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Volume 060: Akka 1297 A.H. (1880), Part I (2 of 8)

BH00193: In the name of our Lord, the Most Holy…

Section 1: "In the name of our Lord, the Most…"

In the name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious!

Praise be to God Who hath appeared and revealed what He hath willed. Verily, He is the One with power over whatsoever He pleaseth. The conditions of creation cannot frustrate Him, nor can the opposition of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Day of Mutual Calling, weaken Him. When He appeared and manifested Himself, He established Himself upon the Most Great Throne amidst all the world, and spoke that whereby all things were attracted and all faces were turned from every direction toward the countenance of the Lord of Names. Then He spoke another word whereby smoke enveloped all who are on earth and in heaven, and whereby He distinguished between His servants and His creation. Thereupon the doubtful turned back, the hesitant turned away, the idolaters lamented, the heedless cried out, the sincere hastened, the devoted took flight, and the near ones drew nigh. The sweetness of the call so possessed the people of Baha that they cast away the world and turned toward the Most Great Name, directing their hearts to the horizon from which the Tongue of Grandeur and Glory proclaimed that there is none other God but Him, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Bestower.

This evanescent servant testifieth with the tongue of his heart, his being, his outward and his inward self, that He hath tried His servants through the appearance of tribulation in the kingdom of creation. Blessed is he who hath been intoxicated by the wine of divine knowledge and hath detached himself from all else, turning unto his Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower.

O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen! Thou beholdest the burning hearts of Thy loved ones and hearest their cry and lamentation in their separation from Thee. O Lord! The heaven hath been darkened by the sighs of the faithful, and the leaves of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing have turned yellow from the moaning of the hearts of Thy chosen ones who are far from meeting Thee,

from Thy presence, Thy mercy, and Thy favors. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the hidden and treasured Power which none hath known save Thyself, to cause to flow from the fountain of Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall fill them with joy and delight, such that the conditions of Thy creation shall not sadden them, nor shall the oppression of Thy enemies who have cast away Thy Book and clung to vain imaginings in Thy days cause them distress.

O Lord! This servant beholdeth the stream of life flowing from the right hand of Thy throne and the ocean of bounty before Thy face. I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thou hast subdued the world to ordain for him whom Thou hast mentioned in Thy Tablets that which shall profit him in Thy worlds. Answer his prayer through the ocean of Thy knowledge, aid him in Thy service, and give him to drink that which shall cause him to become so enraptured in Thy love that he shall make mention of Thee among Thy servants, detached from all else but Thee. Verily, Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp is the kingdom of names. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

My spirit be a sacrifice unto your remembrance and unto your steadfastness! The servant has perceived from the traces of your pen the fragrance of God's love, the sweet scent of God's affection, and the emanating musk of sincerity in the service of God. When my breast was gladdened by its breezes, and my eyes were consoled by its words, and my heart rejoiced in its fragrances, I was seized with power and ascended unto the heaven of utterance until I attained the presence of the throne of our Lord, the All-Merciful, and presented that which it contained. Thereupon the Ancient Countenance turned toward me and spoke, exalted be His sovereignty: "We behold Our Name ʿJamal,' upon him be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy, at one time upon the highest summit of joy and at another immersed in an ocean of sorrows.

Say: O Jamal! Thou hast arrived upon the shore of the sea of divine mysteries. It behooveth thee to gather the pearls of knowledge and wisdom and to detach thyself from all who are on earth. Thus doth thy Lord, the Wronged, the Stranger, make mention of thee. Be thou vocal with My Name, arise to serve Me, and make mention of that which hath been sent down from My Kingdom. Whoso heareth, it shall be for his own sake, and whoso denieth, verily thy Lord is the Self-Sufficient, the All-Praised. Do sorrows overtake thee after the All-Merciful hath made mention of thee in the Tablets in such wise that the Trump was blown thereby and the dwellers of the graves were stirred?

Exalted, exalted be the Lord of Revelation Who hath aided thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of His Revelation and the Dayspring of His verses, and Who hath given thee to drink of the choice wine from the hand of His grace. Verily thy Lord is the All-Powerful, the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Reflect upon what the idolaters have said regarding Me after I came unto them with verses before which every scroll, every scripture, every tablet and every mighty book hath bowed down. Among the idolaters is he who hath said that He hath fabricated lies against God, and among them is he who hath said that He hath stolen the verses and revealed them in His Name, and among them is he who hath said that He hath claimed divinity, and among them is he who hath said that He drinketh tea from crystal cups. Thus doth thy Lord make mention of thee that thou mayest be filled with manifest joy. O Jamal! Rejoice thou in the remembrance of thy Lord, then call to mind when thou didst stand before the Gate and didst hear the call

of God, the Most Exalted, the All-Wise, and didst hear with thine own ears that which the Tongue of Grandeur did speak in His prison which hath been named by all names in the Crimson Tablet from the Most Exalted Pen.

Verily thy Lord is the All-Remembering, the All-Informed. Leave the creation behind thee and turn with thy whole being unto the Truth, then hearken unto that which hath been raised from this glorious station. Verily he who desired to harm Me and kill Me and decreed My imprisonment now lamenteth beneath the dust while thy Lord dwelleth in this exalted castle. Say: O God of the worlds and Beloved of the nations, Who hath appeared through the Most Great Name! I beseech Thee by the fragrance of Thy raiment and the breezes of Thy mercy and the sweet scents of Thy revelation and the ocean of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy grace that Thou make me to be among such as are not deterred by the opposition of any opposer or the censure of any critic or the gloating of any far-removed idolater.

O Jamal! The All-Sufficient, the Most High declareth: Thou art among those souls unto whom the mercy of God hath been and shall be vouchsafed. I swear by My life that thou art beneath the canopy of My mercy and the pavilions of My grace. At all times thou must summon the servants, purely for the sake of the All-Merciful, to the Kawthar of utterance. Whoso heareth, the benefit thereof shall return unto him, and for those who turn away there is and hath been no path. They speak according to their own desires, for they cling to and are entangled in vain imaginings. One petition from thee reached Us, and in truth the sweet fragrances of contentment and joy were inhaled from it.

However, the subsequent petitions breathed forth the winds of sorrow. The worthless ones of the earth are not worthy of mention—such as the deniers, the oppressors, and their clamor and uproar. They are like unto a raven that alighteth upon the branch of a tree, uttereth a croak, and flieth away. I swear by the Sun of utterance which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of divine knowledge that the life of such souls is seen to be briefer than that. How then can they be worthy of mention or deserving of utterance? Whoso drinketh from the Most Great Ocean, it shall profit his own soul, and whoso denieth, it shall be to his own loss. In the path of the lovers, the fewer the rivals, the more beloved is the quest. Even as the True One, exalted be His glory and dominion, hath borne hardships and heard base and unworthy utterances, so too must that soul follow the example of his Lord.

The people are weak and appear as children. One must deal with them with kindliness. Verily thy Lord is the All-Patient, the All-Forbearing. In most Tablets We have commanded the friends of God to unity, yet discord is witnessed. O Jamal! Strive with all thy limbs, members and tongues in this matter, that perchance the sun of unity may shine forth amongst the servants. By My life, through it the Cause of God and the glory of His loved ones shall be made manifest. Thus doth thy Lord command thee, as He commanded thee before, and commandeth thee at this time. Hold fast unto wisdom, lest that which will agitate souls should appear. Convey to the loved ones in that land the cup of salutation from before the True One and gladden them with this mighty glad-tidings. Say: Today ye must all be occupied with the remembrance of the sovereign of eternity and hold fast to the cord of unity. Unity is like unto an architect, and is as a door leading to the divine commandments and laws, while discord is the destroyer thereof. Hold ye fast, O My loved ones, to the hem of unity in My Cause, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

This Day hath no peer nor likeness. Strive ye that ye may attain unto the divine Word. For instance, should any soul today attain unto the word of contentment, his mention shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Look not upon that which ye abhor today, but rather unto My sweetest call and My Cause, the Mighty, the Beloved. What significance hath a transient thing, that man should be disturbed, fearful and grieved on account of it and that which appeareth therefrom? Behold all things with Mine eye; then shall ye find yourselves upon the shore of the ocean of certitude. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The mention of all hath been and shall ever be before His Most Holy Presence. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. The people of Baha must today strive for the unity of the peoples of the world and the reformation thereof. The Concourse on High had supposed that the people of Baha today had attained unto this station, yet now they observe them perplexed and bewildered in discord and diverse matters. Do ye not desire that there should proceed from you that which would be acceptable to the Concourse on High, the denizens of Paradise and the angels drawn nigh? Strive then, O people of Baha, in that which the Lord of Names, Who speaketh in this noble station, hath commanded you. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Thou hadst made mention of his honor Aqa Siyyid ʿAbdu'l-Hadi, upon him be the glory of God. His petition was presented at the Most Holy Court. This is what God hath revealed in response:

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O My servant! God willing, thou hast ever been and wilt ever remain dwelling beneath the canopies of divine loving-kindness, and attaining unto the outpourings of the clouds of the Lord's generosity. Thy call hath been honored by the hearing of the Lord of Names, and these resplendent pearls of utterance have emerged from the shell of the sea of divine knowledge. Thou must, with the utmost endeavor, be occupied with service to the Cause. Whosoever is today adorned with the raiment of unity and embellished with divine virtues—such a one is accounted among those who have arisen to serve the Cause. Blessed is the soul that hath fulfilled its covenant and attained unto that which was commanded by its Creator.

Praise be to God that thou hast drunk from the ocean of meeting and witnessed the effulgences of the Sun of utterance. Some time ago a Tablet was revealed by the Supreme Pen and sent especially to thee. The grace of the True One hath been and shall ever be with thee. The station of assured souls is ordained with God. Verily He is the Single One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The glory of God be upon thee and upon thy wife who hath turned unto God, hearkened, responded, and attained unto that which was hidden in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds.

And likewise there was a letter in the envelope from his honor Mirza Ibrahim and his honor Mirza [name], upon them be the glory of God, which was presented at the Most Holy Court. This is what the All-Merciful hath revealed from the Kingdom of Utterance:

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

O Ibrahim! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He maketh mention of thee from the precincts of His Most Great Prison and giveth thee glad tidings of that which moved the Supreme Pen when it turned towards thee. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. By God's life! A word from the words of thy Lord is not to be equated with the earth and all that is thereon. Hearken and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Revealer of verses! I testify that by Thy light the horizon of Revelation shone forth, and the fire of Thy love seized hearts, veins and limbs. Thou art He by Whose call all things were attracted, and at Whose grief the Concourse on High lamented, though Thou wert, through Thy sovereignty, powerful over all who are in earth and heaven. Say:

Section 2: "Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whom…"

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whom the fragrance of divine utterance was diffused and the ocean of true knowledge surged! I beseech Thee to inscribe for me, with Thy Most Exalted Pen, that which shall perpetuate my remembrance in Thy Kingdom and in the Book which hath been touched by the Pen of Thy decree. O Lord! I am the supplicant who hath hastened unto the ocean of Thy bounty, and I am the seeker who hath turned toward the horizon of Thy favors. I implore Thee to make me, in all conditions, steadfast in Thy love, vocal in Thy praise, and firm in this Cause whereby the feet of most of Thy servants have slipped and the tribes of Thy earth have lamented.

O Lord! Thou art the Generous One, possessed of great bounty. I beseech Thee, by the drops from the rain clouds of Thy mercy and forgiveness, O Lord, to accept from me, through Thy grace, that which I have not performed in Thy days. Then write down for me what I have done in Thy love, and ordain for me and for my rib what beseemeth the heaven of Thy grace and the ocean of Thy generosity. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent One Whom neither the conditions of the world nor the clamor of nations can hinder. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy sovereignty and ordainest what Thou desirest through Thy power. Thou art, in truth, the Peerless, the Most Exalted, the Most High, the Most Great.

Blessed is he who hath attained unto the verses of his Lord. We beseech the True One that they may drink the sealed wine from the words of their Sovereign Lord and remain so firm in the Cause that neither the winds of the world nor its conditions shall hold them back, and that in all circumstances they may be mindful of that which He loveth and is pleased with, detached and free from all else.

Likewise did the Ancient Beauty and the Lord of all nations turn toward the realm of generosity and reveal these decisive verses in mention of His Honor Aqa Mirza Ismail:

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

This is a mention from Us to him whose letter was presented before the Wronged One in this mighty prison. Behold the power and sovereignty of God! He who ordered My imprisonment now lamenteth in the fire, while the Wronged One speaketh from this noble station and testifieth to that which God did testify before the creation of the heavens and earth: that there is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He is the One Who ruleth over the kingdom as He pleaseth. Neither hosts can weaken Him nor kings prevent Him. He hath come for the reformation of the world as a grace from Him, and He is the Generous, the Bountiful.

O Ismail! Rejoice in that the Lord of Glory mentioneth thee and commandeth thee that whereby the musk of divine knowledge is diffused throughout all possibility. Exalted is thy Lord, the Most Merciful, the Possessor of this mighty grace. We have heard thy call and read thy letter, and We have answered thee with these verses whereby all things have proclaimed: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Peerless, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.” Say: O God of the worlds! I beseech Thee by the Name which Thou hast made the Sovereign of all names to assist me in that which beseemeth Thy days, then write down for me, with the Pen of Thy grace, that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Beauteous.

Likewise was mention made of His Honor Mirza Muhammad Husayn Kh., upon him be the Glory of God, at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, and these sublime words shone forth from the horizon of the Will of the Lord of Names and Attributes. He, exalted be His dominion, saith:

In the Name of the All-Knowing, the Peerless One

Fix your gaze upon this blessed word which is like the sun in the horizon of the heaven of understanding and like the celestial sphere for the ocean of utterance:

> “Make mention of Me amongst My servants with wisdom, that I may make mention of thee in My Kingdom with glory.”

God willing, may ye attain unto this most exalted and most glorious station and be turned towards the Friend. For ages, the embodiments of vain imaginings lamented and wailed in separation from the Manifestation of the Lord of all beings. Yet when the horizon of the world was illumined by the splendorous rays of the Ancient Sun, all were seen to be deprived and excluded, save whom thy Lord willed. Yea, the Day of Grace appeared and the Divine Word made distinction. The pearl became distinguished from the pebble. He, verily, is the One Who distinguisheth, Who differentiates, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We beseech God—glorified and exalted be He—to aid you in His remembrance and praise in such wise that the lights of the remembrance of the Most Great Name may encompass your entire being and its fragrance be diffused amongst the servants. Today, owing to the lack of capacity in the earth and its peoples, the station of steadfast souls is not known. Yet I swear by the Sun of Truth that shineth from the horizon of the Prison that ere long their stations shall become manifest and evident to all the peoples of the world. Thy Lord, verily, is the Powerful, the Mighty, and He, verily, is the Expositor, the All-Informed.

In your previous letter dated the 4th of Ramadan, you made mention of Jinab-i-Khudadad and Aqa Azizu’llah, upon them be the Glory of God. This was presented at the Most Holy Court, and this is what the All-Knowing hath revealed in reply:

“O My Name! The servant in attendance hath made mention of what thou didst write concerning My loved ones who have cast aside all else but Me and have turned to My countenance. Through them will God raise up a people. Verily, thy Lord is the Informed, the All-Knowing.” O Jamal! God willing, mayest thou be blessed with divine favors and be content and thankful with His will. Concerning the friends who have quaffed from the Kawthar of inner meanings and are turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon, of whom thou made mention—this was presented at the Most Holy Court. No good deed of any doer hath

been or shall ever be lost. I swear by the Sun of Utterance that shineth from the heaven of knowledge that should anyone heave a single breath for the sake of God, that breath shall attain unto the Most Holy Court and shall be recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Greatest Scroll.

Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto the remembrance of God and His service, and hath offered the choice wine of revelation with the hand of grace, detached from all who are in the heavens and the earth and all who are in the kingdom of command and creation. Thus doth thy Lord desire to behold His servants. By the life of God! They are indeed the triumphant ones.

Many are the matters that are today hidden from all eyes, for the means of their manifestation exist not, due to the lack of capacity among the people. Soon shall they be made manifest and evident through God's all-encompassing power. Convey greetings from God unto those souls and mention that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen in their praise, that they may attain unto the breezes of God's verses with such joy as shall not be clouded by the dust of the world nor seized by the gloom of sorrows. Give them the glad-tidings of the signs that have appeared from the Finger of the Will of the All-Merciful. Whatsoever hath been manifested from any soul in the path of God hath been accepted at the Divine Threshold.

Today is the day when the Sun of the Most Great Name is rising from the horizon of the world, mentioned in every Book by a different name. In the Torah It appeared and was recorded by the name of Jehovah—a name which, before the advent of Moses, was concealed in God's treasury of knowledge. Thus in the Torah He says: "I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob as God Almighty, but by My name Jehovah I was not known to them." And He says: "And God spoke further unto Moses: Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, 'Jehovah, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is My name forever, and this is My memorial unto all generations."' Say: By the True God!

He has come Who turns the dawn into darkness and Who walks upon the high places of the earth. Rejoice in My remembrance, O My loved ones, and be of such character that the fragrance of God's love may be wafted from you. This behooveth him who hath turned unto My holy and luminous horizon. We have mentioned you before with that which hath diffused the fragrance of the garment, and We mention you as a favor from Us. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Protecting, the Mighty.

O My loved ones! We have previously counseled the servants with that which would benefit them in this world and the next, but the people remain in manifest remoteness. Blessed are ye for having hearkened unto God's call and responded to it on a day wherein souls lamented, save those whom God, the Lord of the worlds, did please. God willing, may you remain steadfast in the love of God and His Cause, for We have previously given tidings of the appearance of the barking ones in the lands. Under all conditions, hold fast to the hem of His grace and cling to the cord of His bounty.

O Jamal! We make mention of the people of distinction who have cast aside all else and turned to the Supreme Horizon, that they may rejoice in that which hath flowed from the Most Great Ocean at this noble scene. We hear those who make mention of Us and We behold the deeds of those who have arisen to serve the Cause with manifest sincerity. Upon them be the glory of God, the glory of the Concourse on

High, and of the near angels. The sun of sincerity is shining and manifest from the hearts of some. Their names have been inscribed by My Most Exalted Pen in My Mighty Tablet. Beseech the True One that He may aid all to recognize this wondrous and blessed Day, lest they miss that which shall cause grief and regret to endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Praise be to God, all are mentioned before the Throne and are adorned with the ornament of the favors of the Lord of nations. God willing, all have been and shall be successful in attaining that which God has willed. Peace be upon them, glory be upon them, and splendor be upon them.

Furthermore, the wanderers in the land of Sad are mentioned in the Most Holy Court, and the glance of favor is directed towards them. God willing, may they be gladdened by this Greatest Glad-Tidings. This evanescent servant conveys greetings to each one and expresses utter lowliness and nothingness. Would that I had been with them and had received what they received in the path of God, the Exalted, the Great.

Another matter is that there is no news from his honor Aqa Mirza H-S T-F, upon him be the Glory of God. Please inquire about his condition on behalf of this servant and write the details. Although this servant has been somewhat remiss, since he sent letters and certain items in trust through his honor Mulla Muhammad-ʿAli-i-Dahji, upon him be the Glory of God, and this servant had supposed that the aforementioned gentleman would return soon and a reply to his letter would be sent. However, his return has been delayed until now, though in these days there is hope that he will obtain permission and return. We beseech God, exalted and mighty be He, to assist him in that which is befitting and worthy in this day. It would be most welcome if he would not take note of this servant's delay and would continue as before. In any case, this servant ever hopes and expects forgiveness from the friends of God. The glory of God be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who have attained to the recognition of this mighty and exalted Day.

BH01346: Praise be to God Who hath manifested Himself…

In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord

Praise be to God Who hath manifested Himself from the Most Exalted Horizon and hath spoken the Most Sublime Word, and when His sweetest call was raised between earth and heaven, all things were attracted and seized by the wine of reunion in such wise that they were moved and hastened and turned their faces. Then came the decisive Word and distinguished between them on the Day of Return at the appearance of the Lord of the Beginning and the End. Thereupon the doubters retreated, those who had hastened halted, the ignorant turned away, the heedless learned ones objected, while the believers hastened, the near ones drew nigh, and the sincere achieved victory. These are servants who accepted every tribulation in the path of God, the Lord of Names. Among them were those who bore their cross in their own hands, and among them were those who hastened to the place of sacrifice with a longing known to none in the kingdom of creation save those whom God, the Lord of all beings and the Sovereign of earth and heaven, hath willed.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou in Whose hands are the reins of all created things and the controls of all possible beings! How can I make mention of Thee after Thou hast made me know that my praise cannot

reach Thee and the bird of my utterance cannot soar in the atmosphere of Thy knowledge? Yet, O my God, since Thou hast permitted me to make mention of Thee, I therefore cling to the cord of Thy bounty and favor, and I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the ocean of Thy generosity surged and the fragrance of Thy bounty was wafted among Thy creatures, that Thou aid Thine Afnan to celebrate Thy praise and glorification, and ordain for them that which befitteth the heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy grace.

Praise be to Thee, O Beloved of the world and Desire of the nations, for having called him unto Thee and brought him into Thy presence and given him to drink the Kawthar of reunion by the hand of Thy giving, and caused him to hear Thy call which was the hope of those near unto Thee among Thy chosen ones and the believers among Thy loved ones, and shown him Thy beauty, and ordained for him through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall not be effaced throughout the eternity of Thy kingdom and dominion. Verily Thou art the Almighty, to Whose power and sovereignty all things have testified, and the Concourse on High to Thy greatness and might. There is none other God but Thee, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O beloved of my heart! May my soul be a sacrifice for your love! This evanescent servant has been honored by the trace of your pen which moved in remembrance of our Beloved and your Beloved, our Goal and your Goal. When I read and understood it, I ascended through His Mighty Name to a station which God has made the dawning-place of the light of unity and the dayspring of the manifestation of oneness. When I attained His presence, I presented what was therein and what I had communed with God, the Lord of all worlds. When it concluded, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which I am unable to mention and which no pen in the world can define, until He said—exalted be His utterance and glorified His grandeur—"Take up the pen."

When I took it up, there was sent down from the Kingdom of Utterance that which diffused its fragrance throughout all regions. We praise Him for the wonders of His favors and the manifestation of His grace. May my soul be a sacrifice for His bounty and loving-kindness! By His life, it behooveth the world to sacrifice itself in His path, and all peoples in His love and good-pleasure. This servant is amazed to see how the servants are veiled from the Sun and its effulgence, from the Sea and its waves, and from the heaven and its stars and moons. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to remove the veil from their faces, show them His most exalted horizon, attract them to the Most Great Sign and the Most Glorious Vision. Verily, He is the Single One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

That which was revealed from the heaven of favor, mercy and kindness was, according to His command, given to the Greater Branch—may my spirit and being be a sacrifice for the dust of His footsteps—to write in His blessed hand, and God willing, they will attain unto it. Some time has passed since this Tablet dawned from the horizon of grace, but circumstances caused its dispatch to be delayed. God willing, His Holiness will not forget this evanescent servant during the nights and days. The glory be upon your honor and upon those who love you and hear your word concerning the Cause of God, the Exalted, the Great, and praise be to God, the Goal of the mystics. The request is that from this evanescent servant, greetings of the Most Exalted, Most Mighty, Most Wondrous, Most High be conveyed to the kinsmen—that is, to

each one deemed appropriate—and express the nothingness of this ephemeral one. Further submission: what was sent of rice, tea, and vessels has arrived.

The servant. 28 Rabi'u'th-Thani 1297.

The Most Great Branch and the Greater Branch—may my spirit and being be a sacrifice for the dust of their footsteps—remember and glorify His Honor with the lights shining from the horizon of the heaven of the Most Great Throne.

BH01485: The essence of praise and glorification befitteth the Lord…

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Mighty, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

The essence of praise and glorification befitteth the Lord of all mankind Who illumined the world through His blessed word "Verily I am God," and though this Most Exalted Word, this Primal Pearl, and Most Great Sign stood contrary to all the opinions of the peoples of the earth, He raised it aloft through the sovereignty of His Will and planted the banner of "Verily He is I" upon the highest mountains by His mighty hand. Soon shall the sincere ones and those drawn nigh behold it above all other standards. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Thereafter, I submit that your letter, which was the greatest healing medicine, transformed into joy the sorrows that are inherent to imprisonment, for it was adorned with love for the Ancient Beauty and the Goal of all peoples. Praise be to God that you have attained the outpourings of the divine days and caught the fragrance of the celestial garment. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of the Countenance that even if we were to occupy ourselves with praise, thanksgiving, remembrance and glorification of the Beloved until a day whose end cannot be reckoned, it would still be insufficient—nay, non-existent and void.

After this servant gained admittance to the Most Holy Court and presented the entire letter, two Most Great, Most Holy Tablets were revealed from the sacred heaven—one specifically for you and another specifically for Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God. God willing, you will attain to their perusal. Your letter arrived in late Rabi'u'l-Avval and the response descended from the heaven of grace, though it was sent in late Rabi'u'th-Thani.

I further submit that you should convey utter evanescence and nothingness on behalf of this ephemeral one to all the friends who have drunk from the Kawthar of certitude and transcended the contingent world. Tell them not to let time slip away and to hold fast to the cord of unity and harmony. O my beloved! In these days, one day when this ephemeral one attained the Most Holy Court, he observed the Beloved of the world to be saddened, and in view of "they speak not until He hath spoken," this servant remained silent, bewildered and thoughtful. Then the Ancient Beauty turned to me and said that the odors of discord among the divine loved ones had wafted and continue to waft.

Although the exact blessed words are not before me, their purport was thus: I submitted that I beseech God, glorified and exalted be He, to transform this discord through the endeavors of the friends into harmony, that all may turn their gaze away from aught else but God and from that which prevents them from unity, and fix their gaze upon the horizon of unity which is in truth the cause of the exaltation of the

Cause. Would that some souls might be confirmed in this great service! I beseech Him, exalted be He, and I cling to the hem of His generosity and hold fast to the cords of His grace, that He may assist His loved ones in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and whereby His Cause may be exalted in the kingdom of creation. Verily He is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth.

Furthermore, I submit that a petition was sent from the direction of the Land of Qaf in response to the letter of Jinab-i-J.M., upon him be all His most glorious Glory. God willing, it will reach them. If there has been any negligence, this servant begs to be excused and hopes for their pardon, now and always. The Glory be upon you and upon those who have drunk the wine of steadfastness and the Kawthar of servitude in this mighty and wondrous Day.

Some time ago, this servant sent a detailed letter in response to your numerous letters, together with the blessed Most Holy Tablet of Proof which was sent according to the command of the Lord of all creation. God willing, you have attained and will attain to its perusal and reading. Likewise, mention was made of Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Abu-Turab, upon him be the Glory of God, in the Most Holy Court, and a Tablet was revealed from the heaven of grace and bounty and was sent. God willing, he will attain to it.

Furthermore, I submit that the responses to some of the gentlemen will also be sent later, God willing. This servant presents his pure devotion and most glorious, most mighty, most splendid greetings to each one. May God, glorified and mighty be He, assist all in that which is for the good and welfare of all.

The servant, 28 Rabi'u'th-Thani 1297

BH02646: In the Name of God, the Speaking, the All-Seeing!…

In the Name of God, the Speaking, the All-Seeing! O My Name, the All-Bountiful! All the loved ones of God must at all times fix their gaze upon this utterance of the All-Merciful which, like unto the sun, hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of God's Holy Tablet: "We have made unity the support for the pavilions of My Cause and the cord for the tabernacle of My glory. Hold fast unto it, O My servants, then act according to that which God hath revealed in His wondrous Tablet." If those souls who have turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and who are known throughout all regions by the name of God had acted according to this exalted and divine word, assuredly the banner of "Verily He is God" would have been seen raised and planted upon the hills and mountains of the earth.

Say: O people of Baha! Observe the world as though it were a book, wherein are inscribed in clear characters change and extinction, discord and revolution. In truth, every leaf of its leaves, every spot of its spots, and every tree of its trees crieth out and saith:

> "Observe my transformations and take warning thereby, reflect upon the passing of my manifestations and become aware, that perchance ye may not exchange the enduring divine bounties for these transient things."

O My Name! A hundred thousand regrets that most of the people are heedless of what they see and hear. The Most Great Bell hath been adorned by the fingers of the mercy of the All-Merciful in the midmost heart and the divine call hath been raised. Yet the people are seen to be withered, nay rather

dead, save whom thy Lord willeth. Do they not inhale the fragrance of the utterance and remain heedless, or are they deprived by what their hands have wrought?

O My Name! Thou knowest that at all times the tongue of the All-Merciful is engaged in utterance and at every moment the Most Exalted Pen is in motion. Not for an instant hath there been any pause in the manifestation of the Cause, yet the blind are deprived of the mirror and the deaf are forbidden from hearing. Ask thou of God that He may purify the eyes from the ophthalmia of desire and free the hearts from the veils that hinder.

Hearken unto the call of this Wronged One and arise with utmost resolve to serve. By the life of God! This is what will profit thee and make manifest thy station and preserve thy remembrance, that perchance through the effulgences of the Sun of divine bounty the servants may become illumined and sense such a station that the splendor and worth of these outward, ephemeral stations may be erased from the heart. Verily thy Lord is the Expositor, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The glory be upon thee and upon him who hearkeneth unto thy counsel in this mighty Cause.

BH02649: To be typed

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BH04236: The Supreme Pen testifieth that thou hast recognized My…

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

The Supreme Pen testifieth that thou hast recognized My sovereignty and drawn from the ocean of My knowledge, and hast attained unto the presence of My throne and heard My call time and again, and hast attained that which is the purpose in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. Thy letter hath been presented and hath been honored to be heard by the Wronged One in this Most Exalted Station, which hath been named by all names in the Book of Names and as the heaven of heavens in My Preserved Tablet. From every word thereof We perceived the fragrance of thy love for God and thy turning unto Him and thy arising to perform that which beseemeth thee in the days of thy Lord, the Manifest, the Speaking, the All-Informed.

Soon that which is hidden from the eyes of men shall be unveiled, and those nigh unto God shall behold through their Lord's bounty that which the pens of the world and every discerning scholar are powerless to describe.

Glory be unto Thee, O God of Names and Creator of the heavens! I beseech Thee by the Name through which the tribes have lamented and earthquakes have seized the dwellers of Thy earth, to ordain for him who hath turned unto Thee from among Thy Afnan that which beseemeth Thy greatness and Thy sovereignty. Then remember him as Thou hast remembered him in Thy days. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest, and verily, Thou art the Self-Subsisting, the Ever-Abiding.

The glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and upon her who hath attained unto the knowledge of God and whose letter hath been presented before the Throne in this noble station. Convey

Our greetings unto him who hath attained unto the presence and who hath been named ʿAbdu'l-Hamid in the Kingdom of Names. Say: Blessed art thou for having gone forth and journeyed until thou didst attain unto the presence of the Wronged One in His mighty prison.

BH05199: O My handmaiden, O My leaf! We have heard…

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

O My handmaiden, O My leaf! We have heard thy cry and thy call and thy lamentation. But today in all conditions thou must be joyous and adorned with the Most Great Gladness, for the ocean of divine mercy is surging and the sun of providence is shining and the heaven of revelation is manifest. I swear by the pearls of the sea of inner meanings that whosoever today has attained unto the recognition of God and has drunk the wine of steadfastness from the hands of God's Cause has attained and shall attain unto all good. Be thou assured, O My leaf, and say:

O my God, my Lord, my Master and my King! I testify that Thou hast manifested Thyself and sent down Thy verses and Thy proof and revealed that which was hidden in Thy Books and Thy Scriptures and displayed Thy power in such wise that necks have bowed before it. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which all things were attracted and the Supreme Pen was set in motion, to assist me to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee in such wise that the affairs and happenings of earth shall not prevent me.

O Lord! I am one of Thy handmaidens who hath turned unto Thy countenance and held fast to the hem of Thy bounty. Send down, therefore, from the heaven of Thy grace that which beseemeth Thy generosity, Thy munificence and Thy favor. O Lord! Thou knowest what is in the world. I beseech Thee to ordain for Thy handmaiden that which shall profit her in this world and the next and in every one of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH10351: In His Most Great Name!

In His Most Great Name!

The Tongue hath spoken before the faces of the world and given them glad tidings of the Most Great Name, that they might rejoice in the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. Yet they have risen in oppression and turned away from Him through Whom the horizon of revelation was illumined and God came with manifest sovereignty. They have cast aside the Lord of all beings and seized upon their desires—verily they are among the abject ones.

The days have passed and the Caller hath cried out, yet they remain asleep. The intoxication of the world hath seized them in such wise that they have turned away from My Most Great Name.

Blessed art thou for having turned and hearkened unto the call of God, the King, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH10239: O Hasan! A word from thy pen hath come…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O Hasan! A word from thy pen hath come before the Throne, and mention hath been made of thee in this exalted station. We make mention of thee as a token of Our grace, that thou mayest be assured that He remembereth whosoever hath turned unto Him and attained unto that which God, the Lord of all worlds, hath willed. Hold thou fast unto wisdom and place thy trust in the One, the All-Informed. Thus have We made mention of thee and sent down the verses. There is no God but Him, the Most High, the Most Great. Convey My greetings unto those who are with thee and gladden them with My wondrous remembrance.

BH10517: O Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be the Glory…

O Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, the Mighty, the All-Wise!

Your letter hath attained unto the hearing of the Lord of Names in this Most Exalted Station, and We have answered thee as a token of Our grace, that thou mayest rejoice and be of them that render thanks.

We previously sent unto thee the Tablet of the Proof, through which the fragrance of the All-Merciful was wafted throughout creation. Exalted be God, the Sovereign, the Ancient Revealer!

Convey My greetings unto My loved ones who have cast aside all else but Me and have attained unto the wine of steadfastness in My days. Verily thy Lord is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing.

BH00509: In the name of our Lord, the Most High…

In the name of our Lord, the Most High, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious!

All praise, sanctified above the understanding of all created things, befitteth that Pre-existent Being Who, through the dark manifestations of nothingness, made His Cause to appear, and through tribulation made His Command manifest between earth and heaven. By the hand of power He lit a lamp, and the contrary winds which are the cause of its extinction, by His all-compelling will, served but to increase its radiance. A fire that the hand of power kindleth, the seas of the world cannot extinguish. When the light of His Cause dawned from the dayspring of divine will, the idolaters sought through rejection and denial to extinguish it. Thus did they turn from the land of Ta to the land of Zawra, and this denial became a herald for the light.

And from Zawra to the land of mystery did He journey, through that which the hands of the oppressors had wrought. Thereafter, the heedless ones, fearing lest that radiance should illumine the land of mystery and its surroundings, and deliver them from the darkness of tyranny, under the pretext of protecting that realm banished its Guardian to the prison of Akka. The flame of oppression reached such heights that from the kingdom of destiny the Suriy-i-Ra'is was revealed, until the Cause attained a station unprecedented in all creation. Whatsoever was revealed in that blessed Tablet appeared letter by letter. Well is it with them that are endowed with true vision! The banishment to Akka raised aloft the word of

affirmation, and the banner of "Verily there is none other God but Him" was unfurled upon the mount of the Lord's will—exalted be His glory and His sovereignty! Glorified be He Whom neither the manifestations of the Pharaohs, nor the appearing of tyrants, nor the signs of emperors, nor the oppression of caesars can frustrate. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, the All-Praised.

This evanescent servant submitteth unto your honor that your eminent letter, after centuries and ages, illumined the horizon of the heart with the light of love. Each word thereof was as a fountain whence flowed the living waters of affection. I have beseeched and do beseech the True One—exalted be His glory and abundant be His grace—to grant your honor success in attaining unto that which hath been inscribed in the Book by the Pen of the Lord of all being. He is verily the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. After perusal, it was presented at the Most Holy Court, and these words were revealed—exalted be His remembrance:

> "We make mention of him even as the Concourse on High make mention of him, and the people of Baha remember him through the eternity of My most beautiful names. Verily his Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Giving, the Generous. We beseech God that He may cause him to behold that which will delight his eyes, and give him to drink that which will render him so attracted in the days of his Lord that neither weariness nor languor shall overtake him. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. And may He acquaint him with this world and its conditions, and with that which hath been ordained for him by My Most Exalted Pen, that he may abandon the former, holding fast unto that which his Lord, the All-Informed, hath willed."

God willing, may you be blessed by divine grace and arise to serve His Cause. That which you have witnessed and heard in the path of God hath not been and shall never be lost. Though the dark clouds of oppression may prevent the rays of the Sun of Justice from shining for a day, an hour, or a moment, this is not worthy of mention, for assuredly the Sun of Justice will appear and illumine the darkened world with its light. Then shall no crookedness or inequality be seen in the earth.

O thou who gazeth upon the Countenance and drinketh the choice wine of revelation! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He calleth thee from this praiseworthy station and remembereth thee with this Most Sweet Remembrance, which all the treasures of earth and heaven cannot equal. Rejoice in the grace of God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. Be thou eloquent with wisdom and utterance in praise of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, and arise to serve His Cause, the Mighty, the Beloved. The covenant of the oppressors and all that pertaineth unto them shall pass away like unto passing winds, and the tongues of the world shall testify to their extinction. Blessed is the soul that hath held fast to God's Covenant and to that which hath been ordained for it from Him.

Verily, it is among the most exalted of creation in the Preserved Tablet. Convey My greetings to all the loved ones on behalf of the Wronged One and say: God willing, may ye attain such a station that no power can deter you from the Cause of God, and no thing among all things can become a veil. In the name of the Peerless Friend, drink ye from the Kawthar of faithfulness and partake of the sealed wine. He saith: Well is it with you and pleasant be it unto you, O chosen ones of God on earth and daysprings of

steadfastness throughout all lands. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, as a token of His grace upon thee. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Wise. And praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds.

As to what thou didst write concerning Jinab-i-Amin and Jinab-i-Haji Mirza Abu'l-Hasan, upon them be the glory of God, Jinab-i-Haji Mirza Abu'l-Hasan himself had written about thy loving-kindness. It is most clear and evident that whatsoever proceedeth from that beloved one in service to the Cause hath never fallen short. Praise be to God, in these divine days they have been the sources of goodly deeds and have shown the utmost love toward each of the friends. Soon shall the fruits of all become manifest. Although the essential fruit is that which findeth acceptance before God, a hundred thousand thanks that it hath been adorned with the ornament of acceptance. Ere long shall the fragrance of deeds performed in the path of God be diffused and spread abroad, and the people of the world shall perceive it.

And concerning what thou didst write about Jinab-i-ʿAyn Ba, upon him be the glory of God—yes, several years ago in one of the Tablets which descended from the heaven of loving-kindness especially for him, there was a mention, and twice did this lowly one hear from the blessed tongue saying:

> "Soon shall that which was revealed for him in God's Tablet, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, become manifest."

Strange indeed are the heedless people who, despite all that hath appeared and shall appear having been previously revealed with utmost clarity and explicitness by the Supreme Pen, as that honored one hath seen and heard in the blessed Tablets, are yet so intoxicated with the wine of pride that they have not perceived a trace thereof nor understood a word. Leave them to their vain imaginings wherein they sport. To God do we belong and to Him shall we return. This evanescent servant beseecheth and imploreth God that He may enable his honor to achieve that which is befitting. Verily, He is the Bestower, the Generous. Should you meet him and should it be advisable, convey this lowly one's greetings to him.

As for what thou didst write concerning the sister's daughter, upon her be the glory of God, this matter was mentioned in the Most Holy Presence. One day these blessed words shone forth from the Dawning-Place of Divine Unity:

> "Verily, she who hath ascended unto God—We have adorned her with the ornament of forgiveness and have mentioned her from My Most Exalted Pen as a bounty from Us to those who have hearkened to My call and turned to My horizon and have attained to the service of My wondrous Cause. Upon her be My glory and My remembrance and My mercy which hath preceded all the worlds."

I swear by the Sun of Utterance, which hath risen and is resplendent from the horizon of the divine Tablet, that whosoever hath today turned unto Him and perceived the fragrance of His Revelation hath been and shall ever be reckoned among the people of eternity. Blessed be the maidservant who hath attained unto this most exalted station, and blessed be the servant who hath been honored with this wise remembrance.

At this point such utterances were revealed from the Ancient Tongue as this servant is powerless and inadequate to mention.

Concerning what you wrote about his honor A.B., upon him be the glory of God, and his ill health, we beseech our Lord and the Lord of the worlds, our Goal and the Goal of the nations, to give him to drink from the ocean of His healing, to clothe him with the robe of health, and to adorn him with the ornament of well-being. God willing, through the loving-kindness of the Beloved of the worlds, he will attain unto that which is ordained for him. In truth, he is outwardly and inwardly distinguished by his love for the Truth. This evanescent servant at all times beseeches the Truth, exalted be His glory, for his health and well-being. Verily He is the Healer, the Bestower, the Generous.

Concerning what you wrote about his honor Varqa, upon him be the glory of God, and his arising to teach the Cause, it brought boundless joy. Praise be to God that he hath arisen to render this great service and God willing he is confirmed. Whatsoever is manifested today in service to the Cause shall endure and remain through the eternity of God's names and attributes. This servant beareth witness that when he returned from the Holy Land, by leave of the Lord of Oneness, he was aflame with the fire of divine love. God willing, may the hand of divine power daily increase that flame.

After this matter was presented in the Most Holy Court, He spoke these words, exalted be His grandeur and His sovereignty:

> "Verily We summoned him, caused him to hear, showed him, and sent him back to serve My Cause and make mention of Me among My servants. I am, verily, powerful over whatsoever I will through My word 'Be' and it is. We shall surely aid him in that which he desireth in the Cause of his Lord, and make mention of him with such mention as will cause them that hesitate to hasten unto the Mighty, the All-Loving. Blessed is he and his father upon whom We shed the light of Our countenance, who gave up his spirit in his longing for the advent of his Lord, the Possessor of existence. There hath been sent down from the Most Exalted Pen that which shall dilate the breasts and gladden the hearts."

Concerning what you wrote about his honor Aqa Mirza Jalil, it was presented in the Most Holy Court. Although holy verses had previously been sent down for him from the heaven of oneness, yet again, as a bounty upon you and him, a most holy and most exalted Tablet was revealed from the heaven of the divine Will and sent. God willing, may his eyes, heart and inner being attain unto it and be illumined and enlightened thereby.

