyes are illumined with the light of divine knowledge, turn to that which endureth and is befitting. Blessed is he who knoweth the value of these days and ariseth to do what is meet and seemly. He is indeed among those possessed of vision in the Most Great Scene and among those endued with understanding in the concourse of creation. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid him and enable him to do what He loveth and is pleased with. Make mention on My behalf of ʿAli-Qabli-Muhammad whom thou didst mention in the letter thou didst send to the servant who is present before the Wronged One, that My remembrance may draw him to the Kingdom of Utterance and strengthen him in this Cause wherein the feet of those who followed vain imaginings have slipped.”

As thou didst mention Haji Muhammad-Ali and his son Aqa Abdu’l-Husayn, as well as Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Husayn who had conveyed their greetings to this servant, mention was made of them all in the Most Holy Court, and the Sun of loving-kindness hath shone upon each one. God willing, may they ever be engaged in the praise and glorification of the Revealer of verses, and strive with wisdom and utterance to quicken souls. Thus far was the reply to thy previous letter dated […] 152. As for thy second letter dated the 25th of Muharram 1297, it was received and thy love for the Beloved of the world was evident and manifest. Blessed art thou for God hath enabled thee to recognize Him, to utter His praise, and to turn unto Him. This evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to aid thee to remain steadfast in His Cause and to manifest through thee that which would cause His remembrance.

Concerning what thou didst write about thy business affairs—grieve not for what hath passed, nor rejoice in what is to come. These are words uttered by the Revealer of verses. God hath ever been and will ever be the All-Possessing. In this land there are nearly one hundred and fifty souls, and there are five cities. The subsistence allowance from the government hath not been received, and four places have been specifically designated for travelers in these days. Though prices and costs have reached their highest

point, yet by God's grace and bounty all are comfortable and at ease. Verily He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth, and He is indeed the All-Bountiful, the Munificent. Place thy trust in all circumstances in the Self-Subsisting.

Verily He giveth and withholdeth, and He is indeed the Bestower, the Withholder, the Bountiful, the Generous. Yet praise be to God that thy past and future services to the Cause have been and shall be accepted. The servant doth praise God for having perceived from thee the fragrance of truthfulness and trustworthiness. This is the most excellent of all stations, even as in this past year the Tablet of Trustworthiness, the Tablet of Truthfulness, the Tablet of Faithfulness, the Tablet of Detachment, and the Tablet of the Balance were revealed from the heaven of divine Will. Blessed is he who hath read them and acted upon what hath been commanded by the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

As for thy expression of embarrassment before A.B., may the glory of God rest upon him, from the beginning of the Cause until now he hath served to the extent of his capacity and shown love to the friends of God. We beseech God to strengthen him, and God willing, he hath been and will continue to be assisted. Mention was made of him in the Most Holy Court. And concerning what thou didst write about A.B. Naw, may the glory of God rest upon him, his love and sincerity are evident before the Divine Throne. Convey my greetings unto him, and a Tablet specifically for him was sent with Varqa, may the glory of God rest upon him. God willing, may he attain unto it. I beseech God to assist him, to strengthen him, and to ordain for him that which beseemeth His generosity. Verily He is the Mighty, the Generous.

During the writing of this letter, this evanescent servant was summoned into His presence, whereupon the Ancient Tongue spoke these blessed words:

> "O Abu'l-Hasan! Blessed art thou for having fulfilled My covenant and My testament, for having held fast to the cord of My love, and for having attained unto My presence, wherewith the Books of God, both past and future, have been adorned. Be thou thankful and say: 'Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world's desire!' Let all thy deeds be for God, thy Lord. Act thou for God, speak thou for God, and move thou for God, the Lord of the visible and the invisible, the Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth."

In all matters, it is essential to regard the servants of God with an eye to His previous grace and mercy. Therefore, one must be mindful in all deeds, lest any action cause grief to anyone, especially the friends of God, upon whom the eye of His loving-kindness is fixed and toward whom the drops of the ocean of His generosity are directed. Whatsoever is thought to prevent the general welfare of people is not and never shall be permissible.

> "O Abu'l-Hasan! Follow thy Lord. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Kind, the Loving, the Generous, the All-Bountiful, the All-Merciful, the Compassionate."

The hoarding of certain commodities that constitute the sustenance of the general populace is not and has never been permissible. Though thy actions were performed for the sake of God, as thou hadst no such intention, yet in view of God's decisive command revealed in His infinite verses, the withholding of certain grains is not permissible. Therefore, thou must ever be mindful of God's commandments and prohibitions.

O Abu'l-Hasan! People are heedless of God's mercy and loving-kindness, and have imagined that the appearance of the Manifestation of His Cause and the Dawning-Place of His Revelation would cause harm to His servants. Thus have they denied the divine bounty and closed the doors of His outpourings upon their own faces. Thus doth inform thee He Who possesseth the knowledge of all things in a clear Book.

In brief, the withholding of sustenance from animals is not permissible, let alone from human beings. Glory be unto him who followeth the All-Merciful.

O My beloved! Observe the divine grace and mercy, that He hath never been pleased with harm to any of His servants. Although thy deed was clearly and manifestly done for God's sake, yet observe how the rain of grace and bounty hath poured down from the heaven of mercy and the clouds of generosity. In one instance, the Supreme Pen hath revealed these exalted words: "The true Sun is the Word of God. This is the Sun by which the education of the world dependeth, and by whose lights the hearts of the sincere ones and those who are near unto God are illumined. It behooveth thee and Me and all peoples of the world to say: 'Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art a mercy unto all worlds!"'

Regarding what thou didst write about Aqa 'Abdu's-Samad and his deeds, mention of him hath been made before, and holy and sublime verses concerning him have been revealed from the Supreme Pen and sent forth. Well is it with him in that he hath been mentioned by the Pen of his Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Concerning what you wrote about the honored Habib, his eminence Varqa, upon him be the Glory of God—this brought joy and gladness. God willing, may he ever be assisted and arise to serve the Cause. In truth, when returning from this land, he was aflame with the fire of divine love. We beseech the Most High to grant him success in all conditions and aid him in His service. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty. A few days ago a brief letter was sent to him along with wondrous and sublime Tablets which he had requested for some of the friends.

Whenever you meet Shatir Rida, upon him be the Glory of God, convey greetings on behalf of this servant and mention him. I assure you with certainty that God, exalted be His glory, has not forgotten and will never forget His loved ones. It behooveth every soul to thank Him at all times.

Concerning what you wrote at the end of your letter, "if He would but once say 'My servant'…"—praise be to God, these words have been heard repeatedly from the blessed tongue, just as in that same letter they mentioned you in numerous places. How many kings, princes, ministers, divines and mystics departed this transient world longing to hear the divine Word, while you have repeatedly attained this blessing in both absence and presence. What hand or tongue could ever render due thanks for this?

Your services at the Most Holy Court are evident and manifest. No matter has been nor will be obscured. Verily your Lord sees and hears. He is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Be assured of His grace.

And concerning what you wrote again in your second letter about His Holiness the Afnan, the honored A. and H.A., upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory—by command: act according to what they have written. Henceforth be not grieved, for you have drunk from the ocean of meeting time and again, and

received your portion, and God willing shall receive your portion hereafter, for you have attained permanent permission. By your life, this is a mighty station!

Furthermore, you wrote about the beloved and honored Nabil, upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory. Some time ago a Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablet was specifically revealed and sent to him from the heaven of will. He has always been mentioned at the Most Holy Court. Convey greetings on behalf of this evanescent servant to him and say: O beloved of my heart! While time remains, and life remains, and opportunity remains, and strength remains, and tongue remains, and the age remains—all must strive with utmost wisdom to mention and praise the Truth and teach His Cause. Especially ones like his honor. We beseech God to ever assist him, grant him success, sustain him, and aid him in speech and utterance.