His honor Aqa Mirza S., upon him be the glory of God, praise be to God, hath attained unto His special favors. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to protect and preserve him through the hosts of the seen and the unseen, to ordain for him the good of this world and the next, and to aid him in that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily, He is the Lord of the throne and the dust. There is none other God but He, the Forgiving, the Generous.

The contents of these passages were heard from the blessed tongue concerning him: "Verily His bounty toward thee is great." In these days a number of those who have turned to the Most Exalted Horizon arrived and after a brief stay were gradually given permission to depart and returned. Even some from among the Jewish people arrived and attained unto boundless favors.

Another submission is that at the appointed time, in accordance with your wish, this servant attained the blessing of pilgrimage and performed your proxy pilgrimage in detail, and it was also crowned with acceptance. We praise Him for this, and by His own truth, verily He is the Generous, the Bountiful. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH00315: In the Name of our Lord, the Most Wondrous…

Section 1: "In the Name of our Lord, the Most…"

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Wondrous, the Most Impregnable, the Most Mighty, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

All praise, sanctified above the understanding of all created things, befitteth the presence of Him Who is the Desired One, Who through a single glance of His favour can cause an atom to be adorned with the glory of the sun, and transform a drop into an ocean. And were He, God forbid, to withhold His special grace, the meaning of "all things shall perish save His face" would be made manifest. Sanctified and holy is His sacred court above the praise of all the eloquent ones and learned ones of the earth. Every fair-minded mystic hath confessed his powerlessness, and every truthful scholar hath acknowledged his shortcoming.

Glory be unto Him, glory be unto Him, far above that which those who are nigh, and they who profess His unity, and the sincere ones attribute unto Him! He is the Omnipotent One Who, through a single revelation from His Most Great Name, illumined the world, made manifest the Balance, and established the Straight Path before the faces of all His servants. And through that same revelation—which in one station is referred to as the Word, in another as the Will, in yet another as the Divine Purpose, and the like—the trumpet was sounded, the cry was raised, and those that lay in their graves were stirred. Exalted be His dominion! Exalted be His power! Exalted be His greatness! He hath created all things through a word from His presence. How then can anyone know His Originator, His Creator, and His Manifestation? The servant beseecheth His Lord to assist His servants to turn towards the horizon which hath been illumined by the lights of His countenance, and unto the ocean which surgeth through His firm and mighty command.

And furthermore, thy letter dated the 25th of the month of Safar was received, and since it was adorned with mention of the Purpose of all worlds, it brought the utmost joy and gladness. May thou never be deprived of the splendors of the Sun of Truth and the outpourings of the ocean of grace. Continuously drink and quaff and share with others the cup of divine love. Strange it is that people have let slip from their grasp such a blessed Day and remained deprived of recognizing it. The vision of the servants is weak, while the Sun of Truth shineth with perfect radiance and light. I beseech the True One, exalted be His glory and His sovereignty, to grant strength to weak eyes that they may not be deprived of beholding the spiritual Sun. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

Likewise, another letter dated the 10th of Rabi'u'l-Avval was received, and after perusing and becoming acquainted with its contents, it was brought to the Most Great View, and after permission and leave was granted, it was presented before the countenance of the Lord of Destiny. He, exalted be His glory, said:

> "O Abu'l-Hasan! Rejoice in that thou hast been mentioned before the Throne time and again, and the face of the Wronged One hath turned toward thee from this remote prison. We have sent down for thee in the mansion that which hath diffused the fragrance of the All-Merciful throughout all creation, and in this prison that which hath stirred every frozen and weighty soul. Behold none save God and His Cause. This is a word through which the horizon of the Tablet hath shone forth and the faces of the sincere have been illumined."

O Abu'l-Hasan! God willing, thou shalt attain unto the Kawthar of inner meanings and utterance that lieth hidden and concealed within the divine words, and shalt drink therefrom. All are speaking the Word of God, and yet one soul gave up his life upon hearing the blessed word "Say: God; then leave them to their vain disputes," while another, after hearing divine verses which are beyond reckoning, stirred not from his place and remained deprived of the breezes of the days and bereft of the lights of His countenance. They mention by word the Kawthar and Salsabil, while both appear before their faces yet they remain utterly remote and distant from them. The Supreme Pen counseleth at all times the people of the world regarding that which is to their benefit, both outwardly and inwardly; nevertheless, they have prevented their ears from hearing and have veiled their eyes from beholding the lights with the veils of idle fancy.

O Abu'l-Hasan! Give thanks unto thy Lord for having aided thee to recognize Him and for having caused thee to appear before His face in the Most Great Prison and for having enabled thee to hear His sweet call. Thy services have been adorned with the ornament of acceptance, and this is from God's great bounty. Know thou this and be of the thankful ones. How many are the servants who attained not unto recognition of the Truth, and how many the souls who attained unto the honor of recognition but were not successful in rendering service to the Cause, and how many the souls who arose to serve but received no mention from the Supreme Pen; yet thou, praise be to God, hast attained unto this great bounty. Should the lowliest of earth's inhabitants diffuse from him a breath of sincerity, he would be accounted before God as one of those who circle round the Throne and as one of the people of Baha. Blessed are they whom the doubts and imaginings of men have not withheld from the ocean of certitude and whom the oppression of the people of the world hath not deprived them of the light of the Manifestation.

Convey My greetings to all the friends on behalf of the Wronged One and say: O My loved ones! Hold fast to the cord of steadfastness through My power, and cling to the hem of patience through My Name, the All-Patient, the Mighty, the Wise. Know ye the value of these days and deprive not yourselves of the infinite bounties. Arise to serve the Cause of God in complete unity—that is, be occupied with His mention, His praise and the promotion of His Cause. Any matter that today becometh the cause of someone turning away or the source of grief is not acceptable in the sight of God. Associate with the servants of the All-Merciful with the utmost joy and radiance. Thus have ye been commanded aforetime by My Most Exalted Pen. Verily, your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O honored brother! Praise be to God, thou hast attained His grace and art adorned with the ornament of trustworthiness. Beseech God, exalted be His glory, that He may aid all the loved ones to achieve that which is befitting and worthy in this day, lest transient affairs and their manifestations deprive them of the eternal Kingdom.

Concerning what thou didst write about trade and its profit, it is evident that since thou hast acted for the sake of God and hadst no personal motive, the blessing of His grace was bestowed. Any deed performed for God's sake will surely manifest its effect in the material world. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the recognition of God and the choice wine of reunion, while every heedless one remained far removed. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to make manifest the effects of thy services. O My loved one! Consider the divine bounty—although hoarding was forbidden, yet since thou wert unaware and whatsoever thou didst was for the sake of God, it was accepted and blessed with bounty. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. I have been and am hopeful of God's grace, and I beseech Him to ever illumine the Trustee and thyself with the light of trustworthiness.

As for what thou didst write concerning the people of Mamqan, it was presented at the Most Holy Court. This is what the All-Merciful hath revealed from the Kingdom of Utterance:

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

O loved ones of God in Mamqan! Hearken unto the call of the All-Merciful that hath been raised from this place which the oppressors have made a prison for Him Who summoneth mankind unto the straight path. He commandeth you to righteousness and piety and to turn with illumined hearts to the supreme horizon. Thus hath the Beloved of all creation decreed. Verily, He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. The affairs of creation cannot frustrate Him, nor can the veils of them that have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds, prevent Him. This is the Day wherein the horizon of Revelation hath been illumined and all things have cried out: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!" Well is it with him who hath cast away the world and taken hold of that which God, the Lord of all nations, hath commanded. He is assuredly among the people of Baha in the Preserved Tablet.

Section 2: "God willing, may ye be blessed through…"

God willing, may ye be blessed through the grace of the All-Merciful and be detached and free from all else but Him. How many souls awaited the days of God, yet when the Most Great Light dawned above the horizon of the world, all peoples turned away save those whom God, exalted be His glory, preserved through His complete power and delivered from the darkness of self and desire. Know ye the value of this Day. Break the idols of vain imaginings through the name of the Lord of all names and fix your gaze upon the horizon of certitude. Forget not the counsels of the Truth and preserve the pearls of His words within the shell of the heart. Praise be to God that His grace hath not left you to yourselves. Be ye occupied with His remembrance and praise throughout the days and nights. Soon shall the earthly world and all that is therein perish and vanish away, while that which hath been recorded by the Divine Pen concerning His loved ones shall remain and endure. Strive ye for that which will profit you and enrich you above all else. Thus doth the Wronged One command you from this mighty prison.

O loved ones of the All-Merciful in Saysan! Rejoice in that the Most Exalted Pen maketh mention of you in the kingdom of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Hold fast unto the firm handle and cling to the hem of the bounty of your Lord, the Lord of the Return. By the True One! The horizon of Revelation hath been illumined and the Speaker of Sinai speaketh forth on this Day that was promised in the Books of

God, the Lord of all men. Blessed is the soul that hath cast away whatsoever preventeth it from piety and hath taken hold of that which it was commanded by God, the Revealer of verses. Blessed is the stranger who hath sought the supreme homeland, and the poor one who hath hastened to the ocean of wealth, and the one who hath turned with God's leave to the Most Exalted Word, God, the Cleaver of the dawn.

How many a learned one hath been debarred from the ocean of knowledge, and how many a veiled one hath hastened and drunk and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Lords!" I testify that Thou hast manifested the Manifestation of Thyself and hast sent down that which hath weakened the servants and caused feet to slip. Thus have We adorned the horizon of utterance with the sun of proof. Blessed is he who hath found the fragrance of the garment and held fast to the Command of God, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

We make mention of Our loved ones in the land of M and T that they may rejoice in the remembrance of God, the Lord of Names, and thank Him at eventide and at dawn. The lamp of God hath been lit in the world. Draw near, O people of the earth, and follow not every idolatrous impostor. Those who have debarred the servants from the Most Great Sea are wrapped in heedlessness and veils. They have cast the knowledge of God behind their backs and followed vain fancies and imaginings. Take ye what ye have been commanded and leave those who have disbelieved in the All-Merciful after the proof and evidence had come unto them. Hold fast unto the cord of steadfastness in this Cause whereby souls have been shaken and the faces of the righteous illumined.

O friends! God willing, may you drink, through the bounty of the All-Merciful, from the Living Waters which by God's will have flowed forth throughout creation, and partake thereof. Today the Sun of generosity is shining and the ocean of bounty is surging—deprive not yourselves. Under all conditions, hold fast to the cord of His remembrance and occupy yourselves with the praise of God, exalted be His glory. The satans of the earth have not and will never cease in their efforts to lead the servants astray. You must preserve the pearls of His love through His Name, lest the hands of the treacherous pollute them and strip them of their freshness. Know ye the value of this call, for this Day will not always be manifest nor this call forever raised. How many were the saints and chosen ones who gave up their lives yearning for the divine call, yet attained it not. Know ye the value of these days and this remembrance which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in this mighty prison. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Concerning what you requested about the people of Mamqan, Saysan and Mataneh, praise be to God it was blessed with acceptance and adorned with favor. As commanded, this evanescent servant wrote and sent word. However, you must proceed with perfect wisdom and never let go of wisdom in any circumstance, lest something occur that might extinguish enkindled souls. People are weak and heedless of God's will—for if they were to become aware of but a drop from the ocean of His will, you would find them all turned towards Him. In any case, impart the divine words to them with utmost care and counsel those souls with wisdom. Conflict and contention have never been and are not permitted.

Regarding what you wrote about his honor Afnan Aqa'i, Mr. A. and H., upon them be all the Glory of God, a firm decree was previously issued that whatever they have written should be acted upon. The earthly resources of Kh. were all distributed according to the record sent in this letter, and they have been and

are delivering them to the mentioned souls as commanded. Whatever is with you should be delivered to them.

And concerning what you wrote mentioning Mr. Muhammad Sadiq and others, it was presented and the Sun of favor has risen upon each one. They were previously mentioned in the Most Holy Court and sublime, wondrous verses were specifically revealed for them. I beseech God to assist them all in what He loves and is pleased with. Similarly, you had mentioned Mr. Mirza Ghulam-ʿAli, upon him be the glory of God. He has not been forgotten and God willing never will be. He was mentioned in the Most Holy Court. This evanescent servant beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to strengthen him in matters that cause the exaltation of his station and the elevation of the Cause. Please convey greetings on behalf of this evanescent servant to him and other friends, upon them be the glory of God, who have drunk from the cup of detachment and are gazing toward the horizon of unity.

Furthermore, a few days ago a detailed reply to your letter was sent, and mention was made in the Most Holy Court of those souls whose names were inscribed in that missive. Specifically for each one, both living and departed, wondrous and exalted verses were revealed and dispatched. God willing, they will attain to their perusal. May He bestow fresh life upon the living and grant eternal remembrance to the departed. His is the grace, the generosity, the bounty and the bestowal. God willing, may you ever abide peaceful and at rest beneath the shade of the Blessed Tree. A letter reached this evanescent one from the beloved Nazim, upon him be the Glory of God, and God willing its reply shall be submitted. Your honor should consult with him on matters and act upon whatever is deemed advisable.

Furthermore, on behalf of this evanescent servant convey greetings to the honored friend Jinab-i-Varqa, upon him be the Glory of God. God willing, through divine grace may they ignite with the fire of His love those who are dispirited, and guide the thirsty to the stream of the All-Merciful's mercy. Furthermore, it was intended to submit a petition in reply to the letter of the honored beloved Nabil-i-Qa'in, upon him be the Glory of God, but since they had written of their intention to depart, it was delayed until their place of residence becomes known. Though they wander in the path of God—would that I could share in what hath befallen him in the Cause of God, our Beloved, our Goal and the Goal of all the worlds.

Convey on behalf of this evanescent one wondrous and exalted greetings to Jinab-i-Amin, upon him be the Glory of God. God willing, may they fix their gaze upon that which God hath desired and remain firm and steadfast in His service. The Glory be upon you and upon him.

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BH03344: A mention from Us to one who has attained…

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

A mention from Us to one who has attained the lights of the Kingdom when he turned to the supreme horizon and heard the call of his Most Glorious Lord which was raised from this most splendid station, which hath been named by all names in the Books and Tablets, that he may discover the fragrance of the All-Merciful and turn with his heart unto God, the Lord of all religions. Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and the servant in attendance before His face hath read it, and We have answered thee

with this epistle which hath been detailed from the Mother Book. Blessed art thou for having found the sweetness of the Call and for having answered thy Lord when most of the servants turned away from Him. Be thou assured of thy Lord's grace—verily He heareth and seeth and ordaineth for thee from His bounty whatsoever He willeth. He is, in truth, the One Who overshadoweth all who are in the earth and heaven.

God willing, thou shouldst remain steadfast in the Cause of God with such constancy that its fragrance may be diffused throughout the divine realms. I swear by the Sun of utterance which hath appeared from the horizon of God's Tablet that a station hath been conferred upon you whose mention shall endure as long as the kingdom and the heavenly realm endure. God willing, thou shouldst walk in the footsteps of the two Luminaries. The world and all that is therein are seen to be transient and perishable. Strive thou in that which shall endure for thee through the eternity of thy Lord's names, the All-Knowing, the Ancient of Days. In all conditions be thou occupied with the remembrance of God and be thou attentive to the horizon of His Cause. This is what profiteth thee in this world and the next and exalteth thee amongst the people. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Convey to all the leaves My greetings from the Wronged One and say: The Tongue of Grandeur hath testified to your oppression, and this testimony is superior to all that hath been and shall be seen. Blessed is the soul that hath drawn nigh unto you for the sake of God. We testify that ye are under the sheltering gaze of your Lord, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We have mentioned both your young and old, and We make mention as a bounty from Our presence. He is, in truth, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH04020: A mention from Us to him who has turned…

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

A mention from Us to him who has turned to the Most Great Sea and desired to drink therefrom through My Name, the Powerful, the Mighty, that he may rejoice in My remembrance and arise to serve the Cause with such steadfastness that all the hosts of the earth shall not deter him. This behooveth him who hath set his face toward My luminous countenance.

Praise be to God! Exalted is the heaven of inner meanings, and the Sun of utterance hath shone forth from its horizon—a goodly dawning-place it is. Blessed is the soul whom the darkness of vain surmises hath not withheld from the light of certitude, and whom the gloom of idle fancies hath not turned back from the radiance of the Day of God.

O Jalil Khalil! The horizons have, in most days, been afflicted at the hands of the people of hypocrisy; and in the path of God they have borne that which the Pen is powerless to set down and the tongue unable to recount. And were there perceived in this earthly world any worth or rank, assuredly He would not have accepted such tribulation, nor endured such travail. This blessed, pure, and hallowed word sufficeth thee, and all the peoples of the world—would that they might ponder it! In every word of the divine utterance a sea of knowledge and awareness lieth hidden. Implore thou the True One that, of His bounty and grace, He deprive not His servants thereof.

We bear witness that there is none other God but Him; and He Who speaketh the truth—verily He is the Most Great Path among the nations, and the Supreme Sign amidst all created things. All things have appeared by His command, and whatsoever He willeth He bringeth into being through His sovereignty, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Dominant over all the worlds. Render thanks unto God, thy Lord, in that the Wronged One, within this strong and guarded prison, remembereth thee.

BH04290: A light from Our presence unto those who are…

He is the One speaking between earth and heaven!

A light from Our presence unto those who are in the world, and verily it is in the form of a Book. Exalted is the All-Bestowing One Who sent it after He revealed it. He, verily, is the Unconstrained One.

O people of the earth! Hearken unto the call of God from the direction of Paradise—the spot which hath been named at one time the Most Great Prison and at another the Most Exalted Paradise, and it hath other names with God, the Possessor of all things, in the Scriptures and Tablets. Doth that which ye possess prevent you from the Most Glorious Horizon, and doth the world occupy you from turning toward God, the Creator of heaven? Make it clear and be not of them that err.

By the life of God! The world and whatsoever is therein of kings and subjects, of gold and silver, and whatsoever is above them and below them, and whatsoever attracteth the eyes—all shall pass away. Take ye from it according to your needs, then leave what exceedeth. Thus hath the Sovereign of Verses commanded you from this station.

O concourse of princes! Turn ye unto the poor. God hath created you and them from one thing. Make ye in your possessions a portion for them. This will profit you throughout ages and centuries. Spend some of what God hath bestowed upon you through His grace—thereby will that which ye possess increase. The Mother Book with Him doth testify to this.

Thus hath My tongue spoken and My verses been revealed as a grace from Me upon thee, that thou mayest be of those unto whom the Tongue of Grandeur and Glory hath borne witness. Read thou the Book of God, then read it unto those on whose faces thou findest the radiance of the All-Merciful. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the bounty of their Lord, the Possessor of existence.

BH05859: In My Name, the Stranger

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The Book of God hath been sent down in truth, and the Tablet of God hath appeared from the Mother Book, and verily it proclaimeth: There is none other God but Me, the Forgiving, the Generous. That which was hidden hath been revealed, and the Tongue hath spoken: There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Beautiful. The sea hath testified to the Most Great Sea, and the sun to this Luminous Orb. The heaven hath borne witness to the Lord of Names, and the light to this Revelation whereby the horizon of

the world hath been illumined. Thus doth the Greatest Name speak, yet the people remain behind a manifest veil.

Verily We gave glad tidings unto all in the Bayan concerning these days, and took from each and every one, whether young or old, a covenant. Yet when the Promise came to pass, they arose in opposition. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Among them are those who turned away from God and objected to Him, uttering that which even the Jews did not utter when the Spirit came with manifest sovereignty. And among them are those who said He speaketh from desire, after We had called them to the supreme horizon and revealed that which lay hidden in the treasuries of God's knowledge, the Lord of all worlds.

Blessed art thou for having turned toward Him Who is wronged, at a time when every guilty oppressor turned away. The glory rest upon thee and upon whosoever hath clung to the hem of God, the Mighty, the Most Praiseworthy.

BH06978: He counseled the servants and those in the Bayan…

He is the Most Great!

He counseled the servants and those in the Bayan to this Revelation that hath appeared from the horizon of the world, but the people of the Bayan violated God's Covenant and turned away from the Lord of nations.

Say: The mighty one is he who hath taken hold of the Book, and the learned one is he who hath recognized and turned toward the Ancient of Days.

Say: This is the Day wherein God's Balance hath been established among all things, inasmuch as the Desired One hath come with His Most Great Name.

Say: O people, open your eyes! By God, the Hidden One hath appeared and the banner of victory hath been raised upon the standard. Blessed is he who hath attained unto God's days and upon whom hath flowed the ocean of utterance from the wellspring of this Pen.

Place thy trust at all times in thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and hold fast to the hem of His bounty. When thou hast attained and visited the Tablet, say: I beseech Thee, O God of the Kingdom and Sovereign over the realm of might, to make me in all conditions one who gazeth toward Thee, boweth down before Thy face, and uttereth Thy remembrance. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Sovereign over the hidden and the manifest.

BH07307: In the Name of the Mighty, the All-Wise! Hath…

In the Name of the Mighty, the All-Wise! Hath anyone drunk from the living waters and remained silent, or failed to attain thereunto and remained heedless? By God's life! Whoso drinketh thereof will be seized with such longing that he will arise and exclaim:

> "By God! The Beloved hath come with His mighty and impregnable dominion!"

And he will be set ablaze with a fire that neither the waters of the world nor the opposition of the nations can quench. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Informed.

And should anyone be kindled by this fire or be drawn by the call of the Chosen One, he must not transgress the wisdom which hath been sent down in the Tablet from the Pen of the All-Knowing. We have made all victory to consist in utterance. Fear ye the All-Merciful, and be not of them who dispute idly and commit that which they were forbidden in the perspicuous Book.

Say: Consort with all religions with joy and fragrance, and remind them of that which hath appeared in creation. Should they turn towards it, it is for their own good; and should they turn away, withdraw from them and remain steadfast in great dignity. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee and dispatched them to thee, that thou mayest be of them that render thanks.

BH07359: O Thou Who art wronged! Make mention of him…

He is the Mighty, the Great!

O Thou Who art wronged! Make mention of him who drank the Kawthar of utterance in the days of the All-Merciful and turned toward the Kaaba of existence when every heedless doubter turned away. We give glad tidings to those who followed what God hath sent down in His mighty Tablet, who hearkened to the mention of their Lord and responded on a day when every ignorant and remote one turned away from His countenance. Verily thy Lord maketh mention of him who hath turned toward Him and ordaineth for him through His grace that whereof every reckoner and knowing one is powerless to make mention.

Beware lest the veils of humanity withhold thee from the Most Great Scene. Hold fast unto the Sure Handle and turn with thy heart to the Supreme Horizon. He will assist thee in the hereafter and in this world. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We showed unto all the path of God and made known who in the Bayan would come with the truth. But when He came they disbelieved and turned away, except such as God wished, the Lord of the worlds.

Blessed is the strong one who held fast unto God and the poor one who sought the ocean of his Lord's mercy, the Self-Sufficient, the All-Wise. Glory be upon the people of Baha from God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

BH07709: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

He is the Ever-Abiding, the Everlasting

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh is indeed the One intended, He Whom the dwellers of Paradise and they that circle round the Throne in the morning and evening have acknowledged in His Manifestation and sovereignty. Say: If ye be fair-minded, O peoples of the earth, if ye deny Him by Whom the horizon of utterance hath been illumined, to whom will ye turn, and by what proof will your faith in God, the One, the All-Informed, be established? O peoples of the earth! By God, ye were created for this Day. Arise in My Name to remember Me and to serve My Cause, if ye be of

them that know. Whoso turneth away this Day hath in truth turned away from God from time immemorial, and whoso turneth unto Him is reckoned among the sincere ones. It behooveth thee today to make mention of the Day of God unto the people, that they may recognize that from which they were debarred. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful. Thus hath the tongue of Revelation spoken in this station, that thou mayest rejoice and arise to make mention of this Wronged One, the Exile.

BH08459: This is a wondrous remembrance from God, the Lord…

In the name of the Most Learned, the Most Glorious!

This is a wondrous remembrance from God, the Lord of the worlds, that through it may be drawn the hearts of such servants as have been held back from God, the Most High, the Most Great, by their desires.

Say: O people of the earth! Hearken unto the call of God, for it hath been raised graciously from its resplendent station. Turn ye unto Him with attentive ears, that haply the breaths of revelation may seize you and draw you nigh unto the Mighty, the Generous.

How many a night did Baha not sleep, calling all unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, and how many a day did He speak until the sun did set—to this every discerning soul doth testify. By God! In My actions I desired naught save to draw people nigh unto God, the Peerless, the All-Knowing. We wished for them naught save what would profit them in this world and the next. Verily, My Most Exalted Pen is the Witness.

We have seen thee turning unto God, and have therefore revealed for thee this Book and sent it to thee, that thou mayest rejoice and be among those who render thanks.

BH01348: Praise be to God Who hath spoken the truth…

He is God, exalted be His station in greatness and power

Praise be to God Who hath spoken the truth and called the people to the Supreme Horizon, the station wherein the Divine Lote Tree speaketh:

> “There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Alone, the Self-Subsisting, Who hath taken neither partner nor counsellor unto Himself. He hath ever been in the heights of might and majesty, and will forever remain as He hath been from time immemorial. All atoms testify that there is none other God but Him, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.”

Praise, sanctified from the understanding of all created things, beseemeth the Beloved of the Worlds, Who through the shrill voice of the Pen hath attracted the gems of the world and guided them to the Most Great Ocean. Holy and sanctified is His mention above the mentions of the people of the earth; exalted and glorified is His description above the descriptions of creation. Through a single Word He hath made manifest the mysteries of origin and return. Glorified be He Who hath revealed the beginning and the end through a Word from His presence. The servant beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Most High, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And now, this servant submitteth that thy letter was received some time ago by this evanescent one, and as it was adorned with the praise and glorification of the Goal of all desire, the utmost joy and gladness was derived therefrom. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist thee to praise and glorify Him and to achieve that which will cause the exaltation of thy station and thy ascendancy. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

And concerning thy desire to attain unto His presence in Ridvan, it was submitted, and this is what the Beloved hath spoken in reply:

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

Glorified be He Who hath manifested what He desired through His command. Verily, He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. O thou who hast turned thy face towards His countenance! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He testifieth to that which God testified before the creation of the heavens and earth: There is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed art thou for having drunk the choice wine of utterance from the hands of the favors of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Be thou thankful and say:

> "O my God, my Lord, my Support and my Hope! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned unto the Daysprings of Thy Revelation and the Dawning-Places of Thy inspiration, and have set my face towards Thy Face that abideth after the perishing of all things, hoping for Thy mercy that hath preceded the world and Thy grace that hath encompassed the nations. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by Thy Most Excellent Names and Thy Most Exalted Attributes, to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit me in the world to come and in this world. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. O my Lord! Accept from me, through Thy grace and bounty, what I have desired in Thy path, and deprive me not of meeting Thee, which Thou hast mentioned in Thy Mighty Book and wherewith Thou hast gladdened Thy servants in Thy verses. I testify, and all things testify, to Thy power and Thy sovereignty. Thou dost ordain for whomsoever Thou willest the reward of that which the Embodiments of Thy Revelation and the Treasuries of Thy knowledge have uttered. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds."

All friends have been commanded to wisdom, and this has been and will be due to divine grace. Thus, if that honored one had given attention, it surely would have caused spread and fame, and this would have been far from the requirements of wisdom. The heedless people are very distant and are immersed in their own suspicions and vain imaginings. Without thought they speak, and without cause they rise in opposition. Soon will the true Omnipotent One purify the earth and cause the sun of justice to appear to all the world from behind the clouds of oppression. Praise be to God that your honor attained to the nobility of what you intended, for this intention was accepted in the presence of the Beloved of the world. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth. Verily, He is the Single One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Furthermore, the honored friend Haji ?-S, upon him be the Glory of God, graced us with his presence and on your behalf, this evanescent servant was enabled to accomplish what was intended and acted accordingly. This servant praises the Beloved of the world that your request was fulfilled in the most excellent manner, for the gathering was convened and that which was the hope and aspiration of all those near and sincere ones illumined that precious assembly. The aforementioned person, upon him be the Glory of God, will relate the details. Blessed art thou, and the other partakers of the cup of divine love send their greetings. The Glory be upon you.

The servant 24 Jamadiyu'l-Avval 1297

BH00041: Lawh-i-Jamal-i-Burujirdi II

Section 1: "Praise be to God Who is sanctified..."

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

Praise be to God Who is sanctified in His Glory, unique in His Majesty, exalted above weariness, and holy beyond all hopes! He it is Who has ordained the terms for all lives, Who speaks from all eternity, and Who is manifest in the end. There is no God but Him, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

And praise be to God Who has accepted the deeds of those who were attracted by His call, who were intoxicated by the wine of His revelation, who were made to speak His praise, who recognized the Sun of His Beauty, who were made manifest in His days, who were aided to know His Self, and who were enabled to achieve His good-pleasure. Verily, He is the Omnipotent over what He willeth. There is no God but Him, the All-Compelling, the All-Powerful.

Praise be to God Who illumined the horizon of the world with the Most Great Light. When He was established upon the throne, He gave glad tidings to the people of the manifestation of the ocean of His favors and the suns of His grace. Blessed is he who, being steadfast, cast away that which held him back and hastened to His most exalted horizon. Woe unto him who hesitated because he followed the vain imaginings of those who appeared in the guise of men.

I glorify, pray, and send greetings upon those whom vain desires have not kept back from God, the Lord of Names. Through them the star of divine knowledge has shone forth in most lands. They are honored servants, they are working servants, they are near servants, they are sincere servants, they are triumphant servants, they are servants who stand firm in the service of their Lord, and they are they who speak with wisdom and utterance amongst the servants.

I testify that they have attained unto the Kawthar of life which flows from the right hand of the throne of the All-Merciful, and they have achieved that which none before them has achieved. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Self-Sufficient, the All-Bountiful.

My spirit be a sacrifice for your steadfastness and your constancy! I was sitting silent, contemplating the Cause of God and what had befallen it from His servants, when one of the loved ones of God brought

your letter. When I opened it, I found the fragrance of your love for our Beloved and the Beloved of all who are in the world, our Goal and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and the earth. I read it and understood what was in it concerning your service, your steadfastness, your praise, and what you have borne in the path of God.

Thereafter, I approached the Most Exalted Station, the seat of the throne of our Most Glorious Lord. When I entered and found myself before His presence, I presented that wherewith you had called upon God. Then the Beloved smiled and said:

> "He has no merit in this. We aided him to remember Me, so he remembered Me. We caused him to know My horizon, so he turned to My face. We enabled him to serve Me, so he arose to serve by My leave. All bounty belongs to My Self, and I am the Ancient Bestower. Were it not for the outpourings of the ocean of My grace, he would not have known Me, and were it not for the attraction of My verses from the kingdom of My utterance, he would not have turned to My path."

O My Name Jamal [Beauty]! Reflect upon the kings and that which We have revealed unto thee, that thou mayest comprehend what thy Wise Lord hath spoken. Verily, one of the kings was immersed in the seas of dominion and attached to the world and its ornaments and colors. On one of the nights, the sun of detachment dawned upon him from the horizon of My will, and We unveiled him. He abandoned all that he possessed and went forth from his house, turning toward the wilderness, and none knew of this save God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. And were We to unveil to the people as We have unveiled to thee, they would all arise to serve Me and to remember Me and praise Me. Thus hath My tongue spoken that thou mayest be among the joyous ones. Verily, thy Lord loves jest at times.

Thus did My tongue speak, that thou mayest be among those who rejoice. Verily thy Lord loveth jesting at times and doth jest. He, verily, doeth what He willeth. None can object to that which proceedeth from Him. The Books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, bear witness to this.

As to what thou didst manifest of the signs of powerlessness and nothingness, and confession of sins and shortcomings, He said:

> "O My Name! We have forgiven thee aforetime and accepted thy service, thy obedience, thy presence, thy meeting with Us, and We have heard thy yearning, thy sighing, thy cry, thy lamentation and the sighings of thy heart in thy love for God, thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy."

And concerning what thou didst write that this error of turning towards the land of Kha added to previous errors, after this was presented, the Tongue of the All-Merciful spoke in the Kingdom of Utterance that which none among the people of creation can comprehend. By thy life! The pens of the world are powerless to describe it, nor can the hearts of the mystics grasp it. At the end of the utterance He said: Write in the name of the Beauty, upon Him be the Glory of God, that this service was and shall be accepted, for His Honor the Name of Ha, upon him be the Glory of God, wrote to you, and We testify that he is among those who have been set ablaze with the fire of the love of God and was immersed in the

ocean of His grace, and in such a state, when he heard what occurred in the Prison Land, he cried out within himself and informed the people of what had appeared.

Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Be thou assured that We have accepted what thou hast done in the path of God, and be thou of the thankful ones. Verily the rain of grace from the heaven of My bounty hath been directed toward thee, and the glances of My mercy have been fixed upon thy love. Remember thy Lord in all conditions with wisdom and utterance. He verily heareth and seeth. He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

O Jamal! Some souls are gazing toward the Most Exalted Horizon and, with utmost longing, yearning, attraction and enkindlement in the divine path, they hold nothing back and take precedence in service to the Cause. These are the people of Baha in My crimson Book. And some have not yet reached this exalted, most high station, therefore they are not protected from the promptings of their hearts. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing.

Thus when the aforementioned news reached the Holy Land, the Command shone forth from the Source of Command and the decree of prohibition descended from the heaven of divine Will. Among these was the command to Jawad, upon him be the Glory of God, who circumambulates, to write to the land of Ta and Qaf that no one should request anything. Similarly, His Honor the Name of Ha, upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory from God, was commanded regarding the lands of Kha and Kaf and Ta. This decree of prohibition was not specific to the land of Kha. Perfect bounty hath appeared from the Dawning-Place of favors toward the loved ones of that land. Verses have been revealed for them before, which if anyone should read them, they would discover God's grace and mercy toward them. Verily thy Lord is the All-Informed.

There hath been and is no doubt that every one of the aforementioned souls who arose to serve, did so for God and acted in the path of God. Therefore their deeds are surely accepted and their reward is inscribed with God by the Most Exalted Pen. They must be occupied with the remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds with utmost joy and gladness. We glorify their faces and make mention of them in such wise that their names shall endure in the material world and in My wondrous Kingdom.

This servant submits that this imperative matter was revealed at a time when the names of those who had succeeded in serving the Cause were not, in appearance, mentioned in the Most Holy Presence, and after the mention of souls it was accepted, and concerning whatever funds had been received, it was commanded that they be distributed among certain loved ones of God who dwelt in that land. And the details of distribution were sent, according to the command, by Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Muhammad-ʿAli of Qa'in—upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah]. Care must be taken lest it become a cause of distress to accepted souls, for all are honored in the sight of God. Today, whosoever hath turned to the Most Exalted Horizon hath been and is the recipient of perfect grace, for mighty is this Cause. We beseech God—exalted and glorified be He—to adorn all with the raiment of steadfastness and to give them to drink, at all times, of the most pure wine. Verily, He is the Munificent Giver.

It is entirely clear and evident that from the time the Kitab-i-Aqdas was revealed from the heaven of God's Will, it remained concealed for several years, until certain accepted and assured souls from various

regions asked about the divine laws and made their earnest and humble petition. Therefore the command to send forth the Kitab-i-Aqdas was given, and it was ordained that none should demand the Huqúqu'llah, this matter being contingent upon the willingness of the souls themselves. This continued until the years culminated in the previous year, when the command was issued from the Source of Authority that whosoever wished to pay the Huqúqu'llah, it should be accepted from them. And in truth, this too is a great bounty for the servants, as it is the cause of purification and divine blessing and grace. Blessed is he who doeth what hath been commanded in the Book.

Although it is known that your honor hath acted with perfect wisdom and detachment, and not a word contrary to the command hath proceeded from you, yet since you were specifically determined in this matter, therefore the command of prohibition was revealed, for some people are weak. Otherwise, by God, besides Whom there is none other God, your deed was and shall ever be accepted and your effort appreciated. One day these words were heard from the blessed tongue:

> "O servant who standeth before the Throne! We have created all for My service and My days, for the triumph of My Cause, the recognition of My Self, the turning unto My face, and presence before the gate of My mercy. And what they possess was but a drop from the ocean of My bounty. Were you to seek from them what I have bestowed upon them through My grace, you would find them different from what you had previously observed. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

And likewise in Persian He said—though this servant is not capable of recounting all that was heard from the Kingdom of Utterance, yet what remaineth in mind shall be mentioned—He said:

> "Although the entire world is from God, and all acknowledge and confess this, and whatever hath been given to the people of the earth hath been from the bounties of the ocean of His grace, nevertheless, if they were commanded to spend what they possess, you would surely find some deficient and hesitant, while others, through the effulgences of the lights of detachment, have attained to such a station that they have spent with utmost love and sincerity in the path of God whatsoever they possessed. This too hath been witnessed."

End.

The wish of this evanescent servant is that such arrangement be made that the people of the land of Kha be not saddened, but rather be adorned with the ornament of joy in the name of God, for this is beloved in the sight of God, inasmuch as the perfection of divine favors toward the friends is manifest and evident from the horizon of grace. And concerning what was written about the aforementioned one who sent a gift to your honor and expressed his desire to render service—God willing his service has been accepted. In any case, arrange matters in such wise that none may be saddened. Any matter wherein both the negation and affirmation thereof are for God's sake is assuredly beloved. No grief shall then remain for anyone in this regard. This much is submitted: that this journey of yours was for God, and all deeds are manifest and evident before the Truth.

And concerning what you wrote about having written to the land of Kha according to instructions that it was not accepted, they said this word would cause grief, for they would think they are not acceptable in

the sight of God. Arrangements should be made that all may know that the glance of favor hath been and, God willing, will continue to be directed towards them. This is the end of that matter, and the reason is what was submitted before. God willing, may all be gladdened by and attain unto divine favors.

And concerning what was written about some of those souls having given funds as Huququ'llah, they said:

> "Excellent is what they have done, for the Huquq is a word which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Book."

It is incumbent upon all to be mindful thereof and act accordingly. However, since what transpired outwardly gave rise to other impressions among some of the weak ones, therefore the decree of prohibition was sent down from the heaven of command. Verily, He is the Ruler, the Unconstrained.

O My Name "Jamal"! We have answered thee out of My grace, and We love thee through My all-compelling favor that surroundeth the world. We behold those whom God hath adorned in the land of Kha with the ornament of humility, submissiveness and sincerity. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing. They are those who have attained unto the wine of revelation and have been intoxicated by the living waters of thy Lord's bountiful favor. We hear and see those who make mention of Me and act in My straight Path. Nothing whatsoever escapeth thy Lord's knowledge. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Verily those who soar in My atmosphere and act as bidden in My path shall soon find themselves in stations which the tongues of speakers are powerless to describe.

We send Our greetings from this Most Exalted Station, which hath been named 'the Most Great Prison' in the Book of Names, to the faces of those who have believed in God, the Lord of the worlds, and have acknowledged and recognized what He hath sent down from the heaven of grace. Verily thy Lord is the Ever-Giving, the Ancient of Days. We beseech God to assist them to remain firm with great steadfastness, lest their feet slip from what is mentioned in creation and from the cawing of the cawers.

Section 2: "Here endeth the response to your honored letter…"

Here endeth the response to your honored letter which you sent from Yazd, answered point by point. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The second writing of that eminent one, which was inscribed from the land of Sad, arrived when this lowly servant was outside the city. God knoweth that I opened and read it, finding it adorned, embellished, honored, blessed, and perfumed with the remembrance of God, my Beloved and your Beloved, my Goal and your Goal, and the Goal of all the worlds. God, exalted and mighty be He, is my witness that this servant, beholding the enkindled fire that blazed forth from divine love in that noble one's breast, read it time and again. Later, at a special hour, it was presented before the Throne. Verily my Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing.

Thereupon the Ancient Beauty turned toward the servant and said, exalted be His grandeur and majesty:

> "We have heard the mention of My name, his call, and his supplication, and We have seen his turning and his entreaty, and verily We kindle the fire of My love in his breast, for I am the Almighty, the Powerful. O My Name! Sorrows have overtaken Me to such extent that were I to

> tell thee of them, thou wouldst weep as those who are bereft. There hath appeared in this land that which should not appear in the days of God and His Manifestation, and I am the Wronged, the Lonely One. We have made the prison-land a garden among gardens, sent down blessings therein, and released the path of those who were in a mighty fortress, and opened the gate of the City that whoso willeth may go forth and whoso desireth may enter therein. But when that which appeared appeared, they found themselves in manifest straits. Grieve thou not over anything, for thy Lord, though encompassed by sorrows, is in great joy. Give glad tidings to those who have turned to the Supreme Horizon with My remembrance, and greet their faces on My behalf, for I am the Forgiving, the Merciful. We make mention of those who have believed in God throughout the nights and days. Verily thy Lord is the True One, the All-Informed. Convey My greetings unto all who are related to thee, male and female, young and old."

And when the final passages of that noble one's supplication, which indicated the arrival of the Most Mighty Tablet and expressed joy, delight, gratitude and praise, were presented, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke again:

> "O My Name! We saw thee immersed in the ocean of contentment. Blessed art thou for having attained unto this noble station. Be thou in all conditions as thou hast been. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen counsel thee in this mighty prison."

And concerning what thou didst mention about the Tablet of Mulla ʿAli-Jan, upon him be the Glory of God, it is indeed exactly as thou hast written. Such matters caused the heavenly sustenance to be cut off, such that for a time the Most Exalted Pen was stilled. O beloved of my heart! If the servants would act in accordance with what they have been commanded by the Lord of Creation, by thy life, thou wouldst see the world transformed beyond recognition—nay, even more than what that eminent one hath written. Indeed, at one time the Ancient Tongue, addressing the servant, said that some of the divine Tablets which were revealed from the heaven of will as pure bounty now lie buried beneath the earth—one who had possession of them concealed them out of fear, and some gave tablets to others who gave them to still others. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing.

From this blessed word it is evident that many unacceptable deeds have occurred regarding the matter of the Tablets. We must all—you, this servant, and all the friends—beseech the True One, glorified and exalted be He, and with the utmost humility and need implore and supplicate that He may adorn all with the ornament of steadfastness, trustworthiness, truthfulness and faithfulness. By Him Who has caused all things to speak forth His Most Great, Most Glorious Name! Had they acted upon the divine counsels of the All-Merciful, now would the Sun of the Divine Word be seen rising and manifest from every city, and dawning and visible from every horizon. The matter is finished, and it behooveth the tongue to maintain evident silence.

God willing, through the grace and favor of the True One, it is foreseen that all who drink from the Kawthar of reality will become so enkindled with the fire of love that naught shall remain save oneness and unity, until all speak with one tongue and act with one hand. If the prayers of this servant are not answered due to the seas of disobedience, it is hoped that the prayers of that honored one and the other

friends will be accepted before God. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, He is the Generous, He is the Most Merciful, the Compassionate.

Another matter: Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, wrote to this servant that someone from Mazandaran has come here and desires to go to the Most Holy Court. When this was presented at the Threshold of the Throne, a special Tablet was revealed in these days for Mulla ʿAli-Jan, upon him be the glory of God, and likewise concerning that person mighty and exalted verses were revealed from the heaven of God's will and sent forth. And it was specifically commanded that the bearer should bring the special Tablet to you, and after your perusal deliver this exalted Tablet to its owner.

And another matter: At one time They commanded: Write to the one bearing the name of Beauty that prolonged stay in any place is not necessary. Rather, like the morning star, thou must rise from the horizon of every land so that some of the friends who have grown cold may become enkindled with the fire of divine love. Just as food is necessary for bodies, likewise for spirits it is essential. The food of the spirit is the exalted, delicate, fresh heavenly sustenance that hath been sent down from the heaven of divine favor. If the food of the spirit reacheth it not, it will surely grow weak. Therefore, from time to time, with perfect wisdom, turn to various regions for the purpose of teaching. What is necessary and essential is the remembrance of receptive souls, so that all may, through divine assistance, attain to the ornament of steadfastness, trustworthiness, truthfulness, and that whereby God's Cause is exalted.

In these days a Tablet hath been revealed from the heaven of the will of the Lord of all beings concerning detachment and its station. It is mentioned here that perchance it may be the cause of the purification of souls. We beseech the True One, glorified and exalted be He, that He may cause all to drink of this wine and attain unto this most glorious and most exalted station. And whosoever attaineth unto the ornament of detachment will assuredly be observed to be trustworthy, truthful and steadfast. O how wonderful is this most pure station! O how wonderful is this most luminous station! O how wonderful is this most resplendent station! And O how wonderful is this most exalted station! This is a copy of what God hath revealed in the Book.

In My Name, the Writer

Detachment is as the sun; in whatsoever heart it doth shine it quencheth the fire of covetousness and self. Thus doth He Who is the Lord of all men inform you, did ye but know it. He whose sight is illumined with the light of understanding will assuredly detach himself from the world and the vanities thereof. Unto this beareth witness thy Lord, the All-Merciful, in this exalted and glorious station.

Consider, then remember Nu'man who was among the most exalted of kings, and before him another from among creation. When the sun of detachment dawned upon their hearts, they forsook all they possessed and went forth into the wilderness, and none knew of them save God, the All-Knowing. Verily, Nu'man was seated upon the throne of sovereignty when We caused him to hear one of My most exalted words. He was stirred, pondered, was amazed, then arose and addressed himself, saying:

> "There is no good in what thou dost possess today, for tomorrow another shall possess it."

Thus did We awaken him, and verily I am the Almighty, the All-Powerful. When morning breathed and the sun rose, the nobles found the throne abandoned. They were bewildered and searched throughout the realm until they despaired of that which they sought. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

By God! Were We to lift the veil from eyes as We lifted it from his, thou wouldst witness the people forsaking the world behind them and abandoning that which withholdeth them from this luminous horizon. Blessed is he who is illumined by the lights of detachment; he is, before God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne, of the people of the Crimson Ark. Blessed is the city from whose horizon the sun of detachment hath dawned, and the land that hath been illumined by its lights. By My life! Had these regions been blessed by a ray of its dawning light, Baha would not have suffered among His enemies. Thus doth the Lord of Names recount unto thee that thou mayest be of them that know. Were I to tell thee what hath befallen the Wronged One, thou wouldst weep and lament as do they who have lost their loved ones.." Now if a soul were to observe this Tablet with outward eyes, solely for the sake of God, and ponder upon it, he would discover that which would profit him and illumine the world.

O thou beloved of my heart! Most people have been reared in the school of ignorance and wander in the wilderness of falsehood and hypocrisy. Where is the seeing eye and where is the hearing ear? Where are the penetrating visions and the attentive ears? He who martyred the Third Letter of the Living who believed in Him Whom God shall make manifest—as attested by the Point of the Bayan, may the spirit of all existence be sacrificed for His sake—through tyranny and aggression, and likewise the one who accompanied him from Persia to Iraq, and others—each one of whom he condemned to death on some pretext—yet he wrote that they are killing holy souls and forcibly seeking leadership.

Consider how he did not count the Third Letter among the holy souls, and as for Aqa Jan known as Kaj-Kulah—God the One is witness that the people of this land cried out because of his reprehensible deeds—let them inquire in Persia, Istanbul, Damascus and this place until the truth becomes known about this person who has been made one of the holy souls in service to that imaginary person.

And that great person you mentioned to whom that imaginary one wrote a letter—it would be well to ask him about the details of Aqa Jan, for Aqa Jan's sister was in the household of Navvab Firidun Mirza, and among the holy souls of that imaginary one was Rida-Quli, about whom you yourself know that his brother said in your presence that "my lack of belief is due to the kind of belief that my brother Rida-Quli claims, for I know him better and am more aware of his deeds, yet I see that he considers himself one of the chosen ones of this Cause." The other details about him are known to you, and you are aware of why he was banished from the Most Holy Court, and if he was a follower of Yahya, what was he doing in Akka?

By God, besides Whom there is none other God, such things proceeded from him and his sister as caused the dwellers of the Kingdom to lament. These are among those whom whoever has seen them has testified to their falsehood and hypocrisy. They are they who cast aside God's Cause and His laws, and followed what their desires commanded them—to this beareth witness what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Book. By thy life, eyes have shed tears because of their deeds and hearts have melted at the oppression they have wrought against God's Cause and His envoys—to this beareth witness everyone adorned with the robe of justice.

How desirable it would be for someone to ask His Excellency Mushiru'd-Dawlih about the reason for Siyyid Muhammad's going to Istanbul, so that it might become clear to every person of insight how much these imaginary liars have caused the Cause of God to be wasted. Beyond all this, you yourself are aware that no one associated with those souls. For several months the Ancient Beauty had ceased associating with anyone, the door was closed and attainment to His presence was forbidden, and in those days occurred what occurred. The servant beseecheth his Lord to make known to the servants what He possesseth and to guide them to His straight path.

Up to this point is the reply to your letter which you had sent from the land of Sad, and an answer was submitted several months ago. However, since it was lengthy and contained various subjects and statements, and circumstances were unsettled, it was not sent. Until today, which is the fifth day of the blessed month of Ramadan, it remained delayed and postponed until recently when your other letter, which you had written outside the land of Ta, namely at Imamzadeh Hasan, became the cause of joy and gladness to the heart. After perusal, it was presented to the Most Holy Court, all of it was submitted. He says, exalted be His grandeur and His glory:

O Jamal! At times we behold thee in manifest joy, and at other times in a sorrow that saddeneth the hearts of the sincere ones. If thou hast attained unto supreme joy, what meaning can sorrow have, and if thou art truly certain of the evanescence of the world and aware of the spreading of the divine carpet, for what purpose dost thou mention contraction? O My Name "The Beauty"! Knowest thou Who speaketh unto thee? He is the One for Whose call Moses sacrificed his spirit, for Whose meeting the Beloved offered up his life, and for the fragrance of Whose raiment the Spirit laid down his life. Can sorrows remain with thee after these utterances which have streamed forth from the fountains of the mercy of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate? We bear witness that thou art among them that have attained, that thou art among the assured ones, and that thou art among them that are well-informed.

Section 3: "O Jamal! First, in these days when…"

O Jamal! First, in these days when the sea of joy is surging and the winds of gladness are blowing due to the appearance of the Manifestation of Revelation, it behooveth not the souls who have accepted and remained steadfast to make mention of sorrows, except in regard to tribulations that pertain to the Cause of God. And since thy sorrows have been of this nature, there is no harm in this. However, thy sorrows shall be transformed into joy through the bounties of the Beloved, for He is the Comforter, and He is the Consoler. But what is to be done about the tribulations that have befallen the Wronged One? Is there any comforter to comfort Him, or any consoler to console Him in what hath come upon Him? Nay, by His Self, the All-Subduing over the worlds!

O Jamal! The mention of the sorrows of the Beloved of all creation containeth an ocean of solace. Well is it with them that understand. The elaboration of this matter is not timely at present, as the servant is present and desireth that thy letter be presented point by point and answers be revealed from the Kingdom of utterance, that perchance these answers may, like the water of life, flow through the bodies

of all contingent beings and enable all to inhale the fragrances of the days of God. He, verily, is the Ordainer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Jamal! Ever remember the loved ones who have turned unto the horizon of the All-Merciful and have quaffed the choice wine of mystical knowledge from the Beloved of all creation, that all may manifest such virtuous and goodly characteristics as shall cause the exaltation of God's Cause. O Jamal! Had the land of the Prison been adorned with the ornament of trustworthiness, the Beloved of the world would not have been observed to be sorrowful. You must call the friends to trustworthiness and truthfulness, that they may attain unto these two greatest luminaries which have shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of God's commandments.

In one of the Persian Tablets this word hath been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will:

> "Today befitting deeds are needed and praiseworthy actions are meet. Every goodly deed is in itself a promoter of the Cause."

The witness to this utterance are the words that have been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in other Tablets. If today a soul be adorned with the ornament of trustworthiness, it is more beloved in the sight of God than one who would journey on foot toward the Most Holy Court and attain the presence of the Worshipped One at the glorified station. Trustworthiness is to the city of humanity as a fortress, and to the temple of man as the eye. Whoso is deprived of it shall be recorded and accounted as blind in the presence of the Divine Throne, even though in keenness of sight he be like Zarqa of Yamamih.

O Jamal! Be confident in the divine favors and arise to serve the Cause in such wise that neither the happenings of time nor the perturbations of the contingent world may prevent thee from serving the Beloved of the worlds. Yea, perturbation is one of human characteristics and in every case it seizeth man. Be not deterred by the troubles of contingent existence from serving the Well-Beloved of all worlds. Indeed, trouble is among human traits and in every case it seizes man and makes him despondent, yet upon holy souls it has not had, nor does it have, complete effect. The body may be sorrowful, but the spirit dwells in joy and fragrance, even as the Son of Mary said:

> "The body is sorrowful but the spirit is in delight and gladness."

O Jamal, count this mention as great, for the rain of the All-Merciful's mercy has showered upon thee from the heaven of bounty. Be thou grateful and be among the thankful ones. Be thou grateful and be among those who praise.

It behooveth not this evanescent servant to submit any word, for the King of Words hath made mention of that exalted one, and the Sovereign of Meanings hath ascended the throne of bounty. O beloved of my heart and mentioned in my soul! Were all the world and its peoples to become one ear, they would not fully attain unto the hearing of a single letter of the Word of God. Ye have heard and know this, while the people are in evident stupefaction. Since mention of trustworthiness and truthfulness hath appeared from the Tongue of Unity, therefore doth this servant make mention of two Tablets from the Tablets of God which were revealed concerning these stations, that ye may convey them unto the friends with

wisdom and utterance, that perchance they may be disseminated and all may attain unto that which God hath willed.

He is the Sovereign in the Realms of Utterance

We were contemplating the earth and heard its tale and its tidings when lo, there emerged from one of the chambers of Paradise a radiant Maid who walked until she stood in mid-air and cried out with the most beauteous of voices:

> "O concourse of earth and heaven! I am a Maid who hath been named 'Trustworthiness' in the preserved and inscribed Tablet. I have unveiled my face by the leave of my Lord that ye might behold my beauty and my majesty, my grace, my creation and nature, and that ye might witness mine eye darkened with kohl, my crimson cheek, my brilliant countenance, and my raven tresses. I adjure you, O concourse of creation, by the Lord of all beings and the Sovereign of both this world and the next, that ye veil me not with the veils of treachery, greed and passion, nor abandon me before them. By the life of God! Treachery is among mine enemies, and its nature is rancor and hatred. I beseech you by the One, the Single, that ye let not mine arch-enemy gain mastery over me. Have mercy upon me, O people of the earth, and be not of the wrongdoers."

Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee and acquainted thee through allusion with what hath befallen Us in the Most Great Prison, that thou mayest be of those who are informed. We praise God for what hath come upon Us of tribulation in His straight Path. When thou readest the Tablet and knowest what is therein, remind My loved ones on My behalf and proclaim unto their faces greetings from the Wronged One, the Stranger.

In My Name, the Wondrous

Here is the Book of Truthfulness, sent down in truth from the presence of the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Verily, it is the Messenger of Truth to all lands, that it may remind the people of its exalted station and acquaint them with its supreme position, its most glorious abode, show them its most wondrous beauty, its most elevated station and its most impregnable and glorious sovereignty. By the life of God! It walketh, and on its right walketh acceptance, on its left assurance, before it the standards of glory, and behind it the hosts of dignity. To this beareth witness He Who causeth the rivers to flow, verily He is the Knower of all things. It calleth out saying: "O concourse of humanity!

I have come to you from the presence of the Most Great Truth to make known to you its loftiness, its transcendence, its beauty, its perfection, its station, its glory and its splendor, that ye may find a way to its straight path." By God! He who is adorned with this supreme ornament is indeed of the people of this luminous station. Beware, O people, lest ye abandon it to the claws of falsehood. Fear God and be not of the wrongdoers. Its likeness is as the sun—when it shineth forth from its horizon it illumineth the regions and brighteneth the faces of those who have attained. Whoso is deprived of it is indeed in manifest loss. We say: "O Messenger! Canst thou enter the cities and regions, and canst thou find therein any helper?" It saith: "I have no knowledge save that which Thou hast taught me, verily Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

We have sent down this Tablet as a grace from Our presence that thou mayest remind the people of that which is therein from the presence of a mighty Commander. The glory be upon thee and upon him who reciteth the verses of the All-Merciful with joy and fragrance and is of them that are steadfast.

In this year most of the verses have flowed from the Supreme Pen—that is, the Truth, exalted be His glory, Himself wrote them. The mention of detachment, trustworthiness, faithfulness, truthfulness and other sublime attributes is evident and manifest in most of the Tablets. And since certain unpleasing matters occurred in this land, therefore the Supreme Pen, with regard to the education of the servants, has repeatedly revealed mention of those deeds, qualities and attributes that are the cause of the exaltation of sanctified souls, the upliftment of God's Cause, the assurance of the people of the world, and the preservation of all. Your honor and this servant must supplicate and beseech with utmost humility and devotion the Truth, exalted be His sovereignty, that He may aid His servants to achieve that which pleaseth Him and adorn them with that which is befitting and worthy. Verily He is the Powerful, the Exalted, the Answerer, the Forgiving, the Generous.

Another submission is that for those souls mentioned in your honored letter, after presentation before the Most Holy Presence, verses were revealed from the heaven of bounty specifically for each one. God willing, may all attain unto them and recite them with both outer and inner tongue. This is what was revealed for the sister of your honor's wife:

O Jamal! Rejoice in that the All-Glorious, the Most High, makes mention of thee on this Day wherein Justice waileth like unto one bereft, by reason of that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. By God! The Temple of Justice lieth prostrate in the dust, while the Temple of Tyranny hath been raised upon the exalted throne through manifest pride. Yet, by thy life, the throne mocketh him, and the air foretelleth his torment, and the very ground seeketh refuge from him. By God, thy Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful! Behold and make mention of the one whom the people have made their leader instead of God, who is designated as "the Speckled One" in the Book of God, the Most High, the Most Great. He hath committed that which hath caused the Apostle to lament and the Chaste One to cry out, yet the people are in grievous schism. Verily thy Lord hath seized her through His authority and made her a warning to those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of this wondrous Day.

O Jamal! Grieve not over anything, for verily He hath seized in this Revelation every oppressor who hath oppressed, and He will seize those whom thou seest today seated upon the thrones of religious authority without any evidence from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. They laugh in their houses while those whom they have wronged wail in Paradise and the Concourse on High. To this beareth witness the Lord of Names in this station which hath been named by all names in the Book of Names by God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. O Pen! Cease the mention of the Speckled One, and make mention of her who turned unto God, and heard, and believed, and attained until she soared unto the Most Exalted Companion and the Supreme Paradise—the station wherein the Tongue of Eternity proclaimeth: "The Kingdom is Mine Own Ancient Beauty!"

O Jamal! By My life, the Leaf hath soared unto the Divine Lote-Tree and beareth witness even as she bore witness in the transient days. Verily thy Lord is the Observer, the Witness. O Leaf! We make mention of thee as a bounty from Us. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. I bear witness that thou

didst believe in God and turn unto Him on the day when the Most Great Branch appeared through that which the hands of the heedless had wrought.

The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the Word of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Rejoice in the Supreme Paradise, for God hath borne witness unto thee while seated upon His mighty throne.

And We make mention in this station of him who was named Samad, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of God, the Single, the One, the Forgiving, the Merciful:

O Samad! Be thou assured by the grace and mercy of God. Verily He maketh mention of thee in truth and will continue to mention thee as a bounty from Him, that thou mayest be of the thankful ones. Hold fast unto the Book of God and His Way, then praise Him for this bounty which is incomparable to aught else created on earth. Verily thy Lord is the True One, the Trustworthy. We have made mention of thee and thy wife in this Tablet, and We make mention of their mother who believed in God, the Lord of all worlds. Grieve not over that which hath befallen you. By the life of God! The world and all that is therein shall perish, and there shall endure that which hath been ordained for you in My mighty and exalted Kingdom. Your names have been treasured in this Treasury which hath been named the Tablet by the tongue of God, and it shall verily endure as long as His names endure. To this beareth witness every discerning mystic.

This Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of divine Will specially for the handmaiden of God Khadijih, who in the Blessed Tablet hath been designated as “the Leaf.” God knoweth that she hath attained unto that which the heavens and earth cannot equal. In truth, in this wondrous and transcendent Tablet, you and the servant ʿAbdu’s-Samad and the Leaf and that holy consort have all been made the recipients of God’s special favors—may the spirit of the world be a sacrifice for His grace. Mention hath also been made therein of the martyrdom of the two luminous lights, and likewise of Kazim—upon them be the glory of God.

Although the events in the land of Sad caused hearts to be consumed and the servants to raise their voices in lamentation, yet the man of insight who pondereth deeply and gazeth with detachment from all else but God will observe that no matter could be more glorious than that which came to pass. For this servant hath been aware of all details concerning the twin luminous lights from the beginning until now. They attained the presence of the Most Holy Court in Iraq, where the utmost favor was shown unto them. At first this matter ran counter to the imaginings of some, yet the hand of God’s power raised them up and adorned them with the raiment of glory, and showered upon them the blessings of His gracious favors, until they reached such a station as your honor hath seen and heard. After returning from the Most Holy Court to the land of Sad, they submitted two petitions, and with the utmost humility and supplication, they besought from the All-Possessing Lord this very thing that came to pass.

Section 4: “Now observe: praise be to God, throughout their…”

Now observe: praise be to God, throughout their lives they were manifested with the utmost glory among the servants through God’s grace, and such love for them was instilled in hearts that none but God could

reckon it. At the end of their lives they attained the most great martyrdom which they themselves had sought, and afterward you have seen what was revealed concerning them from the Supreme Pen. By God's life! Through that which was revealed for them, all things lament, the rocks cry out, and the denizens of Paradise weep. Should a soul possess and sacrifice the whole world, he would not attain to this station—a station which all the Messengers and near ones have longed for and still long for.

Thus far, nearly a hundred Tablets, nay more, have been revealed concerning this supreme calamity, for even now in some Tablets mention is made of the martyrs. Now what station could be more exalted than this station, what rank more great than this rank? On one occasion He said: "O servant! Although such events as these have been and are the cause of countless sorrows, yet they are the cause of the exaltation of God's Cause. One should complain of matters that cause the Cause to be wasted." We beseech God—glorified and exalted be He—to guide all and assist them to that which He loveth and which pleaseth Him. And He said: "Write: O Beauty! The Cause of God was seen as more glorious than all things in the Prison Land, but now it hath reached a point where mention of it would cause fresh sorrows. Verily thy Lord is the All-Patient, the All-Forbearing."

Regarding your renewed mention of the land of Kha, this is what hath shone forth from the horizon of utterance:

O Jamal! Give them the glad-tidings of My grace, My loving-kindness and My mercy that have preceded all created things. We make mention of them and will continue to mention them. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. We have accepted what they sent after their names appeared before the Throne. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the All-Wise. Those whose names thou didst mention in thy letter—We have made mention of them in such wise as to attract the hearts of the sincere ones, and We send from this station Our greetings upon their faces and give them the glad-tidings that they shall have a station of glory most noble. Bounty is in His hand—He giveth to whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He willeth, and ordaineth for whomsoever He desireth that which shall bring delight to the eyes of them that behold.

As for what thou didst write concerning Mirza ʿAli-Rida, it was submitted. This is what the All-Merciful hath revealed in reply:

He is the One Who speaketh the truth in the Kingdom of Utterance

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the blessing and made manifest the Word—and verily it is the Path which hath been set up in truth by God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. And verily it is the Most Great Balance, though the people understand not. And verily it is the Most Great Trumpet which hath been blown, whereat all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck, save them whom the hand of thy Lord's power, the Mighty, the Loving, did rescue. Blessed art thou for having turned toward the Most Sublime Horizon when mankind turned away therefrom. Thy Lord is verily the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Blessed be the one who, strong in faith, hath shattered the idols of vain imaginings, turning unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

Thy name hath been mentioned in the Book of My namesake who believed in My Self and acknowledged that which I have acknowledged in My Kingdom, who attained unto My presence before My throne and

circled round about Me and soared in My atmosphere and bore hardships in My path, and who was named “The Beauty” by God, the Lord of existence. We make mention of thee that he may rejoice and be of them who speak forth the praise of God, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. We have made mention of all who have turned toward the Countenance, that My remembrance may be a treasure unto them in My Kingdom, the Inaccessible, the Exalted. Thus have We remembered thee and revealed for thee that which brings joy to the eyes.

And likewise mention was made in the Most Holy Presence of His Honor Buzurg, upon him be 96[Baha], which was in that distinguished One’s handwriting. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke:

He is the Most Mighty, the Most Ancient, the Most Glorious

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is the Kingdom of Names and in Whose grasp is the reins of all things! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name, whereby the nations were shaken except for those whom the hand of Thy power did preserve, that Thou assist me to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee in such wise that the cawing of the ignorant ones who have cast Thy commandments behind their backs, who dispute Thy signs, deny Thy Cause and turn away from Thy Beauty may not hinder me. O my Lord! Send down from the clouds of Thy mercy that which shall cause to grow the plants of Thy wisdom and the roses of Thy knowledge in the breasts of those who have attained unto the wine of Thy revelation and the water of Thy inspiration.

O my Lord! Aid every one who turneth toward the triumph of Thy Cause and who standeth firm in his love for Thee. Thou art He Who hath ever been powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Then write down for me, O my God, whatsoever beseemeth the heaven of Thy generosity and the ocean of Thy grace. Thou art verily the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Nothing whatsoever escapeth Thy knowledge. Thou hearest and seest, and Thou art verily the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

And likewise the other names, upon them be the Glory of God, which were in your book were submitted one by one. Wondrous and sublime verses were revealed specifically for each one. God willing, they shall attain unto them.

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious.

O Nasr! The Wronged One witnesses thy turning and devotion to God, and hath revealed for thee that which shall solace thine eyes and gladden thy heart and the hearts of them that hear. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, then make mention of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. He hath turned toward thee from the precincts of His Most Great Prison and hath remembered thee with that which is more precious than the Water of Life in the sight of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Be thou thankful and say: Praise be to Thee, O Lord of the worlds! The glory rest upon thee and upon thy wife who hath believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Mu’min, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of God, the Lord of the Final End. We have remembered thee before as a bounty from Us, and We are the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Blessed is the soul that hath turned unto My Kingdom and

drunk the choice wine of My favor from the hands of My bounty and hath spoken forth My wondrous remembrance. Indeed thy mention was inscribed in the Book of My Name, and We have sent down for thee these verses that outweigh the treasuries of the heavens and earth. The glory rest upon thee and upon thy wife who hath attained in the days of God, the Single, the All-Informed.

We make mention of him who hath been named Ali, who hath turned to the Most Sublime Horizon, and We counsel him with that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of Creation, may be uplifted. O Ali! Hearken unto My call, then rejoice in the remembrance of thy Lord through Whom the horizons were illumined. Blessed is he who hath heard the call of the Wronged One and hath turned, detached from all directions, toward His path. The glory rest upon thee and upon thy son who hath believed in the Single One, the Chosen.

We make mention of Ali-Askar who hath believed in God, the Lord of Destiny, on a day wherein every man of learning was shaken, every theologian turned away, and every philosopher objected, save whom God willed, the Lord of the worlds. How many a learned one have We made his knowledge as fire unto him, how many a scholar have We passed by and made him a lesson to them that observe, how many a rich one hath been deceived by riches until he turned away from the Lord of all mankind, and how many a poor one hath attained the Kawthar of eternity in the days of God, the King, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

We make mention of him who hath been named Shir-ʿAli that every believer may be assured that We remember those who remember their Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. Hearken unto My call that calleth thee from the precincts of My distant prison. Beseech God to make thee steadfast in His Cause and speaking forth His Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

O Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Mirza that he may rejoice in the remembrance of his Lord and be of them that are steadfast. O servant! Trust thou in God in all matters, then remember My days and My tribulation and that which hath befallen My Self and My chosen ones who have believed in My verses and have turned unto My luminous horizon. Thus have We sent down the verses as a bounty from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the Revealer, the All-Bountiful.

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

O Muhammad-Taqi! Hearken unto the Call from the precincts of ʿAkka, the place wherein this Wronged One, the Mighty, hath been imprisoned. The Call hath encompassed them that are in earth and heaven, yet most of the people are heedless. Blessed art thou for having cast away idle fancies and turned unto the Lord of all beings Who hath come with manifest sovereignty. Joy be unto thee for having taken the choice wine of recognition and drunk in the name of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. How many a servant turned away in the days of God from the Dawning-Place of Revelation, and how many a servant came forward and received that which was bestowed from God, the Lord of the worlds. Thus doth the morn of utterance breathe forth when the temple of the All-Merciful was established upon His mighty throne. The glory rest upon him who mentioned thee in his Book, and upon thee and upon thy wife whom God hath associated with His Name. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O My Name “Jamal”! Verily, We make mention of all My loved ones together, and from the precincts of My prison I pronounce My glorification upon their faces, and I bless them and remember them at every

morn and eve. O Beauty! Give them the glad-tidings of the ocean of My loving-kindness, the heaven of My grace, and the sun of My mercy which hath encompassed the worlds. Say: By God! The Supreme Pen moveth in remembrance of you, and the Countenance of the Ancient One hath turned towards your faces from this glorious and exalted Station. Rejoice ye in My remembrance, then drink in My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. We bid you to be joyful and We make mention of My party on this day wherein Mine ear hath heard what hath befallen My sister at the hands of the oppressors. We testify that she turned unto God and attained and soared in Mine atmosphere and heard My call and moved by My leave and My will. Thus doth the Supreme Pen bear witness, but most of the people are in evident doubt. Blessed is he who visiteth her and turneth unto her purely for the sake of his Lord, the Beneficent, the Giver, the Generous.

O Jamal! The Point of the Bayan hath said that all were created to be mentioned in that Most Holy, Most Luminous, Most Exalted Presence. Now observe and know the value of this bounty, that the Supreme Pen, at a time when all sorrows have encompassed it, is occupied with the mention of His loved ones. By My life! Neither the hosts of the contingent world nor its events have prevented Me. I have spoken at all times and summoned all unto the All-Informed One. Convey greetings from the Wronged One of the horizons to all the friends. Several calamities have occurred, and lastly the news about the sister was outwardly presented to the Most Holy Court. In truth she was wronged, and there befell her secretly that which none save God can enumerate. Blessed is she, and My glory be upon her for her patience in God and for bearing hardships in His straight Path.

Furthermore, numerous Tablets have been sent from the heaven of divine bounty especially for you, including a Tablet specifically for you and other Tablets through Aqa Siyyid ʿAli-Akbar. Likewise, through Ibn-i-Asdaq—may the Glory of God rest upon them both—a Tablet was revealed and sent specifically for you, and now too a most mighty and impregnable Tablet has been sent by post. With such divine favors and lordly bounties, you must at all times be engaged with utmost joy and fragrance in the mention of the Beloved of the worlds, in such wise that those unconscious from the wine of heedlessness may become conscious, the withered ones in the valley of idle fancies may become fresh, and the dead in the graves of rejection may become alive and enduring. The Glory be upon you, and Peace be upon you, and the Mercy be upon you, and the Loving-kindness of God be upon you.

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BH00593: Praise be sanctified above the tongues of created things…

He is God, exalted is He in Might and Power

Praise be sanctified above the tongues of created things, befitting the most holy court of that Intended One who ordained the Primal Word to be the fountainhead of the water of life for all contingent beings. From but a single sprinkling of its outpourings, countless oceans came into being and were made manifest. Whosoever attained unto a drop thereof was adorned with a wondrous new life, while he who remained deprived thereof died a death after which no life was to be seen. How great is His bounty and how exalted His generosity, which has ever been and shall forever remain beyond the reckoning of them

that reckon, the comprehension of them that comprehend, and the knowledge of them that know! He is the One Who created all contingent beings through a command from His presence, brought them forth, gave them utterance, and caused them to grow, then made them return unto Him. He is the One through Whom the horizon of utterance was illumined, the proof was made manifest, and the nightingale warbled upon the branches. Sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Single One, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

The Glory shining forth from the horizon of the loving-kindness of the Lord of Names rest upon His chosen ones who have cast away what the people possess when that which is with God hath appeared. These are honored servants upon whom neither fear shall come, nor shall they grieve. Through them were the standards hoisted and the banners unfurled. The Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Cities of Names send their prayers upon them. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to decree for this evanescent servant that he be numbered among them, that He gather me beneath their shade, give me to drink from their cups, and draw me nigh unto them in all conditions. Verily, He is the Lord of the beginning and the end. There is none other God but He, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

My spirit be a sacrifice unto your praise! This evanescent servant hath been blessed to hear the shrill voice of your pen, which hath spoken in praise of God and His chosen ones, and in remembrance of God and His loved ones. When the wine of utterance had intoxicated me, I turned toward the Beloved of all creation and presented before His face your letter and what had been inscribed therein by the pen of your love and the ink of your affection. When this was completed, the countenance of the Beloved turned toward me and He spoke that which was the Kawthar of life to all contingent beings, the dayspring of knowledge to the followers of all religions, and the dawning-place of certitude to whosoever hath turned unto his Lord, the All-Merciful.

At the end of His utterance, I heard these sublime words: We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid him to remember and praise Him, and to draw him nigh unto Him through His bounty and sovereignty, in such wise that he shall behold naught in existence save the countenance of the Adored One, that he may remind the servants of what God hath revealed in the Book, that perchance they may abandon the fancies of their souls and the imaginings of their hearts, and hold fast unto that whereby God hath distinguished between truth and falsehood. Verily, He is the Almighty, Whom nothing whatsoever can frustrate and no matter can thwart. From His Most Exalted Pen have flowed the oceans of names, and through His supreme bounty hath been manifested that whereby all things have been made to speak. There is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the Only, the Self-Subsisting, Who begetteth not, nor was begotten, and there is none comparable unto Him.

O physician! God willing, mayest thou be favored by the grace of God and speak with wisdom and eloquence amongst the people of the contingent world. For people have not yet comprehended the purpose, most of them wandering in the wilderness of idle fancies and traversing the desert of vain imaginings, occupied with a mere pond while veiled from the Most Great Ocean. Gradually, heedlessness has reached such a point that the religion of God has weakened and the path of God has been forsaken. They have abandoned the Book and Tradition, and taken up volumes of conjecture and fancy. What was the strength and might of Islam in its early days, and what has it become now? Weakness, impotence,

and feebleness have reached such a degree that understanding fails to comprehend it and the pen falls short of describing it.

Glory be to God! How can it be that man, despite possessing reason and understanding, becomes so confused about a matter that he attributes injustice to the Dawning-Place of justice, and counts the essence of fairness among the oppressors? We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to rend asunder the veils through His grace and lead the people from the darkness of heedlessness to the dawning-place of light. Whenever thought turns to these matters, sorrows encompass from all directions. It behooveth us to turn to God and say:

O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of names and in Whose right hand is the reins of all things! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the world to ordain from Thy Most Exalted Pen for the people of creation that which will draw them nigh unto Thee, O Creator of the heavens! My Lord! Thou seest and hearest what hath befallen Thy servants at the hands of Thine enemies. I beseech Thee to protect them and raise them to the highest station of glory, exaltation, might, and power. Thou art He to Whose greatness, power, sovereignty, and authority both my outer and inner tongue bear witness—nay, all my limbs testify. Thou doest what Thou willest in the kingdom and ordainest what Thou desirest. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Regarding what you wrote about the noble person, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], it was very good indeed. In any case, this matter is acceptable and praiseworthy, for both your honor is occupied with a profession and thereby the pretext of the heedless will be lessened. I beseech the Most High to ordain for your honor the good of this world and the next, and their profit. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

Concerning what you wrote about the Afnan, upon them be the Most Glorious Glory of God, it caused great joy, delight and gladness, for praise be to God, they proceeded in perfect health, blessing and well-being to visit the stars of the Muhammadan heaven and the Imams of God's religion, peace be upon them. If one would be somewhat fair and reflect, one would always be engaged in goodly matters and attain lofty stations. I beseech God for success in enabling this evanescent servant to be confirmed in goodly matters and to accept deeds and remembrances that are unworthy. Verily, He is the Single, the One, the Forgiving, the Generous.

Concerning what you wrote about Eliyahu requesting expenses—this matter is most strange from him, for referring such matters outwardly to this Seat has never been and is not now favored. Every matter in the world has had and has its proper reference point. Today everyone who has drunk from the ocean of knowledge has known and knows that this Station is sanctified and holy above such talk, conditions and mentions. If they are in that land, convey greetings to them on behalf of this evanescent servant and make mention that I beseech God, exalted be His glory, not to deprive you from the outpourings of the cloud of bounty and to make you successful in that which is good. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

His Holiness the Most Great Branch—may my spirit, my being and my essence be a sacrifice for the dust of His blessed footsteps—has gone to Beirut some time ago, therefore the letter sent remains until He returns, and what His Holiness had commanded in reply was exactly right and the matter unanswered.

Concerning what was mentioned about being commissioned to Iran—that beloved one knows that no one here is given such a commission. Out of pure grace they said return to your own land and if you can, remind some of the servants of praiseworthy conduct and pleasing deeds which are the cause of the appearance and manifestation of the essence of humanity. This is what has been and is said to all. This servant beseeches God to engage them in that which He loves and with which He is pleased. And on behalf of this evanescent servant convey greetings to Mirza Sulayman from the people of Ha. They were observed with intelligence and acumen and God willing my petitions will not be forgotten by them. Their mention has been and is here. Verily He loves faithfulness and has commanded His servants to faithfulness. Glory be to God, the Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, Who created existence and all things through the First Word, and verily He is the Single, the One, the Wise.

Concerning what you wrote about the letter of Hadba, it is known that all are commanded to wisdom and love. Certainly if they conduct themselves in such a way that the consul is pleased with them, it would be most fitting and excellent. God willing may all be engaged in the remembrance of God with the utmost joy and fragrance. Some time ago a letter arrived from His Holiness Zayn—upon him be the Glory of God—and this servant has not been successful in replying. God willing perhaps in these days he will be enabled, and hope for pardon from them in all conditions.

And concerning what you wrote that his honor Muhammad Surur Effendi—upon him be the Glory of God—has proceeded to the land of Ha, and someone gave a petition in the name of His Holiness the Most Great Branch—may the spirits of all worlds be sacrificed for Him—it was previously submitted that He is not present. God willing after His return whatever is required will be submitted. At this time they gained admittance to the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. Write:

O physician! We make mention in this station of My loved ones in that place and counsel them with the supreme wisdom, even as We have counseled My loved ones in other cities. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to enable them to manifest love, affection and unity. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty. And We make mention of thy two sons—give them the glad-tidings of the remembrance of the Wronged One and remind them of that which will draw them nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The Glory be upon them and upon thee and upon them both and upon thy wife who hath borne tribulations for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH05027: Day and night the servants of God were awaiting…

In the name of the Ever-Living, the Everlasting

Day and night the servants of God were awaiting the dawning of the Divine Revelation. Yet when the Sun of Truth shone forth from the Dayspring of “God was, and there was nothing besides Him,” all arose in rejection and protest, nay rather, they arose to extinguish that Most Great Light. Such is the station of the servants.

How many are the divines who today are honored by His name and Word, yet remain heedless of Him. Consider the Wolf of the Land of Sad, who deemed himself the promoter of the Law of the Messenger, yet martyred the sons of the Virgin with utmost tyranny and oppression. And the Snake who considered

himself a descendant of the Prophet's lineage killed the Lord of Lords without recognizing Him. Would that people knew and understood!

From time immemorial unto this day, there has befallen the loved ones of God at the hands of the manifestations of oppression and tyranny that which the pen is powerless to recount. Praise be to God that that leaf attained unto that which the sincere men and women and the devoted men and women attained in former times.

Verily He was with you in all conditions, witnessing and beholding what befell you in His path. He is, verily, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. The Glory be upon you and upon those women who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

BH05683: God willing, thou hast ever drunk and wilt ever…

In the name of the one true Friend!

God willing, thou hast ever drunk and wilt ever drink from the Kawthar of the knowledge of the Beloved of all possibilities, and dwelt beneath the shade of the Tree of His Cause.

O handmaiden of God! How many divines and mystics, through their selfish desires and pride in outward knowledge, remained deprived of the court of His oneness, while thou didst attain to the recognition of the Divine Lote-Tree which calleth today betwixt earth and heaven. Thou didst drink from the ocean of knowledge and taste the choice wine of the love of the All-Merciful. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this supreme bounty.

I swear by the Sun of Truth that thy mention hath been inscribed in God's Book by the Most Glorious Pen, and thou art remembered before the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise, for thou didst witness and hear in His path what the devoted women of former ages witnessed and heard.

Soon shall the names of the oppressors be erased from the world, and your names shall be seen shining like the morning star from the horizons of the heaven of utterance. Glory be upon thee and upon those women whom circumstances did not prevent from the Abode of Verses, who forsook all they possessed and took what they were commanded by God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH07858: How excellent is the state of that soul who…

In the name of the All-Knowing Speaker

How excellent is the state of that soul who today has not been prevented by the veils of the people of the world from the Most Great Ocean and the recognition of the Pre-existent Lord, and whom transient means have not deprived of everlasting bounties. With perfect certitude and assurance they have turned toward the Beloved of all creation and become vocal in His praise.

O handmaiden of God! The Truth remembers thee from the Most Great Prison. Strive thou to attain, through His aid, the sweetness of this bounty. I swear by the Ancient Beauty, if thou attainest to that

which was mentioned, thou shalt behold thyself in the most exalted station with perfect joy and ecstasy. This is the bounty of the Beloved that He hath bestowed before any request.

Then praise ye and give thanks and be devoted, then prostrate yourselves before God, your Lord and the Lord of all who are in the kingdoms of the heavens and earth and the realms of command and creation, the Lord of all the worlds.

BH08642: Praise be to God that the effulgences…

In the name of the one beloved Friend!

Praise be to God that the effulgences of the lights of the divine countenance have cast their rays upon the Sinais of the hearts of those men and women who have turned towards Him. How exalted is the station of the soul who in this day has become illumined by the lights of His countenance and has attained unto the most great steadfastness.

O handmaid of God! The station of steadfastness is very great in the sight of God. All men and women servants must fix their gaze upon it and supplicate God that He may strengthen them all and give them to drink from the cup of steadfastness. How many a man has stumbled and how many a woman has stumbled!

We beseech God to assist thee and the handmaids who are there, and to ordain for thee and for them the best of this world and of the world to come. Verily He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Giving, the Most High, the Mighty, the Generous.

BH09231: The Supreme Pen makes mention of a leaf…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

The Supreme Pen makes mention of a leaf from among the leaves who did not break the Covenant when darkness spread over all horizons.

O My handmaiden! Rejoice in that the Wronged One makes mention of thee, through Whom the horizon of existence was illumined and the leaves were adorned. Blessed is the strong man who arose and blessed is the strong woman who arose when the croaking was raised. Soon will the croaking be heard throughout the lands. Happy is the one who drank the Kawthar of steadfastness from the hand of bounty on the day of separation.

We have sent down in the Book aforetime that which shall appear hereafter. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Reflect upon the verses of God and His sovereignty which has encompassed all lands.

O My handmaiden! Hold fast to the cord of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, then remember Him at all times.

BH02209: Lawh-i-Ard-i-Ba

He is God—exalted be His station, the Glory and the Power!

Praise be to Him through Whom the land of Ba was honored by the arrival of Him around Whom all names revolve. Through this all atoms gave glad tidings to all created things, as the Sun of Beauty of the Most Great Branch of God, the All-Glorious, and the Mystery of God, the Most Ancient, the Most Straight, emerged and shone forth from the gate of the prison, heading toward another place. Through this the prison land was saddened while another rejoiced. Exalted, exalted be our Lord, the Creator of the heavens and the Maker of all things, Who by His sovereignty opened the prison gate to manifest what He had revealed in the Tablets aforetime. He is, verily, the One with power over what He willeth, and in His grasp is the kingdom of creation. He is the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Blessed, then blessed is the land honored by His footsteps, the eye that was solaced by His beauty, the ear that was honored by hearkening to His call, the heart that tasted the sweetness of His love, the breast that was gladdened by His remembrance, the pen that moved to His praise, and the tablet that bore His traces. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to honor us with meeting Him soon. He is, verily, the Hearer, the Powerful, the Answerer.