You mentioned the esteemed Mirza Ja'far, brother of the late [Habib]. God willing, may he attain the adorning grace of spiritual recognition and fix his gaze upon the horizon of His Cause. Today, and for all time, that which takes precedence over all else is the love of God. Blessed is he who attains unto that which God hath desired. I beseech His exalted Self to assist him in this, for verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Loving.

Your honor should be exceedingly joyful and manifest boundless delight at all times, for you were engaged in service for several years and attained His presence. The remembrance of your services has not been, nor ever shall be, effaced. Be assured of God's grace and generosity. Whatsoever hath streamed from the Most Exalted Pen was intended to inform your honor of various matters; otherwise, the Tongue of Grandeur hath testified that you have done nothing for yourself—all that you have done was for the sake of God. This servant yearns for such a station. Although the stations of the loved ones are now veiled, they shall assuredly be made manifest.

Convey my greetings to the honored Amin, upon him be the glory of God, and tell him that I beseech God to keep him steadfast in that which He loveth and approveth. May you ever be adorned with the robe He hath graciously bestowed. Furthermore, write of your circumstances each day. Glory be upon you and upon him and upon whosoever hath voiced the praise of God and hath arisen to serve Him, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

Moreover, I have conveyed your expressions of praise, glory, and self-effacement to the Divine Branches—may my spirit and being be offered up for the dust of their most honored footsteps. They remember you with greetings and praise, and likewise do all who circle round the Sacred Precincts send their greetings.

The servant, 28 Rabi'u'l-Avval 1297

BH07128: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose hand…

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

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is the dominion of all things and in Whose grasp is the kingdom of names! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Word to aid Thy servants to turn unto the ocean of Thy good-pleasure. Then grant them the sweetness of Thy commandments and Thy laws. Know thou

with certainty that Thou dost not command anyone save that which benefits him in all the worlds of Thy creation. O my Lord! Make known unto us Thy wisdom which Thou hast concealed in Thy verses and sent down in Thy Book. Then ordain for Thy loved ones that which will bring solace to their eyes and tranquility to their souls. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and through Thy Name every wise decree hath been made manifest….

BH00077: O beloved of my heart and the one remembered…

Section 1: "O beloved of my heart and the one…"

He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Grandeur

O beloved of my heart and the one remembered in my soul! A single drop from the cloud of the mercy of the Lord of Lords hath been sent down and floweth, and in every place a decree therefrom is made manifest. In the sea of the hearts of the people of understanding, the pearls of the knowledge of the Beloved of all creation have become existent, yet in hardened hearts and darkened lands, naught else appeareth. Glory be to God! This evanescent servant observeth that in the days of God, each and every thing hath been and shall be a balance. The blessed word that hath shone forth from the dawning-place of the mouth of the All-Merciful hath been God's balance, whereby all things have been measured. Likewise, should one observe with the eye of insight the deeds and actions that have appeared from the Source of the Cause, one would witness in every day, nay in every moment, the balance of Truth, the proof of Truth, the power of Truth, and the might of Truth, and would be bewildered by that which appeareth from the Truth.

How strange that eyes which behold the rays of the sun remain unaware! The Most Great Ocean is manifest and visible before all faces, yet they remain bereft of it and continue to thirst. The fire hath been kindled, yet they see it not. The Divine Lote Tree hath spoken, yet they hear not. The Cry hath been raised, yet they remain asleep. The horizon of the Cause hath been illumined, yet they turn not toward it. The Self-Subsisting hath arisen, yet they perceive it not. The tongue of utterance warbleth at every ear, proclaiming "Verily, I am your Most Glorious Lord," yet all remain heedless save whom God willeth, our Lord, the Self-Subsisting, the Protecting. Their desires have prevented them from the bounty of God and His generosity, and from the mercy of God and His loving-kindness. This servant interpreteth these desires as referring to those divines who have gone astray and led others astray, who have become corrupt and corrupted others in the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds.

Glory be to God! They have not reflected, even for a moment, upon the oppression of the Prophets—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Them—to understand what was the cause and reason for the people's opposition, objection, vituperation and denial of those holy Lights. They slay Husayn and then weep for him; they deny God yet enter the houses of worship in His name. By Thy life, O thou who art enkindled with the fire of the love of God! I am amazed, and all things are amazed, at what these people have committed in the days of God, the Lord of all names and the Sovereign of both the beginning and the end. The example of this evanescent servant is like that of a fish swimming in the sea of love for God's chosen ones, ever crying out "Is there more?"

For whenever I desire to send a petition to that Beloved and attempt to be brief, I find it impossible, for the tongue of love whispers in the ear of the pen "Hasten! Hasten!" and says "Beware lest thou pause!" Indeed, the attraction of love hath ever had and shall have such effects as cannot be described by the pen. I beseech Him, exalted be He, every morning and evening, nay in every day and every hour and every minute, to assist thy honor in His remembrance and praise and in serving His Cause among His servants with wisdom, with wisdom, and to make thee drink that which will cause to flow from thy tongue that which will attract the hearts of others. Verily, He is the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Wise.

O my Beloved! Have not these utterances and writings, these proclamations and summons, been made manifest as they ought? Or hath the realm of perception, by its vain fancies, been denied the leave to behold them? Nay—by God!—the ears have not been, nor are they, worthy of attentive hearing: the ear that is intent upon the recital of unworthy remembrances is thereby deprived, through sheer incapacity, of listening unto that Speech which is manifest for God. With the utmost lowliness and supplication, I implore and beseech the All-Possessing One that He may awaken those who slumber, raise up those who remain in their graves, and cause them to speak forth His praise and glorification. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

After perusing thy noble letter number 10 which thou hadst sent to him who beareth the name of Jud, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, it was brought to the Most Great Presence and presented before His Countenance. He said:

> "Praise be to God, they have been and are successful. From the beginning of the Cause until now, they have spoken in praise of the Wronged One of the horizons and have arisen to serve Him. The sweet-scents of His love are wafting, and the degrees of their sincerity are evident. God willing, they shall ever be adorned with the raiment of His special favors. The Supreme Pen hath testified to his acceptance, his turning to God, his presence, his attentiveness, his remembrance and his praise. Verily, nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He, verily, is the All-Wise, the All-Informed. We send Our greetings upon him and his brother and those who have attained unto the recognition of God, the Lord of all worlds."

O Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli! Thou didst hear My call when thou wert present in My Most Great Prison. Thou didst witness and observe that from which most of the servants were debarred. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Reckoning, the All-Knowing. The glory be upon you and upon your family and those who are with you, from the presence of the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

We make mention of Javad, from whom We have perceived the fragrance of steadfastness in this Cause whereby feet have slipped, that he may rejoice in My remembrance and speak forth My praise amongst the servants. O Javad! The Lord of creation maketh mention of thee at this time wherein He walketh and speaketh. Verily, there is none other God but He, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Be thou steadfast, vigilant, speaking forth remembrance at eventide and at dawn. O Javad! By God's life! Were people to become aware, as they ought to be, of the ocean of divine mercy and the sea of the compassion of the Eternal Sovereign, they would arise as befitteth this Day and would speak forth as beseemeth this Day.

By My life! Were they to become aware of even less than a hair's breadth of the outpourings from the clouds of divine favors, they would turn towards the Most Great Scene and circle round about it. They have not been, nor are they now, aware of the purpose of God and that which is concealed within the treasury of His grace and knowledge. God willing, may the awareness of His chosen ones deliver all from heedlessness and make them aware. Glorified and exalted is He above what they describe and what they say and what they know.

O Ahmad, rejoice in My glad-tidings! Verily thou art mentioned in My presence, at the seat of My throne. Convey My greetings to the handmaidens of God who have drunk from the Living Waters and who dwell in that house, and say: In days of joy, grief is not permitted. Praise be to God that ye are holding fast to the cord of God's love and are clinging to the hem of His grace. By My life! Were that which hath been ordained for you in the Kingdom of God, your Lord, to be unveiled, ye would be seized with such joy as would transcend the power of the pens to describe. Today each soul can attain whatsoever it seeketh.