May my spirit be a sacrifice for your mention and utterance and your arising to serve God and His Cause. The bird of my heart has taken flight at the warbling of the dove of your remembrance and the shrill voice of your pen. This has so transported and enraptured me in such wise as none can reckon save God, the Lord of the beginning and the end. When I learned and discovered what was therein, I approached the gate and entered and arose and, after seeking permission, presented what the nightingale of love for you had warbled in remembrance of God, our Creator and your Creator. Then the countenance of the Beloved turned toward this evanescent one and said:

> “Remember him on My behalf and give him the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness, My grace and My mercy, that the joy of remembrance may so possess him that the sorrows of the world cannot sadden him nor the troubles of the nations affect him. He is among those who have been mentioned before the Face on most days. Glory be upon him and upon those with him who have attained My good-pleasure and acted according to that which has diffused the fragrance of My character.”

Thus ended His words.

As for what you wrote in the letter you sent, it has arrived, and likewise another letter. Soon, God willing and by His power, an answer will be sent to you regarding the land of Kaf.

As for the letter of his honor Aqa Mirza Asadu’llah, upon him be the Glory of God, there is no harm if it is delayed, for in recent days sublime words were issued for him and others and were sent to him by sea. I ask your honor to turn, after seeking permission, and visit the feet of my Lord and your Lord and the Lord of those near unto God, His Holiness the Branch of God—may my spirit and my being and my essence and all that my Lord has given me be a sacrifice for the atoms of the dust of His glorious footsteps—on behalf of this evanescent servant. This is a great bounty from your presence upon me.

All glory, all glory be upon you and upon whoever has held fast to the Sure Handle, and upon the loved ones there. I send my feeble greetings to them and seek their pardon for my transgressions which occurred due to my heedlessness in remembering them. I seek forgiveness in all conditions. Verily our

Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Forgiving, the All-Generous. And I send greetings and salutations to the two Ha's before the Sin's who have attained to serving their Lord and who became strangers in His shadow to draw near unto Him. Blessed are they and joy be unto them, and for them is a goodly return.

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BH01312: Ziyarat-i-Jinab-i-Aba Badi'

He is the All-Knowing Expounder!

The days of joy and delight have passed, and days of sorrow have come since the Star of Certitude has vanished from the heaven of mystic knowledge. Therefore have the pebbles cried out, the hearts of the Concourse on High melted, all things wept, the pillars of existence trembled, the foundations of the House were shaken, and those brought nigh lamented in their lofty station. Verily, Hasan sacrificed his spirit and Husayn all he possessed in the path of God, the Sovereign of the Kingdom and the Realms, the Lord of all existence and might. And before them, My Name, the All-Forbearing, who was martyred in this Cause, at whose tragedy the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing and the dwellers of Paradise lamented at eventide and at dawn.

O Most Exalted Pen! Turn thy face from Sad to Kha and visit My martyrs. By God! Shouldst thou observe any land, thou wouldst find therein a limb of My limbs, severed in My path and for love of My Beauty. Therefore did My Pen cry out, the Temple of My grandeur lament, the eyes of My loving-kindness weep, My sighs ascend, My tears fall, the hearts of My chosen ones burn, and the hearts of My loved ones yearn.

O My Pen! This is a day whereon thy shrill voice and thy plaintive cry should be raised by reason of what hath befallen the Wronged One and His loved ones at the hands of the manifestations of tyranny and oppression and the dawning-places of heedlessness who attained not unto the choice wine of justice on this Day wherein the horizons were illumined by this effulgence. Lament, O My Pen, My loneliness and tribulation, and cry out for My wrong and the wrong of My loved ones.

When thou approachest the land of Kha, drawest nigh unto it and perceivest its fragrance, arise before the tomb of the Glorious One and visit it with that which the Mighty, the All-Praised hath mentioned, and say:

The essence of fragrance that hath been diffused from the garment of the mercy of our Lord, the Most High, the All-Glorious, be upon thee, O thou who hast turned unto the Most Exalted Horizon and who hast spoken in praise of the Lord of Names in the kingdom of creation! I testify that thou didst rend asunder the veil, didst take hold of the Book, and didst believe in the Mighty, the All-Bountiful, on a Day wherein every pregnant one laid down her burden and the people stood before the Lord of the Throne and of the dust. Thou art he whom the veils hindered not from the Seat of Signs, nor did idle fancies prevent thee from this Cause before which the clear proofs have bowed down. Thou art he whom no censure of any censurer deterred for the sake of God, nor the gloating of any malicious one. Thou didst cast away the world and take what the Lord of Eternity and Sovereign of nations had revealed.

I testify that thou didst soar on the wings of certitude to the horizon of the All-Merciful until thou didst enter the prison of the Wronged One and visit thy Lord, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting, and didst behold what was veiled from Moses, and didst hear what the Friend had heard, and didst drink the choice wine of reunion, and didst attain unto the station of sanctity, nearness, and beauty. Thou art he who found the sweetness of the Call and heard the murmuring of the River of Everlasting Life and the rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, when thou wert standing before the face of thy Lord, the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven. Blessed art thou, O Abu-Badi', and blessed is thy son through whom the pillars of the idol were made to quake and the back of the idols was broken—they who walk in the garments of the learned ones among the people of creation.

The Sublime Truth hath testified for thee, O thou who art wondrous, to thy recognition, thy steadfastness, thy support, thy firmness, thy certitude, and thy assurance. Thou art he whom thousands frightened not, whom the clashing of swords deterred not on a Day wherein ranks were drawn up to extinguish the light of Revelation, the tribes of the earth lamented, and the great terror appeared amongst men.

Blessed art thou and thy son! How excellent is your attainment of God's testimony in this Tablet from whose heaven's horizon hath shone the Sun of the Word "Verily, I am God, the Lord of the worlds."

O Ancient Beauty! The Pen hath been bidden to make mention of thy noble one who was with Thee in the pavilion of Thy abasement and the canopy of Thy glory, who was present before Thy countenance morn and eve, prostrating himself before Thy beauty, submissive to Thy sovereignty, swayed by Thy will and moved by Thy purpose. He it was who heard Thy call and beheld Thy countenance, who dwelt in the precincts of Thy mercy, who drank from the Kawthar of Thy revelation, who was honored by the manifestations of Thy grace and the expressions of Thy mercy, and to whom Thou didst entrust the custodianship of Thy Sacred House among the people. Blessed is he who hath turned toward Thee, and the pilgrim who hath sought Thy resting-place and visited Thee through what the Most Merciful hath revealed concerning Thee. Thou art the one who surrendered thy spirit for the sake of thy Lord's Face, who wast with Him aforetime in the Land of Mystery, who chose exile for love of His Self, and who didst migrate with Him until thou didst enter this Prison—this noble station which hath been illumined by the lights of the mighty Throne.

Glorified art Thou, O Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy knowledge and the heaven of Thy wisdom to ordain for them that visit Thy loved ones the reward of those who have attained unto Thy service. Purify them from whatsoever is unseemly for Thy Cause, then forgive them through Thy bounty and favor, and ordain for them, by Thy Most Exalted Pen, the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily, Thou art the Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust below, and verily, Thou art the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful.

BH02444: We make mention of the city which hath been…

He is the Witness, the Hearer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We make mention of the city which hath been illumined by the lamp of divine knowledge, having been honored by the breaths of those who believed in the All-Merciful on a day wherein the pillars were shaken through fear of God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Bestower. Blessed art thou in that thou hast been named Faran by the All-Merciful, and the breezes of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Lord of all religions, have wafted over thee. Rejoice thou in My remembrance, then take pride in that the Wronged One maketh mention of thee from the precincts of His Most Great Prison, by the leave of God, the Lord of all men. Blessed are they whom vain desires have not kept back from the Lord of the throne and of earth, and who, when they heard the Call, turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and testified to that whereunto the Creator of heaven did testify: "Verily there is no God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful."

Blessed is the servant who hath quaffed the wine of revelation from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Lord of the Final End. O children of the Friend! Hearken unto the Call of the Glorious One. Verily it hath been raised from the most exalted Station which hath been named by the Most Beautiful Names in the Book of Names, and by the Most Great Truth from the Pen of God, the Revealer of verses. By God! He hath been imprisoned in the fortified city for the sake of God, the Lord of creation. Thus was the decree sent down in the Books of old, yet the people remain heedless and veiled. Grieve not at anything, for He hath mentioned you by the Pen of Command with a mention whereby the dead have arisen. Blessed is your father who ascended unto My Kingdom and circled round My throne in a station whereof the pens are powerless to make mention.

We make mention of all who have turned to God in that place and give them glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for them in the Scriptures and Tablets. Joy be unto you for having turned to God and believed in Him through Whom the horizon of revelation was illumined and the mountains were moved. We beseech God to assist you to remain steadfast in the Greater Steadfastness and to confirm you in that which He hath revealed in the Book. Beware lest the affairs of the people of allusions sadden you. Rejoice in God, the Illuminator of the horizons. We have mentioned you before, and before that before, and We mention you as a grace from Our presence. Verily He is the Almighty over whatsoever He willeth. He doeth through His sovereignty what He desireth. Ye are they who have rent asunder the veils on a day wherein minds were bewildered and eyes were fixed in fear.

Glory be upon you, O loved ones of the All-Merciful, and upon those women who have believed in God, the Lord of Lords. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath attained unto My days, heard My call, turned with her heart to My horizon, soared in My atmosphere, drunk the choice wine of My utterance from the hand of My bounty, and spoken My praise at eventide and at dawn.

We counsel all to patience and forbearance, and give them glad tidings of the favors which have been ordained for them by God, the Cleaver of daybreak. Light be upon you, O My male and female servants, and upon those who have turned to you that they might hear from you the mention of God, the Subjugator of winds.

BH02837: We make mention of the land which God has…

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

We make mention of the land which God has made the footstool of My loved ones who, when they heard the Call, turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and shattered [the idols of] vain desire in the name of the Lord of all humanity. Thus does God make mention of whomsoever He pleaseth among His creation. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O loved ones of the All-Merciful in Jadhba'! Hearken unto the Call of the Lord of Names. At one time He spoke from the Divine Lote-Tree, at another in the Night Journey, and yet again from this Station, whereof every atom of its atoms beareth witness that there is none other God beside Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. How many a servant heard and slumbered, and how many a slumberer, when he heard, arose and said: "Here am I, O Thou Desire of the worlds!" Give thanks unto God for this most great favor through whose light the world hath been illumined and the Most Great Name hath spoken: "The Kingdom is God's, the Single One, the Peerless, the Mighty, the Great!"

Hold fast, O My loved ones, unto wisdom and utterance, and convey unto all who dwell within the realm of possibility that which God hath sent down in His perspicuous Book. The sovereign of minds is bewildered at those who have cast behind their backs the Water of Life and hastened unto the foulest of waters. These, verily, are among those of whose heedlessness and remoteness the atoms have borne witness, and beyond them is preserved a protected Tablet.

Hold fast unto the Sure Handle and say:

> "O Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below, Lord of the world to come and of the world that now is! We beseech Thee by Thy Most Beautiful Names and by the lights of Thy countenance from the Most Exalted Horizon that Thou assist us to remain steadfast in Thy Cause and in Thy love and enable us to act according to what Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. O my Lord! Thou art He Who hath manifested Thyself unto us and hast acquainted us with what lay hidden in Thy knowledge and was recorded in Thy Tablets, and hast taught us Thy path in Thy days. O my Lord! We beseech Thee by Thy grace which hath encompassed us and by the mercy which hath preceded us that Thou ordain for us what Thou hast ordained for those who have detached themselves from all else save Thee and have attained unto the Most Great Martyrdom in Thy path. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Praised."

The splendor which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of […] Names be upon you, O My loved ones in Jadhba', and upon those who have held fast to the cord of My loving-kindness and have clung to the hem of My mercy and have turned toward My horizon and have spoken in My remembrance and praise, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

BH03347: My remembrance is unto him who hath turned his…

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

My remembrance is unto him who hath turned his face toward My countenance, drawn nigh unto Mine horizon, hearkened unto My call and answered his Lord when every heedless and remote one turned

away. We have summoned all unto God, yet the people have turned aside and denied, save whom God, the Lord of the worlds, hath willed. How many a servant hath lamented in separation, yet when the Sun of reunion dawned from the horizon of manifestation, he denied God, the Single, the All-Informed.

Blessed is he who hath inhaled My fragrance, and he whose eyes have beheld Mine horizon, and he whose tongue hath spoken My praise, and he who hath hastened unto the ocean of My knowledge, the Mighty, the Ancient.

O thou who gazest upon the Face! We make mention of thee as a token of Our grace, and We make mention of those who hastened unto the choice wine of utterance in the days of the All-Merciful and were among the triumphant. Blessed is the soul that hath found the fragrance of My raiment, hath arisen to serve My Cause, and hath spoken My beauteous praise.

We counsel all to manifest supreme steadfastness, and We beseech God to aid them in that which He desireth and to ordain for them through the Pen of Destiny that which befitteth His great sovereignty.

Blessed is the rich man who hath become poor in the path of God, and the strong one whom weakness hath overtaken through what the hosts of the oppressors have wrought. Blessed is he who hath endured adversity and hardship out of love for God—My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness that he is among the sincere ones.

Sorrow not for what hath befallen you. Rather, rejoice in this wise remembrance. He maketh mention of you in such wise as to spread the fragrance of the Beloved throughout the world. To this beareth witness My Most Great Name, which proclaimeth: There is none other God but He, the Single, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Thus hath the cock crowed and the Dove of the Cause hath warbled, yet most of the people are sunk in slumber.

The glory rest upon thee, upon thy father who hath turned unto God, and upon thy brothers who have attained unto the recognition of God on a Day wherein all who are in the heavens and on earth were terrified, save those who came unto God with manifest radiance. Gladden them with the mention I have made of them, that the greatest joy may seize them in the days of their Lord, the Mighty, the Peerless.

BH04996: O Ahmad! Your call was heard and your turning…

In the name of the Desire of the world

O Ahmad! Your call was heard and your turning to Us was mentioned before the Wronged One. That is, in the tongue of the Concourse on High: you have endured numerous afflictions and borne manifold tribulations in the path of God. Not a word issues from the mouth but that the attentive ears of divine knowledge hearken unto it, and no deed manifests in the world but that its image is beheld in the mirror of knowledge. Know then with certainty that whatsoever befell you and your brother in God's path has been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Book of Names. The visible heaven may well be cleft asunder and cease to be, yet the mention that flows from the Ancient Pen shall not be seized by extinction but shall endure and persist for as long as God's names endure. Blessed art thou for God's having confirmed thee in this and for thy having attained unto this Tablet wherein the All-Merciful hath

testified to thy turning unto Him. God willing, thou shalt be aided in that which is beloved before the Truth. Remember thy Lord and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast strengthened me to bear what came upon me in Thy path and to be patient in Thy Cause. Thou art, verily, the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

The glory be upon thee and upon thy brother who attained unto the days of thy Lord and believed in the One, the All-Informed.

BH05151: This is a mention from Us unto him who…

He is the One manifest above all things.

This is a mention from Us unto him who hath attained unto the lights of the Manifestation when he turned towards the Most Great Prison and stood before the gate of his Lord's mercy, the Master of the Day of Judgment, and heard with his own ears what the Interlocutor heard on Sinai, and submitted himself before the majesty of his Lord, the Knower of the seen and unseen.

O Rida! Hearken once again unto the call from the precincts of the Prison—verily there is no God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Ask thou God to confirm thee in that whereon thou art, in such wise that neither the hosts of the world nor the oppression of those who have denied God, the Mighty, the Loving, shall frighten thee. Be thou grateful for having entered the Prison and attained unto the presence and borne tribulations in the path of God, the Lord of existence.

Turn thou unto the Dayspring of Revelation and say: O my God and the God of all things, my Creator and the Creator of heaven! I beseech Thee by the Name through which the limbs of the wicked have trembled, to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest and within Thy grasp is the kingdom of names. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Beloved.

The glory from Us be upon thee and upon thy brethren who have borne hardships in My path and soared in the atmosphere of My mercy and turned unto the horizon of My providence and drunk from the ocean of My grace that hath encompassed all existence.

BH05924: This is a day wherein the Eye…

He is the One Who has dominion over all who are on earth and in heaven.

This is a day wherein the Eye of the world has wept by reason of what has befallen God, the Lord of the Ancient Days. He, verily, is the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing.

We have named this prison the Most Great Prison. Ponder ye upon this, and be not of the heedless. There has befallen Us in this land that which has befallen no one else. To this bears witness every fair-minded and discerning soul. Every day have We quaffed from the cup of tribulation that which none but God, the All-Informed, knows.

Be patient even as thy Lord was patient, and then thank Him for having confirmed thee in this mighty Cause, whereby the feet of the learned and the mystics have slipped, save those whom thy Lord, the Almighty, has willed. Blessed is he who has borne tribulations in the love of God. He is worthy of this exalted station.

Grieve not over anything. Say: O people of Baha, when sorrows overtake you in one land, betake yourselves to another. Verily it is spacious through God, the Mighty, the Wise.

The Glory be upon thee and upon whomever has attained unto the outpourings of this Ocean that has neither beginning nor end. Thy Lord, verily, is the True Speaker, the Trustworthy.

BH06333: O Ahmad! Hearken thou once again unto the call…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great!

O Ahmad! Hearken thou once again unto the call of the One, the Single. Verily, He remembereth thee through His bounty in this spot which God hath made the circling-place of them that are nigh unto Him. Give thanks unto God for having turned unto thee the face of Him Who hath been wronged, from the direction of His sorrowful prison, and Who speaketh and saith: There is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

He saith: O people of submission, make your submission and humility to be for God alone. Thus hath He Who possesseth the knowledge of all things commanded in a perspicuous Book.

There hath befallen you in the path of God that which hath caused honored servants to lament. Be patient, O My servants, even as servants before you were patient who cast the world behind their backs and took hold of the Book of God with hands of might and power, in spite of those who denied God, the Single, the All-Informed.

Verily thy father circleth round the Cause and beholdeth and seeth that which most of creation hath been prevented from. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen recount unto thee as a bounty from Me, and I am verily the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

The Glory be upon thee and upon thy mother and thy sister from God, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

BH06262: In His Most Glorious Name! This is a Book…

In His Most Glorious Name! This is a Book sent down by the All-Merciful with truth, and verily it is a perspicuous Book that speaketh the truth: “There is no God but Me, the Forgiving, the Generous.”

All things have testified to the Revelation of God and His sovereignty, yet the people remain veiled by a thick veil. God hath raised up all things for the manifestation of His Cause, yet the people persist in grievous delusion. The people have turned away from all things inasmuch as they have turned away from God and opposed Him concerning Whom the Book hath spoken: “There is no God but Me, the Almighty, the Powerful.”

O people of Paradise and O Concourse on High! Hearken unto that which the Wronged One speaketh in this noble station. Verily We beheld the Hour speaking and walking before the faces of the servants in Zawra', and it is this Youth Who hath appeared with truth from the presence of One mighty and powerful. The Wronged One hath made mention of thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord and be of them that remember.

Say: We give thanks unto God for having aided us to recognize the Dawning-Place of His Self, at Whose appearance wandering servants have fled—they who cast the Command of God behind their backs and followed what they were bidden by every ignorant and veiled one. Thus hath My tongue spoken in the kingdom of Mine utterance, and I am the Forgiving, the Generous.

Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH06220: He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious. The promise hath come, and He Who was promised hath appeared, when the Trumpet was sounded and eyes were transfixed. Say: This is the Day whereon the Treasure hath been unveiled and that which lay hidden from time immemorial hath appeared.

O people! Fear ye the All-Merciful, and deny not Him Who hath come from the heaven of utterance with clear proof and testimony. Among the people are those who have rejected the signs of God and His appearance, and among them are those who have hastened unto the Dawning-Place of Revelation with spirit and sweet fragrance. Blessed is the soul that hath spoken the truth, and woe unto him who hath disbelieved in God when He came with His grandeur and sovereignty.

We have drunk the wine of revelation and have been seized in such wise that pens are powerless to describe. At times I soar, at others I walk in the house, sometimes I range the field of utterance, and at times I take up the pen and reveal verses. Is there any sight that beholdeth the All-Seeing One, and is there any hearing that heareth what the Tongue of Grandeur uttereth at morn and eventide?

Thus have We sent down and made manifest that which was hidden from the servants. When thou readest the verses of thy Lord from this Book, say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me when sorrows had encompassed Thee.

BH06352: O thou who journeyest through the lands, and art…

In His Name, Who dawns forth from the horizon of utterance!

O thou who journeyest through the lands, and art cast out from amongst men in the path of God, the Lord of the Day of Resurrection! Doth exile and reviling grieve thee, after thou hast been graced with the honour of sharing in that which befell thy Lord? Verily, at one time was He imprisoned, at another cast into confinement; and before that, He was cast into a dungeon, bound with chains and fetters. And in the latter days He was banished, and entered the Most Great Prison, whose renown hath flown abroad throughout the horizons.

By the life of God! I glory in what hath befallen Me and remember it in all conditions. Therefore rejoice in that God hath enabled thee to bear hardships in His path and aided thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of verses. Thus doth the Wronged One remember thee when He hath left the prison and established the seat of the Throne at this station.

Blessed art thou for having shown patience in what befell thee from the hosts of idle fancies. Remember My loved ones on My behalf and give them the glad-tidings of this remembrance through which the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath wafted over all lands.

Glory be upon thee and upon whoso hath turned to the Divine Lote-Tree and attained the bounty of his Lord, the Lord of all beings.

BH06357: O Habib! Thou didst depart from thine own abode…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great.

O Habib! Thou didst depart from thine own abode, turning thy face unto God, the Lord of all worlds, and didst direct thyself unto Him until thou didst enter the land of the Prison and hear the call of the Wronged One while He was in the hands of the heedless.

Give thanks unto God for that He hath strengthened thee to accomplish this, and hath numbered thee among those who have quaffed the wine of reunion and attained the presence of the Throne in evident humility.

We have made mention of thee, and do make mention of thee, as a bounty from Our presence—for thy Lord is indeed the Most Bountiful, the All-Munificent.

Hold fast to the cord of steadfastness, then do that which beseemeth the days of thy Lord, and say:

> "O my God and my Master! I entreat Thee by Thine own Self to make me quickened through Thy Call, voicing Thy remembrance, and aided to remain steadfast in Thy Cause—a Cause before which all who are in the heavens and on the earth are powerless to stand. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Wise."

Magnify, on My behalf, My loved ones in that land, and give them the glad-tidings of My wondrous remembrance.

Say: Verily, We make mention of everyone who hath turned toward the Countenance, and We beseech God to ordain for him the good of this world and of the world to come. He, verily, is the Protector of them that remember Him.

BH06491: Divine verses have been revealed in such manner…

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

Divine verses have been revealed in such manner that none except His sanctified Essence is capable of numbering them, and exalted and wondrous Tablets specifically for the loved ones have been sent down

from the heaven of the favor of the Lord of Lords, successively and continuously. The purpose is that His loved ones might become redolent with the fragrance of His utterance and speak and act in a manner befitting His days.

However, some hearkened to the call and attained to the recognition of the oneness of God and the Manifestation of His Cause, yet such deeds as would cause the exaltation and glorification of the Word of God did not appear from them. What regret and remorse, that in such days they should deprive themselves of the ocean of God's good-pleasure!

Say: O friends! Know ye your worth and withhold not yourselves from that which is with God. Each one of you must be even as the morning star, radiant, that souls who have strayed in the darkness of idle fancies and selfish desires may thereby be guided and find the path of deliverance. This is the counsel of the sincere and faithful Friend to His loved ones.

BH06471: O friends! God willing, may you be blessed…

In the name of the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing!

O friends! God willing, may you be blessed with the grace of the All-Merciful and dwell with perfect assurance beneath the shade of the Divine Lote-Tree.

Reflect upon the chosen ones of God and what they have endured at the hands of enemies in times past and times more distant still. God, exalted be His glory, has ever summoned creation to that which profits them, yet the unjust people have arisen in utmost oppression, inflicting whatever tyranny and aggression lay within their power.

They who are endowed with vision and gaze upon the Most Great Horizon behold the entire world and all that transpires therein as non-existence. That which is attributed to God, glorified and exalted be He, has been and ever shall be enduring and eternal.

Rejoice then in what has befallen thee in the path of God and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having enabled me to bear tribulations in Thy love and good-pleasure. Verily Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful."

BH06835: He it is Who calleth out between earth…

He it is Who calleth out between earth and heaven

O Rafi', hearken unto the Call raised from the Crimson Spot behind the Ocean of Grandeur from the Uttermost Tree: He is, verily, no God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. There hath come before the Throne a leaf sent by him who circleth round the Throne, wherein was thy mention, and We have mentioned thee with sublime words whereby the Spirit hath spoken, the Cock hath crowed, and the Dove hath warbled. There is no God but He, the Manifest, the Speaker, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Rejoice thou in that thou hast attained unto this Tablet through which hath shone forth the Sun of loving-kindness as a bounty from God, the Bestower, the Generous. We have, of a truth, mentioned thee and do mention thee through Our Will. Thy Lord, verily, is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. Take thou the chalice of utterance in My Name, then drink therefrom through My remembrance, despite those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of Religion. Say: Die in your wrath, O people of hatred! By God, the Dayspring of Revelation hath illumined and there hath shone forth therefrom the Sun of the Beauty of your Lord, the Mighty, the Most Praised.

Thus hath moved the Pen when the Tongue of Eternity spoke in this noble station.

BH07422: O Muhammad! The One, the Single, the Unique makes…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O Muhammad! The One, the Single, the Unique makes mention of thee from His praiseworthy station and bears witness as He has witnessed before that there is no God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

Counsel My servants to be steadfast in My Cause. By My life, this is indeed the greatest of ordinances in My recorded Book. Arise to serve the Cause of God and give glad tidings to My loved ones and proclaim My glorification upon their faces. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Loving.

The ocean of generosity has surged and the Pen makes mention of thee from thy Lord, the Lord of existence. Say: O people of the earth! Deprive not yourselves of the lights of the Countenance, nor your ears from the Call which has been raised from this blessed station. Will your wealth profit you and will your children protect you? No, by My Self, but the people perceive not.

The splendor shining from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon every strong one whom the clamor of the idolaters has not weakened—they who have violated God's Covenant and His Testament and have denied the bounty through which the kingdom of existence has revolved.

BH07237: A Book which the All-Merciful has sent down…

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

A Book which the All-Merciful has sent down to all who dwell in the realm of possibility. Whoso turns to it has attained what was promised in the Book, and whoso turns away has lost in this world and the next. To this testifies the Lord of Names in this station.

O My loved ones! We counsel you to fear God and to act according to what has been revealed in the Tablets. Be dawning-places of trustworthiness, truthfulness and faithfulness, and manifestations of mercy, loving-kindness and purity. Thus does He Who remembers you night and day command you. Aid your Creator through pure deeds and goodly conduct, that your remembrance and traces may endure in the earth among all peoples.

Whoso drinks from the cup of My love, the circumstances of creation grieve him not, nor do the deeds of any doubting misbeliever. We are with you under all conditions, and hear your call, and ordain for you that which will gladden your eyes. Thus has the Pen spoken from the presence of the Ancient King, that you may thank your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

BH07252: A Tablet from the Wronged One to him who…

He is the All-Knowing Remembrancer

A Tablet from the Wronged One to him who hath believed in God, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting, that the Most Great Joy may seize him through the remembrance of the Lord of Eternity, and that he may thank his Lord, the Mighty, the Loving.

Thou art he who hath migrated from thy homeland in the path of God, the Lord of all being, and hast shown patience in hardship and adversity. Thus doth the Lord of Names bear witness unto thee from this exalted Prison. Blessed art thou and thy father who circled round the Throne at dawn and sunset. Ye are they who became wanderers for the sake of God and achieved that which most of mankind failed to attain. God will soon make it manifest in the earth. Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

They that showed patience after being wronged—these are the dwellers of Paradise preserved in the Guarded Tablet. God shall soon roll up the carpet of tyranny and spread out the carpet of justice. He, verily, is powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His word “Be” and it is.

Glory be upon thy father and upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the praiseworthy station.

BH07770: There hath befallen Us in the path of God…

In His name, the All-Wise!

There hath befallen Us in the path of God that which hath befallen no one before, inasmuch as one who was not worthy to tend even animals in this world hath passed judgment upon Us. Reflect upon the world and its affairs. By God’s life! Had it possessed worth and station even to the extent of a needle’s point, We would not have chosen what ye witness today of the transgressions of the nations.

Those who have perpetrated injustice shall soon be seized with chastisement from every direction. To this beareth witness the Tablet, and behind it the Pen. The world hath so deluded them that they have turned away from God, the Lord of all mankind, and have slain him for whom knowledge and learning have lamented. They have cast the Command of God behind their backs and seized upon that which they were bidden by every ignorant one who hath turned away and committed wrong.

Well is it with thee for having attained unto the recognition of God and for having quaffed the choice wine of everlasting life from the hand of thy Lord, the Ancient of Days.

BH07766: In His Name, the All-Attractive! The verses have been…

In His Name, the All-Attractive! The verses have been sent down, and there hath appeared in the realm what all created things were powerless to comprehend. The horizon of inner meanings hath been illumined by this Light which hath shone forth from God, the Lord of all men. The Qa'im hath come and hath informed the people of the Qayyum, before Whom all necks have bowed down and all eyes have been fixed.

Say: When He came, all people turned away from Him save those whom the hand of divine power did rescue. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing. We counselled the servants to behold Him with His own eyes. Thus hath the matter been decreed from God, the Mighty, the Bestower.

The people have cast the counsel of God behind their backs and followed every envious opponent. Say: O people! Abandon what ye possess and hold fast unto that which God hath revealed in the Book. By God's life! Their vain desires shall profit them not, nor what they possess. To this testifieth He to Whom the atoms have borne witness.

Thus have We mentioned thee and sent down for thee that which rejoiceth thy heart and causeth thee to thank thy Lord, the Revealer of verses.

BH07732: In My Name, the All-Knowing! We have sent down…

In My Name, the All-Knowing! We have sent down the Book of Names and commanded those named therein to believe in God, the All-Knowing. We counseled them that nothing should prevent them from God, the Lord of the worlds, and We informed them of what had been ordained aforetime that they might take heed and be among the discerning ones.

Yet when the veil was rent asunder and the All-Bestowing came, they turned away from Him through Whom the heavens and earth were illumined. Thus doth the All-Informed apprise thee.

We created the names for this Most Great Day—were it not for Him, neither the names nor what they possess of forms and images would have been created. Through My Name were their realities created, as attesteth he who hath been acquainted with what hath been sent down from God, the Exalted, the Great.

Take thou My Book in My Name and recite it unto them who have believed in God, the Mighty, the Peerless. We make mention of him who hath turned to the Countenance and We give him glad tidings of what hath been ordained for him from the presence of a Mighty, Generous Lord.

Ask thou God to assist thee and those who have turned steadfastly to this wondrous Cause.

BH07974: He hath been illumined from the horizon…

He hath been illumined from the horizon of the world by the Most Great Name

O Muhammad qabl-i-Rahim! Hearken unto the call of the All-Bountiful Who maketh mention of thee in the Garden wherein was established the throne of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Be thou thankful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!

Thou art He Who didst hasten unto God until thou didst enter the prison and attain the presence of the Countenance and didst hear the call of the Wronged One when He was speaking: Verily, there is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Thou didst drink the choice wine of reunion from the hands of the bounty of thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. Then thou didst return by His leave unto thy dwelling place. Thus doth the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, make mention of thee.

Ask thou God, thy Lord, to assist thee to remain steadfast in His Cause and to aid thee in that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily, He is the Lord of humanity and the Sovereign of the throne on high and of the dust below. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Remember thou My loved ones on My behalf and give them the joyful tidings of My gracious remembrance.

BH08190: A remembrance from Our presence for him who hath…

He is the Most High, the All-Glorious.

A remembrance from Our presence for him who hath turned unto the horizon of the Manifestation and been illumined by the light of God, the Lord of all worlds.

Say: This is the Day whereon God hath come in His sovereign might. Fear God, and be not of the ignorant. Cast away that which ye possess, and lay hold on that which ye have been commanded from the presence of One mighty, omnipotent.

How many a servant hath heard the Call of God and turned aside, and how many a servant hath been attracted and directed unto the Peerless, the All-Informed.

Be thou not grieved by aught. Put thy whole trust in God in all thine affairs; verily, He is with His servants who rely upon Him.

Let not the tyranny of any oppressor weaken thee, nor the clamour of the company of idolaters affright thee. Hold fast to the cord of the loving providence of thy Lord, and say:

O my Lord, I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the manifest yet hidden, to aid me to remain steadfast in Thy Cause and to arise in Thy service. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH08321: In the Most Glorious Name!

In the Most Glorious Name!

We sent down the Revealer of the Bayan to give glad tidings to all contingent beings of this Day wherein the Rock hath cried out: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting!”

Yet when the horizon of the world was illumined and the Self-Subsisting appeared with My Most Great Name, they denied Him save those whom the hand of divine power rescued and numbered among such as have believed in God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

Say: O people of Baha! Rejoice in My manifestation, My dawning, and My sovereignty that hath encompassed all in the seen and unseen realms.

Say: This is a Tablet that at times soars and at times circles round, moved by the attraction of the call of its Lord, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

When thou dost witness and hear God's call, arise and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having enabled me to gaze upon the horizon of Thy manifestation. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in this Cause which hath caused hearts to lament."

BH09141: O ʿAli! Time and again hast thou been blessed…

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

O ʿAli! Time and again hast thou been blessed to hearken unto the Call of God, and Tablets have been sent down particularly for thee from the heaven of mercy. No greater bounty exists than that the Most Exalted Pen hath turned toward thee and doth make mention of thee in these sublime and wondrous words. Give thanks therefore unto God, the Lord of all the worlds. Beseech the True One that at the time of thy ascension thou mayest be adorned with the Most Great Steadfastness. Regard most of the men of the world as Antichrist, save those souls whom God hath preserved through His loving providence and adorned with the ornament of humanity and justice. Convey My greetings unto the friends and give them to drink of the choice wine of remembrance and utterance which floweth from the fountainhead of the brief words of this Tablet. Thus hath the Best-Beloved made mention of thee and doth make mention of him who hath believed in the Truth, the Speaker, the Manifest, the Witnessed One.

BH09014: This is a Book which speaks with truth…

In the Name of the Most Exalted

This is a Book which speaks with truth and makes mention of those who have quaffed the cup of tribulation in the path of God, the Lord of all names, and have borne such hardships as none among all created things have borne. They have heard from the enemies that which none in the world have heard, as doth testify to this He Who is the Ancient of Days in His Scriptures and Tablets. O loved ones of the All-Merciful! Well is it with you, and joy be unto you, for ye have attained unto the choice wine of revelation which hath flowed from the Pen of God, the Lord of creation, and it hath so intoxicated you that ye have turned unto Him, shunning every malicious infidel. Verily, they who are heedless this day are among those who have gone astray. We give glad tidings unto him who hath borne tribulations of God's good-pleasure and His grace, and We make mention of him with such remembrance as doth perfume the

horizons. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon them, from God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

BH09689: O Pen! Give glad tidings to him who hath…

In His Name, the One Who rules over the Kingdom of Names!

O Pen! Give glad tidings to him who hath borne afflictions in My path and whom calamities have befallen, for having acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered from His glorious and wondrous station.

O My Pen! Hearken unto My call from My Most Great Prison and give him the glad tidings of My Kingdom, My favor and My gifts which have encompassed the worlds.

By the life of God! He who hath drunk from the cup of tribulation hath attained unto the mention of the Lord of Names. He shall soon behold that which cannot be equaled by the treasuries of the heavens and the earth.

Thus do We make mention of Our loved ones who have desired My luminous countenance. They are among those who have attained unto My remembrance and My praise and what We have ordained for them in My Preserved Tablet.

The glory be upon thee and upon those who have cast away vain imaginings and hastened unto the ocean of certitude.

BH09882: The Supreme Pen testifieth that thou hast turned unto…

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

The Supreme Pen testifieth that thou hast turned unto the Kingdom and hast heard the call of God, the Lord of all worlds, and hast drunk the choice wine of reunion from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. Convey My good pleasure unto My loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of My gracious remembrance. We counsel them to show forth the most great steadfastness in this Cause whereby all who are in creation were dismayed, save those whom the Almighty did choose. Say: Whosoever hath transgressed the bounds of servitude, is not of the people of Baha. To this doth My Supreme Pen bear witness in this mighty Book. Say: Through servitude the Cause of God and His dominion are made manifest amongst mankind. Well is it with them that understand. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon them that are steadfast.

BH00283: Praise be to God Who is unique in His…

Section 1: “In the Name of our Lord, the Most…”

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Praise be to God Who is unique in His grandeur and peerless in that Name which He hath made the Sovereign of all names. He hath created all things through the Most Exalted Word and caused them to

voice His praise throughout the kingdom of creation. He hath manifested the Word at one time in the form of the Balance, and at another in the likeness of an Ocean casting forth the pearls of divine knowledge, and yet again He hath revealed it in the image of the Path, and at times in the temple of the Trumpet whereinto He blew, causing all who are in the heavens and on earth to swoon away, save whom He willed and desired. He, verily, is the One Who hath power over His servants, Who is manifest in the beginning and in the end. There is no God but Him, the Possessor of all existence.

And I pray, offer salutations and glorification upon the first One Whom God made as a Sun in the heaven of His knowledge, an Orbit for the ocean of His will, and a Light from among the lights of His countenance, and upon those who drew nigh unto Him with illumined hearts and radiant faces, who were so transported by the rapture of His Manifestation that they circled round tribulation and set their faces toward hardship and adversity in His path. These are they whom neither the howling of the oppressors, nor the roaring of the infidels, nor the croaking of the heedless could deter. They aided the Cause of God with their hearts, their eyes, their ears, their tongues, their hands and their feet. Upon them the Concourse on High and the denizens of Paradise send their blessings morning and evening, and upon those who dwell beyond the crimson sea of grandeur. Exalted is their Creator, exalted is their Maker, exalted is their Strengthener, and exalted is their Provider, Who created them through His Will. He, verily, is the Single One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O beloved of my heart! I was asleep when the Messenger of my Lord awakened me. When I arose, He said:

> "The Desired One of the world and the Ancient King commands thy presence."

Thereupon I turned and made my way to that place until I attained the presence of the Lord of all beings. The Tongue of Grandeur then spoke as He desired. Then the sun of permission to return arose, and I returned to my dwelling. Upon entering, I found a letter. When I opened it—God knoweth—I detected the fragrance of your sincerity to God, our Lord and your Lord. When I read it, the attraction of your love seized me in such wise that I am powerless to describe it. It was as though from each word of your words and each letter of your letter, I read a book about your love for the Desired One of the world, your detachment from all else save Him, your steadfastness in His remembrance and praise, and your dedication to teaching His Cause.

Blessed are ye, and joy be unto you, and glory be unto you, and delight be unto you! Were this servant to repeat these words throughout the duration of the kingdom and the heavenly realm, it would be fitting, inasmuch as He found your hearts to be vessels of the love of God, your tongues the dawning-places of His sweetest praise, and your ears attuned to hearken unto His most exalted call. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to set you ablaze at every moment with a flame that will increase thereby the heat of the love of God in all else. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Near, the Answerer.

In truth, this evanescent servant was so delighted by the mention and praise of that spiritual beloved that it is impossible to describe or enumerate it. One night it was all presented before His presence. Thereupon the ocean of bounty surged, and the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which none can reckon save Himself. At the end of the utterance, His mighty glory proclaimed:

> "O thou who art present! Verily, he hath been set ablaze with the fire of the love of God and hath spoken His praise amongst His servants. He giveth to drink the wine of His bounty and the Kawthar of His grace to those who desire to draw nigh and turn unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We shall aid him through Our grace and shall write for him that which will gladden his heart. Verily his Lord, the All-Merciful, is powerful over whatsoever He willeth through a word from His presence, and He is indeed the Protector over what hath been and what shall be."

O thou who hast turned thy face toward My horizon and soarest in Mine atmosphere! Hearken unto My call at times from My mansion, at others from My prison, and yet again from thy Lord's garden, the Lord of all existence. The servant who is present hath come with thy letter and hath presented before the Throne that which hath diffused the fragrance of My Beloved's love. Blessed art thou and blessed is thy father who dwelt in the vicinity of My mercy. Verily, grace is in the hand of God—He singles out whom He willeth through a command from His presence. He is indeed the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones who were not held back by adversity or prosperity from the remembrance of My praiseworthy station. Say: Beware lest the world withhold you from the Lord of Names. Look, then remember the generations of old. Where are the great ones and the princes and the learned? And where are the tyrants and the Pharaohs and the Caesars and the Chosroes? Where are their visible traces and their lofty palaces? Where are their adorned houses and their trellised gardens? Where are their outspread carpets and their elevated thrones? Where are their assembled armies? Where are their adorned maidens? Where are their embroidered garments? Where are their precious things? Where are their bejeweled crowns?

Where are their fortified refuges? Where are elevated strongholds? Where are their visible treasures? Where are their hidden hoards? Where are their valiant tribes? Where are their marshalled armies? And where are the horsemen and the footmen? And where are the heroes and the champions? And where is he who was a vessel on the sea of oppression and a ship upon the air of vain imaginings? And where is he who, were he to be given all the treasures and riches and ornaments and bounties of earth, would say "Is there yet more?" All have returned to dust with such regret and remorse as none save God, the Lord of all worlds, is aware.

Say: O My loved ones! Arise to make mention of Me and to praise Me, and hold fast unto the wisdom that hath been sent down in My Book that hath appeared from the kingdom of Mine utterance. Soon shall extinction overtake all that can be seen, and sovereignty shall remain with the Lord of the throne and of the dust, the Lord of the world to come and of the world that has been. Thus hath spoken My Most Exalted Pen in this station which God hath made a throne for the heaven, adorned with the light of the manifestations of My Most Great and Most Glorious Name.

Say: O friends! This Day hath no peer or likeness. On this blessed Day, any pure deed that appeareth is accounted as the sovereign of deeds, and any mention that proceedeth from the lips is and shall be the king of all remembrance. I swear by the pearls of the divine ocean of knowledge that the greatness of these days hath not been and shall never be limited. Strive ye that ye may attain unto a station that shall endure, and that no possessor of power shall be able to seize. Meditate upon and act according to those

divine qualities and attributes with which the Tablets are adorned and honored to make mention. God willing, ye shall attain unto a glory that is exalted in the presence of God.

Those souls who have truly partaken of the Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful and have drunk of the choice wine of recognition on this divine Day are seen to be more enkindled in times of hardship and tribulation. Well is it with the soul that hath on this Day attained unto that which God hath desired. Assuredly the diverse colors of the world and the varying conditions of the peoples shall not withhold him from the Ancient Lord. The ocean of joy surgeth in his heart and the sun of gladness shineth from the horizon of his breast. Thus doth God exhort you and counsel you and explain to His loved ones that which shall exalt them unto His holy, mighty and inaccessible kingdom. End.

From the wondrous and impregnable verses that have been revealed, the Divine favor and bounty are manifest and evident. This servant, nay all the world, is powerless and unable to describe them. His is the grace and the glory, His the grandeur and the praise, His the bounty and the blessings. He bestoweth whatsoever He willeth by a command from His presence. Verily, He is the One, the Incomparable, the Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

As to that which you had written concerning those souls who have newly turned unto the Most Great Ocean and have drunk from the chalice of eternity in the name of God—blessed are they and blissful their portion! The mention of all hath been submitted to the Most Sacred Threshold, and for each one the Sun of Divine bounty hath shone forth. This evanescent servant entreateth and hopeth from the True One that He may adorn them all with the ornament of knowledge and recognition. And since that honored one speaketh and maketh mention for the sake of God's countenance, in the path of God, and for the love of God, it shall assuredly prove effective. God willing, may the darkness of the world be dispelled by the light of the Word of the Ancient King, and may the standards of victory be upraised in every city. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

And as to that which you had written concerning the people of Sistan, their mention had aforetime been submitted to the Most Sacred Threshold, and wondrous and impregnable verses were revealed in their regard. Since their condition was recorded in the book of that spiritual beloved, it was presented to the Most Sacred Threshold, and these pearl-like words dawned forth from the Orient of the Will of Him Who is the Revealer of verses—exalted be His might and magnified His majesty!

Section 2: "A remembrance from Us unto those who have…"

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing, the Manifest, the Holy, the Mighty, the Wise!

A remembrance from Us unto those who have been stirred by the fragrances of My verses, drawn by the perfume of My robe, and brought near through the manifestations of My Will and Purpose, that joy may seize them in such wise that the doings of them that have denied God, the Lord of all worlds, may never sadden them.

O My loved ones in Saysan! We have mentioned you before, and now once again, as a token of Our grace—and verily, I am the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. How many a learned one hath been withheld by his learning from the Sovereign of all knowledge, and how many a mystic, when the Object of

all mystic knowledge appeared, turned aside from Him and opposed God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed are ye, inasmuch as ye have rent asunder the most great veil and shattered the idols of vain imaginings through the name of your Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful.

Say: O concourse of divines! By God, the ocean of knowledge hath appeared. And O company of mystics! By God, He Who is known hath come with manifest sovereignty. Cast away what ye possess of idle fancies and vain imaginings, then hasten to the horizon wherefrom the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth:

> "The Kingdom is God's, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy!"

Do your suppositions profit you? Nay, by My Name, the Self-Subsisting! Do your imaginings enrich you? Nay, by My sovereignty that overshadoweth all who are in the heavens and on earth!

O concourse of divines! Turn ye unto the Most Sublime Horizon, then rend asunder, through the Name of the Lord of Names, the veils and glorifications that have prevented you from beholding My luminous horizon. O My loved ones! Give praise unto your Lord, the All-Merciful, then thank Him for having aided you to recognize the Dawning-Place of His signs and the Treasury of His mysteries, when most of His servants remained heedless thereof. Thus doth God make mention of you and inform you of that which shall profit you. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Generous.

Hold ye fast unto the cord of the Cause in such wise that neither the clamor of the world nor the allusions of the misguided ones who have cast the Book of God behind their backs and followed the biddings of every ignorant suspicious one shall debar you. We, verily, send Our greetings from this spot unto you, that ye may rejoice in God's glorification and remembrance. He, verily, guideth whom He willeth unto His straight path.

Take ye hold of the Book of God with might, then observe that which hath been sent down therein from the presence of a wise and knowing Ruler. Say: Thine be the praise, O Lord of Names, and Thine be the glory, O Sovereign of earth and heaven! We beseech Thee by the Name which Thou hast made the Dayspring of all names to number us among such as have stood firm in Thy love and have quaffed the wine of certitude from the hands of Thy bounty in such wise that neither riches have withheld them from turning unto Thee, nor tribulations from gazing toward Thy horizon. O Lord! We are poor at Thy gate. We implore Thee by Thy Most Exalted Pen to ordain for us that which beseemeth Thy generosity, Thy grace and Thy favors. Thou, verily, art the Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

All that was written in that loved one's letter was presented at the Most Holy Court, and an answer was graciously vouchsafed—may the spirits of all who dwell in the world be a sacrifice for His favor, and may the spirits of all who dwell in the Kingdom be a sacrifice for His grace. The circular design of the Temple that was requested was presented, and the Sun of permission hath risen from the horizon of the All-Merciful's mercy. God willing, this servant shall send the writing whenever opportunity permits, and other designs shall also be sent thereafter, God willing.

Regarding the souls that were mentioned, from the heaven of the favor of the Goal of all the world's peoples, a most holy and most exalted Tablet was revealed and sent specifically for each one. However, some are in the handwriting of this evanescent servant, copied from the original revelation, as in these

days His Holiness the Most Great Branch—may my spirit, my being, and my essence be sacrificed for the dust of His footsteps—is not present here.

While the servant was engaged in writing, he was summoned to the Most Exalted Summit and the Supreme Horizon. When he attained the presence, He, exalted be His glory, said:

> "We desire to make mention of the Letter Ayn, upon him be My Glory, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of God, the Lord of the worlds. We have mentioned him before in verses from which the fragrance of utterance was diffused throughout all possibility. He is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the Wise. He is among those who have attained unto the Most Great Ocean and have drunk the choice wine sealed from the hand of My Hidden Name, Who calleth out in the Most Great Prison amidst the nations: There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Powerful.' We have written down for him from the Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit him in every world of the worlds of his Lord, the All-Informed. By My life! Were there to be revealed unto him that which hath been concealed from him, he would soar upon the wings of longing and cry out in all regions: 'Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Desire of the world, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Object of adoration of them who are nigh unto Thee!' We counsel him to be wise and give him the glad-tidings of My grace, My loving-kindness and My gracious mention. Glory be upon him and upon those who are with him and upon those who have acknowledged and witnessed that which God witnessed before the creation of the heavens and the earth. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds."

God willing, may they drink from the springs of exalted words from the fountainhead of divine favors, and may they comprehend the manifestations of the veiled meanings which are concealed in the palaces of the letters of the Lord of Names and Attributes. Indeed, grace hath reached such a station that the pen and tongue of all peoples are powerless to describe and record it. We beseech Him, exalted be He, by His power and sovereignty, to accept from us whatsoever proceedeth from us in His days. He is, verily, the Hearer, the Answerer.

This servant submits that, on behalf of this evanescent one, thou wilt convey unto the gentlemen of that land—illumined by the lights of certitude and adorned with the ornament of true knowledge—my wondrous and impregnable blessing. From the True One I beseech that He may grant unto all a portion of the fragrant breaths of His days, and not deprive them of the Most Great Ocean. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

As to what was mentioned, that the revealed Tablets, destined for the persons named, were sent: on this occasion there was delay, inasmuch as the dispatch of general Tablets all at one time is contrary to wisdom. God willing, they will be forwarded hereafter.

And further: concerning the mention of "Sisan," they have written this word with a Sad and have supplied its vowel-points; yet, inasmuch as this name is among the names of the villages of Iran, and in the ancient tongue there were not eight letters—of which Sad is one—therefore hath this servant written it with a Sin; albeit, that which is current in the usage of men should be followed, for it hath been said: "The widespread error is better than the forsaken correctness."

And as to what thou didst write concerning Hadab: in this matter certain passages from the Source of the Cause were written, in reply to the letter of Mulla Abu'l-Hasan—may the glory of God be upon him. It is commanded that I transcribe the same and send it unto thee. This is the copy of what was written to Abu'l-Hasan—may the glory of God be upon him—Baha'u'llah.

Concerning what thou didst write about Mosul: He said that it were better that they should have given heed to the glad-tidings—"and give thou glad tidings to the steadfast"—after the blessed words "And We will surely try you," although in this year famine hath encompassed most lands. Yet the spreading of such matters and the publishing thereof, in any case, must be done with permission. He knoweth His servants better than they know themselves. Verily, He is the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And whosoever, with perfect eagerness and desire, wisheth to discharge Huququ'llah must deliver it unto such as thyself and the trusted ones, and receive a receipt of acknowledgement, that whatsoever is done may be done by the leave and permission of the True One. Verily, He is the Wise Instructor.

Another matter: good ink, suited for the writing of Tablets and books, is scarce in supply and much needed. If it be possible, therefore, to procure somewhat of the qualities here set forth, and to send a measure thereof, it would be greatly loved. The ink that hath thus far been sent from that land hath either been glossy and adhesive, or else black and over-dark; and these two qualities, for the writing of Tablets, have never been, nor are, desirable. Some, moreover, incline to redness—the so-called "peacock feather"—and this, too, is not favoured. The ink that is desired and approved is one that floweth well, is of the deepest black, is lustrous yet without any stickiness. And there is also a sort, like gold laid upon burnished paper, smooth and polished; that, likewise, is not preferred—what is preferred is its raised texture. It must in no wise incline in colour toward yellowness or redness.

BH00345: Praise, sanctified above mention by pen and ink, befitteth…

Section 1: "Praise, sanctified above mention by pen and ink…"

He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power

Praise, sanctified above mention by pen and ink, befitteth and beseemeth the Lord of creation, Who through His Most Great Word renewed the kingdom of utterance and brought the Concourse on High into a state of joy and rapture. Through that blessed Word the Divine Spirit wafted and the Spirit of God pervaded all things; the dead world was adorned with the ornament of life, and withered souls were observed in a state of freshness and vitality. Glorified be His greatness, exalted be His power, and sublime be His majesty! Pure hearts, penetrating eyes, and illumined breasts behold at every moment the signs of divine power and perceive the fragrances of the garment of His Revelation. Through His will, the Most Great Prison, with all its severity and confinement, became the All-Highest Paradise and the Dawning-Place of His supreme mercy. Those who were forbidden from beholding the paths, mosques, and streets of the city are now observed in complete freedom. True indeed is the word of our Lord, the Most High, the Most Great.

His word, exalted be His majesty:

> "Soon will that which was closed be opened, that which was joined be separated, that which was forbidden enter in, that which was united be divided, that which was difficult be made easy, and that which was hidden be revealed. Ponder, O ye who are endued with insight, that ye may understand what hath been inscribed of the mysteries."

We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist all who are on earth to turn unto Him and to act according to that which He hath revealed in His Book. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

To continue: there reached this servant thy letter which was adorned with the mention of our Lord and your Lord, and the praise of our Lord and your Lord, and I found from it the fragrance of your sincerity, your devotion, your humility, and your submissiveness before God, our Goal and your Goal and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and the earth. When I became acquainted with and understood its contents, I approached the presence of the Throne until I stood before the Desired One and presented what was in your letter. Thereupon the Speaker of the Mount spoke and uttered that which none can reckon save God alone. I confess my powerlessness and testify to the powerlessness of all on earth, and to this our All-Informed Lord doth testify. In truth, this evanescent servant is powerless to mention that which was heard, but some of the revealed verses that are before me shall be mentioned. He, exalted be His glory, spoke these concluding words:

> "O My servant! Write for My servant Kazim what thou hast heard from My tongue, that he may rejoice in My remembrance and speak My praise in such wise that the clamor of the divines who have cast the ordinances of God behind their backs and followed their own vain imaginings may not dismay him. This is the Day wherein the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth from the Most Exalted Horizon: O people of creation! By God, the gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of Names hath come. And He is this Beauty shining forth from the horizon of the Unseen with power and sovereignty. Blessed is he and blessed is his father who gave his spirit and sacrificed himself in the path of God, the Lord of all men. We testify that he attained unto My presence and gained the honor of meeting Me, and drank the choice wine of My utterance, and discovered the fragrance of My garment, and heard that which the Interlocutor heard on the Mount of Knowledge. O Kazim! Hearken once again unto My most sweet call. By My life! If thou wert to taste the sweetness of My call, joy would take hold of thee and sorrows would flee from thee. Be thou at all times immersed in the ocean of My good-pleasure, speaking My praise amongst My servants, and acting according to that which God hath revealed in the Book. Thus hath the horizon of utterance been illumined by the Sun of thy Lord's remembrance, the Revealer of verses. The Glory of God rest upon thee and upon thy family from God, the Lord of all men."

From the blessed verses, divine favor is evident and clear. You must, God willing, arise with utmost endeavor to serve the Cause of God and be occupied with wisdom and forbearance. If in these days matters that cause grief are witnessed, behold them all as moths around the lamp—if they briefly intervene, in an instant they are destroyed and perish. God willing, the sound of the waves of the sea of joy shall obliterate and remove the cawing of the raven of sorrows. Verily He is the Omnipotent, Whom

nothing can frustrate and no power can weaken. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Triumphant, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

And concerning what you wrote about mentioning to Jinab-i-Ismu'llah Jamal, upon him be all the Most Glorious Beauty, that he would remember in the Most Holy Court yourself and your mother and sister and other family members—he fulfilled his promise and presented it in the Most Holy Court, and again in these days expressions of favor have been shown to each one. Give them the glad tidings of God's grace and His mercy that hath preceded existence in both the unseen and visible realms. All have been adorned with the ornament of forgiveness and have attained unto the Kawthar of mention. This evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, that He may enable all to succeed in His remembrance, praise and service, and to remain steadfast in this mighty Cause. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

And concerning what was mentioned about those souls who have newly attained to the ocean of recognition, it was presented. This is what the Desired One hath revealed in response:

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great

[Muhammad Hasan Sultan] A mention from Our presence to those on earth, that they may forsake what they possess and turn to God, Knower of the unseen and the seen. O peoples of the earth! Hasten ye to the remembrance of God and His mercy. He calleth you and mentioneth you in that which causeth breasts to expand and hearts to rejoice. O Hasan! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. Verily He mentioneth thee from this Prison for the sake of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. How many a servant desired to draw nigh but vain imaginings prevented him, and how many a man aimed for the Desired One but idle fancies barred him. Give thanks to God for having enabled thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of His verses and made thee aware of this Cause, whereof the generality of the learned remained heedless, save whom God, the Lord of existence, willed. We have sent thee the pearl of the ocean of utterance. When thine eyes are solaced thereby, arise and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the nations and the One manifest through the Most Great Name! Thanks be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast mentioned me from Thy glorious station! Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of Names! And praise be unto Thee, O Creator of the heavens, for having moved Thy Most Exalted Pen to mention me in Thy beloved Prison!

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

[Quli Khan] A Book sent down by the Bestower to him who hath turned to the Most Great Sea when the Lord of Eternity came with manifest sovereignty. O Quli! He Who is mentioned mentioneth thee from this spot round which circle the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the cities of eternity. Verily there is none other God but He, the Peerless, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. When thou hearest the creaking of My Pen and findest the fragrance of My robe from Mine utterance, turn thy face toward God, the Protector of the worlds, and say:

O my God, God of the world, my Beloved and the Beloved of all nations! I beseech Thee by the kingdom of Thy utterance and the dominion of Thy knowledge to ordain for me that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Then grant me, by Thy bountiful hand, the waters of steadfastness. Verily, Thou art

the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Generous.

Section 2: "This is a mention from Our presence…"

He is the Dawning Place from the Horizon of Utterance

This is a mention from Our presence to him who seeketh the waters of utterance from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Generous. O Rida! Rejoice that the countenance of thy Lord, the Most Glorious, hath turned toward thee from this distant station. He maketh mention of thee as a bounty from His presence, that He may draw thee nigh unto the Supreme Horizon and acquaint thee with His straight path. We have manifested the Cause and set up the Balance and called all unto God, the One, the All-Informed. Among the people are those who have violated God's Covenant and His Testament and opposed Us, and among them are those who have pronounced judgment against Us without clear proof or an enlightening Book. How many learned ones have denied the Known One, and how many mystics have disbelieved in the Recognized One when He came with the standards of signs from the presence of the Mighty, the Wise. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee and dispatched them to thee that thou mayest be among the firmly established ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant giveth you glad tidings that the Beloved of the world hath visited on behalf of you and your mother and your sisters and your wife and those of your household. It behooveth me and thee and all on earth to thank Him and praise Him and glorify Him by night and day. Praise be to God. This servant succeeded in fulfilling your wishes exactly as you had written, visiting on behalf of all. We beseech Him to make this blessed, doubly blessed and righteous deed a treasure for you and for us. Verily, He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth through His command "Be!" and it is.

As to what you mentioned regarding the friends of God being engaged every Friday in the recitation of verses and the remembrance of God, by the life of God, they have a station among the stations in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. Convey greetings on behalf of this ephemeral servant to them and say: The Day of the Covenant hath come, and the earth hath told its tales, and the mountains have passed away by the command of their Creator, and all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck save those who have detached themselves from all on earth and turned with radiant faces toward God. God willing, you must stand with perfect steadfastness in the Cause of God.

Though the clouds of oppression may momentarily obscure the light of the Sun of Justice, the time will come when the winds of the Divine Will shall, in less than a moment, disperse them and illuminate the world with the light of justice. We beseech God that those illumined hearts may be so enkindled by the heat of Divine remembrance that its effects may become manifest in all directions. Would that the servant could be with you in that house wherein the mention of God, the Lord of all beings and the King of the throne on high and of earth below, hath been raised. O friends! Strive ye, for this is the day of endeavor and this is the day of steadfastness, that perchance ye may receive your portion from the outpourings of the cloud of divine mercy and the effulgences of the Sun of Reality. Verily, He is with you and guideth you to the right path.

As for what you wrote concerning the house, it was presented before the Throne. This is what the Desired One hath revealed in response: We have accepted the house and made it a meeting place for the loved ones of God who have forsaken the world and turned wholly unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Kazim! The aforementioned house has been accepted and mention thereof was made in the Most Holy Presence. God willing, may it become a gathering place for His loved ones. Remember Me therein and praise Me at eventide and at dawn. Blessed is thy father who soared in the atmosphere of the love of God in such wise that he sacrificed his spirit and his being in a land whose mention God hath revealed in His Mighty Book. We testify that he turned unto God, hearkened to His call, and hastened to the Dawning-place of sacrifice. Thus doth God mention whom He willeth as a token of His grace. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Generous.

O Most Exalted Pen! Turn towards those who have turned to the countenance of their Lord when He appeared with the truth and came with mighty sovereignty. Say: O loved ones of God in His lands! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One which hath been raised from the precincts of the Prison. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Great. Be ye united in the Cause of God and His remembrance, and be ye as the fingers of one hand. Thus doth He Who hath in His keeping the Preserved Tablet teach you. Set right that which is between you and put your trust in God. Verily, He is with His trusted servants. Thus surgeth the ocean of thy Lord's mercy, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate. Glory be upon you, O My loved ones and chosen ones, and upon those who have attained unto My days and acted in accordance with that which they were bidden in My perspicuous Book.

As for what you wrote concerning the Leaf of Paradise, upon her be the Glory of God, it was presented before the Throne, and this evanescent servant attained to visitation on her behalf. We thank God and praise Him for this. Especially in these days her mention was made in the Most Holy Presence, and a most mighty, most glorious, most holy Tablet was specifically revealed for her from the heaven of the All-Merciful's will and was sent. God willing, may she attain unto it. Convey greetings on behalf of this servant to her and her relatives, wherever they may be. And concerning those whom you mentioned who have detached themselves from all save God and believed in Him on a day wherein the pillars of the world were shaken and the limbs of the nations trembled—upon them be the Glory of God, His mercy, His care and His favors. This evanescent one conveys greetings to all.

And as for your mention of Aqa Khudadad, Aqa Shahvardi, Aqa ʿAzizu'llah and Aqa Muhammad-Taqi, upon them be the Glory of God, it was presented one night in the Holy Presence. The Sun of Divine favor shone forth upon each one. He, exalted be His glory, said:

> "These are they who have attained unto the days of God and have drunk His most pure wine in the name of the Lord of Power, through Whom the Greatest Scene was honored—the place which was named the Most Great Prison and with the most beautiful names by My Most Exalted Pen. Upon them be My glory, My mercy and My care which have preceded all worlds."

In these special days, wondrous and exalted verses are being revealed from the divine Kingdom of Utterance. God willing, may they attain unto them and inhale the fragrances of the Raiment of the All-Merciful therefrom. This evanescent servant has attained to their presence aforetime. I beseech the Most

High to assist them in His remembrance and praise, to aid them in that which He loveth and approveth, to ordain for them the good of this world and the next, and to record for them through His Most Exalted Pen in the Book of Names that which shall cause their mention, their spirits, and their bodies to endure. Verily, He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Powerful.

As for those souls whom you mentioned who have ascended unto God, mention of some of them hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen both before and after. Upon them be the glory of God and His mercy. Others were also mentioned in this instance, and all have been adorned with the ornament of forgiveness both before and after. Glory be upon you and upon those who have turned unto God and have attained unto the recognition of God, our Lord and their Lord, our Purpose and their Purpose, and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

The servant, Sha'ban 1297

BH00323: Glorified be He Who hath illumined the horizon…

Section 1: "In the Name of our Lord, the Most…"

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Sacred, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Glorified be He Who hath illumined the horizon of utterance with the Sun of His Most Great Remembrance, before Whom the sinews of the nations have trembled—they who have turned away from the Ancient King and followed their fancies and idle desires. Glorified be He Who standeth alone in might and is unique in power. He, verily, is the Sovereign Who hath accepted all tribulations in the kingdom of creation for the manifestation of His purpose and the establishment of that which shall profit all lands. He is the All-Powerful Whom the tyranny of the mighty and the strong hath not weakened, and Whom the affairs of those in creation have not prevented from appearing and manifesting, through the Most Exalted Word, the Most High Paradise, summoning all unto Him through wisdom and utterance.

Exalted is our Lord, the All-Merciful, Whose robe, when recognized, draweth the hearts of the sincere and causeth the spirits of those who are nigh to soar. Through it the lovers have directed their steps toward the Most Exalted Vision and the yearning ones toward the Supreme Summit. Through it every man of knowledge hath faced the swords of the enemies, and every soul that hath turned unto God the arrows of destiny.

Blessing and peace and glorification and praise be upon those who have drunk of the choice sealed wine from the hand of their Lord, the Self-Subsisting! These are servants who have heard what the Speaker of Sinai hath uttered and have witnessed that which the Tongue of Manifestation hath proclaimed. These are servants whom neither the mention of the Hour hath affrighted, nor have the tempests of the Day of Judgment moved them, nor were they thunderstruck when the trumpet was blown, nor did they tarry when they heard the call "Hasten ye!" from the Sovereign of Manifestation. They have acknowledged that which God hath acknowledged in His days and have confessed that which God confessed when He was established upon His throne. These are servants whom tongues and pens are powerless to describe or extol.

The evanescent servant beseecheth his Almighty, Eternal Lord to inscribe for him with His Most Exalted Pen that which He hath inscribed for them, to ordain for him what He ordained for them, and to grant him, in their shadow, a station enduring through His Most Beautiful Names and Most Exalted Attributes. Verily, He is the All-Powerful before Whom nothing is impossible and no matter can prevent Him. He acteth and commandeth, heareth and seeth, and He is the Commander, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

By the Beauty of the Adored One, His glory, His might and His power—were the servant to make mention of them throughout the duration of His dominion and kingdom, the cord of my love would not be severed nor would the love of my heart be exhausted. I beseech the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, to gather me with them in every world of His worlds. Among them are the Living One of God and the True One—can anyone describe them as they deserve to be described or make mention of them as befitteth their station? Nay, by the soul of the Beloved! It hath been testified beforehand that the true believer cannot be described. These have quaffed the choice wine of utterance and have expended all they possessed in the path of the All-Merciful with such yearning and rapture as hath bewildered the Concourse on High. To this beareth witness the Lord of Names, the Creator of Heaven, and beyond Him every just and discerning soul. Praise be to God, the Most High, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Omnipotent!

My soul be a sacrifice for your exile! Although such mention from a servant like myself is unworthy, inasmuch as the mention of that noble Being's exile and affliction in the path of God hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, in comparison wherewith all other remembrances appear as the buzzing of flies or the chirping of birds in an endless wilderness that hath neither beginning nor end. Yet, despite my powerlessness and wretchedness, I make mention and submit and say: The servant hath been favored by that which hath appeared from the horizon of your hearts and hath heard that which the dove of your yearning and longing hath warbled upon the branches of the tree of your love, in remembrance of our Creator and yours, our Beloved and yours, and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and the earth.

By thy life, O Beloved! I have found therein that which hath dilated my breast and gladdened my spirit and caused my heart to soar, for I found it to be a book in remembrance of God and His praise, and a shell for the pearls of His love and recognition. When I beheld and read and understood what was contained therein, I took flight on the wings of certitude with spirit and divine fragrance unto the Vision of the All-Merciful, and presented its contents before the Countenance. Then did He turn toward the Ancient Face and utter that which the world is powerless to comprehend.

In this station, wondrous and impregnable verses were sent down from the heaven of divine will upon thy person, whereat no opportunity remained for this servant to transcribe; and afterward, little by little, He spoke in the Persian tongue, and these sublime words appeared at the end from the mouth of the Will, the Revealer of verses—exalted be His majesty!

In the path of God, mighty afflictions have been visited upon them. In truth, they have followed the example of the Beloved of the world, inasmuch as in the early days of the Cause, during certain years, He was afflicted with countless tribulations. But since what befell them was in the path of the Friend, that which came upon them was, God willing, sweeter than the tyranny of the Beloved and more delicious than choice sealed wine, and ever shall it be so.

And He bade me: "Write thou unto Nabil—upon him be My remembrance and My glory, and the sweet savours of My vesture, and the fragrant breaths of the litanies of the gardens of My mystic knowledge. Look back, then, and call to mind the days when We were in the prison of the land of Ta—four months in that place—in a captivity the like of which no eye hath ever beheld: laden with fetters and chains. A number of the loved ones were present before Us, and those were the days when all, through fear of the Sultan's might and the wrath of his ministers, were anxious, disquieted, and distraught; and every day, in the vain imagining that they were the helpers of the Sultan, they busied themselves with reviling, with abuse, and with harassment. O Nabil, how strange it was: for We, and the Helper of the Sultan, and all that are in the realms of being, were one; yet did they deem that Helper a tyrant, and failed to recognize the true Friend in His new attire. They took the ocean of rectitude to be the portion of the corrupt, and accounted the sun of knowledge among the ignorant.

In truth, to set forth the afflictions of those days is beyond the capacity of pen and tongue. And yet, despite these tribulations that assailed, and these calamities that descended, and these encompassing trials, We commanded the friends to chant, in a sweet and melodious strain, this blessed verse:

> "God sufficeth me, and all things; and sufficient is God in reckoning!"

By the effulgent sprays of the ocean of meanings!—a joy and gladness were witnessed in that dark abode such as, thereafter, none of the loved ones ever again attained; and yearning and eagerness rose to such a pitch that whosoever was summoned unto martyrdom would, with fullest contentment, arise, would clasp hands with his companions, and with radiant countenance and assured heart would turn toward the seat of sacrifice. These things caused the people of the prison to marvel.

The Pen of the Most High, for the especial solace of that honoured soul, hath spoken in these words:

> "Ponder thou His bounty, His mercy, His compassion, His providence, His loving-kindness. In this station it behoveth me to call upon mine own self in thy tongue: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou by whose Name the ark of Thy Cause hath sped over the sea of Thy will, and the hearts of the sincere have soared in the heaven of Thy love; for Thou hast aided me to bear tribulations in Thy path, and calamities in Thy love and good-pleasure. I beseech Thee, by the jewels of Thy knowledge that are with Thee and the mysteries of Thy wisdom, to write for me that which becometh Thy generosity, Thy bounties, Thy munificence, Thy gifts. O Lord! There hath befallen me in Thy path that whereunto Thy Most Exalted Pen hath borne witness in the pages of Thy utterance. Ordain, by Thy power, for me that whereby I may find repose in Thy days. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

End of quotation.

Section 2: "The grace of God, in what hath been…"

The grace of God, in what hath been revealed, shineth forth and is resplendent as the rising sun: wherefore what hath His bounty left, that this fleeting servant should yet presume to lay before Him? Whensoever a letter from that Blessed Personage reached this evanescent servant, he would, with utmost longing, receive it and present it in the All-Holy Court; and he would also submit a full reply—God,

the All-Knowing, is Witness unto this. Ere that Well-Beloved's departure likewise, from whatever place a letter arrived, an answer was written and dispatched. In these days this mortal servant was summoned to the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the Most Exalted Presence; and after I had stood before Him, He said: "Wherewith wast thou occupied?" The details were submitted. He—exalted be His majesty—spoke:

"Take thou pen and tablet, and write for him that which the One Who conversed with Moses upon Sinai speaketh in this station, which hath been named with the Most Beauteous Names in the Book of Names, and with the name of this Heaven in the Crimson Tablet, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of his Lord, the Hearing, the Seeing. We have in most Tablets called this land the Most Great Prison. When this mention was spread abroad, We adorned it with another name. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Powerful, the Omnipotent. Say: This is the Day whereon all things cry out that the prison belongeth unto God, the Owner of Names. Exalted is this Most Great Station, at which the world hath been bewildered. Thy Lord, verily, is the Manifest, the Fair.

"O Nabil! Joy hath taken hold of Me when I heard that there remaineth for thee no resting-place in the earth; and gladness hath seized Me when I beheld thee driven forth in My Name among My servants. By the life of God! the Tongue of Bounty remembereth thee, and remembereth what hath befallen thee in His straight path. He hath chosen for thee that which He hath chosen for His own Self. Ponder thou that which befell Him from the hosts of the unjust, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds and King of eternity, in that Thou hast brought me nigh, and taught me, and made me to know, and caused me to witness, and given me utterance in Thy praise, on a Day whereon every firm foundation was shaken.

"Convey from Me greetings unto the faces of My loved ones, and give them glad tidings of My remembrance and My care; and remind them of that which My Most Exalted Pen hath revealed in Tablets whose number none hath reckoned save God, the Lord of the worlds. We enjoin them to love the world and that whereby the Cause of God, the King, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, may be exalted; and We counsel My servants to My virtues, and to that which they have been commanded in My Most Great Book.

"Say: Make not the religion of God a cause of strife and contention. By God! it hath been revealed for your unity and concord. Unto this beareth witness the Tongue of Grandeur in His noble station. Say: By God! the Mother-Book hath been purified, and it proclaimeth from the loftiest height: There is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

"All souls who in this day have drunk of the sealed wine, named with the Living, the Self-Subsisting, are remembered in the presence of the Throne. Convey unto all, from the Wronged One, My greeting of 'Alláh-u-Abhá', and give them to know: most men are heedless, and are, in their due measure, deprived of the recognition of the Day of God.

"In every land wherein they enter, let them be as the Water of Life for the thirsty, and a shining lamp unto those souls who, in the darkness of conjecture, have drunk from the spring of vain imaginings. We enjoin upon all goodly character: Kindle hearts with the fire of My love; then remind them of My beauteous remembrance.

“Say: The sea of bestowal hath appeared, and the sun of knowledge hath shone forth. Make not the Divine Faith—which is the cause of the unity of the peoples of the world—a reason for difference. O Nabil! if men were to become informed of that which hath been made manifest, all would turn unto the Most Exalted Horizon, and would behold themselves freed and delivered from all save Him.

“Say: In poverty and adversity follow ye the True One, and hold fast unto the cord of patience and steadfast endurance. Observe the Names of Ha’ and Ha’—though outwardly they professed attachment to the True One, yet the inner matter, plain and evident, was that the ravening wolf strove with utmost oppression to extinguish those two lights, until they attained unto lofty and honoured martyrdom. And yet the True One—magnified be His glory, exalted be His power, and glorified be His majesty—passed by, through His hidden might. Outwardly, He had power to exact retribution; nevertheless, We commanded all unto patience and endurance; for Our regard is fixed upon the education of the world and upon another station.

“Ponder this wondrous and comely word which in several places hath flowed from the Pen of the Most High: Not he is praiseworthy who loveth his country, but he who loveth the world. Man hath not been created for strife and corruption and contention and dispute. By My life! he hath been created for a mighty purpose. Were these stations to be set down in detail, Tablets would not suffice.

> “O Muhammad! Be thou, unto the beings of existence, a refreshing stream; unto the erring, a guide; unto every sorrowful one, a deliverance. Ye must, with Divine assistance, become the cause of kindling the love of God in the hearts of the peoples of the world. Ignite the fire of love in His Name, that all may be warmed thereby. Expend utmost endeavour and diligence in the unity of the friends. How grievous that souls who have borne hardships in the path of God, and have become the target of the world’s derision, should become occupied with themselves and remain veiled from the Purpose. Say: By God! the good is behind you, and grace is before your faces. Suffer not yourselves to be deprived of that which hath been ordained for you in a Clear Book. Blessed are your faces, for that ye have turned unto the Beloved; and your ears, for that ye have heard His call; and your hearts, for that they have turned unto God; and your eyes, for that they have beheld His signs; and your hands, for that they have taken His Tablets; and your feet, for that they have walked upon the straight path. O concourse of the chosen! know ye your stations, your conditions, and your ranks with God, your Creator, your Fashioner, your Sustainer, your Beloved, and your Answerer.”

We counsel you, in conclusion, with that wisdom which the All-Merciful hath revealed in most of the Tablets: “Blessed be ye and blessed be they!” from God, the Sovereign of the beginning and the return.

As to that which you had inscribed, expressing your desire to attain the honor of visiting the Sacred Threshold at the appointed time—the details were duly presented. After the rising of the Sun of Permission, this servant was graciously enabled to circumambulate the blessed Shrine and to attain the presence of the Beloved of the world. From the True One—exalted be His glory—I beseech and hope that He will ever assist this servant, that I may, as His deputy in all circumstances, be blessed with this supreme honor.

Concerning that which you had written—that during your presence you had perused but a portion of the Most Holy Persian Tablet—this servant gave assurance that the whole of it would be forwarded thereafter. At present, it escapeth this lowly one's mind which particular Tablet it was. God willing, after its identification, it shall be dispatched.

In truth, whatsoever hath flowed from the Supreme Pen should be perused by you with utmost ardor, delight, and care, and should be proclaimed unto the souls of the earth. Praise be to God! The remembrance of that Beloved hath been and remaineth, in most circumstances, within the Most Mighty and Sacred Court, particularly through the Most Great Branch and the Greatest Branch—may my soul and my very essence be offered up for the dust beneath Their feet—Who, with wondrous remembrance and pure devotion, have celebrated and proclaimed the praise of that Beloved. Likewise have the people of the Tabernacle of Divine Infallibility conveyed His mighty glorification.

The circumambulators around the Throne, one by one, do present their expressions of faithfulness and praise in service to that Beloved.

Blessing and glorification and praise be upon you, and upon the loved ones of God and His chosen ones in His cities and lands, and upon every wayfarer who journeyeth toward the homeland of his heart's desire with a sanctified heart! Praise be to God, the Lord of all the worlds!

The servant 2nd Sha'ban, year 97

BH00714: Praise be to God, Creator of all things…

He is God—exalted be His glory, majesty and power!

Praise be to God, Creator of all things and Fashioner of the heavens! His are the most beautiful names and the most exalted attributes. I pray, glorify and send peace upon those who rejoiced at the Most Great Ocean when it surged in the world, and who answered the Lord of Names when His sweetest call was raised between earth and heaven. These are servants whom, were all the pens of creation to describe them with the most wondrous allusions and words at their disposal, the seeing one would find them all beneath their station. Such is the station of those who have attained unto Him, who have spoken His praise and who have arisen to serve Him—how much more exalted then is the station of He who created them with a word from Him! Exalted be His dominion, exalted be His remembrance, exalted be His praise! We beseech Him, exalted be He, to gather us with them and ordain for us what He has written for them. Verily, He is the Guardian of those who act.

My spirit be a sacrifice for your remembrance! The servant has attained unto your letter and heard the sound of the quills of your utterance which soared in the atmosphere of love for our Lord and your Lord, our Master and the Master of the worlds. After perusing it, I presented it before the Face and submitted what was therein. Then there appeared from the Kingdom of Utterance that which I am powerless to mention. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist me in what He loves and is pleased with. Verily, He is the Generous Giver.

As for what you mentioned concerning the presence of the Afnan—upon them be all His Most Splendid Splendor—regarding their arrival in Zawra and their departure to the land of Taff and beyond it, the servant praises God for this and rejoices at their well-being and the receipt of their news. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to protect them and to ordain for them what will benefit them in this world and the next.

And as for what you mentioned concerning His Honor the Prisoner—upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah]—I have presented it before the Face. Then the tongue of the Beloved spoke: "O Muhammad-i-Mustafa! The Wronged One remembers you in the prison of Akka and thanks God for what has befallen Him in His path, and praises Him should tribulation be renewed in His love and desire. Verily, He is the Hearing, the Responding One. His verses have attracted Me and the fire of His love has enkindled Me to such an extent that were anyone to turn toward it with the ear of nature, they would hear its sighing from all My limbs, and were they to regard it with the eye of the heart, they would see its flame in My veins and members. There bear witness to what My pen has uttered honored servants whom the veils of the world have not prevented from the remembrance of the Lord of Eternity. They have cast away what they possessed and taken what they were commanded by God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We have heard the call of the Prisoner and We command him from this exalted, beloved station to say in his turning to God, the Lord of the Kingdom and the Sovereign of the Realm of Might:

> "O Lord of Names and Fashioner of Heaven! I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thou didst subdue all things and through which the Most Exalted Horizon appeared, to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy love, firm in Thy Cause, and speaking in Thy remembrance. O my Lord! Thou seest my gaze turned toward the horizon of Thy favors and my hand raised toward the heaven of Thy gifts. I beseech Thee by the Most Exalted Word to ordain for me by Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will solace mine eyes and gladden my heart. O Lord! Enable Thy servants to recognize what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book and to act according to what Thou hast commanded them in Thy Tablets. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the Most High, the Great. Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds and Lord of the heavens and earths!"

As to what hath been mentioned concerning the letters Kha and Ta, We beseech God, exalted be He, to strengthen him and enable him to remember and praise Him, and to make him steadfast in his love for His chosen ones and His friends. Within His grasp lieth the Kingdom of the heavens and earth, and in His right hand the dominion of command and creation. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He, verily, is the Single One, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

As to what was mentioned regarding Amin Bey, let him hold fast unto the cord of righteousness, placing his trust in God, and say:

> "O my God and the God of all names! Ordain for me that which is best for me in the Kingdom of creation. Every atom testifieth to Thy knowledge and power, Thy grandeur and sovereignty, and Thou knowest what profiteth and preserveth me. Thou, verily, art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

O Muhammad! Counsel the loved ones of God with wisdom. We have previously counseled them not to believe every speaker, nor trust every claimant, nor reveal themselves before every deceitful traitor. Thou

must urge them to safeguard that which must needs be safeguarded. Most people soar in the atmosphere of passion and follow every crier who hath turned away from God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust. We counsel all with wisdom, trustworthiness and the fear of God, and with that whereby the station and dignity of man may be manifested in the contingent world. There is no God but Him, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

When the letter reached this point, I was gladdened, nay awakened, by thy latter call in remembrance of God, the Lord of Destiny. When I was honored to read and learn of its contents, I ascended, attended, and presented before His Presence that which the Trusted One had presented and which Joseph had composed. Thereupon the Beloved spoke:

> "We have made mention of the Trusted One and We beseech Him, exalted be He, to give him to drink from the Kawthar of divine knowledge by the hand of His bounty, and to acquaint him with that which every ignorant and remote one hath failed to comprehend. O Amin! Hold fast unto the Sure Handle and cling to the hem of the robe of thy Lord's mercy, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. Be thou thankful unto God in all conditions, then remember Him with goodly remembrance. Peace be upon thee and upon those who follow that which hath been ordained in a perspicuous Book. We have mentioned thee before, and this is yet another time, that thou mayest rejoice and be among those who are firmly established. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds."

O Joseph! Bear thou witness unto that whereunto all things have testified: that there is none other God but Him. He maketh to live and causeth to die, then causeth to die and maketh to live. Verily He is the Ever-Living Who dieth not. Within His grasp lieth the Kingdom of the dominion of the heavens and earth, and in His right hand the sovereignty of Command and Creation. There is none other God but Him, the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The servant in attendance hath appeared before the Wronged One and recited that which thou didst compose in praise of God and His loved ones. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to ordain for thee that which He hath ordained for His chosen ones, and to grant thee the good of this world and of the world to come. He, verily, is the Protector of them that remember Him.

We have restrained the Pen lest it range in the field of utterance and thereby raise the clamor of the people of the contingent world. To this testifieth every fair-minded and perceiving soul. We have summoned all unto God and made known unto them the straight Path. They have risen against Us with such tyranny as hath weakened Islam, yet most of the people remain heedless. They have driven Us from Our homeland to preserve their dominions, but when We departed there entered therein such as desired it through oppression, whereat the hearts of them that are nigh unto God have lamented. Say: Take ye heed, O people of the earth, then judge with fairness concerning the matter of this Wronged One Who hath informed you and brought you glad tidings through the grace of God, the Lord of all worlds.