Observe outwardly how many souls have built mosques and churches and bridges that their good name might endure on earth and that they might receive their reward from God. Likewise souls who, with a hundred thousand hopes and wishes, supplications and entreaties, have begged the All-Bountiful for children that some trace of them might remain on earth—yet they know not whether that trace will be righteous or otherwise. But in these days if a soul attaineth unto the recognition of the Truth, uttereth His praise and is enabled to serve Him, his mention and praise will endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Blessed is the soul whose mention and praise hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. That mention shall not be erased by the passage of ages and cycles, but shall ever remain fresh and verdant in the meadows of divine utterance.

Give the friends of that land to drink of the choice wine of remembrance, that the remembrance may gather them together unto a single mention, a single cause, and a single word. Thus hath spoken the Tongue of the Wronged One in His Most Great Prison.

This evanescent servant would humbly submit that the missives graciously despatched by that Well-Beloved have duly reached, including the sealed packet of His Holiness, the Beauty of the All-Glorious—may the souls of all else besides Him be a sacrifice unto His beauteousness—as well as other letters. Be assured, God willing, replies shall be sent to them all. And should there have been delay, or should there yet be, that Well-Beloved is well aware that from every direction epistles and letters are arriving, and this lowly servant must needs respond to each. The task is manifold and the time most short. From the All-Bounteous One do I implore His confirmations, that this feeble servant may acquit himself of this heavy burden.

The petition of Jinab-i-Himmat Ali Kh-a was presented in the Sacred Presence. This is that which the All-Merciful hath sent down in reply thereto:

He is the Expounder, the All-Knowing

O Himmat! God willing, through the loving care of the Beloved of the world, thou wilt stand steadfast in this Most Great Cause, and at all times drink deep from the Kawthar of the knowledge of the All-Merciful. O Himmat! The Cause is mighty indeed, as its grandeur is set forth and inscribed in the majority of the

Heavenly Books. The friends of God must needs be united upon the blessed Word, and be occupied with His praise and glorification. Thy letter arrived and was laid before the Throne, and from it the sweet fragrances of love were inhaled.

As to thy desire to attain His presence in these days—inasmuch as the tumult of the peoples is great, this is not permissible. For it is recorded for him who turneth unto Him and attaineth the ocean of His meeting an abundant recompense. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, and My Self is the Protector over all the worlds. End.

And regarding that which thou hast written concerning Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Muhammad-i-Dar-Baghi—may the Spirit be upon him—the whole of his petition was presented before the Throne. When it reached that station, the Tongue of Grandeur uttered that which the pens of the world and the tongues of the nations are powerless to recount. Afterward, the Kingdom of the knowledge of God gave voice unto this declaration:

He is the All-Powerful over whatsoever He willeth

O Muhammad! Thou hast turned thy face unto My countenance from thy station, and the Wronged One hath turned toward thee from this glorious horizon. Know thou the value of this blessed word. I swear by the Sun of inner meanings, which hath no peer or likeness in all creation, and with which the precious jewels of the earth can neither compare nor equate! Thy petition was read before the Wronged One. Blessed art thou, for from thee hath wafted the fragrance of the love of God, and thou hast turned unto Him after the turning away of all on earth save whom God, thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, hath willed. Blessed is the tongue that hath spoken My remembrance, the heart that hath won My love, the eye that hath turned toward My horizon, the pen that hath been honored to write My verses, and the foot that hath stood firm upon My straight path.

O My loved ones in that place! Hold fast to the cord of My love and cling to the hem of My providence which hath encompassed the worlds. Take the chalices of knowledge in My Name, then drink therefrom. Thus doth the Lord of Names command you while in His mighty prison.

O Muhammad! Convey My greetings unto the faces of those who have turned unto the One, the All-Informed. Likewise convey greetings unto the handmaidens of God. The maidservants of the Truth who have turned unto the Kaaba of Being and have attained to service have been and shall ever be mentioned before the Throne. The glory be upon thee and thy family from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Know then, O Muhammad, that thy Lord loveth His loved ones and their presence before His throne, but the heedless have come between Him and them. Thus hath the matter been decreed, and command is in the hands of God, the Mighty, the Great. He writeth for whomsoever desireth the reward of meeting Him. Verily thy Lord is the Powerful, the Almighty. God hath forgiven thy father and thy mother. Rejoice in thy Lord's bounty and be of the thankful ones. End.

It is entreated that on behalf of this evanescent servant you convey unto him a most exalted expression of homage. From God do I supplicate that He may, at all times, confirm him in His remembrance, His praise, and His service. Verily, He is the All-Succoring, the All-Bountiful.

Likewise, the petition of Jinab-i-Mashhadi Ali Akbar was, in its entirety, presented before the Throne. This is that which the Well-Beloved hath sent down in reply:

In the name of the Almighty, the Most Great

A Book hath been sent down by the Bestower unto him who hath acknowledged God, the Lord of Lords. O Ali Qabl Akbar! We, indeed, have heard thy cry, and what thou didst submit was presented before the Throne. We have answered thee with that wherewith the hearts of men are attracted. Thou hast attained unto My verses which We had already sent down unto thee, and now once more, as a bounty from thy Lord, the Elect. Grieve not over remoteness or separation, for God hath decreed for thee the recompense of His meeting, inasmuch as thou hast attained that which is inscribed in the Book.

Section 2: "Verily, We enjoin thee to steadfastness supreme…"

Verily, We enjoin thee to steadfastness supreme in this Cause before which all necks have bowed low. Great must be the striving, that the fragrance of unity may be diffused amongst the servants. Gird up the loins of endeavor, perchance in the days of the Manifestation there may proceed from thee a service that shall become the means of concord and union. O Ali Qabl Akbar! Consider this Day, which hath had, and shall ever have, neither peer nor likeness. The deeds of the loved ones in this blessed Day are accounted before God as the king of all deeds. God willing, ye may share in the breezes of these divine days and the outpourings of the Ocean of Mercy. Verily, He is the Bestower, the All-Bountiful. End.

Jinab-i-Hibatullah—His Word, exalted be His glory:

He is the Most Holy

That which thou didst submit in thy letter hath been read. He answereth thee with this clear remembrance: We make mention of those who have attained unto the mention of God, and We answer him who calleth upon Him. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Give thanks unto God for that which thou didst set forth before the Countenance, and there hath been sent down for thee that whereby the breasts of the turners shall be dilated. End.

Jinab-i-Abd al-Baqi, and Abd al-Husayn, and Abd al-Ali—His Word, glorified be His majesty:

He is the All-Knowing Speaker

Blessed is the state of those souls who, in the days of the Most Merciful, have drunk from the Kawthar of divine knowledge and attained the fragrances of His raiment. Were all who dwell on earth to recognize that from which they are veiled this day, all would turn towards the supreme horizon and cling to the Most Great Name.

O Baqi! That which thou didst submit hath attained the hearing of the Best Beloved of the world, and from the tongue of the Lord of Eternity thou art mentioned in these resplendent words. Know thou the value of this bounty. By the life of God! Nothing in creation can compare with it. While time remaineth and breath endureth, occupy thyself with the remembrance of the Friend and hold fast unto His

commandments. God willing, mayest thou ever be confirmed in the good-pleasure of the Friend, gaze toward the direction of the Friend, and stand firm in service to the Friend.

We counsel all the people of that land to show forth love and unity, that all may gather at the divine spring and uttereth the blessed Word. For if they be not mindful of this exalted and most high station, regret shall seize them, by the Lord of all worlds!

O Abdul-Husayn! Goodly is thy name and pleasing is thy mention, for both thy name and thy remembrance have attained the Sacred Court. The Supreme Pen at all times maketh mention of His loved ones and commandeth all to that which conduceth to glory, elevation and immortality. Blessed is the soul that hath acted and attained unto that which its Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, hath desired. We heard thy call and graciously answered thee. God willing, through the breezes of the utterance of the Most Merciful, mayest thou be steadfast in the Cause and act according to that which the Desired One hath willed.