We counsel thee to observe wisdom, lest the clamor of every heedless and remote soul be raised. O My loved ones! Speak ye according to capacity, for most of the people are wrapped in heedlessness and thick veils. O My loved ones! In all circumstances it behooveth you to hold fast unto wisdom. By Him Who hath

caused all things to speak forth His praise! He who hath spoken the truth had no purpose save the exaltation of the Cause and religion of God, yet the heedless have imagined that he desired to spread corruption in the land. Thus have their souls seduced them. Verily thy Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Soon shall they bewail themselves and their dominions once again, even as they lamented after Our departure, unless they repent and return unto God, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

I submit once again to your honor that your second letter hath brought me such joy as I am unable to mention or express to you. I beseech the Intended One, glorified be His majesty, to reward you with the most excellent reward and to assist you for your kindness to this servant who hath held fast to the cords of the loving-kindness of God's chosen ones—our Lord, your Lord, and the Lord of all worlds. Moreover, the Most Glorious Splendor and the Most Luminous Light be upon your honor and your household, and upon those who are there among the loved ones of God, the Peerless, the Most Exalted, the Inaccessible.

The servant, 15 Sha'ban 1297

A packet has been sent to your presence addressed to his honor the Physician, bearing 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], that you may forward it to him in the city. And God is the Protector of the messengers and the Helper of those who are nigh unto Him.

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BH00237: All praise, sanctified from letters and words, befitteth…

Section 1: "In the Name of our Lord, the Most…"

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

All praise, sanctified from letters and words, befitteth the Most Holy and Most Glorious Court of that Desired One Who hath gathered together the whole world through one Word, and through another Word hath distinguished between truth and falsehood. He is that Word which hath been called by all names, appearing at every moment in a wondrous form, and in a certain station. He it is Who, between heaven and earth, proclaimed the blessed word "The Beloved of the Worlds hath appeared!", and He was that Cry whose mention was recorded aforetime in the Books. He is that Word which called out with supreme power and dominion, declaring: "I am the Distinguisher of the world and the Separator of the world. I am that Balance whereby the deeds of all the world's peoples are weighed." Glory be unto Him, glory be unto Him! How great is His sovereignty! How mighty His glory and His power!

This blessed and most exalted Word, with all its loftiness, sublimity, power and grandeur, hath shone forth and appeared from the horizon of the Mouth of Will. Glorified be its Originator, its Creator, its Quickener and its Sovereign! This is a station wherein, after one hath immersed himself and journeyed therein, the radiance of the Sun of Grandeur so grippeth him that man is left bewildered. And this bewilderment is itself most praiseworthy and shall ever be so, even as the Seal of the Prophets—may the life of all else be a sacrifice unto Him—hath said: "Lord, increase my bewilderment in Thee!" Blessed is

the soul that hath attained unto this most exalted station and comprehended that which hath been manifested in the days of its Lord, the Possessor of Names.

The Ocean of Life hath appeared in the contingent world, yet the people remain heedless and veiled therefrom, nay rather, they are seen to turn away. He calleth with the utmost loving-kindness and bounty, guiding and directing the thirsty ones unto Himself, yet none turneth towards Him save whom his Lord willeth. In all divine Books, Tablets and Scriptures the glory of this Day hath been mentioned and recorded, yet they remain heedless thereof and deprived. The eyes of the Concourse on High have been gladdened by the appearance of God, the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below, yet the people are in strange heedlessness and drunkenness.

The divine Call is raised upon the Mount of Knowledge, and He is the same Speaker that spoke from the Blessed Tree, and He is that Promised Countenance by Whose mention all divine Books have been adorned, being known in each Book by a different name. This is the Day which God—exalted be His glory and His sovereignty—hath attributed unto Himself, mentioned in the Books as the Day of God. Despite conclusive proofs, manifest evidences, revealed verses, and clear and resplendent signs, all are occupied with vain imaginings, idle fancies and fleeting things. Heedlessness hath so seized the people that they have not awakened at the Cry, nor raised their heads from the slumber of negligence at God's Call.

Strange it is that they witness at every moment the changes, transformations, variations and passing away of the world, yet they cling unto it, remaining bereft of any portion from the immortal Kingdom. After a few numbered hours or brief days, they shall pass from their lofty palaces to empty tombs wherein they shall dwell. Then shall they cry:

> "Woe unto us for having been heedless of the Sun that shone forth and gleamed from the horizon of the Cause!"

They shall weep and lament, finding neither helper nor succourer.

This lowly servant beseeches his Eternal and Everlasting Lord to rend asunder, with the finger of His Will, the veils of all created things, to show them the light of His Cause from the horizon of His purpose, to make them hear His most sweet call which hath been raised between earth and heaven, to give them to drink of the choice sealed wine through His Self-Subsisting Name, and to aid them in such wise that neither the opposition of the heedless nor the clamor of the deniers shall dismay them. Verily, He is the One Who dominates all who are in the heavens and on earth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

To continue: O my beloved, I received your letter which testifies to your sincerity, your acceptance, and your turning unto God, Who is our Beloved and your Beloved, our Goal and the Goal of all worlds. When I perceived the fragrance of your love from the trace of your ink and became aware of its contents, I approached the Praiseworthy Station until I attained the presence of His countenance, and, after receiving permission, presented what was written therein. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which caused the ocean of utterance to surge throughout all possibility, and all atoms bore witness to the Lord of all religions. He spoke, and His most exalted Word is this:

O servant who standeth before the Throne! Write for him who hath turned unto My countenance that which the Tongue of My grandeur uttereth in My prison, that he may give thanks to the Lord of the world and arise to make mention of Him in such wise that the fragrance of detachment may be wafted therefrom throughout the realms of creation. O Ahmad! We have mentioned thee aforetime with verses before which the Concourse on High and a company of angels bow down at eventide and at dawn. We have indeed sent down verses for every occasion, yet most of the people are wrapped in heedlessness and veils. They have cast aside that which is approved and have clung to that which is forbidden, inasmuch as they have followed the divines of the earth who have cast the truth behind their backs and have held fast to fancy and vain imaginings.

By God! The Wronged One hath called them at all times unto the All-Merciful, yet they have pronounced judgment against Him without any clear proof or Book. That which never appeared in the world hath now been made manifest, as attesteth the Mother Book which is with Him. This is a day wherein the earth and heaven have spoken, and all things have cried out: "The kingdom belongeth to God, the Lord of Lords!" Blessed art thou and thy children who have acknowledged that which God Himself hath acknowledged on the day when all men stood before God, the Lord of the Day of Mutual Calling. There hath been ordained for thee and for them that which none knoweth save God, the Lord of the Final End.

Rejoice thou in the glad-tidings of thy Lord and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art wronged, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art imprisoned, and all glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast borne in the path of God that which none of His servants hath borne."

And further, the names mentioned in your letter were presented before the Throne. The Sun of loving-kindness shone forth upon each one, and with His blessed tongue He spoke words concerning these accepted and mentioned souls, and then from the heaven of His Will, verses of grandeur were revealed for each one. May the spirit of the world be a sacrifice for His bounty! In truth, whatever may be mentioned and whatever praise and glorification one may cling to and hold fast unto, has not been and is not worthy of this grace and loving-kindness.

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

The verses have been revealed and the signs have appeared and the Hidden Mystery hath been made manifest in truth and proclaimeth amongst all creation that there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. He is indeed the One at Whose appearance the Qaim circled round with the Concourse on High. Thus was the matter decreed in the Books of God aforetime, but the people know not. Every letter, every word, and every line in the Books of God hath testified to this Tablet which hath appeared in the temple of man, and verily this is the Tablet which hath been preserved from all eternity within the pavilions of immaculacy, through a command from the presence of the Beloved, the All-Glorious.

O ʿAli-i-Akbar! By the life of God! If thou couldst taste the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful, thou wouldst soar on the wings of yearning in this atmosphere which God hath sanctified from all who know and all that is known. Be thou thankful unto God for this supreme bounty which cannot be equaled by all the treasures of the earth. Thy Lord, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

He is the One Who speaketh from the Farthest Lote-Tree

O Isma'il! He Who sent forth the Friend maketh mention of thee. Rejoice thou and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the worlds! Verily He heareth the call of every soul that turneth toward Him and beholdeth the deeds of those who have turned unto Him with radiant faces. He, verily, is the Hearing, the All-Seeing. We have sent down for everyone who hath turned unto God that which hath caused the breezes of revelation to waft over all, whether young or old. Among them are those who were stirred by the call of God and hastened unto the seat of nearness and holiness and glory, and among them are those who were seized by the intoxication of pride in such wise that they awoke not even when the Trump was blown from the presence of a wise Ordainer. Blessed art thou for having turned unto God on a Day whereon every learned one turned away and every mystic objected and every religious leader pronounced his remote judgment. We counsel thee to remain steadfast in the Greatest Steadfastness and to preserve that which thou hast been given from the presence of the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

He is the Dawning-Place from the horizon of utterance

A remembrance from Our presence unto him who hath turned toward the Most Great Sea and desireth to drink therefrom in My Most Generous Name. O ʿAli! We make mention of thee as a token of Our grace that thou mayest thank thy Lord Who created thee and guided thee unto His straight path. Verily those who are heedless this day are in manifest loss. The breezes of chastisement shall soon seize them from every direction. The Revealer of verses beareth witness unto this in this Great Tablet. We counsel thee and those who have believed to observe the greatest steadfastness and that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in His mighty Book. Hold ye fast unto the Book of God, then speak ye that whereby the standards of guidance may be raised amongst all creatures. Thus doth He command you from Whose presence is a Preserving Tablet.

He is the One Who hath appeared with the Most Great Name from the horizon of the world

O Hasan! The Lord of eternity maketh mention of thee and of those who have believed on a Day when the Luminary of the Cause was visible from the horizon of grace. We created all things for this Day, yet when it came the people turned away therefrom and followed every idolater who was far removed from the ocean of nearness. They cast the Book of God behind their backs and took that which they were bidden by every ignorant one who was deprived of the Kawthar of knowledge. Blessed are they who have turned away from vain imaginings and have turned with their hearts toward the horizon which is known by the name of God. Thus have We made mention of thee that thy Lord may remember thee. Verily He remembereth whomsoever He willeth in a Tablet which hath been inscribed by the Pen of Command with glory. The splendor of God be upon thee and upon thy brothers. Verily We give them the glad-tidings of Our mention. He, verily, hath power over all things.

Section 2: "O Abraham! Say: My God, my God! Thou…"

He is the Witness over creation

O Abraham! Say: My God, my God! Thou seest me though I see Thee not, Thou hearest me though I hear Thee not, and Thou knowest what is with me though I know not what is with Thee. I beseech Thee by the Name through which the trees have yielded their fruits, through which the righteous have turned unto Thee, through which the trumpet hath been sounded and all who are in earth and heaven have swooned away, to confirm me in Thy love and Thy good-pleasure, and to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. O Lord! This is Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, who hath turned toward Thee and sought the outpourings from the clouds of Thy mercy and the manifestations of Thy grace and favors. O Lord! I am he that is far, yet I seek Thy nearness. I beseech Thee not to deny me that which is with Thee and to ordain for me that which will profit me. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, and verily Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful.

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

A remembrance from Our presence unto all who are in the heavens and on earth, that they may hear the call of their Lord, the All-Merciful, and turn with their hearts toward the horizon which hath been illumined by this Most Great Name. O Ahmad! The hosts of tyranny have encompassed the kindred of the Apostle, whereat the Concourse on High have lamented, as have those who have held fast to My Strong Cord. By God! The Ark of the Pure One hath been tossed between the waves of dissension. Thus doth God make mention as a bounty from His presence, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Strange indeed that one who claimed to be of the kindred of the Apostle and offspring of the Pure One should arise to slay the apple of the eye of both the Apostle and the Pure One. Such is the nature of this world and its people. The hand of divine power seized that wicked one, and ere long he shall return to his abode. Beseech ye God that He may protect you in these fleeting days from the promptings of idle fancies and grant you a secure station in the precincts of His mercy. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous. Verily He is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth.

O Abdul-Hamid! This Wronged One, alone in His prison, summoneth the entire world to the recognition of the Ancient King. Some among the servants have been blessed by the sweet savors of divine days, while others remain deprived. Ye must, God willing, remain steadfast, firm and immovable in the Cause of God. Many are the clamorous ones, and the evil ones lie in wait. Ask thou God to protect thee and those who have believed from the evil of every deceitful impostor. Verily He is the Mighty, the Incomparable.

He is sanctified above the mention of what hath been and what shall be

O seeker! The Beloved of the world and the Ancient King hath manifested Himself for the salvation of all peoples. Yet they have inflicted upon Him that which hath caused the Messengers of God to lament, the rocks of the earth to cry out, its sands to wail, and all things to raise their voices in grief. The bounty of God shineth even as the sun, and every fair-minded one testifieth that God, exalted and mighty be He, hath come with pure grace, bounty and generosity. Nevertheless, all have risen in dissension and hatred, save those souls who have truly attained the waters of divine knowledge. Blessed are they and good cheer be unto them. God willing, may ye attain such a station in divine love that human conditions shall not hold you back, and may ye remain steadfast and immovable in your love for the Beloved of all creation, in complete joy and fragrance.

O Kazim! After recognition of God, exalted be His glory, steadfastness has been and will ever be the greatest of all things. God willing, may all attain to this most exalted and glorious station. I counsel you and the friends of God to follow that which hath been sent down in the Book from the heaven of God's Will. He is the Guide, He is the Protector, and He is the Helper. A pure deed is, in itself, a summoner to truth and a guide to mankind. Likewise do We counsel all to observe wisdom—a commandment that hath time and again been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen. All must hold fast unto it and fix their gaze upon it. Hold thou fast unto it and be of the thankful ones.

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

The Ancient King hath seated Himself upon the Most Great Throne in this wilderness wherein hath been raised the call of every Prophet and every trusted Messenger. This is the Day of which Muhammad, the Messenger of God, gave tidings aforetime, and unto which the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds, have borne witness. There is no Book but the All-Merciful hath mentioned it therein, and no Tablet but hath been adorned with His beauteous remembrance. Yet when He appeared, most of the people turned away, save those who came unto God with a pure heart. Ponder the grace and mercy of God—He remembereth thee in such wise as to transport the hearts of them that know. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of Mine utterance and hear My call, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of all worlds! O Mihdi! We have, of Our grace, guided thee and revealed unto thee My straight path.

In the Name of the Goal of the World

O Hasan! The Beauty of God sacrificed Himself amongst the people for the sake of the Peerless Beloved. He freely removed the crown of life and cast it at the feet of the Beloved of all creation. He attained unto twin martyrdoms—before his outward martyrdom, he had already sacrificed himself over the course of years, for he had no desires, will or purpose of his own; he had caused them all to perish in the will of the Beloved. Though outwardly alive, walking and speaking, in reality he had already sacrificed himself—this is the station of the Most Great Martyrdom. That inner, spiritual martyrdom was adorned with the ornament of outward martyrdom. Blessed are they who attain unto his remembrance. Beseech ye God that He may cause all to attain unto this most exalted and glorious station. Whosoever attaineth unto the first martyrdom hath attained unto all good. Verily, He hath expounded for you what He desireth. He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Wise.

He is the One Who Doeth What He Willeth Through His Word "Be," and it is!

Glorified be He Who sendeth down verses unto people who comprehend, and manifesteth in the kingdom whatsoever He willeth. No thing can frustrate Him and no matter can hinder Him. Blessed are they who have cast away what they possess and have turned unto Him in His days. They, verily, are of the people of this praiseworthy station. This is the Day whereof We gave tidings aforetime unto the chosen ones, yet most of the people perceive not. We say in truth: Lead forth the people from darkness into light and give them glad tidings of the days of God. This is a word which the All-Merciful hath sent down in the Qur'an, and wherewith the Gospel and the Psalms have been adorned. Yet when the Day appeared and the Promised One came, the people turned away from Him and pronounced against Him a tyranny the like of which the eyes have never witnessed. Blessed are ye, My loved ones in that place, for having

fulfilled My covenant and My pledge. We counsel you to preserve that which ye have been given by God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Thus have We adorned the Book with My remembrance and the Tablet with My beloved name.

O Ali-Qabli-Akbar! Give thanks to the Lord of Destiny for having made mention of thee from the Most Great Horizon. Verily He hath heard thy praise and witnessed thy devotion. He hath mentioned thee in these verses which all the books of the world circle round, by the command of the All-Merciful, the Most Kind. He turneth unto him who turneth unto Him, and draweth nigh unto those who have drawn nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved.

He Who is established upon the Throne of Utterance declareth:

O Ali-Qabli-Asghar! Wert thou to know what hath befallen the Wronged One, thou wouldst weep and lament. Yet God hath concealed it, having regard to the wisdom ordained for all glory. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The letter of him who hath turned towards the Countenance hath been received, wherein mention was made of thee. We make mention of thee as a token of Our grace, for We are, in truth, the Forgiving, the Merciful. By the life of God! My tongue speaketh at all times, and the Supreme Pen moveth in such wise that no rest can overtake it, yet most of the people are heedless. The more God's loving-kindness increaseth, the more do they increase in their heedlessness. Thus doth inform thee He Who is encompassed by every truthful and well-informed one.

O My loved ones! Adorn your temples with the ornament of trustworthiness and your hearts with the recognition of God, the Mighty, the Powerful. Take on My attributes, then act in accordance with that which I have enjoined upon you in My Perspicuous Book. Beware lest the clamor of the people prevent you from attaining this exalted station. Hold fast to the cord of your Lord's loving-kindness and cling to His resplendent hem. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, though surrounded by sorrows from all sides, seeing the people behind a thick veil. We have borne all hardships and accepted adversity and tribulation in the path of God, the Lord of all names. By the life of God! My grief is not for what hath befallen My own Self—to this testifieth every fair-minded and discerning soul. Were We to mention some of what hath been concealed from you, sorrows would overtake you from every direction. Thus do We recount unto you, for He is the All-Remembering, the All-Wise. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Great.

Furthermore, God's bounty towards your honor is evident and clear. More names than those mentioned in your letter could have been cited—from the heaven of divine favor, out of love and felicity, unique and wondrous Tablets would have been revealed for each one. This evanescent servant beseecheth God to aid your honor in all conditions. Unique and wondrous Tablets have also been revealed and sent for the children. Verily His bounty hath encompassed thee; He is truly the All-Bountiful, the Generous. This evanescent servant requesteth that you convey greetings to each of the children and other friends of God. God willing, may they all remain steadfast in the Cause and fix their gaze upon the horizon of grace. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Praise be to God, the Single One, the All-Informed.

BH00235: Praise be to God Who created the Supreme Pen…

Section 1: "Praise be to God Who created the Supreme…"

In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted and Most Glorious Lord

Praise be to God Who created the Supreme Pen and breathed into it, whereupon all who are in earth and heaven were thunderstruck, save those whom His pervading Will and all-encompassing Purpose did choose—they are honored servants whom neither the swords of creation nor the hosts of invention could frighten. They are they whom God hath described in the Books of the past and of the future. The Qur'an hath borne witness to them, as did before it the Torah, the Gospel and the Psalms, and whatsoever was sent down from God, the Mighty, the Loving.

Praise be to God Who hath raised up from every drop of the blood of His loved ones creations whose number none can reckon save His own Self, and hath made them dawning-places of His love and daysprings of His affection. They are the Hands of His Cause amidst creation, they who have aided God throughout all ages and have arisen to accomplish that which God did desire, in such wise that neither the power of kings nor the clashing of their swords nor the neighing of their steeds did deter them from the Truth. They have raised their call with utmost power between earth and heaven, summoning all unto the Lord of mankind, the Sovereign of the hereafter and of the former world, the Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust below. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to inscribe me among their company and among those who have sought shelter beneath their shade and have quaffed the choice wine of grace from their hands. Verily He is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth. He doeth and judgeth as He pleaseth, and He is the Ruler, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And further: O beloved of my heart, this servant hath heard what the nightingale of thy praise warbled upon the branches of the tree of faithfulness when thy letter arrived, which testified to thy love for the Desired One of the world and the Ancient Lord Who hath appeared with the Most Great Name. God knoweth that after perusing its contents, such joy and gladness seized me that every tongue and pen is powerless to describe it. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist you and reward you with the most excellent reward from the wonders of His grace. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

When the breezes of your love stirred me and the fragrances of your traces wafted over me, I ascended to the station of nearness, sanctity and beauty, and presented its contents before the countenance of our Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. When it was concluded, the Divine Lote-Tree spoke in such wise as transcended all reckoning. I stood before the Throne, bewildered and contemplative, until He spoke—and His utterance is the sweetest:

> "O thou servant who art present! Make mention of him on My behalf and say: Verily We have remembered thee throughout most years and have sent unto thee that which hath brought delight to the eyes of the Concourse on High. Thy Lord is verily the All-Giving, the Most Generous. This is a Day wherein the Kingdom hath proclaimed: 'The dominion belongeth unto God, the One, the Single, the All-Informed.' Arise to make mention of God and His praise, then remember Him with such remembrance as will cause its fragrance to be diffused throughout

> the world, that every heart that hath turned unto God, the Lord of all worlds, may be drawn thereby. How many a remembrance through which God guideth His wandering servants, and how many a praise whereby God's mention is raised amongst creation and the standard of His Cause is hoisted upon every lofty hill. Say: O people! Reflect upon the generations that have gone before and the ornamented palaces. No trace remaineth of the former people, nor can any vestige be seen of the latter. Every lofty edifice hath crumbled and every adorned temple hath perished. Where are the Caesars who built palaces for themselves, and where are the Pharaohs who made themselves partners with their Creator? They have forcibly abandoned their palaces and have necessarily taken to their graves, by the command of God, the Mighty, the Powerful."

O Husayn! Hearken to the call of the Wronged One, Whose Most Exalted Pen speaks at all times and summons all who dwell in the realm of possibility to a station that neither the changes of the world nor earthly conditions in the kingdom of creation can alter. Thus have We made mention of thee, that thou mayest rejoice and remember thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Husayn! Leave all created things behind thee and all contingent beings beneath thy feet. Take thou the chalice of utterance in My Name, then drink therefrom through My wondrous remembrance. Let not the conditions of creation sadden thee. Rejoice in that which the True One maketh mention of thee from this exalted Station. By the life of God! This is what shall profit thee in all the worlds of God. To this testify the concourse of My celestial Kingdom, the dwellers of My pavilion, and they that circle round My mighty Throne. We make mention in this station of him whom God hath manifested through thee, as a bounty from Him—and He is the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Beautiful. The glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have heard the call of Him Who conversed on Sinai and have answered the Lord of all worlds.

Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones who have voiced My remembrance and praise and have arisen to assist My mighty and well-established Cause. Say: Blessed be your faces for having turned unto the Countenance, and blessed be your eyes for having attained, and blessed be your hearts for having advanced. Thus doth the Pen of the Most Merciful make mention of you and give you glad tidings that ye may rejoice in these days wherein the Tree crieth out amidst all creation: "There is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the All-Powerful." Say: Beware lest anything withhold you from God. Take ye what ye have been commanded in the Book of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Turn not your attention to the servants and their might, nor to the princes and their power, nor to the divines and their factions, nor to the mystics and their companions. Leave those who call you to vain imaginings and say: "By God! The horizon of creation hath been illumined by the Sun of knowledge from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed." Say: This is the Day of remembrance and utterance, this is the Day wherein God hath informed you of His Revelation. Read ye the former Books that ye may know what hath been revealed therein from One Who is the Numberer, the All-Knowing. Thus have We adorned the heaven of the Tablet with the suns of wisdom and utterance. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the worlds and the Beloved of them that have recognized Thee!"

As to what you had written, that this servant had made no expression and had not troubled you with empty words that neither nourish nor satisfy—the truth is with you. However, God, exalted and sanctified be He, is witness and testifier that this negligence or delay was due to the press of work, and also in the hope that Mulla Muhammad-ʿAli, who was carrying your esteemed letter, would soon return, and what was concealed in the heart regarding expressions of love would be conveyed. As it happened, his return was delayed, and this delay too was due to certain reasons—God, the Lord of all worlds, knoweth. The press of work for this ephemeral one has reached such a degree that there has not been and is not a moment's respite, whether from these regions or from those directions.

I beseech God, glorified and exalted be He, that through your prayers this ephemeral one may be assisted in this mighty service. The word that shone forth from the horizon of your pen, saying in Arabic "I am your suppliant," became the cause of the joy of the Beloved of the world. He smiled greatly and showed great kindness from the dawning-place of grace. In truth, it behooveth every being to sacrifice his spirit for His bounty and gifts and favors. And as to what you had written that "the older a servant becomes, the less his worth," He said: "We bear witness that you are in the prime of youth. He that hath attained unto My love shall ever remain in the springtime of days and the springtime of life."

As to what you mentioned concerning that certain person, it was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. He said: "May they, through divine grace, be successful in drinking at all times from the Kawthar of the Merciful's grace and in offering it to others, in shattering the idols of men's vain imaginings through the name of the Friend of these days, in bestowing the choice wine of certitude upon the people of idle fancies, and in offering the Salsabil of knowledge to those possessed of ignorance. May they guide those who are lost in the wilderness of unknowing to the ocean of divine knowledge, and make fresh and verdant those who have withered in these times through the waters of utterance. This is not difficult for God to accomplish.

"In truth, if a soul in this day be enabled to turn toward the Most Exalted Horizon, his word will be effective and will assuredly influence hearts, and its traces will become manifest in the world. Thus doth inform thee He with Whom is the knowledge of all things, and I am the All-Informed. Thus doth teach thee He to Whose knowledge God's books have testified aforetime, and I am the All-Knowing.

"As to your having kept these matters concealed, this is in accordance with divine wisdom. Some souls abide beneath the canopies of glory, and they drink at every moment from the ocean of joy without any trace appearing upon their lips. None is aware of them save God alone, with Whom is the knowledge of all things in a Mighty Book. The purpose of this concealment has been and will continue to be the promotion of the Cause of God, for if a soul be deprived of this most exalted station, he has indeed been deprived of the fruit of existence itself. Blessed are they who arise to serve this most mighty Cause, and who, even if they themselves be deprived, cause others to attain unto it. He mentioneth that which profiteth His servants. He, verily, is the All-Wise Teacher.

Section 2: "A special Tablet was sent for them without…"

> "A special Tablet was sent for them without name; deliver it. God willing, they will comprehend from its letters the hidden meanings and drink from its words the water of life. By God's life! It

> is the Breath of God in the lands and the Spirit of the Cause for His servants. Blessed is he who hath attained unto it and unto the pearls concealed in the ocean of its utterance. He is among the most exalted of creation in the sight of the True One, the Inaccessible. Thus did the ocean surge and the fragrance waft. Blessed is he who hath found, and woe unto the heedless."

Concerning what you wrote about the hidden operation, after separation two of its components are and will be dispensed with, as was alluded to in the blessed Persian Tablets of the Supreme Pen. I swear by the life of that Beloved One that this is among the mysteries of the Cause that has never before been mentioned, and until now everyone who has entered into this matter—that is, who has detailed this special substance—has desired that those separated components become one thing, which has been and is impossible. Beyond this no one's intellect has comprehended, and the thoughts of the servants have not advanced a step further, even though it has flowed from the Supreme Pen that like and similar substances should be taken. Nevertheless, they have taken pure water with viscous black oil and that earth which tells of the people of hell, desiring to unite them together. Alas, alas! For between water and oil complete opposition is evident—they have never been and never will be capable of mixing and uniting. And the earth too, when its essence is taken and reaches the state of ash, certainly has not been and will not be capable of life.

Some philosophers have mentioned ashes, but what is meant by ashes is the body (jasad) not the form (jism), for when the spirit of the form is taken, its life afterward is impossible. In the body there remains a vestige of spirit, though hidden; after treatment it is observed living and animate.

What is meant by water is volatile water, that is, similar to volatile; you must obtain it, and likewise some oil before its solidification, and nurture that water in it until it solidifies. These two components and two elements possess four natures, for in water there is cold and moisture, and in oil there is dryness and heat. This same water solidifies in the oil and is called the noble stone. This is why the philosophers have said "that which is not seen and that which is not found in what is not seen and is not found."

Now observe that some people suppose that the stone exists and countless differences appear concerning it—each group considers some thing to be the stone and busies itself with treating it, wasting their lives. This is why they have said "Work comes after knowledge." In any case, the stone has been and will be hidden, stored, and concealed.

After nurturing it in the eye of the sun which is oil—that is, the heat of the oil draws out its excess moisture—in this case it solidifies and appears like marble. It must be freed from the oil, and after being freed and washed, some of that same water from which this stone was produced must be made to prevail over it, and gradually with a fire like the heat of the sun it must be nurtured until whatever it has taken from the essence of oil is dissolved by this water which is the key, and this operation must be repeated until that which is the essence within this Stone is entirely extracted—and this essence is known as the Red Sulfur, the Philosophers' Gold, and the Two-Winged Gold.

Often this essence appears white upon the surface of the water, and sometimes it appears as a most beautiful red. That which is white can, with some cultivation, be observed to turn red. Verily, this is the

Red Sulfur, of which none is aware save God, the Possessor of Destiny, Who speaks from the Most Great Scene. Verily, there is no God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

As to what you have written regarding similarity, the purpose is the oiliness of water—that is, water must be cultivated until its inner oiliness becomes manifest. In this state, its mixture with other oils becomes easy, but as long as its watery form remains, it is not and will not be capable of mixture. This water is that which has been called the volatile, the water of air, the fire of air, and by other names. It is the Divine Water. In any case, as mentioned, the acquisition of two elements which possess the four elements is necessary. In this state they are called the Mercury of the East and West.

If you wish to dissolve all of that Stone, some of which has been dissolved and united with the Divine Water, it is possible—you must extract that water from it and gradually return a portion to it until all is dissolved. This matter must be completed with very gentle fire or gentle vapor. Then, when all—meaning the Stone and what has appeared from it—manifests in the form of water, gradually through heat its moisture is completely removed. After completion it congeals, and this dissolution and congealment may be completed in one operation, or in three or more times. Often, that very essence which was obtained from the noble Stone produces the work and hope, and is completed—this is Mercury alone. Some have also ground and pulverized the earth of the Stone with that water until they completed the work, then added the tincture, which is that same essence that appeared on the surface of the water, and completed the work. From these explanations, knowledge of the Salt is also obtained.

What has reached this servant from the sprinkling of the ocean of divine knowledge regarding this work is what has been stated. However, repeatedly it was heard from the Most Holy Tongue that due to the questions of some friends, the Supreme Pen became occupied and spoke concerning this science, though He did not wish the friends to become occupied with it, and He has mentioned the reason for this in some Tablets. Furthermore, whatever this servant has submitted should either be erased after viewing or completely concealed. This servant himself has not yet engaged in this work—what has been submitted was derived from the divine revealed verses. Whenever one contemplates and observes what has been revealed from the divine realm of utterance regarding this science, another door is seen to open, leaving one bewildered. Glory be to Him Who has appeared and made manifest what He willed! Glory be to Him Who has spoken and made to speak what He wished! Glory be to Him from Whose knowledge nothing escapes! Glory be to Him Whom nothing frustrates! Verily, He is the Powerful, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Regarding your mention of the dream, it was laid before the Most Holy and Exalted Presence, and He said:

> "We give them glad tidings in their waking hours of an enduring sovereignty. By the life of God! There has been ordained for him who is steadfast that which cannot be equaled by all the treasures of the earth."

And there flowed from the Most Exalted Pen concerning them that which minds are incapable of comprehending. We beseech God to assist him to preserve what We have bestowed upon him and what We have sent down to him from My impregnable Kingdom. No good deed has ever been, nor ever shall

be, left unrewarded. Verily, He does not suffer the reward of the doers to be lost, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

And concerning what you wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza ʿA-B, upon him be Baha'u'llah, having appointed this evanescent servant to make the pilgrimage on his behalf to the Beloved of the worlds—praise be to God, the purpose was fulfilled and this servant succeeded in circumambulating the Ka'bih of the Divine Purpose as his deputy. Blessed be he and blessed be I! God willing, may he ever speak in remembrance of the Beloved Who does not pass away, gaze toward His horizon, be assisted in His Cause, and arise in His service. Mention of him was made in the Most Holy Court, and the Sun of loving-kindness shone forth from the horizon of grace, and a most holy and exalted Tablet was revealed and sent specifically for him. God willing, may he attain to its perusal. Likewise, wondrous and glorious Tablets were revealed and sent specifically for Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Asadu'llah and his son and another person.

This evanescent servant offers his utter nothingness and evanescence in service to each one, and beseeches God that He may assist them to do that which is adorned with the ornament of His good-pleasure. I convey greetings and glorification to your honored offspring and those who are with you. The glory be upon you and upon those who are with you and upon those who have laid hold of God's firm and mighty cord. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

A further submission: Jinab-i-Aqa [ʿAzim], upon him be the Glory of God, has ascended to the Supreme Companion. His legacy amounts to about ten or twelve tumans. According to instructions, Jinab-i-Ism'ullah Mihdi, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, has collected it and is sending it to you to be delivered to the heirs. Concerning him, passages were revealed from the Most Exalted Pen such that, in truth, every steadfast, content and well-pleasing soul would yearn for such a station. He had been completely transformed and manifested such love that most were filled with wonder. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Mighty, the Powerful. Glory be to Him Who created him, assisted him, caused him to recognize Him, and made him attain to this noble station which was recorded by His Most Exalted Pen in a mighty Book.

BH00184: Praise be to God Who created all things through…

Section 1: "In the name of our Most Holy, Most…"

In the name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Ancient, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord

Praise be to God Who created all things through the movement of His Most Exalted Pen, and through that which appeared therefrom distinguished between the parties. Blessed be God, the Lord of lords and the Sovereign of beginning and return, Who through a single effulgence from the Sun of His Cause drew the sincere ones to Him, caused the near ones to soar, and moved the believers to hasten to the seat of detachment—that station wherein no mention is made of self, nor of will, nor of desire, nor of hope. Exalted is this station which none has attained save he who is detached from all that is with him and who has become extinct in the will of his Lord, the Almighty, the Supreme, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious, He in Whose grasp lies the kingdom of the next world and of the first.

Glory be unto Him! Glory be unto Him! Who can describe Him when the Messengers have confessed their powerlessness and the Prophets have acknowledged their failure to attain unto Him? How exalted is this Most Supreme, Most Resplendent Station and this Most Holy, Most Sublime Rank! By the life of the Beloved! This is an atmosphere unto which the birds of hearts and minds cannot soar, a station which God has made to transcend all mention of limitation and bounds.

I pray, I send peace, and I glorify those whom vain imaginings have not prevented from acting in accordance with that which exalts the Cause of God, the Lord of all beings. They are they who have cast aside their desires and have taken hold of that which their Lord has commanded them. They are servants whom God has described in the books of the past and of the future, and of whom both Truth and creation have spoken. Blessed is he who walks in their footsteps and follows that which has proceeded from their deeds in the path of God, their Creator and their Fashioner. The atoms themselves bear witness that they are honored servants who speak not until He has spoken, and who act by His command.

O beloved of my heart! The servant has been blessed with your letter which told of the love of our Beloved and your Beloved, our Goal and the Goal of all worlds. When I opened it, read it and understood it, I proceeded to a station that was sanctified above the mention of loftiness and lowliness, and purified from the indication of all possessed of grandeur and exaltation, until I attained the presence before the Throne and, after permission was granted, presented what was mentioned therein. When it was completed, I found the Beloved walking silently for a time. Then the Ancient Beauty turned His face toward this evanescent one and said, exalted be His grandeur: “We love to mention him as We mentioned him before, and We love to see him as befits the days of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. We caused him to hear Our call and showed him what was hidden from other servants, as a grace from Us, for We are the All-Bountiful, the Generous. It behooveth him to be evanescent from himself and abiding in God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

O seeker! We have sent down for thee that from which the dawn of utterance hath broken forth in the contingent world, that thou mayest arise to serve thy Lord and thank Him at all times. Look not upon the world and its affairs, but look to what God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, commandeth thee. Where are they who prided themselves on their treasures, their stores, their ornaments, and what they possessed of pictures and statues? And where is their dominion and their grandeur, and what prevented them from God, the Lord of the worlds? Among them were those who disputed, those who turned away, and those who disbelieved and pronounced judgment against those through whom the eyes of knowledge were solaced in the contingent world. Thus doth thy Lord, the All-Merciful, recount unto thee that thou mayest be among the steadfast. Had the world any worth before God, this mighty prison would not have been the seat of His Throne.

We have sent down for thee aforetime that whereby thy mention was established in creation. He Who hath spoken at all times beareth witness that there is no God but Me, the All-Wise, the All-Knowing. Hold fast unto the cord of My loving-kindness, be sincere for My sake, and do that whereby the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful, may be exalted. By Him Who created what was and what will be through a word from Him, if thou couldst hear the shrill voice of My Pen and find the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful, thou wouldst forsake all creation and arise to accomplish what thy Lord, the Bestower,

the Generous, hath desired. O seeker! God willing, may thou at all times take thy portion from the ocean of divine bounty and receive thy share from the sun of divine generosity.

O seeker! Fix thy gaze upon God alone and associate with His loved ones with utmost love, especially with those souls who are seen to be detached from self and who circle round the will and purpose of God. Hearken unto the call of the All-Informed Counselor Who, for the sake of God, hath turned toward thee on this night of the blessed month of Ramadan and counseleth thee with words whose fragrance hath perfumed the world: Pass beyond thyself in My path and fix thy gaze upon My will. I swear by the Sun of Revelation, shining from the horizon of the heaven of inner meanings, that if thou holdest fast to what hath been mentioned, thou shalt soon witness its effect and fruit. Verily, whosoever today is effaced in the will and purpose of God, God—exalted be His glory—will assuredly elevate him and cause him to attain high stations. The glance of God's favor hath been and is upon you. Blessed be thy father, again blessed be thy father, who hath turned away from all else save God and hath turned toward the Friend."

By My life! He sought the Most Exalted Goal in the City of Mystery, and his heart was aflame with the fire of the love of God. When he entered and attained his goal, he cried out and lamented like those who have lost their beloved. We found him moved by the Will of his Lord, the Hand of Power turning him as it pleased. Thus was the matter decreed when thy Lord was in a glorious station. We make mention of him on this night as a token of Our grace, that thou mayest read and be of the thankful ones.

Blessed art thou, O Moses, for thou hast heard what the Speaker of the Mount uttered on the Mount of Revelation, and hast drunk the choice wine of utterance from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. I testify that thou art he who hearkened to the Call, turned to the Most Exalted Horizon, hastened to the Most Great Ocean, and attained unto it and unto that which none among the servants have attained save those whom thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, wished.

O Moses! Rejoice thou in the Supreme Companion, for We have caused thee to hear Our sweetest call, shown thee My Most Glorious Beauty, and raised thee to such a station that the people of Paradise and the dwellers of the Kingdom of Names make mention of thee. Blessed art thou for having heard, responded, recognized, and attained unto the station of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Impregnable. Thou art he who bore hardships in My path and heard in My love what no ear among the servants hath heard. To this beareth witness the Lord of creation in this Clear Book. Upon thee be My remembrance, My glory, My loving-kindness, My mercy, My grace, My favors and My gifts, which have preceded all created things.

O seeker! Recite these exalted words which have been revealed from the Preserved Tablet and walk in His footsteps. He verily will elevate thy station and ordain for thee that which shall profit thee in every world of His worlds. Hath anyone ever been seen to move for the sake of God and be deprived of the wondrous tokens of His grace? Nay, by His own Self, the True One! Whoso is for God, God is for him. This is the blessed word which hath formerly shone forth from the Dayspring of God's Will. Hold thou fast unto it and be of them that attain. If thou shouldst drink from the chalice of these utterances which have appeared from the Kingdom of divine knowledge, thou wilt pass beyond thyself and all creation, and wilt move according to the will and purpose of thy peerless Beloved. He desireth for thee naught save that which shall exalt thee and draw thee near unto God, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Indeed, the utmost bounty hath been shown to thee from the Dawning-Place of the Cause and the Dayspring of verses, in that He hath, with perfect kindness, taught that which shall cause the elevation of thy rank, station and glory, and likewise shall guide the servants to the horizon of His Cause and that which God loveth and desireth. This evanescent servant hath ever been occupied with the mention of that spiritual friend, and thy heart hath testified and doth testify to the degrees of sincerity and love of this ephemeral one. God willing, it is hoped that thou wilt gird up the loins of service and exert mighty efforts for the unity of the loved ones, and that thou wilt reflect upon that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen and act upon it without regard to thyself and the world.

Then wilt thou taste the sweetness of servitude and obedience, preferring it above all the pleasures of the world. And after ascending to this most exalted and sublime station, thou wilt witness the bounty of the True One, and at that time thou wilt have attained unto the station whereof He hath said: "Cast away thyself, then come." And whosoever attaineth unto this station hath drunk from the ocean of reunion and received his portion of the divine presence, which is the first, most excellent and greatest of all deeds. This servant hath repeatedly heard these words from the tongue of the All-Merciful. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid us in pure servitude to God alone and in sincere love for His chosen ones and holy ones.

Today is the day of servitude. Would that I had attained unto it! This servitude—its essence is servitude itself. The way is barred and the search rejected. This is complete servitude which hath shone forth from the Dayspring of the mouth of the Will of the King of Oneness. Whosoever attaineth unto this station hath attained unto all good. Beseech ye God that He may cause you, this servant, and all to attain unto this most exalted rank and this primal pearl. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Were people to come with fairness, they would acknowledge that which God—exalted be His glory, universal be His bounty, and great be His majesty—hath commanded, and would observe that its benefit returneth unto their own selves. Verily, He is the Holy One, the Sanctified, above all works and deeds. Exalted be our Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

O my master and beloved friend! Many expressions of favor have appeared from the Dawning-Place of grace concerning you, for your communications were beyond moderation, displaying countless instances of discord and disruption. For a time, this servant was deep in thought as to how to present this to the Most Holy Court, for the Primal Point—may our souls be sacrificed for His sake—strongly emphasized that nothing which carries the fragrance of sadness should be presented at the Most Holy Court. When one of the Letters of the Living asked Him Who God Shall Make Manifest—exalted be His glory—about this, the Exalted One responded in such a way as to effectively banish him. How much more so for words that would cause grief to the Beloved of the worlds!

God forbid! With a hundred thousand entreaties and a hundred thousand secret supplications of utter helplessness and humility, this evanescent servant sought to present these matters in such a way as not to cause sadness to the Ancient Beauty. In any case, after presentation it was observed that the ocean of mercy was not disturbed by the blowing of various winds, nor was the mountain of patience moved by the trembling of the earth. You must, with your outer and inner ears, your outer and inner heart, and your outer and inner eyes, be watchful and expectant of the divine command.

The Primal Point—may our souls be sacrificed for His sake—says that if He should pronounce the earth to be heaven or heaven to be earth, it is the truth, and whoever utters the slightest objection is counted among the opposers. He also states that if He so wills, He can declare all who are on earth to be prophets by a single word. Indeed, countless such statements have issued from the Primal Point. If one reflects on this single phrase alone—"He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth"—it suffices. God willing, you should be the cause of guidance and unity for the people, and like the water of life for the servants. Certainly, were it anyone but you, this servant would never have engaged in such submissions.

By Him Who is singled out for tribulation and unique in His decree! Since this servant's heart has ever been adorned with love for you, he considered it necessary, nay obligatory, to present these matters. By Him Who holds my soul and spirit in the grasp of His power! If the veil were to be lifted and even less than a needle's eye of what is hidden were revealed, all people would arise to serve and would sacrifice all they possess—body, form, soul, and all else—at the feet of the Friend. As for what you mentioned regarding your affairs, God willing, they shall be set right, for the gaze of favor has been and continues to be directed toward you, and its effects will surely become manifest.

If, God willing, we attain His good-pleasure, all matters will become easy and simple. One must not let opportunity slip away nor waste time, but strive with the utmost effort and endeavor, with divine assistance, to make up for what has passed. We are not in despair of His mercy, grace and generosity. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

Section 2: "With regard to what you wrote concerning…"

With regard to what you wrote concerning the people, it was presented at the Most Holy Court. This is what God hath revealed in reply: May you, through divine grace, be successful and receive your portion from the effulgences of the Sun of Truth. O My handmaiden! We have mentioned thee before as a token of Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the Generous. We counsel thee with what We have revealed in the Book. This is the Day that hath been mentioned in all divine Books and unto which all have been promised. Now consider what befitteth this divine Day. The handmaidens of God must engage in the remembrance of the true Beloved in utmost sanctity and detachment. They must make their hearts treasuries of the pearls of His love and fix their gaze upon His horizon. Rejoice thou in having attained unto My remembrance, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Wise.

O seeker! Make mention of thy brother from Our presence that he may gain certitude through the grace of his Lord and hold fast unto that which hath been enjoined in My perspicuous Book. The servant in attendance before the Throne hath mentioned him. We have turned toward him and remembered him from this exalted, mighty and impregnable station. Say: Beware lest the hints of those who have turned away and denied God, the Lord of all worlds, sadden thee. Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord's grace, then make mention of Him among myriads of those near unto God. We have found from thee the fragrance of My love. We have turned toward thee and mentioned thee with that which gladdeneth the hearts of those who have drawn nigh. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee that thou mayest read them and be of the thankful. The glory be upon him and upon his wife who hath turned unto and believed in God, the One, the All-Informed. We send Our blessings from this station upon him and upon her, a mercy from Our presence. Verily He is the All-Merciful, the Compassionate.

Make mention of thy sisters from My presence and give them the glad-tidings of My grace that hath encompassed all things. We make mention of them with a mention whose fragrance shall endure in the realm throughout the duration of the Kingdom. They must act in accordance with what they have been commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. His is the power to forgive them as a bounty from His presence, and He is the All-Forgiving, the Kind.

The handmaidens of God must engage in the remembrance of the Beloved of all creation with the utmost joy and fragrance. Intoxicated with the wine of the love of God, exalted be His glory, they must not regard creation and all that it contains. We counsel all to that which befitteth this Day. The entire world cannot equal the descent of the word "O My handmaiden" from the Ancient Tongue. Now reflect upon this supreme bounty and greatest favor and be grateful unto God. Fix your gaze upon God alone and be detached and free from all else. All must drink from the cup of certitude and assurance and act according to God's commandments. The Day is glorious, pure, bright and resplendent. Your deeds must accord with this Day. From this station We send Our blessings upon their faces and upon the faces of those women who have believed in God, the Mighty, the Loving.

As for your mention of the wife of Aqa Mirza Ashraf and mention of Aqa Fadlu'llah and Shukru'llah, it was presented before the Throne. He showed favor to each one—may our spirits and the spirits of all the world be a sacrifice for His grace. The Sun of grace rises and shines upon each of the friends who have drunk from the Kawthar of life and the Salsabil of certitude. This servant beseecheth and imploreth God to assist all to that which pleaseth Him. Blessed is he who hath attained unto this station and drunk the wine of recognition from the hand of the grace of the Beloved of all creation.

And as to your mention of Karbala'i Nasru'llah and his two brothers, it was submitted in the Most Holy Presence. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur uttered—His word, exalted be His majesty:

O Nasru'llah! Thy mention hath come before the Wronged One, and He hath revealed for thee that which cooleth the eyes through the tablets. Through My Name the ocean of grace hath surged and the fragrance of bounty hath wafted, yet the people remain heedless and veiled. Beware lest the people prevent thee from the path of God or the allusions withhold thee from that which thy Lord, the Revealer of verses, hath intended. By God! The Salsabil hath flowed and the water of life hath streamed forth and the sealed wine hath been unsealed by the finger of the will of the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Hold fast unto My Book, then do that which the All-Bountiful hath revealed therein. Thus doth command thee He with Whom is the knowledge of all things in a speaking Book. He speaketh: there is none other God but I, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Cast away what thou hast and take what thou art bidden by God, the Lord of Lords. Be humble before God's command and silent when His verses are recited. Thus doth thy Lord command thee from this station. The glory be upon thee and upon thy two brothers and upon those who have remained faithful to God's Covenant in the beginning and the end.

O Muhammad! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My throne which hath been established in the prison land through that which the hands of the heedless have wrought. Reflect upon the power of thy Lord and His sovereignty. Verily He, after His arrival in the Most Great Prison, summoned all in the world unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. There remained no king whom We did not mention as a bounty from Us, and no servant whom We did not guide to My straight path. Among the people are those who

turned away and those who cast aside the world and turned to God with illumined hearts. Thus doth the Beloved mention thee that thou mayest be among the thankful. Purify thy heart from allusions, turn thy face toward God and say: I repent unto Thee, O God of the worlds.

Blessed is My servant who hath turned unto My face, soared in My atmosphere, been imprisoned in My path, and been expelled for My Name—he who hath been named in the kingdom of My names "Haydar-ʿAli". Verily he hath attained unto My days, drunk the choice wine of My love, responded to My call, submitted to My sovereignty, been humble before My manifestation, been moved by My will, turned by My command, departed by My leave, and journeyed through the lands in his eagerness to propagate My Cause. By My life! Nothing in existence can equal that which hath been revealed for him in this moment from My Most Exalted Pen, which speaketh betwixt earth and heaven that there is none other God but I, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

We were with him when he migrated for the sake of God and traveled through the lands and acted according to that which was commanded by God, the Sovereign of Kings. O Haydar-Ali! Drink from the Kawthar of life time and again, and this time which God hath sanctified beyond the mention of limitations and allusions, He Himself giveth thee to drink from this cup which hath appeared in human form. Blessed be the All-Merciful, the Intended One of what was and what shall be. O Haydar-Ali! Believe not every speaker, hearken not unto every crier, and trust not those who claim faith in the days of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Thus doth counsel thee He with Whom is the Preserved Tablet. Thou art he who hath remained faithful to God's Covenant and His testament, and there hath been revealed for thee that which shall not be overtaken by annihilation throughout the duration of the kingdom and the realm. Preserve this most exalted station and associate with those who love God and follow that which they have been commanded by the Lord of existence. Be thou assured of thy Lord's grace, then act as thou art bidden and trust in Him in all circumstances. Verily, He is with whosoever hath intended His Cause and risen to serve this Wronged One.

As regards what you wrote concerning the wife of Mishkin-Qalam, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, repeatedly from the Most Exalted Tongue was heard this blessed word: her care is beloved in all circumstances; she is mentioned before the Divine Throne and is the recipient of divine favors. Blessed is he who honors her resting place purely for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds. If she should proceed to Cyprus—that is, if arrangements can be made for her to travel with joy and fragrance—there is and would be no objection. If she is able to remain in that place, that too is beloved.

For each of the names that were in your letter, through pure bounty and special favor, magnificent and exalted verses were revealed. God willing, they will attain to hearing them and will discover their sweetness. O beloved of my heart! Often it happens that some hear the divine verses but are deprived of their meaning and sweetness. This evanescent servant at all times beseeches and hopes from God, exalted be His glory, that He may grant His friends a station beneath the tree of His care, that perchance they may remain protected from the heat of rebellious souls and attain to that which He loves and with which He is well-pleased.

Convey greetings to all the friends who are in truth gazing toward the Most Exalted Horizon and are detached from all else but God, and make mention of them. In this dawn of hope, when the world has

been illumined by the lights of the Sun of Manifestation, arise to promote the Cause with utmost love and unity, and may you all be seen as a single circle. Soon, all that brings joy or sorrow to man will return to nothingness, and that which is everlasting and enduring has been and will be the mention of God, exalted be His remembrance and exalted be His utterance.

The Kawthar is present, the Cup-Bearer is manifest, the spiritual springtime is apparent. Negligence is not permitted. With utmost humility and supplication, beseech and implore the Self-Sufficient One that He may not deprive this servant and all the friends. The glory be upon you and upon those whose names you mentioned in your letter and for whom God, the Lord of the worlds, revealed what He desired.

The servant 7 Ramadan 1297

It is submitted that some time ago Mulla Muhammad-Sadiq from K., who resides in Qum, wrote and sent a letter to this servant, and there was some delay in sending the reply. Now it has been sent to you to deliver to the mentioned person. Likewise, three Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablets specially for him and his two sons have been sent with Mulla Muhammad-ʿAli Dahji. Give them this glad tiding.

Another submission: one Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet has been revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will specially for your sister and has been sent; deliver it to her.

BH00534: Praise be to God Who is single in His…

In the name of our Lord, the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Most High, the Most Glorious

Praise be to God Who is single in His command and unique in His judgment, Who hath sent down from the heaven of oneness the decree of wisdom and made it the foundation of this edifice which the hands of the power of the All-Merciful have built in the contingent world. Exalted is God, the Revealer of religions, through Whose word all that is and all that hath been were created. Blessed is he who hath recognized this glorious edifice which hath been mentioned in the Qur'an as the Great Announcement and in the Book of Names as the Straight Path. There is no Book but that this Most Exalted Remembrance and this Most Great Gift have been mentioned therein, having been designated by all names by the tongue of God, the Lord of the throne and of the dust, the Sovereign of the hereafter and of the former times.

I beseech Thee, O Sovereign of all beings and Educator of all existing things, by the Revealer of verses through Whom all doubts and allusions were erased, to assist Thy chosen ones, Thy loved ones, and Thy friends to triumph in Thy Cause and to arise to serve Thee. O Lord! Withhold not the letters of Thy Book from the ocean of Thy knowledge, nor the leaves of Thy trees from the blowing of the breezes of Thy bounty. O Lord! Draw them through Thy Most Exalted Word to Thy most sublime horizon and enable them in such wise that the opposition of every opposer will not deter them, nor will the tyranny of any oppressor frighten them. O Lord! Sanctify their hearts from the mention of aught else but Thee, their souls from turning to anyone other than Thee, and their tongues from praising aught besides Thee. Purify them, O my God, through Thy generosity and bounty, and cleanse them from all that is not pleasing unto Thee. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest, and within Thy grasp is the kingdom of

creation. Thou doest what Thou pleasest and ordainest what Thou desirest. Verily, Thou art the All-Wise Judge.

O Lord! Thou knowest that I desire to make mention of one of Thy loved ones who hath drunk the choice wine of Thy utterance, turned toward Thy horizon, responded to Thy call, and directed his face toward Thy countenance, though one such as I is not worthy to make mention of him who hath clung to the hem of Thy generosity and drunk from the ocean of Thy knowledge. But Thou knowest, O Beloved of the world and Desire of the nations, that by my mention of him I intend only to bring him the glad-tidings of Thy loving-kindness and bounty. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

And further it is submitted: the letter which you had written unto Aqa Mirza Muhammad-ʿAli Qa'ini—upon him be [the glory of] Baha'u'llah—was given to this servant, that, after perusing it, he might lay it before the Most Holy Presence. Whereupon, when I had read it and learned what it contained, I set my face toward the Desired One, until I attained the Presence before the Throne, and presented its contents. Then did the Tongue of Grandeur utter words which I am powerless to relate unto thee; and at the end of His utterance He—exalted be His expression, glorified be His praise, and magnified be His majesty—spoke:

Write to Ali: O Ali! Your letter which you sent to him who has turned to My Kingdom, circled My Throne, and attained My presence, has been received by the Wronged One and presented by the servant who stands before the Throne. Verily thy Lord heareth and seeth, and I am the All-Hearing One. We have inhaled the fragrance of thy turning and devotion, and have made mention of thee as a bounty from Our presence. His mercy hath preceded the world; verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

God willing, thou shouldst speak with utmost joy and fragrance in remembrance of the Best Beloved of all creation, with perfect wisdom, and in all matters keep thy gaze fixed upon the horizon of His good-pleasure. The essence of unity is that assured souls should, in all conditions, turn to the One True God alone and act according to His good-pleasure. If today a soul should perform all good deeds and righteous acts, yet fail to attain God's good-pleasure, it will assuredly yield no fruit. This is why He saith: Strive to attain the word of His good-pleasure. Strive that all may attain this most exalted station, that they may act for God's sake, hold fast to God's leave, and cling to God's good-pleasure.

O Ali! Reflect upon the Light that shone forth from the horizon of Sad. Most of the servants have not, to this day, gained awareness of even a drop from the ocean of his knowledge. He had attained true martyrdom. By My life! Limited years passed over him while he was self-effacing in the will of his Lord and the desire of his Master. He had no thoughts, will or desire of his own, and at all times awaited God's command. He would take no action without God's leave and permission. For years he had sacrificed himself in the path of the Friend, though outwardly he spoke, listened and walked about. This is the supreme martyrdom, the most exalted station, the highest rank, and this lofty and most glorious station was adorned with outward martyrdom. He took the pearls of the sea of life and scattered them at the feet of his Friend. Thus did he attain the Most Great Remembrance, and the Supreme Pen was for a time engaged in his mention, to manifest his deeds, station, rank and sincerity.

O Ali! He attained two martyrdoms, and were the details of the first station to be mentioned, most people would surely be astounded. God willing, may all the friends attain to that which is beloved in this day. We make mention of them in this Tablet and give them the glad-tidings of God's bounty and mercy, which have preceded existence. Say: It behooveth you to show forth the supreme steadfastness in this most mighty and exalted Cause, through which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken:

> "The Kingdom belongeth to the Possessor of the invisible and the visible."

All must at all times drink from the chalice of joy, for they are mentioned in God's presence and recorded by the Supreme Pen. The stations of souls that are assured, content and well-pleasing shall not remain veiled. Though they may be concealed for a few days in accordance with God's consummate wisdom, the hand of divine power shall surely rend asunder the veil and make them manifest.

Likewise, gladden the hearts of the Children of Israel with the mention of the Wronged One. Blessed are they and joy be unto them, inasmuch as they have turned their faces toward the Countenance and drawn nigh unto the Ocean of Knowledge on a Day whereon all things trembled for fear of God, the Omnipotent, the Almighty. God willing, may all remain steadfast on the Path of God, fix their gaze upon His horizon, and act in accordance with that which He commandeth them. At this moment, from this exalted and glorious Spot, We send Our greetings upon thee and upon My male and female servants.

In thy letter mention was made of His Holiness Haji Sabzivari, upon him be the Glory of God. The Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will, adorned with the seal of glory. Deliver it unto him, that his eyes may be cheered, his heart gladdened, his breast dilated, and that he may arise to do that which beseemeth these days of his Lord, the Manifest, the Mighty, the Generous. In truth, perfect bounty hath been vouchsafed unto him. Blessed is he, again blessed is he. Likewise, a Tablet was specifically revealed and sent for another soul in that same land—that is, the Green Land—upon him be the Glory of God. Deliver it unto him, that he may drink therefrom the Kawthar of bounty and recognition.

Moreover, on behalf of this evanescent servant, convey wondrous and glorious greetings to all the friends and masters who have drunk from the ocean of recognition. This evanescent servant beseecheth and imploreth God—exalted and glorified be He—to preserve them all beneath the shadow of His bounty and not to deprive them of the effulgent rays of the Sun of Revelation. Through His generosity and grace, may He open before their faces the gates of whatsoever is now concealed, that all may soar with utmost joy and eagerness in the atmosphere of His love, in such wise that the Concourse on High may hearken to the sound of their wings. However, all matters must be carried out with wisdom. Any matter that causeth tumult among the people is assuredly contrary to wisdom. Avoid it, O loved ones and chosen ones of God! We beseech God that we may be assisted to do that which He hath commanded, not that which we deem expedient or consider good. Verily, He knoweth us better than we know ourselves, and He is the All-Knowing.

Some time ago, this servant wrote and dispatched a letter in reply to his honor Ibn-i-Shahid, upon him be the Glory of God. God willing, it has arrived. Blessed is he, and his father, and his household wherein the mention of God has been raised up. Verily the servant gave him glad tidings that he has been accepted

before the Throne and God has made him a place for His Great Remembrance. In any case, whatsoever matter in the Divine Book that is adorned with an explicit ordinance yet becomes the cause of kindling the fire of hatred, to act upon it is not permitted. Thus has our Beloved Lord decreed, as a grace from Him upon us and upon His accepted servants. Convey to the family of Shahid, upon them be the Glory of God, from this evanescent one such remembrance as is befitting and such glorification as is worthy. Would that I were with him and attained martyrdom in the path of God, the Lord of Oneness.

This evanescent servant mentions the friends night and day with utmost sincerity, and with a hundred thousand hands of supplication clings to the hem of grace, beseeching from the ocean of bounty and generosity the rending of the veils of the heedless and veiled people, that perchance they may not remain deprived on this blessed day whose mention has adorned the divine books. O beloved of my heart! By the life of the Beloved, if the people of hatred were to become aware to less than a particle's weight, they would perish from grief over their deeds. One is astonished how they consider themselves believers today and count themselves among the people of truth. Shame upon them and their leaders who have made them idols unto themselves and foundations for their religions. God protect us and you and the community of the believers from their deeds and their words and their schemes and their whisperings and their plots. Verily He is the Protector, the Helper, the Wise. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The captive in the path of God, meaning the honored leaf, upon her be the Glory of God, is, God willing, joyful through the favors of the All-Merciful. Blessed is she and joy be unto her. The servant testifies that she has attained to the recognition of her Lord and has borne hardships in the path of God, her Creator. And on this blessed night, which is the 17th of Ramadan, this servant attained the presence of the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most High Court, and the Tongue of Grandeur made mention of that honored lady. He said she has attained to the highest, most exalted station and God willing, she will be assisted to preserve it. In all conditions they should fix their gaze upon the Truth alone and drink the sealed wine from His hand of bounty at every moment. End.

Whatever was before this servant from the divine utterances has been conveyed. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist His servants, men and women alike, unto that which He loves and is pleased with. By His life, this is the master of all deeds in the latter and the former times. There is no God but He, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious.

The servant 19th of Ramadan 1297

BH03868: The Ancient Countenance hath turned toward thee from this…

In the Name of the One Who is the Manifest, the Speaker, the All-Knowing!

The Ancient Countenance hath turned toward thee from this glorious horizon. The servant in attendance before the Throne desired to write unto thee. We said: Take up thy pen, for verily We have ever been One Who revealeth, sendeth down, and transmitteth, and I am the Sender, the Revealer, the Transmitter, the Almighty, the Powerful.

We bade him appear before Our presence with pen and ink, and when he appeared, We sent down unto thee this wondrous Book and dispatched unto thee what thou didst desire of thy Lord's gracious favor. Be thou steadfast in the service of My Cause, speaking forth My praise, and acting in accordance with that which thou wert commanded when thou wert present before My mighty throne.

Thou art he who turned and drew near until thou didst enter and attain unto this Spot which God hath made the point of circumambulation for the sincere ones. Verily We commanded one among the Names to be seated with dignity when he desired to speak forth this Cause before which every great matter hath bowed down. Thou didst act in accordance with that which We commanded thee aforetime. Verily thy Lord is the Rememberer, the All-Knowing.

Hold thou fast in all circumstances to wisdom and utterance, lest the cawing of those who have denied God, the Lord of all worlds, be raised. Convey My greetings unto My loved ones who have cast aside all else but Me and have quaffed the choice wine of My love, the Mighty.

God shall soon make manifest the deeds of those who have arisen to serve His Cause. He shall surely render complete the rewards of those who act. The glory be upon thee and upon God's chosen ones, the Lord of all worlds.

O my Well-Beloved! This servant purposed to submit something in thy presence; but God [willed otherwise]. And, in accordance with the command, this Tablet was revealed from the heaven of His Will; it was transcribed from the original Revelation and sent forth. Likewise were dispatched the numbered lists, in the Name of the Most Great Name, of the Tablets which thou hadst previously requested.

Some, however, are in the handwriting of this lowly one, inasmuch as His Holiness the Branch of God was not present.

BH04691: The whole world awaited the Day of God…

He is the All-Knowing Expositor!

The whole world awaited the Day of God and, with perfect humility and submissiveness, beseeched God, glorified be His majesty, night and day for the appearance of the Promised One. But when the Sun of Truth dawned from the horizon of manifestation and the Preserved Tablet was sent down from the heaven of loving-kindness, all clung to their own idle fancies and turned away from the Sovereign of certitude, save those who came unto God with an illumined, believing, and steadfast heart.

O friends! Strive ye, and through the blessing of the Most Great Name, attain in this divine Day such a station that ye may shine forth like unto the sun from the horizon of eternity. Act ye in accordance with that which befitteth this blessed Day. Turn your gaze away from that which is fleeting and transitory, whether little or much, and fix your eyes upon the ocean that hath neither beginning nor end. Say: O friends! Be not, like children, occupied with diverse colors nor take delight therein. Rather, with firm resolve, steadfast hearts, penetrating vision and the light of certitude, appear amongst men with the utmost trustworthiness and goodly character.

We have found thee turning unto the Kaaba of existence and have therefore sent unto thee this Book, which nothing that lieth concealed in the sea, or is stored up in the earth, or is treasured in the mountains can equal. Verily thy Lord speaketh the truth, and He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

BH04991: God willing you may drink from the ocean…

In the name of God, the All-Knowing!

God willing you may drink from the ocean of divine favor and find its sweetness.

In all the heavenly Books We gave the glad tidings to the people concerning this blessed Day and what would appear therein. But when the Sun of Manifestation dawned from the horizon of Sinai and the divine Tree spoke forth “Verily, I am God,” all turned away and deprived themselves of this supreme bounty, save whom thy Lord willed.

This is that Comforter of whom the Spirit gave tidings, and this is that Hour concerning which the Son confessed that neither He nor the angels of heaven had any knowledge thereof. Were anyone to reflect even briefly upon the four Gospels and the holy Books, he would acknowledge that this Day hath no peer or likeness, for that which was hidden and concealed is now seated upon the throne and made manifest.

Blessed are they whom the vanities, allusions, words and utterances of the people of the world did not prevent from this most exalted station. They turned with their whole being and drank from the cup of certitude. We bear witness that they are among the denizens of the most exalted Paradise and the companions of the Crimson Ark.

Blessed is every hearer who hath heard, and every seer who hath beheld that which hath shone forth and dawned from the horizon of God’s Will, the Mighty, the Great.

BH05478: This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent…

In the Name of the Dawning-Place that shineth from the horizon of the heaven of knowledge.

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down for such as desire to quaff the Kawthar of meanings from the hands of the bounties of their Lord, the All-Bountiful.

Beware lest idle fancies debar thee from this Cause, which, when it is made manifest, causeth the very pebbles to cry aloud and the atoms to exclaim: “The Desired One hath come in evident sovereignty!”

The gate of heaven hath been flung open in the Name of God, the Lord of Names, yet the people are wrapped in a dense veil.

We, aforetime, announced unto them the glad-tidings with the tongue of the Governors of the Cause, and, after them, through the prophets and messengers. But when that which had been hidden within the pavilion of preservation was revealed, the servants turned aside, save those whom God, the Mighty, the All-Generous, did will.

Thus have We expounded these things unto thee, that thou mayest be made aware of what hath befallen Us at the hands of those who have been heedless of God, their Fashioner, and who have turned away from His straight Path.

Hold thou fast unto the cord of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, and cling unto the hem of wisdom which, from the presence of One all-powerful, almighty, We have enjoined upon all.

Glory be upon thee and upon such as have attained unto the Days of God and acknowledged that which the Most Exalted Pen hath acknowledged in this noble station. And praise be to God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

BH05309: He is the Speaker in the Kingdom of Utterance!…

He is the Speaker in the Kingdom of Utterance! We had made mention of remembrance and its degrees, and We shall praise it again.

Then there emerged from the luminous chamber a countenance in the form of a heavenly maiden, and she asked about remembrance and its station.

Then another countenance emerged and said: “Verily it is the fire of the love of God, and when it appeared on the Mount of Beauty, the Most Exalted Word was revealed in the form ‘There is no God but Me, the Powerful, the Imprisoned.”’

Then from behind them another countenance called out and said: “Can imprisonment be imposed upon the Almighty?”

Say: “Yea, by my Lord, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling! At this very moment He crieth out with the most exalted call from the prison of Akka, saying: O God of existence! Praise be unto Thee for having honored Thy domains with Thy footsteps and adorned them with the breezes of the dawn of Thy Manifestation. I beseech Thee to ordain for him who hath turned unto Thee, and drunk the choice wine of Thy revelation, and heard Thy call, that which beseemeth the heaven of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy generosity. O Lord! Thou hast planted the tree of hope in the hearts of Thy loved ones. Withhold not from it the stream of Thy mercy, and protect it from the swords of Thine enemies. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.’

Blessed is the seeing one who hath beheld Thy horizon, and the hearing one who hath attained unto Thy call, and the speaker who hath voiced Thy remembrance, the Mighty, the Beloved. Praise be unto Thee, O God of the seen and the unseen, and Lord of existence!”

BH06175: Glorified is He Who hath revealed whatsoever He desired…

In the name of Him at Whose command the Trump was sounded!

Glorified is He Who hath revealed whatsoever He desired through His sovereign power, and hath spoken as He wished with the most exalted call between earth and heaven, and hath summoned the people to

the Kawthar of His utterance and the choice wine of His knowledge and the pure flowing waters of His Revelation. He is, verily, the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Most High, the Most Great.

He hath arisen to promote the Cause in such wise as to astound every perceiving sage. His Most Exalted Pen hath never ceased its motion; it moveth every morn and eve, counseling the servants concerning that which will profit them in the hereafter and in this world, yet most of the people are among the heedless.

Verily, he who hath found the sweetness of God's utterance hath turned unto Him and said:

> "I testify that Thou hast manifested Thyself for the salvation of the world and hast spoken that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed is he who hath recognized Thee and acknowledged that which the Tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken, and woe unto every denier who hath denied Thy right and disputed Thy signs and objected to all that hath appeared from Thee. I testify that he is in manifest error."

We, verily, praise God in all conditions and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of them that know Thee and the Beloved of the sincere ones."

BH06338: Your mention hath been made in the Most Great…

In the name of the Ever-Abiding Friend and Speaker!

Your mention hath been made in the Most Great Presence, and the glance of favor hath been directed towards thee. God willing, thou shalt not remain deprived of the Sun of Divine Providence which hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of bounty. The atoms of creation are transported with joy and delight at the sweetness of the voice of the Revealer of verses, yet those servants who regard themselves as most learned and exalted remain heedless, nay, turn away from it. Woe unto them and unto those who have prevented them from the straight, manifest, evident and firmly-established path of God!

By My life! The Spirit runneth through the wilderness of the love of God, and proclaimeth that which It hath been commanded by the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. This is that same station wherein the Voice of the Spirit was raised up, and likewise the Prophets and Messengers. Verily, He Who was raised to heaven hath come with the truth and giveth glad tidings unto the people of this Revelation whereby the eyes of the Concourse on High and those who circle round the Throne have been solaced through this Most Great Name.

Rejoice thou in My remembrance, for through it hath been ordained for thee that which the tongues of all created things are powerless to describe. Thy Lord, the All-Speaking, the All-Seeing, beareth witness unto this. Praise be unto God, the Single One, the All-Informed.

BH06210: The Wronged One beareth witness unto that whereunto God…

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

The Wronged One beareth witness unto that whereunto God did bear witness before the creation of earth and heaven—that there is none other God but Him. And He Who speaketh and calleth aloud and declareth: He, verily, is the Most Great Name, Who hath come to give life unto the world and to unite all nations. He, verily, is the One through Whom the clear proofs have appeared and the signs have emerged and that which was promised in the Books of God, the Self-Subsisting, the Ever-Abiding, hath been fulfilled.

O Rahim! The ocean of thy Lord's mercy hath turned towards thee from this Prison which God hath raised up, as a bounty from His presence, and made it the circling-point of His loved ones. Thy Lord, verily, is the One Who hath power over what was and what shall be. We counsel thee to remain steadfast in the Cause and to fear God, thy Lord, the Possessor of existence. Blessed art thou for having cast aside idle fancies and taken hold of that which hath been revealed from God, the Lord of the seen and unseen.

By God's life! The ocean of certitude hath surged before the faces of men, yet they hasten toward idle fancies. Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and place thy trust in Him in all matters. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

BH06222: The Day hath come, and that which was hidden…

He is the One Who proclaimeth with the Most Exalted Call.

The Day hath come, and that which was hidden behind the pavilion of grandeur and inscribed in the Books of God, the Lord of all the worlds, hath now been made manifest. The fragrance of reunion hath been stirred, yet the people are among the heedless.

They have disbelieved in the bounty of God and denied His proof, before Whom the Manifestations of the All-Merciful, in former times and in latter days, have bowed in utter submission.

Blessed is he who hath heard the shrill voice of My Most Exalted Pen, and inhaled the sweet fragrance of the wine whose seal the Finger of God, the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful, hath broken.

Thus have We illumined the horizon of the heaven of utterance with the stars of wisdom and exposition. Blessed is he who hath recognized this and is numbered with the well-grounded in faith.

Glory be upon the people of Bahá, who have cast away the world and turned with all their hearts unto the Lord of Eternity, He Who speaketh amidst the nations, saying: "Verily, there is no God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

Blessed is he who standeth firm, whom the ascendancy and tyranny of the people have not dismayed; and blessed the ear that hath hearkened unto the call of the Most Exalted, the Self-Subsisting; and blessed the face that hath turned its whole being toward the Face of its Lord, the Mighty, the Peerless.

Praise be to God, the Almighty, the Inaccessible.

BH08394: This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down to all who are in the realm of possibility, that the fragrances of utterance might be diffused between the heavens and the earth. He, verily, hath power over whatsoever He willeth, through His Name, the Almighty. How many a speaker to whom the decree of silence applieth, how many a learned one who is judged ignorant, and how many an ignorant one who hath drunk from the ocean of knowledge in the name of his Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. Hold fast to the cord of thy Lord's generosity and cling to His luminous hem. We counsel thee and those who have believed in that whereby the Cause of God shall be uplifted amongst His heedless servants. Blessed is he who holdeth fast to righteousness and restraineth his soul from desire. The Lord of all beings and the Creator of the throne on high and of earth below doth testify that he is of the people of Baha in a preserved Tablet. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, that thou mayest read and be of them that are firmly rooted.

BH00625: Praise be to God Who created all things through…

In the name of our Lord, the Most Invincible, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious!

Praise be to God Who created all things through a single word and gathered them in one plane. Then the Call was raised from the Treasury of Grandeur: "Am I not your Lord?" Among them were those who turned away at the mere hearing, and among them were those who turned towards it and exclaimed: "Yea, verily, yea, O Lord of Names! Yea, verily, yea, O Creator of the heavens!" Those who turned towards it at the moment of hearing are the people of Baha. The tongues of all pens fall short of their mention.

These are the servants whom God hath described in His Books, His Psalms, His Scrolls, and through the tongues of His Prophets, His Chosen Ones, and His Messengers. These are servants who speak not of their own accord, nor move according to their own desires; rather, the winds of God's Will move them as they please, and God's Purpose causes them to speak as He desires. By God's life! They speak that which hath been revealed in the Book and pursue that which they have been commanded in the Tablets. They transgress not their bounds and stations, and confine their affairs to the remembrance of God and the service of His Cause. Blessed are they and joy be unto them!

Through them the horizons were illumined and the Covenant was made manifest, and through them was raised the standard of Justice on the Day of Separation. I beseech God, exalted be He, to confirm all His loved ones as He confirmed them, and to assist His servants as He assisted them. Woe unto those whom the world hath prevented from turning to God, the Possessor of all things! Such as these have clung to their desires and turned away from their Creator. Through their tyranny the dwellers of the cities of Names have lamented and the Concourse on High have cried out. They have been heedless of that for which they were created and have clung to that which they were forbidden.

The servant beseeches his Omnipotent Lord to protect all from these who have gone astray and led others astray, who have followed the opinions of every divine who hath pronounced judgment against God and every mystic who hath turned away from Him when He came with a sovereignty that encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Praise be to God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment!

To continue: the morn of reunion hath breathed when thy letter arrived, and the night of separation hath darkened upon beholding thy traces. When I opened it, saw it, read it and understood it, such joy and gladness took hold of me that I found myself unable to describe them, for it was adorned with the mention of God, embellished with His praise, and from it wafted the fragrance of His love. When I recognized this, I soared on wings of longing to a station illumined by the lights of dawning. When I entered and attained His presence, the face of the Beloved turned toward this servant and asked about the letter. Thereupon I presented before the Throne what was inscribed therein. When this was completed, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which was a spirit to the body of the world and insight to the nations. Glorified be His grandeur! He said:

O Mahmud! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious. Verily, He calleth thee and maketh mention of thee from His praiseworthy station. He it is Who hath mentioned thee, caused thee to hear, given thee knowledge, and made thee speak His praise when every veiled scholar turned away from Him. We have made mention of thee and do make mention of thee at this time wherein the Wronged One is established upon the throne of His Name, the Self-Subsisting. Be thankful unto God for having opened unto thee the gate of heaven and for having enabled thee to recognize thy Lord when He came with manifest sovereignty. Take the chalice of joy in the name of the Lord of the Manifestation, then drink thereof that He may render thee detached from all that hath come upon thee from the parties. Verily thy Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Loving, the All-Forgiving. Do the affairs of earth grieve thee while thou hearest the call of the Lord of Heaven from the direction of His renowned prison? Verily, We behold thee and commune with thee, and We have heard that which thy tongue hath uttered. Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen!

O Mahmud! God willing, thou shalt drink from the Euphrates of divine mercy and receive thy portion from the Kawthar of inner meanings. Tribulations and afflictions have ever been the lot of God's chosen ones. Consider what hath befallen this Wronged One. By the pearls of the divine ocean of knowledge, in those days when the Ancient Beauty was in the hands of the heedless ones, each day fresh trials descended upon Him, the mere mention of which melteth the hearts of His loved ones. Throughout the nights they would conspire to shed the blood of the Wronged One, and during the day they would utter that which was unworthy. They were heedless of the fact that the hand of divine power protecteth the hidden treasure and delivereth not the concealed mystery into the hands of the treacherous before its time of revelation.

O Mahmud! God is aware of what hath befallen thee. In truth, there hath befallen thee what befell the Best-Beloved of the world. However, these tribulations have come to pass for a mighty, a most mighty purpose. Thou shouldst render thanks with a thousand tongues, and with the tongue of thine inner being utter these exalted words which have shone forth from the Dayspring of divine knowledge:

> "My God, my God! I have heard Thy call and hastened unto Thee. I have inhaled the fragrance of Thy garment and have departed from my homeland until I attained unto Thy presence. Thou hast enabled me, O my God, to partake of the Kawthar of Thy reunion before the manifestation of Thy Cause and Thy Revelation. I beseech Thee, O Creator of the heavens and God of all names, by Thy Name through which Thou hast revealed Thyself unto all who are in

> Thy heaven and on Thy earth, and hast guided Thy servants to the ocean of Thy bounty, to ordain for me that which shall profit me in all Thy worlds. Thou seest, O my God, how tribulation hath touched me and affliction hath overtaken me, while I hold fast to the cord of Thy grace and declare that Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Forgiving, the Gracious. Write down for me, then, with Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall gladden me in the precincts of Thy mercy and shall cause me to attain unto Thy good-pleasure. Thou knowest me better than I know myself, and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

And concerning what was written about Karbila'i Mustafa, it was presented, and these hidden pearls appeared from the treasury of divine utterance. He—exalted be His glory—saith:

O Mustafa! The Lord of Names remembers you in the prison of Akka that you may rejoice and be among the thankful ones. The letter from him who sought Me has arrived, and therein was mention of you. We remembered you when the sea of thy Lord's mercy surged. Beware lest the affairs of men withhold thee from the Truth. Forsake all else through My Name, the All-Powerful, the Mighty. Behold, then remember what the All-Merciful revealed in the Qur'an through His words:

> "The Day when mankind will stand before the Lord of the Worlds."

This is the Day wherewith We have given glad tidings to Our servants through the tongues of the Prophets and Messengers. We said: Lead forth the people from darkness unto light and give them glad tidings of the Days of God. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen make mention unto thee that thou mayest be among the steadfast. Hold fast unto My Book which hath been sent down from the heaven of My Will, then act in accordance with what thou hast been commanded by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Remember Mustafa who was martyred in the land of Ta for the Cause of God, the Manifestation of this wondrous Cause.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Turn thy face toward him who was named Mahmud and say: O Mahmud! Behold and remember My servant in the land of Ta when the oppressors gathered round about him and commanded him to deny God and repent of the Cause before which all in the heavens and earth have bowed down. He stood firm in the Cause and demonstrated the greatest steadfastness by Our command and through Our power in such wise as amazed the Concourse on High and those who dwell behind the ocean of grandeur. Verily thy Lord is the All-Remembering, the All-Wise. He makes mention of him who spoke My name and was afflicted with tribulations for My sake. My mercy hath preceded all created things, yet most people are heedless. We revealed Ourselves unto him at the time of his ascension unto Us, as attesteth he who possesseth a preserved tablet. By My life! The might of every oppressor did not frighten him. He spoke My name and hastened to the place of sacrifice through My love, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. The glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon him and upon those who attained his exalted station and took refuge in the stronghold of their Lord's loving-kindness, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Regarding what you wrote about Jinab-i-Rida, upon him be the Glory of God, he has been shown favor time and again. There hath befallen him what befell those near unto God, the sincere ones, and the pure in heart—nay, what befell God Himself, our Purpose and his Purpose, our Beloved and his Beloved. I have

heard with mine own ears concerning him that which no treasures can equal. This evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, that whatsoever is truly beneficial for him may appear from the horizon of the unseen. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. In all circumstances, he should keep his gaze fixed upon wisdom and hold fast unto it, for in most Tablets the decree of wisdom hath been revealed.

Assuredly if that which hath been sent down from the heaven of divine knowledge were to be acted upon, the doors of ease and joy would be opened before the faces of all servants. He should not be disheartened, and surely he will be seen in complete joy. The True One is imprisoned, and his prisoner is imprisoned. Soon will the prison doors be opened, even as they were opened through might and power. Verily He is the Strong, the Triumphant, the Mighty, the Wise. Convey greetings on my behalf to all his relatives who are turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon.

Concerning what you wrote about his honor my brother, upon him be the Glory of God, his letters have been arriving continuously. I beseech God, exalted be He, to grant him the best reward and to confirm him in that which He loves and is pleased with. Recently another letter arrived from him which was the cause of boundless joy. God willing, may he ever be confirmed in this blessed deed. The Glory be upon you from God, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful, and praise be to God, the Mighty, the Wise.

BH00639: Praise be to God, the Creator, the Fashioner…

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Praise be to God, the Creator, the Fashioner, the Maker, the One Who giveth life and death, Who hath taken unto Himself no peer, no partner and no equal. He is the One, the Single, the Self-Subsisting. He begetteth not, nor is He begotten, and there is none like unto Him in all creation, nor any equal in invention. He hath manifested Himself in the Return and hath spoken as He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

Thereafter, it is submitted that your letter dated the 7th of Sha'ban was received on the 19th of the blessed month of Ramadan. It brought both comfort and joy, dispelled grief and increased gladness. God willing, may all the friends in this most mighty, most holy Day attain unto the infinite divine bounties and be engaged in His remembrance.

Concerning what you wrote about Aqa Muhammad Husayn Navvaz of K—, mentioning his arising to serve the Cause, this was submitted before the most holy, most glorious, most exalted Presence. He said:

> "It behooveth him to be occupied day and night in thanksgiving and praise to the Best-Beloved of all ages, for He hath aided him to recognition, remembrance and service. Verily, He is the Helper, the Mighty, the Generous."

Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid ʿAli-Akbar, upon him be My glory, who hath ascended to the Supreme Companion, made mention of him before the Face of the Wronged One and testified to his being enkindled with the fire of divine love. Beyond all mention and utterance, God is the Witness and the All-Seeing. He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. His mention hath been recorded in the Tablets by the

Supreme Pen. God willing, may he be aided to preserve this most exalted station. We, from this Station, glorify him and counsel him with that whereby the Cause of God may be exalted amongst His servants, and We make mention of him on this Day that hath no equal among days, centuries and ages. God willing, may they attain unto such a station wherein the conditions of the people of the earth shall not prevent them from the Truth, and may they speak forth the praise of the Beloved of all creation with the utmost joy and yearning, with spirit and fragrance.