O Abdul-Ali! Great and blessed is this Day. All who dwell on earth abide beneath the shadow of God's grace, and divine mercy hath encompassed all. We have forbidden contention, objection, disputation, bloodshed, corruption and whatsoever harmeth the people of the world, that all may rejoice through divine bounty and turn toward the Most Great Ocean. Yet the corrupt ones see their own reflection in the mirrors of creation and imagine all to be like themselves. Vain are their words, their deeds and their imaginings. God willing, in this divine springtime mayest thou be adorned with the ornament of knowledge and act according to that which is beloved. All atoms magnify and make mention of those souls who strive for the unity and concord of the peoples of the world. Blessed are they and unto them a goodly return. End.

To Abdul-Samad, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah]. This is what the Single, the One, hath revealed in reply:

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing

O Abdul-Samad! Thy petition was presented before the Wronged One and the glances of His loving-kindness were directed toward it. Praise be to God, thou hast drunk from the Kawthar of divine knowledge and partaken of the choice wine of certitude. That which, after recognition, is of supreme importance hath been and ever shall be steadfastness in the Cause of God. God willing, through His grace and bounty, thou shalt possess this quality until the time of ascension. The ocean of steadfastness hath ever possessed and shall possess unlimited pearls. Blessed are they that attain! Blessed are they that act! Blessed are they that know! Grieve thou not over anything. In all matters place thy trust in God, the Single, the All-Informed. Say:

O my God, God of the hosts, Master of the unseen and the seen! I beseech Thee by the Name through which earthquakes have seized all the tribes of the earth, and the heavens were cleft asunder, and the idols lamented, to aid me in that which befitteth Thy days. O my Lord! Thou art He Whose mercy hath preceded all things and Whose grace hath encompassed all. Thou seest me, O my God, standing before Thy gate, hoping for what lieth with Thee of the wonders of Thy bounty. I call upon Thee, and I invoke Thee by Thy Name, the Bestower, the Forgiving, the Munificent, the Answerer.

The glory be upon thee and upon thy wife who hath turned unto Him, attained His presence, and called upon her Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Convey unto her My greetings and gladden her with the mention of My remembrance and loving-kindness. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate.

O Samandar! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of Destiny. He remembereth thee from His Most Great Scene in this Prison which God hath transformed into the Most Pure Palace, despite those who imprisoned Him and denied Him. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. He who ordered My imprisonment now crieth out and lamenteth in torment, while thy Bestowing Lord is in this noble station. Give thanks unto God for what He hath revealed unto thee and unto those whose names thou didst mention and whose petitions thou didst forward—that whereby the hearts of the servants have been attracted. Verily thy Lord is the All-Explaining, the All-Informed. We recite the verses while the servant in attendance before the Throne writeth them with a speed that none else can match. Verily thy Lord is the Helper, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Convey My greetings unto the faces of My loved ones who have cast aside all else but Me, soared in My atmosphere, and spoken My praise amongst My servants. Give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness, My grace, My mercy and My generosity that have encompassed the worlds.

His Holiness Muhammad-Husayn—may His sovereignty be exalted:

In the Name of the Friend

O Husayn! Thy petition was presented before the Face and was observed. God willing, thou hast ever been and wilt ever be blessed with the loving-kindness of the Beloved of the worlds and remain turned toward His direction. How excellent is the state of one who hath turned unto Him, how beloved the tongue that hath spoken His praise, how noble the pen that hath been aided to write His verses, and how luminous the heart that hath been illumined with the light of His knowledge. Say:

O my God, my Aim, my Sovereign, my Lord! I beseech Thee to aid me in Thy love and Thy good-pleasure in such wise that I shall move only by Thy leave and speak only what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book through the Pen of Thy Command. O Lord! I am the poor one who hath turned toward the gate of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to deprive me of Thy bounty and generosity. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

O Muhammad-i-Sadiq! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My mighty Throne. He remembereth thee and those who have turned unto Him with clear certitude. Today all friends must fix their gaze upon steadfastness and hold fast unto Him, for the manifestations of negation are many and lie in wait at all times. Most of the people of the earth play as children play. Thus doth the All-Informed make mention. Verily He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. At all times occupy yourselves with the remembrance of the All-Merciful and hold fast to the cord of His love.

O servant of God! Your call has attained the presence of the Goal of all the world, and that which you submitted was presented by this servant before His Presence. God willing, may all the friends attain unto acting in accordance with that which the All-Bestowing One hath revealed in His perspicuous Book. In the previous year, the Tablet of Detachment, the Book of Truth, the Tablet of the Balance, and the Tablet of

Trustworthiness were sent down from the heaven of will. Blessed are they who have beheld them and succeeded in acting upon them. Each of the friends who have drunk from the wine of the love of the All-Merciful must ever be occupied with that which will cause unity and fellowship among the peoples of the earth. Unite, O My servants, in My Cause, then drink the Kawthar of My utterance from the ocean of My grace. Thus doth God command you, before and after. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Wise.

As for what you wrote concerning Haji Baba, it was presented before the Throne. He said: God willing, through divine grace, may they act in accordance with that which is commanded in the Book. O Samandar! Say: The world and all its ornaments and bounties, its kings and subjects and paupers, shall pass away, and there shall endure that which hath been ordained for God's chosen ones and His loved ones. Thus doth the Tongue of Grandeur speak—blessed be they that hear! Let them be occupied, trusting in God. Verily, He ordaineth for whomsoever He willeth the good of this world and the next. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Mighty. Were souls to become aware of the eternal realm, they would assuredly not be saddened during these two days, or two hours, or two minutes of this world. It behooveth everyone in these days to say:

O God of all beings! I testify with my outer and inner tongue that what is with Thee is better for me than all that is witnessed and seen in the kingdom of creation.

Convey to him greetings from the Tongue of Truth and say: Be not distressed. Act according to that which thou hast been commanded and be of the thankful ones.

As for the letter of Aqa Mulla Ibrahim to this evanescent servant, if God should will and desire, an answer shall be sent.

And concerning what you wrote about Aqa Hasan Kh., it was presented in the Most Great Scene. He said: O Hasan! Give thanks unto God for having attained unto His mention aforetime and in this hour when the Sun of Utterance hath shone forth from the horizon of this exalted prison. The entire world hath departed and shall depart, for God, exalted be His glory, hath made the world like unto a bridge that all may cross over it and attain unto their goal, that is, that they may dwell in the praiseworthy station. The world was not and will never be an abode of permanence. Beseech God, exalted be His glory, to aid His loved ones that they may ascend at the time of their passing with sanctified and detached hearts. Whosoever attaineth unto this station, his ascension was and shall be a source of joy. However, this ocean is the portion of those who are near and sincere. O Hasan! Grieve not for thy brother. Verily, he hath attained unto the ornament of forgiveness and dwelleth nigh unto the mercy of thy Lord, the Generous. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

In another letter from your honor, a packet from His Holiness Ismu'llah, upon him be all glory and splendor, was received. Letters from him have arrived through other channels as well, but this evanescent servant, due to numerous occupations and other obstacles, has not yet succeeded in submitting a response. God willing, I hope to be able to take the liberty of submitting a response in these days.

O beloved of my heart! Consider how letters arrive from all directions, and this servant's responses, when submitted, are detailed—some submissions exceeding one volume. Therefore, if this servant were to

respond to each believer's letter every time, these lifetimes would certainly not suffice. Beyond these considerations, there is the writing of verses which this servant is engaged in day and night. Glory be to Him Who strengthened me for this momentous cause, and glory be to Him Who enabled me to accomplish what I never imagined I could achieve. Glorified is He beyond what I or others describe, beyond what I or others mention, and beyond what the tongues of the world express.

Regarding what you wrote about those mentioned individuals going to Jaffa, and that His Honor Jud, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, had spoken these words about having excessive love for him, etc., and that beloved one had written at the end that in truth and fairness, he had maintained and continues to maintain the utmost steadfastness and vigilance in the Cause to the extent of his capacity and strength, and was never concerned with such matters, etc. O my beloved! You spoke truly in mentioning he who arose to serve God and remembered Him for successive years, and for whom the Supreme Pen revealed that which brought joy to hearts and delight to eyes. By God's life! A fire was ignited in his heart that consumed all else besides God, our Lord, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O beloved of my heart! The fire that is ignited by the love of God has consumed and will consume the mention of anyone besides the Friend. Blessed is he, again blessed is he.

Section 3: "After this explanation was submitted, He said: "He…"

After this explanation was submitted, He said: "He has done what was befitting in the days of his Lord, the Manifest, the Speaking, the All-Knowing." And He said: "Today the relationship with God is established. Blessed is the soul that holds fast to it, for it is among the most exalted of creation in a clear Book." As commanded, His Honor Ismu'l-Jud, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, sent his letter to Jaffa. No mention of anything unfavorable has thus far descended from the heaven of will regarding this matter, and He has shown and continues to show favor.

Regarding your mention of His Honor Aqa Siyyid (J) and His Honor ʿAndalib, upon them both be the glory of God, and other friends, responses to their submissions have been revealed and will be sent. May they hold fast to the cord of teaching, but with the wisdom that the All-Wise has decreed in the Book. I beseech our Lord, the Most Merciful, to assist them and strengthen them in such remembrance that will cause all faces to turn toward the Mighty, the Beloved.

O Samandar! Thou hast attained unto God's mention after having recognized Him and hast drunk the living waters from the hands of thy Lord, the Most Merciful. Thou art he who attained the presence of the Countenance and stood before the Door and wast honored with that which is inscribed in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. We make mention of those who have believed in thy region and give them glad tidings of that which is ordained for them in the Kingdom of their Lord, the Mighty, the Generous. We counsel them to fear God, for through it His Cause, the mighty, the wondrous, is uplifted. Say: Hold fast unto that which exalteth My Cause and manifesteth My sovereignty amongst My servants. Thus doth command you He from Whom is a preserving Tablet. Verily, those who turn away this Day are in heedlessness, in loss, in hypocrisy, in remoteness, and in evident doubt. The world hath been confounded by the deeds of those peoples who have forsaken My path and followed the ways of Satan.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention once again of him who is named Muhammad-ʿAli, who hath attained unto My mention and praise, who hath turned towards My face and hath written down that which was sent down from My heaven, that he may rejoice in the bounty of his Lord, the Generous. He hath turned toward the Most Sublime Horizon and hath attained the Most Glorious Vision—the station round which circle the Concourse on High and the near-stationed angels. Thus hath surged the ocean of My loving-kindness and wafted the fragrance of My mercy, yet most of the people are heedless.

O Samandar! We love to make mention of My loved ones in Alif and Shin, that they may give thanks unto God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. O My loved ones in those regions! By the True One, the Ancient Beauty hath turned towards you from this glorious, exalted Station, which hath been named by all names in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Hold fast unto that which shall profit you in the Hereafter and in this world. Thus doth your Lord, the Faithful Counselor, admonish you. Beware lest the affairs of earth shut you out from the Creator of heaven, Who hath come with mighty sovereignty. This is the Day whereon the heaven hath been cleft asunder, the earth hath been rent, and all who dwell in the kingdoms of creation and command have been thunderstruck, save him whom the hand of God's power hath protected, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O My loved ones! Blessed are ye for having turned towards My Most Sublime Horizon, cast away all else beside Me, and taken that which hath been sent down from My glorious, exalted Kingdom. Know ye the value of these days and act according to that which ye have been commanded in the Book of God. By My life! It shall profit you in all the worlds of your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

God willing, gaze ye with utmost joy and fragrance toward the horizon of the All-Merciful. I swear by the Sun of the heaven of utterance that whosoever hath turned toward it hath found himself free and sanctified from the world's defilements. In all conditions ye must be mindful of that which exalteth the Cause of God, and today's deeds must be such that every soul may inhale from them the sweet savors of holiness and detachment. Ye must strive with the utmost dedication to ponder and act upon that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. He hath verily guided you to the straight path and manifested unto you that which ye were promised in the Book. Blessed are ye and blessed is he who was martyred in My path in the Prison of Ta. We testify that he was with Me and circled round My throne at eventide and at dawn. We send Our greetings upon him, upon you, upon his son, and upon those who have attained unto the knowledge of God in the final end.

O My Pen! Make mention of My loved ones in Kaf and Lam (Kaladarih), that they may praise God, the Lord of all beings. Give thanks unto God for having aided you to turn towards this Ocean, from whose waves can be heard: 'There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bountiful.' I created creation for My knowledge—among them are those who turned away and those who turned towards Me. And he who turned towards Me is assuredly of the people of Paradise in the Sacred Scriptures and Tablets. Rejoice in My days and hold fast unto that wherefrom appear the pearls of detachment amidst the concourse of religions. Reflect upon God's mercy and His grace. He maketh mention of you from this station and magnifieth His favor upon your faces. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

The Sun of Revelation is shining and the Ocean of Utterance is surging. Blessed is the soul that hath not deprived itself and hath attained unto the boundless effusions of God in this wondrous springtime. O

friends! The Tongue of the All-Merciful saith: Let not this opportunity slip from your grasp and count these moments as precious. Thus doth command you the Lord of the Day of Reckoning.

May His Holiness Haji Aqa Baba be blessed with divine favors, occupied with the mention of the Friend, and acting as behooveth him. The Glory be upon him and upon them and upon the handmaidens of God in that place, and upon whosoever hath heard and answered his Lord, the Speaker, the All-Knowing.

O Samandar! We have indeed found the fragrance of the mention of al-Javad who hath succeeded in teaching the Cause of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. Upon him be My glorification and My sweet-scented breeze and My fragrance which hath perfumed the world from My luminous robe. We have mentioned him and do mention him as a favor from Us. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. His mention and praise have attained unto the honor of being heard in this Station which hath been named the Supreme Horizon in the Book of Names, and the Uttermost End in the Green Isle, and the Heaven of heavens by the Most Exalted Pen, and the Most Great Prison in the kingdom of creation. Verily his Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. By My life! Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Though tribulations and sorrows may afflict him on earth, God will soon manifest what He desireth. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. My Glory be upon him and upon those who hearken unto his word concerning the Cause of God, the True King, the Manifest.

We make mention of the Nightingale who hath arisen to remember Me and hath voiced My praise amongst My servants. We testify that he hath attained unto the recognition of the All-Merciful in this Day wherein faces have been darkened and feet have slipped. O thou who art mentioned before the Countenance! All things have been set aflame by the warbling of the Dove of the Cause in the kingdom of creation, yet the people are in heedlessness and behind a veil. The wine of idle fancy hath so intoxicated them that they have been kept back from the Lord of Names Who was promised unto them in all the Books, Scriptures, Psalms, and in every Tablet. They have taken that which perisheth and cast away that which would endure for them in the kingdom of their Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower.

O Nightingale! Sing in My Name upon the branches of the Lote-Trees of the world, that haply there may be drawn unto it the peoples who have turned away from the Most Great Ocean and have turned unto every ignorant reprobate. The Tongue of the Ancient of Days hath spoken that which made the rocks cry out and the mountains to melt, yet the people are in strange doubt. They behold the proof of God, yet deny it. Thus doth the Mother Book recount unto thee from His presence. Leave the mention of them that have turned away, then make mention on My behalf of My servants who have hastened unto the ocean of My loving-kindness, who have turned towards the kingdom of My grace, who have drunk the wine of steadfastness from the hands of My favors, and who have heard from thee My mention and My verses, that they may rejoice in My days. Verily thy Lord is the Bestower, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

It is submitted that some time ago, magnificent and exalted Tablets descended from the heaven of divine will specifically for Jinab-i-ʿAndalib and Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid J., upon them be Baha'u'llah's glory, and likewise responses to petitions from those parts and other Tablets. However, until now they have not been sent due to wisdom. Thereafter, the command is in His hand—He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Specifically regarding the mention of Jinab-i-N.S. and his two sons, upon them be Baha'u'llah's glory, it was uttered from the blessed tongue. God willing, may all the friends ever be and continue to be honored with the mention of the Beloved of the worlds. I swear by the Beauty of the Friend that neither the dominion of command and creation nor the kingdom of the heavens and earth can compare with His mention. Soon God will reveal what was hidden in this Day and show them His grace, His sovereignty, His power, His might, and the station of His loved ones. Verily He is the Protector over all things. There is no God but Him, the Single, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Though mention of my glory befitteth you not, yet I follow my Lord and the Lord of the worlds, my God and the God of all peoples, and I say: Glory and praise and honor be upon you both and upon his eminence Javad who attained that which most of the servants were deprived of, and upon those who have attained unto the recognition of God, the Lord of creation.

The special submission is that His Holiness the Most Great Branch and His Holiness the Most Mighty Branch—may my spirit and being be a sacrifice unto the dust of their most pure footsteps—conveyed wondrous mention and sublime glorification to that beloved one and Jinab-i-Akhavi and Jinab-i-Javad. Likewise all those circumambulating send expressions of sincerity, glorification and glory to those beloved ones.

The reply to the honored master Aqa Mirza Muhammad T., upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, has been written and will be sent in the next post.

The servant, 11 Rabi'u'th-Thani 1297

One most holy, most exalted Tablet specifically for Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Javad, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, was revealed from the heaven of grace and was sent, and likewise this servant wrote and sent a letter in reply to Jinab-i-Mulla ʿAbdu'r-Razzaq, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory—may that beloved one deliver them.

Regarding the Most Great Festival, what that beloved one has written is correct, there is no doubt in it. The first day of Naw-Ruz is counted as thirty-two and the afternoon of the thirty-second day is the beginning of the Festival when the Ancient Beauty, exalted be His glory, entered the Ridvan. And that the afternoon of the first day and the following day are counted as one day is because engagement [in work] is not permitted therein, and there is another wisdom in it, but in counting the twelve days they are counted as two days.

And regarding the Huqúqu'llah, its minimum amount is one unit, meaning if any person possesses nineteen mithqals of gold or items reaching this value, after deducting the year's expenses, Huqúq becomes applicable to it and its payment becomes obligatory.

As to the meaning of wisdom, it signifieth wisdom in dealing with people. The people of Baha must conduct themselves with the utmost wisdom. Thus should anyone disclose to weak souls at this time the law of fasting, which is among the most weighty of divine ordinances in the Book, he hath strayed from wisdom. In all matters must they proceed in this wise. Such divine ordinances as would cause no disturbance or commotion to implement at this time must be observed. The disclosure of matters that would cause people to be alarmed is assuredly not permissible in the eyes of the wise. What need is there for one who is fasting to make it known?

His honor Aqa Siyyid Javad—upon him be the glory of God—who formerly dwelt in the Land of Taff, made certain inquiries from the Land of Kha, and a detailed response was sent. Among these was that in the Most Holy Book the shaving of the head had been forbidden, and now in these lands some of the companions had acted upon this law and had thereby become known to all. Was this action in conformity with wisdom or contrary to it? From the Source of Command this blessed word was revealed: whatsoever would cause commotion among the servants is not permitted at this time, until the Cause be made manifest.

BH01349: Praise be to God Who spoke the Most Exalted…

He is God—exalted be His glory, the Grandeur and the Power!

Praise be to God Who spoke the Most Exalted Word in the Kingdom of Creation. When His sweetest call was raised, all in the Kingdom of Names were drawn to it. Then did all faces from every direction turn toward Him. Thereupon He spoke another word whereby He tested all, for He is verily the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. At that moment every doubter retreated, every hesitant one drew back, and every proud one turned away. Verily, He is the One Who tested the Names through tribulation. When the heaven came with smoke, all in the realm of possibility turned away save those who were embraced by God's favors—the King, the Mighty, the Great.

This evanescent one makes known that the exalted letter arrived and bestowed infinite joy. At dawn on the Day of the Fast it was presented in its entirety before the Lord of all beings, and an answer descended from the heaven of our Lord, the All-Merciful. He spoke, and His Word is the Truth:

God willing, may you be blessed with divine favors, be turned toward His direction, and speak His praise. However, with wisdom convey My greetings to the friends in that land and say: The praise of God is like the Water of Life for the people of possibility. All must attain unto new, eternal life through this Kawthar of the All-Merciful which flows from the fountainhead of the Pen of the Beloved of all creation, so that the names of all may shine like brilliant stars in the heaven of God's Kingdom and endure through the perpetuity of names. O friends! The clouds of generosity are not always lifted up, nor is the ocean of bounty always surging. Know ye the value of these divine days and be steadfast in His Cause. Know ye also the worth of your stations, for most of the divines, rulers and philosophers did not attain to this exalted, most high station and its recognition, nor did they taste the choice wine of the Word. You have been quickened by the fragrance of God's Word and the choice wine of the Eternal Beloved. You have recognized the Sun of Truth and comprehended the days of the Beloved Lord. Know ye the value of these bounties and at all times speak His praise.

And concerning your mention of Mirza Sami' Khan and Muhammad-ʿAli Khan, it was presented in the Most Holy Court. He said: "O Sami', today one must turn with complete devotion and see oneself sanctified and purified from all save God. I swear by the Sovereign of Names that if the people of the world were to find the sweetness of but one word from the words and one verse from the verses that have been and are being sent down from the heaven of Will, all would turn to the Water of Life. Look not at the people—ponder the conflicts of every age and cycle. Consider what befell Noah, Hud, Salih, Zachariah and his son, the Spirit (Jesus), and the Seal of the Prophets (Muhammad)—may the spirit of all

else be sacrificed for Him—who brought it about and for what purpose. By My life, this blessed word suffices all who are on earth, were they to reflect and ponder in the garden of fairness. Strive to become today the possessor of a word that shall not perish, and that word is contentment, which flows from the Supreme Pen. Glory be upon him who hath cast away the world and turned wholly unto the Ancient of Days and the Sovereign of Nations.

O My servant, O Razzaq, rejoice in this word, for they have said before ʿif thou sayest once "My servant"' and so forth, and now thou hast attained unto it and unto its recognition.

Convey My greetings to Muhammad-ʿAli Khan. He and Sami' should read what hath flowed from the Most Pure Ink by My Most Exalted Command." "Glory be unto Thee, O God, O Thou in Whose hand is the kingdom of names and in Whose grasp is the dominion of eternity. I beseech Thee to make us among those who have been drawn by Thy verses and have detached themselves from all else but Thee and have taken complete refuge at Thy threshold and sought full protection in Thy Beauty. O Lord! We have sought the ocean of Thy grace and the heaven of Thy bounty and the depths of Thy favor. I beseech Thee not to withhold from us that which Thou hast ordained in Thy days. O Lord! Ordain for us what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, then grant us the Kawthar of steadfastness in this Cause wherein the feet of Thy creatures have slipped and the hearts of those in Thy realms were shaken, save those who dwelt beneath the canopies of Thy mercy. Verily Thou art He Who hath been powerful and will continue to be as Thou hast been from time immemorial. There is no God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted."

Another entreaty is that you convey greetings from this evanescent servant to all the friends.

11 Rabi'u'th-Thani 1297

BH00741: Praise be to God Who hath appeared and made…

He is God, exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Power!

Praise be to God Who hath appeared and made manifest that which was hidden throughout all eternity, and Who hath spoken in praise of His own Self, whereupon the sincere ones were drawn unto the court of nearness, sanctity and beauty, and the Baha'is unto a station whereof the pens are powerless to make mention and which no utterance can describe. Exalted is He Who hath subdued all things through the movement of His Most Exalted Pen and established the Cause upon foundations that cannot be shaken by the winds of discord from those who have denied God, the Lord of the future and the past. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the bounty of our Most Glorious Lord be upon the Afnans of the Divine Lote-Tree who have quaffed the choice wine from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the Lord of all names, and upon those who have cast away their idle fancies and held fast unto the Sure Handle which hath appeared between earth and heaven through a mighty will that was not hindered by the power of the wretched ones who turned away from the Kingdom of immortality and set their faces toward that which perisheth.

We beseech God, our Lord and the Lord of all that hath been created between earth and heaven, to aid all to recognize Him and to turn unto that which shall profit them in the worlds of their Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious.

May my spirit be a sacrifice for the fragrant breaths of your pen! By the life of God, this servant has found in your utterance that which brings solace to the eye of every mystic, raises up every seated one, gives voice to every tongue-tied one, brings hearing to every deaf one, and draws nigh every far and near one, for it has wafted from the garden of God's Name and His love, God's remembrance and His affection, God's praise and His grandeur. Glorious be His mention, He has said in one place:

> "Blessed is the pen that moves in remembrance and praise of Me, blessed the eye that has turned to the Dawning-Place of My grace and the Dayspring of My lights, blessed the tongue that has testified to that which My tongue has testified, blessed the heart that has won My love, blessed the hand that has taken the Book of My commandments and ordinances, blessed the feet that have passed beyond this world and stood firm upon My path, and blessed the soul that has drunk the Kawthar of steadfastness in My Cause."

Thus has My tongue spoken in the kingdom of My utterance, that every heart may rejoice on this glorious and wondrous Day.

In truth, this evanescent servant has derived the utmost joy, delight and gladness from your noble letter, for every word thereof indicated your contentment, your submission, and your recognition. How beautiful is this word that has flowed from your pen where you wrote:

> "whatsoever has been and shall be decreed and ordained and executed and shall be executed is best for His loved ones and chosen ones, better than the kingdom of the heavens and earth, for He knoweth them better than they know themselves. Would that the world might know what lieth concealed behind the veils of the Manifestation, and that the peoples might discover that which is hidden and treasured…"

After these words were presented before the Most Holy Court, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these blessed words:

> "O servant! If people were to observe and act upon that which hath been recorded in these few lines from the pen of the Afnan, upon him be My glory, all would find themselves independent of all else save God and would recline upon the couches of joy, expansiveness and tranquility. O servant! If a soul were to reflect even slightly and hold fast with perfect steadfastness to the handle of the Cause, he would surely know that no station would pass him by, and he would attain unto such bounties as the understanding of those possessed of understanding cannot ascend to, and the recognition of the mystics would find itself powerless before it. And after attaining this most exalted station, the sorrows and troubles of the world would no longer grieve him. Blessed be the Afnan who hath spoken that from which the fragrance of divine knowledge hath been wafted among all created things. By My life! He hath spoken as befitteth him. We make mention of him, and have mentioned him before, time and again, as though he were standing before the gate morning and evening."

O beloved of my heart! This servant is at every moment immersed in the ocean of wonderment, for he observes that the lights of the Manifestation have encompassed the world and the effulgences of the Sun of Truth have taken hold of the entire earth; nevertheless, all are either asleep on the couch of heedlessness or wandering in the desert of ignorance, save whom my Lord willeth. A hundred thousand regrets that souls are deprived of the ocean of joy! I beseech Him, exalted be His dominion, to adorn all the peoples of the world with the garments of forgiveness and grant them all awareness of that which He hath revealed in the Book as it ought to be, for if they become aware, by God besides Whom there is none other God, they would pass beyond themselves and the world and would arise as beseemeth this Day.

He is the One Who moves in the world!

O My Afnan! The servant in attendance has read that wherewith thou didst commune with thy wronged, exiled Lord, Who summoneth all unto God, the Lord of the worlds. We have heard that which thy tongue hath uttered and that which thy pen hath set in motion, and We have witnessed the turning of thy heart and thine eye and ear unto Him, unto His beauty and His call raised at all times. By Him Who hath made the Most Great Prison the seat of His throne! Were the world to discover but a drop from the ocean of My grace, they would surely cast aside all else and take to My straight path.

O Afnan! Although all people at all times witness the passing away of the earth and whatsoever is therein, yet they cleave unto it and turn away from the immortal Kingdom. How many are the houses from which joyous melodies were raised at night, yet in the morning lamentations and wailing were heard therefrom. How many occasions of joy and pleasure and delight were in an instant transformed into mourning, and how many ornaments and bounties from which their possessor was deprived. And all people, heedless though they be, have witnessed and continue to witness all these things, yet they remain veiled, heedless and turned aside. The sweet ocean is manifest and surging before their eyes, yet all are occupied with the bitter, briny pool.

Praise be to God! The evidences of the warmth of divine love are manifest and unmistakable from thy tongue, thy heart, and every member of thy frame. By the life of the Best-Beloved, this station is not to be weighed against a hundred thousand worlds. Were the vastness of the creation sufficient to contain it, the fruits of these deeds would assuredly be made apparent. God grant that, now and evermore, ye may be favoured with the special and particular bounties of the Lord, may be occupied and rejoiced in His remembrance. Blessed are the souls that have quaffed of the Kawthar of utterance and have fixed their gaze upon the Horizon of the All-Merciful. Convey to all my greetings and magnify them, and gladden their hearts with the remembrance of the True One.

And as to what thou hast written concerning thy dejection: it is my hope that the breaths of the utterance of our Lord, the All-Merciful—sent down in a special measure for thee—may banish this heaviness, may dispel thy sorrow, and may adorn thee with the raiment of joy. According to the decree of God, it behoveth thee to engage in commerce; and God willing, the means thereof shall be provided, and that which hath been revealed by the Pen of the Most High in former Tablets shall be made manifest. Verily, He is the All-Informed, the All-Wise Announcer. The glory of God be upon thee, and upon all those who have acted according to that which they were commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds.

And furthermore: the sum of fourteen guineas hath been received, through the instrumentality of our honoured and esteemed Aqa Ismu'llah Mim Hi, upon him be the glory of God, the Most Glorious.

The servant, on the fourteenth day of Rabi'u'th-Thani, in the year 1297.

The two Most Great Branches—may my soul, and the souls of all the worlds, be offered up for the dust of their feet—remember thee with the most wondrous and most exalted mention, and magnify thee with the most holy and most glorious blessing.

BH00442: Praise be to God Who summoned His Afnan…

He is God, exalted be His station, the Grandeur and Glory

Praise be to God Who summoned His Afnan to the Divine Lote-Tree, to the Supreme Horizon, to the Ultimate Goal, and to the Most Glorious Vista, and permitted them to turn towards the ocean of His oneness and the depths of the sea of His unity, and aided them according to His will until He brought them into His presence and caused them to hear His sweetest call, and manifested Himself to them through His most beautiful names. Exalted is He Who made them know Him and drew them unto Him. They are those who, when they heard, responded, and drank the wine of reunion from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. The Supreme Pen hath testified to their love, their orientation, their presence, and their arrival at the Most Great Scene, the Station wherein the Lord of Destiny proclaimeth that there is none other God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Glory be unto Thee, O God of the Afnan and Lord of all existence! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the All-Merciful, to assist them at all times in Thy remembrance and praise, and in arising to serve Thee with wisdom and utterance. O Lord! Thou beholdest them turning toward the horizon of Thy grace, gazing upon the lights of Thy countenance, and clinging to the hem of Thy bounty. They traversed land and sea until they entered the Luminous Spot, the place which Thou didst make the circling-point of Thy loved ones, Thy chosen ones, and the Concourse on high. I beseech Thee to ordain for them that whereby their spirits, bodies, forms, names, and remembrances shall endure throughout the dominion of the kingdom and the realm. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Transcendent, the Single, the All-Informed.

Praise be to God Who invited the Afnan of the Tree and blessed them with the water of reunion. They turned and were blessed with divine bounties, and through God's grace a special place opposite the mansion was designated for them. This evanescent servant beseeches and hopes that the Supreme Pen will bestow upon all Afnan the reward of nearness and meeting. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

May my spirit be a sacrifice for your steadfastness! The heart of this evanescent one has melted upon seeing how the servants have deprived themselves of the outpourings of the Most Great Sea, and their heedlessness has reached such a point that they have cast aside the Intended One and followed every heedless and rejected one. All atoms cry out, yet ears are deprived of hearing them, save those whom God willeth. They reflect not upon the vicissitudes and conflicts of the world. At every moment it demonstrates and speaks of its own transience, yet people remain heedless of hearing and seeing it

through what their hands have wrought aforetime. They see that they depart and return not, yet they neither understand nor perceive.

At every moment they witness members of their own kind returning to dust with complete regret and remorse, yet they remain veiled, proud, and heedless. Verily, this servant, with his tongue and the tongues of the Afnan of the Tree, calls upon God to assist the servants to turn unto Him and to prosper them in that which He loves and is pleased with. Verily, He is the Lord of the Hereafter and of the former life, and in His grasp is the Kingdom of creation. There is none other God but He, the Forgiving, the Generous.

After praise and laudation this evanescent servant presents that the handwriting of your eminence that was recorded on 10 of S adorned anew the evidences of sincerity. Praise and gratitude be unto Him that time and again this servant becomes enkindled with the fire of love for your eminence and achieves the traces of his pen. O beloved of my heart! When I read what was presented before His countenance, the fire was ignited in my innermost being and the heat of longing seized me in such wise that it moved me instantly. Then I took the letter and ascended with it to the Most Exalted Horizon until I attained the presence and presented what was in it. Then the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which attracted the hearts of those near and the Messengers.

He, exalted be His glory, said:

> "O My Afnan! Upon thee be My glory! We have heard thy call and thy lamentation and thy cry in the love of God, the Lord of the Throne and earth, and the Master of the hereafter and the former times. We answer thee with that which God hath made the spirit of life for the Concourse on High and the choice sealed wine for the people of Baha. Verily thy Lord is the Hearing, the Responding. Rejoice in that the fragrance of longing and yearning hath been wafted from thy words. The call of the All-Merciful attracted thee and caused thee to speak that which beseemeth thee on this Day which God hath made its light from the lights of His Face, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who by Thy will made the Tree to speak unto the Interlocutor, and caused the Night Journey to attain unto the Beloved, and honored the heaven with the Spirit, in that Thou hast caused my call to achieve Thy hearing, and my face to be turned to Thy face, and my heart to be a treasury of Thy love, and my eye to observe the wonders of Thy grace, and my tongue to make mention and speak Thy praise. I beseech Thee to assist me at all times in Thy service and to strengthen me in that whereby Thy Cause may be exalted amongst Thy servants and my mention among the Concourse on High through Thy bounty and favor. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Almighty."

God willing, be occupied at all times with the remembrance of the Beloved. Every remembrance that appeareth from the seat of certitude is as light for the world and as spirit for the bodies of nations. Blessed art thou and My Afnan who have believed in My verses and My sovereignty and My power and My might, and who have drunk the choice wine of My love and have attained unto My presence and appeared before My face and heard My call, and those who have acted according to that which they

were commanded in My Book which We sent down from the kingdom of My utterance and the heaven of My bounty. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

Regarding what you wrote about reading and reciting the Tablet of Burhan and sending it according to the command to Rajab, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], all was presented before His presence. He said:

> "It behooveth him to praise God for having established him in the service of His firm and wise Cause."

This evanescent servant beseeches God to strengthen that honored one at all times to accomplish that which He hath strengthened him to do. And concerning what you wrote about his honor S, we beseech God to make him aware and entirely focused, in such wise that perishable things shall not prevent him from attaining the immortal Kingdom. It is submitted that a few days ago the response to the queries of his honor Aqay-i-Afnan A and H—upon him be all glory—was revealed from the Dawning-Place of Revelation and was sent by command to your honor to be forwarded after perusal.

That which is beloved before the Divine Presence today, and incumbent upon the Afnans of the Sacred Tree, is to show consideration to the people of the Twin Luminous Lights. If that matter which his honor Aqay-i-Afnan wrote concerning the payment of debts is carried out, thereafter it would be pleasing to the Afnans to execute general charitable works. This servant submitted this matter because whatever transpires in these days will serve and continue to serve as an example to all, and furthermore, in future ages when people become aware of it they will surely follow this example, and this has been and will be the cause of the expansion of hearts and the comfort of devoted souls. Now if anything is needed for the two sons of the Twin Luminous Lights and their families, it will be sent from this source, but the payment of debts takes precedence in all conditions. What was heard from the Tongue of Grandeur is this: that the honored Afnans should execute whatever they deem advisable in this matter after examining what is recorded in the ledger.

And concerning what you wrote that if the means for paying the debts of the King of Martyrs were to be arranged all at once and hastily it would be unwise—this was submitted before the Divine Presence and He said:

> "Yes, what he hath spoken is true. In all matters they must be mindful of wisdom."

And regarding what you wrote about something being written to his honor S that would give him assurance about what your honor had written to him—God willing this will be done according to your honor's instruction, but the debts must be determined. By command: mere verbal claims regarding debts are not sufficient—the ledger must be consulted and whatever is recorded therein must be paid. The enemies have accomplished their purpose; they have no further use for the ledger. His honor S should either personally or through someone appointed by him tell that one who hath associated partners with God that people are claiming debts from the martyred wronged one, and the truth or falsehood of these claims is not known—give us the ledger so that after examining it the debts may be paid. The purpose is that your honor should become informed of matters and after being informed should act according to what you have intended and what is beloved before the Divine Presence.

And concerning what was written about the funds, the noble letter arrived and was submitted. He commanded that either a property be built from it or land be purchased so that enduring traces may remain for the senders. Previously these details were commanded to be written and sent to his honor Name of God M—upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God—and then your honor's letter arrived stating that one portion had been sent and the other portion would be sent the following week, and news of the first portion has also arrived from the land of S, and there is also some land, that is a village, at auction though its matter has not yet been concluded.

And another matter is that, in accordance with wisdom, the Afnan (upon them be all His Most Glorious Glory) were granted leave early. From the day of arrival to the day of departure completed one vahid. They stayed two days in the prison-land and the rest in this land which is now the seat of the Throne. Another matter is that your second prayer mentioned in another leaf was presented before His presence. This is what the All-Bestowing revealed in response:

> "O My Afnan! Once again have I heard thy mention and praise, and once again have I witnessed thy turning to God, the Goal of all the worlds. Thou hast called upon thy Lord in His tongue and with what He hath revealed from His Kingdom. Blessed is the tongue that hath spoken His praise and the pen that hath flowed with His beauteous praise. He hath indeed ordained for thee what thou didst desire and hath aided thee in His service. He, verily, is the Generous Bestower."

Regarding what you wrote about turning towards the Most Holy Land, it was presented. He said that in all circumstances they must be mindful of wisdom. This year a number of Afnan (upon them be the Glory of God) have turned towards it. If they were to turn towards it next year, it might prove contrary to revealed wisdom. By My life, O My Afnan! There hath been written for you from the Supreme Pen the reward of meeting Me and attaining My presence. Thy Lord is, verily, the Truthful, the Informer, the All-Knowing. From the Supreme Pen hath flowed concerning the Afnan that which no one hath known or will ever know. Praise be to God, ye have drunk from the wine of faith, recognition and certitude, and have attained to His mention, praise and service to His Cause.

All good is for him who hath drunk the wine of recognition and hath attained the supreme steadfastness in this mighty Cause. In this case, ye have reached the ocean of reunion and drunk from the Kawthar of His presence. The Cause is in His mighty grasp. How many souls who are near are counted among the remote, and how many who are separated are in very reunion. Therefore, if it be deemed contrary to wisdom, movement is not permitted. Praise the Beloved of the world Who aided thee to turn towards Him, to mention and praise Him. In His grasp are the reins of all affairs. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful.

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