This evanescent servant also submitted and sent a letter to them last year, and that same letter bore and beareth witness to God's grace and favor concerning them, for in those days whatsoever this servant heard from the blessed tongue regarding them, he made mention thereof. In any case, the work of no doer of good hath ever been or ever shall be lost. I beseech God to aid them at all times to that which is pleasing unto Him.

Concerning what you wrote about his honour N.S.Kh.A.—upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah]—praise be to God, he was and continues to be the recipient of divine favors. He turned to the horizon of the Manifestation and partook of the sealed wine. Once these words were heard from the blessed tongue saying:

> "Verily he drank from the ocean of attainment and achieved the presence when the Cause was still concealed behind the veils of might, power, protection, grandeur and majesty."

Last year he had requested multiple Tablets for the friends of those regions, and all were revealed from the heaven of God's will and are now in this servant's possession. However, due to wisdom they have not yet been sent. God willing, they shall be sent. If you meet him, convey to him the glad tidings of divine favors, and likewise mention on behalf of this evanescent servant whatever is befitting. I beseech God to adorn him in the assemblage of the world with the ornament of love for the Ancient King, in such wise that he may be remembered by His name and known by His love. Although he is now known and described thus among the chosen ones, later the names of the sincere ones and those who have turned to God will be exalted in all regions. Verily our Lord, the All-Informed, is the Mighty, the Powerful.

Concerning what you wrote about his honour Aqa ʿAbdu's-Samad, that he has rent asunder the veils and turned to the Lord of all return—blessed be he and joy be unto him. O My loved one! If all the peoples of the earth were to ponder the Cause of God with fairness, assuredly all would turn to the Dayspring of divine manifestation. The people are unaware and have not witnessed the waves of the ocean of utterance and have not attained to the effulgences of the Sun of Truth, and the reins of souls are in the grasp of those possessed of fancy and vain imaginings. These obstacles that have become the cause and reason of prevention have appeared from the deeds of souls themselves, while God, exalted be His glory, created all through one word and called all through one word. Blessed is he who is attracted by His call and turns to His horizon, and woe to those who turn away, and woe to the heedless. In any case, this evanescent servant beseeches God to aid his honour Samad to serve the Cause and make him among those on whom shall come no fear, neither shall they grieve.

Furthermore, the petition of his honour Mulla Husayn arrived, and it so happened that an hour after its arrival it was presented at the Most Holy Court, and these sublime words issued forth from the Dayspring

of the mouth of the Revealer of verses—exalted be His grandeur: "O Husayn! Thy call has attained to the honor of being heard, thy state is witnessed and thy condition known. Be thou prepared to hearken unto that wherewith My Most Exalted Pen makes mention of thee from this Most Holy, Most Mighty, Most Glorious Station. By My life! Wert thou to find the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful, joy and gladness would seize thee from all directions. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Cast aside what thou hast and take what God, the Lord of all men, commands thee. Commit all thine affairs unto God and trust in Him and say:

> "O Thou by Whose finger's motion the earth was cleft and the heaven was split, and by Whose will the trumpet was blown and the mountains passed away! I beseech Thee to ordain for me from the wonders of Thy bounty and grace that which will profit me in every world of Thy worlds. O my Lord! Thou knowest what is with me and I know not what is with Thee, and Thou art more knowing of me than I am. Aid me in Thy Cause in such wise that I may choose what Thou hast chosen for me. Verily Thou art the Generous, the Bountiful."

O Husayn! Thy call hath been heard, and the Wronged One hath turned toward thee from the Most Great Prison, and thy response hath been sent down from the heaven of the loving-kindness of the Desired One of all worlds. The will and desire of the friends must, God willing, be annihilated in the will and desire of the All-Merciful—that is, they must be content with whatsoever He hath willed. Blessed is he who hath attained unto this most exalted station! He is mentioned in God's Book as being among those who are content and nigh unto Him. O Husayn! Be thou aware, and ponder the fathomless ocean of the grace of the Beloved of all creation. The Tongue of Revelation maketh mention of thee, and this is that same Speaker Who called out from the Mount. Were thou to sacrifice a hundred thousand lives at His coming, they would not equal one word of those that have streamed forth from His tongue. Reflect upon thy Lord's grace, and thy Lord's loving-kindness, and thy Lord's tender mercy, and thy Lord's compassion, and be thou of the thankful ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

At this moment, when the perspicuous utterance of the Lord of the Day of Judgment reached this point, He desired to make mention of one of His friends, that the fragrances of His wondrous remembrance might be made manifest as befitteth Him. O Abu'l-Hasan! Since thou didst make mention of Muhammad-Qabli-Husayn-i-Naw, and the Supreme Pen hath shown loving-kindness, He now desireth to make mention of him who beareth his name, for in the prime of youth and the springtime of his life he turned toward the Lord of all return, and from ʿIraq and the Land of Mystery and the Most Great Prison loving-kindness was shown unto him. Blessed is he in that he hath attained and heard the call of his Lord and responded.

We make mention of him even as We mentioned him before, and We give him the glad-tidings of that which hath been ordained for him from the presence of One mighty and strong. God willing, may they not become heedless of this great station and preserve it. It behooveth him at all times to remember his Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He hath been recorded among those who preceded others in the Perspicuous Book. The friends of God were and are in that land, and owing to the blazing of the fire of tyranny some are concealed behind the clouds of wisdom. God will soon manifest through His sovereignty that which He desireth and will reveal the station of those who have turned unto Him and

have hearkened unto His verses and have acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur testified before the creation of the heavens and earth.

The request of this evanescent one is that ye convey greetings and praise on my behalf to all the friends of God who dwell in that land and who gaze toward the horizon of God's Will. We beseech God to assist them all and keep them steadfast upon the straight path of His Cause.

BH01156: In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great…

In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord, He is God, exalted is He

Praise be to God Who is unique in His might, singular in His grandeur, and sanctified above the intimations of creation and the conditions of humanity—He through Whom one hears from the waves of the ocean of utterance that the All-Merciful hath come with power and sovereignty, and from the rushing of the winds of explanation that the Proof hath appeared and the Intended One hath come with a Cause that hath conquered all in the realm of possibilities. Exalted be His greatness and exalted be His dominion! The very essence of power hath confessed its powerlessness before the manifestations of His power, and the very essence of strength hath acknowledged its weakness before the evidences of His strength. He is the One of Whom all the books of the world have spoken, declaring that none can be described save through Him, and all the Messengers whom God hath sent unto the peoples have testified that none can be mentioned except by Him.

He is the Single One Who cannot be known through singleness, and the Unique One Who cannot be described through uniqueness. He is a surging, wave-filled ocean wherein neither the ships of mystic knowledge, nor the vessels of utterance, nor the boats of remembrance can sail. Its waves arise not from winds but from a motion which none hath understood save Him. Verily He is the All-Knowing, verily He is the All-Informed.

This is the motion that appeared from the stirring of the Primal Word—glorified be its Originator, its Speaker and its Manifestor. The servant testifieth in this station that the very essence of knowledge was ignorant of this atmosphere wherein no sound of the wings of the birds of utterance hath ever been heard. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful, the Bestower.

Glorified art Thou, O my God, my Well-Beloved, my Desire, my Possessor, my Sovereign! Thou hearest the plaintive cry of Thine evanescent servant, whom Thou hast honoured to stand before Thy abiding Throne, and unto whom, out of Thy boundless grace, Thou hast entrusted the service of the river of Thy Utterance, the ocean of Thy verses, and the heaven of Thy wisdom. Though all things bear witness to his frailty and impotence, Thou hast caused to proceed from him that whereby the hearts of Thine friends and the souls of Thy chosen ones are rejoiced, and through him is spread abroad that which Thy servants and Thy creatures are powerless to recount. All this hath appeared through the wonders of Thy bounty and Thy favours, without his deserving thereof.

I beseech Thee, O Owner of Names and Fashioner of the heavens, by those whose hearts have soared in the air of Thy love and whose souls have ascended into the heaven of Thy affection, and by Thy bough which hath set itself toward the Most Remote Goal and the Supreme End, and hath traversed the lands

until it attained the Presence before the Throne, at the unveiling of the lights of Thy Countenance, and heard Thy call, and drank, by Thy command and permission, from the sea of reunion, to aid and strengthen him, and this servant, and Thy servants, in that which Thou lovest and dost approve. Verily Thou art the Lord of the Throne and of the dust. O Lord! Thou knowest that I have found in him that which befitteth Thy days—whereunto beareth witness what the tongue of his heart hath uttered and sent forth toward the Throne of Thy grandeur. Preserve him, then, through Thy generosity and Thy sovereignty, and ordain for him that which shall gladden the hearts of Thy loved ones. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Omnipotent.

My life and my substance are a ransom for your presence, and a ransom for your turning unto God. I was asleep; your call awakened me. I was silent; your remembrance gave me utterance to celebrate, in praise, our Creator and your Creator, our Beloved and your Beloved. When I attained unto it and to that which it contained, I turned toward the Praised Station. And when I entered, I opened the book and laid before the Throne of the mercy of our mighty and loving Lord what was written therein. Thereupon did the Tongue of Grandeur speak words whereunto nothing in all creation—whether of what hath been or what shall be—can be compared. This servant is unable to recount all that he heard. He, verily, is the All-Encompassing, the All-Knowing.

Thereafter He said:

> "God willing, may they, even as a star at dawn, arise and shine forth and illumine from the horizon of the heaven of the love of God. We have remembered him with such words as nothing can equal, and whereby his remembrance shall endure through the everlasting sovereignty of the Mighty, the Inaccessible. O servant! with the fairest utterance have they made mention of the True One. God willing, they shall ever be and shall continue to be favoured with the special bounties of God."

End of quotation.

This evanescent servant rendereth praise unto the Desire of the worlds for that which the tongue of His innate nature hath uttered; it was accepted before the Throne—praise be unto Him, and again praise be unto Him. All who circle round the Throne convey their greetings to his honor.

Concerning what thou didst write regarding the nisab—whether permission is given to give unto the poor or not—it was submitted. He said:

> "We grant you permission; yet, as a general rule, it is not allowable. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

End of quotation.

Furthermore, I presented mention of your honor to the most pure and luminous presence of the Divine Branches—may my spirit and being be sacrificed for the dust of their footsteps—and all of them, with utmost grace and kindness, conveyed their most glorious and resplendent greetings. Praise be to God, mention of your honor has been and continues to be made in the Most Holy Court and among others

who circle round in this land. This evanescent servant requests that you convey expressions of his utter nothingness and evanescence to the Afnan who are present in that land, especially to those gentlemen who have returned from the Desired Land. In truth, whatever may be submitted, even if it were to fill numerous volumes, would be insufficient in view of this servant's burning love. However, your honor knows that there is much work, especially in these days. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, that He may assist this evanescent one, despite his inability, weakness and nothingness, to accomplish this momentous task. Without God's grace and His mercy and compassion, this servant has been and is as one non-existent, and has been and is as nothing.

BH00709: This is a Book sent down by the All-Bountiful…

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

This is a Book sent down by the All-Bountiful on a day whereon the tribes lamented, the earth was cleft asunder, and the mountains were swept away—unto those who have drunk of the Kawthar of divine knowledge in the days of the All-Merciful in such wise that they turned their faces toward Him, directed their steps unto Him, and spoke His praise with their tongues, that they might rejoice in this Remembrance through which the graves have risen up and the Herald hath called out: "O beloved of the All-Merciful in the Nun and the Ya! Hearken unto the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree which speaketh from the loftiest station: 'Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting."'

We hear the remembrances of those who have turned toward the Supreme Horizon, and We behold the deeds of every believer who hath attained the light of certitude. Beware lest the veils of earth withhold you or the protests of those who have pronounced judgment against God, the Lord of Lords, prevent you. How many a learned one hath prided himself on My Name amongst My servants, yet when I manifested Myself, turned away and disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Final End. They make mention of God in their mosques and temples, yet when He appeared with grace, they turned from Him and rose up against Him with such tyranny as caused every angel to cry out and the denizens of Paradise to lament in their most exalted gardens.

Be ye the helpers of God on earth and His trusted ones in every land. Thus doth the Wronged One command you from the presence of God, the Lord of Creation. Adorn yourselves with the ornament of wisdom among all people and speak with pure truthfulness. He commandeth you that which shall profit you in the Hereafter and in this world. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O letters of the Book of God's love! Behold, then remember what befell the chosen ones in the land of Sad, when the wolf howled throughout the land. Verily, the Baqir pronounced judgment against the children of the Messenger with such tyranny as caused the leaves to fall and the trees to lament. Blessed is My name, the Ha', who hastened to the place of sacrifice with spirit and joy. We make mention of him and his brother and those who drank the choice wine of martyrdom in that place, as a grace from Us, and I am the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. By God's life! They attained unto that which none in creation hath attained, as testified by that which the All-Merciful hath sent down in the Book. Blessed is he whom God hath made steadfast in this Cause in such wise that neither armies terrified him nor factions hindered him.

Ye are the letters of the Book of God's love. At all times ye must, with the utmost spirit and joy, summon the heedless through wisdom and utterance, that perchance they may not be deprived of the Living Waters and may attain unto that which God hath willed.

The petitions from the friends of that land, equal in number to 'Love', have been presented at the Most Holy Court, and likewise the names of a number have been mentioned and witnessed, and all have been blessed with divine favors, and all those souls have been adorned with the mention of their names in the Book of Names by the Most Exalted Pen. Know ye the value of this bounty and supplicate the Lord at all times that He may assist you to preserve your exalted station. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

How often it happens that a soul is kept back by the croaking of a crow, and every falsehood that caused the misguidance of the servants on earth appeared in the garment of truth. He verily expoundeth unto you that which shall guard you from idle fancies and vain imaginings and draw you nigh unto God in all conditions.

Two petitions from the Name of Glory have been presented before the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. God willing, may he not be deprived of the ocean of divine favor in this luminous day and receive his portion from the outpourings of the clouds of abundant grace. Blessed is he who hath been granted leave, who hath drawn nigh, who hath attained, and who hath heard the Call of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

Hold ye fast, with perfect certitude and assurance, to the cord of His favor and cleave ye to the hem of His bounty. Adorn yourselves with goodly character and, God willing, succeed in performing praiseworthy deeds. Whatsoever hath been sent down from the heaven of divine Will hath been for the education, unity and love of the servants with one another.

However, the deluded ones have made the religion of God, the Faith of God, and the Law of God the cause of conflict and contention. This is why in most Tablets this firm decree hath been sent down from the heaven of Will:

> "Glory is not for him who loveth his country, but for him who loveth the world."

Hold fast, O My loved ones, unto this utterance through which the kingdom of divine knowledge hath been adorned.

Associate with all religions in a spirit of friendliness and fellowship, and should wisdom dictate, convey the word of truth. Whoso accepteth it doth so for his own sake, and whoso turneth away—verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Self-Sufficient, the All-Praised. In no wise is conflict and contention permissible. All have been created from one Word and unto that same Word do they return. For the Word there are stations and ranks that cannot be contained in pages and books.

Hold fast unto the Book of God, then act according to what hath been revealed therein. It will protect you and draw you nigh unto Him. Beware lest anything prevent you from that which ye have been commanded by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. Conduct yourselves with the utmost wisdom, and whenever divine praise is raised, occupy yourselves with the mention of the martyrs who have laid down

their lives in this straight Path out of love for the Beloved of the worlds, and likewise those souls who have ascended with perfect certitude—they are those through whom the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise seek blessing. To this beareth witness the Lord of all beings in this Luminous Tablet.

Were ye to occupy yourselves with the praise and gratitude of God throughout all days, it would not equal a single letter of this Tablet, for therein the ocean of grace is surging, the sun of mercy is shining from its horizon, and the heaven of favor is seen to be upraised. Blessed is he who hath seen with his eyes, who hath heard with his ears, and who hath recognized with understanding the appearance of God, His sovereignty, His power and His might.

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of those handmaidens who have turned to Thee, and hearkened, and responded when Thy shrill voice was raised betwixt earth and heaven. Then gladden them with the tidings of God's loving-kindness and His mercy that hath preceded all created things. How many men and women who, night and day, were occupied with the remembrance of God and awaited the days of His appearance, yet when the Sun of Truth shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of grandeur, all turned aside save whom God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, willed. O handmaidens of God! Render thanks and be engaged in His praise and glorification, inasmuch as He hath assisted you to attain a station whereof the men of earth, be they divines or others, remain deprived and debarred.

God willing, may ye all, with utmost sanctity and detachment, occupy yourselves with the remembrance of God. This Day is truly mighty; one must arise to that which befitteth this Day. Should anyone ponder upon this Tablet, which is in truth the source of all heavenly Books, he would know of a certainty that whatsoever hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen was and is intended for the protection of His servants and the education of mankind. And God speaketh the truth and guideth to the Way. The Command is God's, the One, the Mighty, the Beauteous.

Glory be to Thee, O Thou through Whose name the seas surged and the winds blew and the lamp was illumined! I beseech Thee by the pebbles of Thy lands and the stones of Thy city and the sands which have been blessed by Thy power and over which the breezes of Thy Cause have wafted, to ordain for Thy chosen ones, who have cast away all else save Thee and have taken hold of that which Thou didst command them in Thy Book, that which beseemeth the ocean of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy grace. O Lord! Thou beholdest the tyranny of Thine enemies and the tribulations of Thy loved ones. Thy Most Exalted Pen hath testified that they have borne for love of Thee what none before them hath borne, and there hath befallen them in Thy path that which hath caused all things to lament and raised the cry of weeping from the Concourse on High.

I beseech Thee, O Fashioner of the heavens and Lord of Names, by Thy Name through which the world was manifested, to aid everyone who hath clung to the Most Great Name to that which beseemeth Thee and Thy days. Then make him steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that neither the ascendancy of the factions nor the hosts of those who have turned away from Thee, O Lord of the beginning and the end, shall keep him back. Verily Thou art He in Whose grasp is the kingdom of creation. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Thou art, in truth, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful.

BH00794: O fruits of the Divine Tree! Hearken unto…

In the Name of the One Friend, the One Goal, and the One Beloved!

O fruits of the Divine Tree! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of Creation from this wilderness. This is that same desert wherein the Voice of the Spirit was raised aloft and the sweet fragrances of the Beloved were diffused. In this wilderness most of the Prophets and Messengers responded with "Here am I, O Lord, here am I," for they had heard and hearkened unto the Call that is raised today, and all beseeched from God the favor of attaining unto this most holy, most exalted Day. This is that land by whose rocks and clay they swore, inasmuch as it hath been honored by the footsteps of God and blessed by the fragrance of His garment. This is that place wherefrom the Interlocutor of Sinai did formerly proclaim "Verily, I am God," and now too uttereth the same word, despite those who denied His signs and turned away from Him at Whose finger's motion the earth was cleft asunder and the heavens were rent, and at Whose will the Trumpet was sounded and all who are on earth swooned away, save those whom God, your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, did please to spare.

How greatly did the Son of ʿImran supplicate and implore in this wilderness, wherein is situated the Sinai of divine knowledge, that he might attain the presence of the All-Merciful, until at last he heard that which is recorded in detail in the Holy Books. Blessed is the land that hath today attained this supreme honor and been adorned with the lights of His Manifestation. Blessed is the spot that hath become the seat of His Throne and the place of His footstool. This is a station wherein every person of true spiritual sense can detect the fragrance of the All-Merciful, and every possessor of insight can behold His most exalted horizon.

Blessed are ye, O fruits of the Tree of Existence, inasmuch as ye have attained unto My days, heard My call, and been honored by My verses, wherewith ye were promised in the Books of old by God, the Lord of the worlds. We counsel you to perform goodly deeds. By God! Through them is the Cause of God exalted amongst His servants and the banner of justice raised throughout His lands. Hold fast unto that which God hath taught you in His Book, and cleave unto that which shall profit you in all the worlds of His creation. He is the One through Whom the sun of grace hath shone forth from the horizon of creation and the ocean of bounty hath appeared in the kingdom of existence. Thus hath the Pen spoken from this most exalted station, from God, the Lord of the Throne on high and of the earth below. Blessed is he who hath heard and recognized, and woe unto the heedless!

God willing, ye should occupy yourselves with the mention of the Lord of Creation in perfect fellowship and unity. We beseech God to gather all beneath the pavilion of oneness. Every matter dependeth upon means—thus hath it been ordained by Him Who is the Powerful, the Almighty. Observe in man that he hath been created with two hands, two feet, two eyes, and two ears, and through these means the Causer of Causes hath manifested that which is evident to every person of insight. Should any division occur in this assemblage of elements, man would remain without effect or fruit. Those souls who have drunk from the living waters and are gazing toward the horizon of the All-Merciful must arise with perfect unity and wisdom.

The sun of power shineth forth from the horizon of accord, and the moon of might appeareth from the heaven of unity. Strive that ye may find and act upon that which hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen. Beware lest the affairs of men and their intimations sadden you. Their clamor and deeds shall in no wise be equal to even a single letter of the Book, whether manifest or hidden. Every soul who today attaineth unto the remembrance of God is accounted among the people of Baha. Thus have We made mention of you that your stations and conditions may be exalted. Be grateful unto God for this supreme bounty.

Purify your ears that ye may hearken unto My most sweet call. By My life! Whoso succeedeth in hearing it, neither shall the conditions of the world prevent him, nor shall the oppression of the nations sadden him. He shall arise to promote the Cause and shall speak with wisdom and utterance amidst the concourse of existence. Thus doth your Lord, the All-Merciful, command you—He Who hath taken unto Himself neither partner nor peer. Read ye My verses, traverse the realms of My knowledge, and hold fast unto the cord of My loving-kindness. Then act ye in accordance with that which We have enjoined upon you in the Book sent down from the heaven of Command.

Beware lest ye differ in the Cause of God. Fear God and follow not every false one who hath been deprived of the ocean of truth. How many a learned one hath been veiled by his learning, how many a wealthy one hath been hindered by his riches, and how many an illiterate one hath turned unto the Countenance and believed in Him Who came from the heaven of Command with an authority that encompassed all worlds. By God! This is not the day to tarry. The Most Great Vision hath appeared, wherein speaketh the Lord of Destiny. Blessed is he who hath heard and attained unto the Call, and woe betide every heedless one who remaineth far from the ocean of nearness. Hold fast unto that which shall exalt your stations among the servants and this Command which hath been recorded by the Pen of Revelation in the Mother Book.

God willing, ye should all arise to serve the Cause of God with the utmost wisdom and endeavor, in such wise that the opposition of them who dwell on earth shall not deter you. Most mighty is the Cause and most great is the Day. This is that Day which in most of the Books hath been designated as the Day of God, and this is that Day wherein, as He hath declared, Truth shall be made manifest and the ranks of angels shall stand ready to serve. No one hath been or shall ever be capable of befittingly describing this blessed Day. Strive ye that in these days of God pure and holy deeds may be made manifest from you. The promoter of the Cause today is goodly deeds. Hearken unto the voice of the Wronged One and act in accordance with that which He uttereth and commandeth for the sake of God.

Reflect upon the world's differences, and the graves therein, and the souls that repose therein. Where are their riches, their sciences, their arts, their strongholds, their treasuries, their hosts, their ranks, their pride, their palaces, their might and their power? They have returned to dust with great loss, save he who ascended unto the Most Exalted Companion through the love of God, the Lord of Names. By the life of God! He verily is in a noble station.

And at the end of the Tablet We make mention of My handmaidens who have believed in the One, the All-Informed. How many a servant hath been kept back through pride from the Lord of Revelation, and how many a handmaiden hath turned unto the Much-frequented Fane and believed in God, the Lord of

all worlds. He giveth whom He willeth whatsoever He desireth. He, verily, is the Single One, the One Alone, the Mighty, the Powerful. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath attained unto My days, and turned unto My horizon, and clung to My luminous hem. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of utterance that none hath ever been able, nor shall ever be able, to reckon what God hath ordained for one believing man and one believing woman.

Today, various darksome and corrupt veils have withheld the people from the Lord of all beings, and were the veil to be lifted even less than the eye of a needle, all would cry out "O our grief for what we neglected towards God and His days!" The day shall come when that which is now hidden shall be made manifest. Ere long shall the sincere ones, and the devoted ones, and the remembering women, and the devout women behold what hath been ordained for them in the Book that hath spoken with truth between the heavens and the earth, and summoned all unto the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Praise be to God, the Lord of this mighty Day.

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BH01671: O Muhammad-Qabli-Sadiq! Through the effulgent rays of the Sun…

In the Name of the Peerless Lord!

O Muhammad-Qabli-Sadiq! Through the effulgent rays of the Sun of Revelation the world is illumined, yet the people of the veil remain heedless and veiled from Him. The mention of this blessed Day hath been recorded in most of the divine Books, and all were expectant; yet when the morn appeared and the breezes of God wafted, He found all wrapped in slumber, save whom God willeth. The wine of vainglory hath debarred men from the Sun of Revelation. Consider those souls who are known and honored by the name of Truth: in the night season and during the day they are occupied with the mention of the Lord of all being, and in mosques and temples they voice His praise; yet when the Ocean of Revelation became manifest and the Promised Beauty emerged from behind the clouds, all clung to their own idle fancies and were debarred from Him. Would that they had been content with this! Nay, they preferred the ornaments of the people to the verses of God, and suspicions and idle fancies to the Sun of knowledge and certitude. The punishment of their deeds in this vain life shall soon seize them through God's justice. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful.

Today the divine Balance hath appeared in the form of the word "yea." Whosoever attaineth unto it, his works shall be adorned with the ornament of acceptance and be reckoned among the dwellers of the highest paradise; and whoso is deprived, shall be mentioned among the people of the lowest depths. By the life of God! He who hath turned to Him, recognized and believed in Him is among those endowed with vision in the Most Sublime Vision. The Lord of Destiny beareth witness to this in His mighty prison. He who hath turned away cannot be truly credited with possessing sight, hearing, or understanding. To this hath testified the Lord of creation on the Day of Reckoning, yet the people are in strange delusion.

Rejoice thou that thy call hath attained unto the ears of the Lord of Names, Who hath answered thee through this perspicuous Tablet. We have heard thy cry and the sighing of thy heart in thy separation

from God, the Lord of the worlds, and We have heard thy lamentation for My Name, the H. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the Answerer. Blessed is he, and his brother, and he who was named Kazim—they whom the clamor of the people could not withhold from the Truth, and who drank the choice wine of steadfastness from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous.

O My Name, the H! By the life of God, the denizens of the highest Paradise have lamented at what befell thee, and the Most Great Spirit hath cried out in the morning and the evening. Blessed is the tongue that hath uttered thy mention, the heart that hath turned toward thee, the visitor who hath presented himself before thy resting-place, the seeker who hath sought thy station and visited thee with that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken—a bounty from His presence. He is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing.

Praise be to God that thou hast been assisted to recognize the Truth, to love the Truth, and to praise the chosen ones of God who have cast the world behind their backs and have taken what they were bidden by the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Grieve thou not over anything. Place thy trust in God in all matters. He, verily, hath remembered thee and will continue to remember thee, and is with thee under all conditions. Nothing escapeth His knowledge, and He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing.

Say: Praise be to Thee, O Thou by Whose Name all things between earth and heaven were attracted, and the Tongue of Grandeur spoke forth in the most exalted station, inasmuch as Thou didst acquaint me with Thy Most Great Book and Thy Most Glorious Tablet which appeared in the name of the Most Glorious in the kingdom of creation, and didst cause me to hear Thy sweetest call when the Sun of Manifestation shone forth from Thine exalted horizon. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, directing myself to Thy countenance, speaking Thy praise, and awaiting the wonders of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee by the Most Great Word whereby the heaven was rent asunder, to make me in all conditions detached from all else save Thee and clinging to the hem of Thy bounty. Thou, verily, art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Then write down for me, O my God, that which Thou hast written for Thy chosen ones who have attained in Thy days and whom none of Thy creatures have preceded. Verily, Thou art He Whom nothing can frustrate and no affair can hinder. Thou doest what Thou pleasest by Thy sovereignty and ordainest what Thou willest by Thy power. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH03386: Your letter was seen and your call was heard…

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

Your letter was seen and your call was heard. God willing, may you ever gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon and attain to that which He loves and is pleased with. May you desire none but Him and seek to cling to none but Him. Today the ocean of generosity is surging and the sun of bounty is manifest and radiant. Blessed is the soul that hath recognized and turned unto Him, and woe unto the heedless ones. This Day hath been adorned with the ornament of the utterance of the Manifestations of the All-Merciful, for all have promised and given glad tidings of it. Blessed are they that have attained! By the Sun of inner meanings which adorns the Sun of the All-Merciful's utterance, this tablet is dearer and more enduring than a hundred thousand righteous children. For a righteous child and all existing things in the world shall

soon return to nothingness, but the Word of God revealed from the Most Exalted Pen shall not be seized by extinction nor pursued by death. Reflect, that thou mayest find thyself in manifest joy. Today man is able to attain such a station that his remembrance, like a star in the heaven of God's Tablet, may shine bright and radiant through the eternity of His names and attributes. Say:

Praise be to Thee, O my God, that Thou didst graciously remember me through Thy Most Exalted Pen, at a time when Thou wert held in the Most Great Prison by reason of that which the hands of such enemies as had turned away from Thee and from Thy most resplendent signs had wrought. O my Lord! I have turned unto Thee and have set my face towards Thy Horizon. I beseech Thee, by the wrongs which He Who is the Dayspring of Thy signs and the Dawning-Place of Thy clear tokens hath suffered, to ordain for me what will profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Thou, verily, knowest me better than I know myself. Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

I entreat Thee, moreover, O Lord of all being and Possessor of all things visible and invisible, to bestow upon me a righteous child who may make mention of Thee on Thine earth and sing Thy praise throughout Thy realms; this, notwithstanding that Thou hast, with this Tablet, made me rich enough to dispense with every fruit, trace, or mention. I close my supplication, at this moment, with that which one of Thy chosen ones hath aforetime spoken:

> "O my Lord, leave me not childless, even though there is no better heir than Thyself."

[Q21:89]

BH03704: Thy letter, written in the Most Great Prison, was…

In the Name of the Ever-Speaking One!

Thy letter, written in the Most Great Prison, was presented in the presence of the Wronged One; and this servant laid before Him what therein was inscribed. Give heed, and ponder in your hearts the condition of the heedless: for all confess and acknowledge that the True One—glorified be His majesty and exalted be His sovereignty—will appear, either in His own Self or through the Manifestation of His Cause. To this do the Divine Books bear witness and testimony. He saith: "The Day when thy Lord shall come, or some of the signs of thy Lord." And in another place He saith: "And thy Lord shall come, and the angels, rank on rank." And countless utterances such as these have shone forth from the Daysprings of Divine Revelation and have been recorded in the Scriptures; and yet—

When the morn of the Day of God broke, and the horizons were illumined by the radiance of the Sun of His Manifestation, all were found veiled, through the darkness of their vain imaginings, from that Dawning-Place of Light. Consider the abiding proofs: the people of the Torah were withheld from the Truth by the Torah itself; and in like manner the other peoples—each clinging to a book—remained deprived of Him Who revealed it. Behold the servitude of men, their heedlessness and remoteness! This is the Day whereon the Truth hath appeared in His own Person; and, were God to will and ordain, within a few days there would be revealed that which is the equal, in their estimation, of the books afore-mentioned—yet do they remain veiled.

Nay more: whatsoever hath come to pass upon the earth, and whatsoever shall come to pass, hath already proceeded and flowed from the Divine Pen, in such wise that no fair-minded soul can deny it; and notwithstanding, they have arisen to turn away. What proof is greater than this? What evidence more exalted than that which hath been mentioned? Say: In the name of God, and by God! Take thou the choice Wine of certitude in the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful; then drink thereof through My wise remembrance. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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BH04214: He is the Caller between earth and heaven!…

He is the Caller between earth and heaven! A mention from Us unto him who hath attained the lights of the Kingdom when the Lord of Might came with a sovereignty that neither the hosts of the world nor the veils of the nations—who broke God's Covenant and His Testament and followed their desires after being forbidden from them in the Book of God, Lord of the worlds—could withstand.

O My servant who art mentioned in the precincts of My throne! Hearken unto My call: verily there is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Generous. Blessed is thy father in that We manifested through him one who turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon in such wise that the Most Glorious Pen hath borne witness unto him in this station which hath been named by all names in a clear tablet.

Thy letter was present and the servant who standeth before the Wronged One read it, and We have answered thee with that whereby every tongue hath spoken, every seated one hath arisen, every sleeping one hath awakened, every extinguished one hath been enkindled, and every frozen one hath been quickened. Thus hath My Pen spoken as a grace from Me unto thee, that thou mayest be among the thankful.

Soon shall the tongues of the world speak in remembrance of those who fulfilled My Covenant and turned with radiant faces toward the countenance of their Lord, the Mighty, the Wise.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Object of worship of the world and the Desire of the nations! I beseech Thee by the Lamp of Thy Cause and the Ocean of Thy knowledge and the Sun of Thy beauty to ordain for me the reward of those who attained unto Thy presence and circumambulated Thy most great Throne by Thy leave. Then decree for me that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Forgiving, the Generous.

Then write down for my family and those with me what Thou hast written for Thy chosen ones who cast away all else save Thee and soared in the atmosphere of Thy love and nearness. Verily Thou art the Bestower, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

BH04594: O Muhammad! The One, the Single, calls thee…

In the name of the Lord of Utterance, the All-Wise

O Muhammad! The One, the Single, calls thee from this station which hath at times been named the Kingdom, at others the Realm of Might, at times the Supreme Horizon, at others the Most Glorious Prospect, at times the Praiseworthy Station, and at others the heaven of this Heaven. Reflect how thy Lord hath adorned the Most Great Prison with the most excellent names and the most exalted stations. He, verily, is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. Rejoice thou in this Tablet and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the seen and unseen, for having made known unto me the heaven of Thy Manifestation and the sun of Thy firm and irrevocable Command.

O Muhammad, We have heard thy call, and the Most Exalted Pen hath been moved to make mention of thee. Consider this bounty to be great and be thou confident in His favor. Verily He hath absolved thee of thy misdeeds and guided thee unto His straight path. Say: O God of names and Creator of heaven, Who hast appeared from the Supreme Horizon! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance and the splendor of Thy manifestation to ordain for me through the Pen of Decree that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and profit me in all Thy worlds. Verily, nothing is hidden from Thy knowledge. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward the Kaaba of Thy manifestation and the Qiblih of Thy names. I beseech Thee to ordain for me the reward of attaining Thy presence and arriving at the shore of the ocean of Thy reunion. Thou art He through Whose praise all things have spoken, and through Whose power and might all atoms have testified. There is none other God but Thee, the Munificent, the Mighty, the Great.

BH04376: Today the friends of God should fix their gaze…

In the name of the One True Friend!

Today the friends of God should fix their gaze upon the supreme horizon and not be saddened by the various conditions of the world. Today the sun of joy has risen from the horizon of the world, and the sea of gladness is manifest and visible before the faces of men. Rejoice then, O loved ones of the All-Merciful, in My remembrance, and drink the choice wine of joy through My wondrous Name.

If hardship comes, it will surely be transformed into ease. Thus hath God ordained in the Books of old and in this perspicuous Book. Poverty hath never been a cause of abasement in the sight of God; rather it hath been the cause of glory. There was a time when this Wronged One had nothing of earthly means—neither food, nor drink, nor place to rest. By My life! I was in such joy as no joy in the world could equal, for whatsoever comes to pass is from God. The steadfast servants and handmaidens must be patient, nay rather grateful.

Say: O my handmaiden! Glory be to Thee, O Thou at Whose Name the heavens were cleft asunder, the earth was split, and the mountains crumbled! I beseech Thee by Thy grace and bounty to send down from the heaven of Thy generosity and the clouds of Thy munificence that which befitteth Thy glory, Thy transcendent majesty and Thy power. O my Lord! I am one of Thy handmaidens who hath turned toward the ocean of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy trusted ones and Thy chosen ones. I testify that I know not what profiteth me. Thou knowest me better

than I know myself. Write down for me that which shall profit me in this world and the world to come. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

BH04692: All souls were awaiting the days of the Manifestation…

In the name of the All-Knowing, the One

All souls were awaiting the days of the Manifestation and all tongues were speaking in remembrance of the Beloved of all creation. Yet when the thick and hindering veils were rent asunder by the finger of power of the Lord of creation, and the Sun of Truth rose and shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of manifestation, all were found to be veiled and deprived, save whom thy Lord willed. Some clung to vain imaginings and turned away from the Kawthar of certitude, while others grasped at idle fancies and remained heedless of the Lord of Days.

They did not pause for a moment to consider why it was that in every age and dispensation, when the holy ones, the chosen ones, and the Prophets appeared, they drank the cup of martyrdom and ascended to the Supreme Horizon in utter submission. I swear by the Sun of utterance which today shineth from the horizon of the heaven of knowledge that if they were to show the least measure of fairness and reflect upon what hath come to pass, they would comprehend that of which they are now heedless, and all would utter the words “Would that I had not taken such a one for a friend!”

Were these matters to be explained in detail, numerous volumes would not suffice. That which hath already flowed from the Most Exalted Pen is sufficient for all who dwell on earth. Ask thou God to enable thee and all who are on earth to recognize the Dawning-Place of Revelation, and to aid thee to make mention of this Remembrance through which faces have been illumined and the horizons made bright.

BH04917: O Kazim! Hearken, by the leave of thy heart…

In the Name of the one God!

O Kazim! Hearken, by the leave of thy heart, to the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen which hath been raised betwixt earth and heaven, and behold, through the bounty of the Lord of Names, the movements of the leaves of the Tree beyond which there is no passing. Ponder the evidences of this Revelation. I swear by the light shed from the hearts of them that are nigh and sincere that the Dawning-Place of God’s Cause and the Wellspring of His revelation hath appeared in such wise that no one hath any excuse to hesitate or delay. Say: Hearken to the Voice of Him Who spoke on Sinai from the Tree of Revelation—He Who was promised in all the Books of the peoples of the world and Whose advent was heralded therein. Stand firm in the Cause of God and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art not described except through Thyself and Who art not mentioned by the tongues of Thy creation, O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by the treasury of Thy knowledge and the Dayspring of Thy Cause to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, and to strengthen me in that which beseemeth Thy days.

O my Lord! I am the poor and evanescent one, and Thou art the Ever-Abiding and Self-Sufficient. I beseech Thee to establish my remembrance by the Pen of Thy Command in Thy Book which none hath discovered save Thee. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O my God and the God of the world! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name to blot out my misdeeds and ordain for me and Thy handmaiden the good of this world and the next. Verily Thou art the Sovereign of all names and the Lord of the throne on high and of the dust beneath. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH04992: God willing, may you be occupied with service…

In the Name of the One Friend!

God willing, may you be occupied with service to the Cause through divine assistance, and walk among the servants with complete steadfastness, in such wise that the opposition and objections of the people of the world shall not prevent you from the Best Beloved of the world and the Ancient King.

Reflect upon that to which people cling today—in truth they are worshippers of the calf while counting themselves among the people of unity. The Supreme Pen beareth witness that the Furqan, which was the separator between truth and falsehood, dissociateth itself from those souls who claim connection to it. Verily it was revealed to establish the Remembered One and testified to the Promised One. Yet when the Remembered One came and the Promised One appeared, those servants who had been reading it night and day denied Him. Fie upon them and upon their leaders who led them to the fire while they perceived it not!

Convey My greetings to the chosen ones of God and gladden them through divine favor. We make mention in this Tablet of thy sister who hath believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed. Convey My greetings to her face and give her the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and My mercy which have preceded all worlds. God willing, in these days when the Sun of Revelation is risen and the ocean of generosity is surging, may the handmaidens of God be occupied with the remembrance of the Beloved of all creation with utmost sanctity, detachment, joy and fragrance.

The Glory be upon thee and upon her and upon those who have attained to the knowledge of God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH05003: The Pen of Command from the direction…

In the name of the All-Knowing Speaker!

The Pen of Command from the direction of the Most Great Scene hath turned toward thee and calleth out to thee, saying: Be as thy father was. Walk thou in the footsteps of his feet. Thus doth the Beloved remember thee and counsel thee with that which shall profit thee in the worlds of thy Lord. Hold fast unto it and be thou of those who attain.

The face of God hath been and will continue to be turned toward you. Know thou the value of this most great bounty and strive that there may appear from thee that which befitteth this station and is worthy of

this Day. This is the Day the mention of which hath adorned most of the heavenly Books, and this is the station for which the near ones, the sincere ones, and the unified ones gave their lives in longing. Know thou the value of these days and regard this favor as great.

I swear by the Sun of the horizon of inner meanings that whosoever remaineth deprived today of the fragrances of the garment shall never succeed in making up for it. Ask thou God to assist thee in His remembrance and praise and service to His Cause, even as He assisted thy father. Verily He is the All-Powerful, to Whose sovereignty and grandeur and might all things have testified.

The glory from Us be upon you and upon those in your household. We bear witness that through him My mention and praise were raised. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. And praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH05175: O Nasru'llah! He is the All-Wise Expounder!

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This is the Day wherein the Supreme Pen hath testified that there is none other God except Him, and He Who hath appeared is, verily, His Own Self, His Essence and His Cause, before which the heavens and earth cannot endure. The atoms have borne witness to the Revealer of verses, yet the people understand not. The rapture of the divine utterance hath seized all created things, yet the people perceive not.

This is the Day whereon the Spirit calleth aloud and giveth glad tidings unto all of the presence of God, the Lord of existence. This is the Day which the All-Merciful foretold in the Qur'an, and whose mention hath adorned the Books of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

O people! Answer ye Him Who summoneth you to the most sublime horizon—this would be better for you, did ye but know it. Cast behind you all idle fancies, then turn ye unto the countenance of your Lord, the Mighty, the Loving.

Thus hath the ocean of utterance surged by virtue of the All-Merciful being seated upon His throne. He, verily, is the One Who doeth as He willeth through His word "Be" and it is. Blessed is he who hath hearing and hath heard, and he who hath sight and hath recognized that which the tongue of the Intended One hath spoken.

Say: Glory be to Thee, O my Lord, my God, my Goal and my Beloved! I beseech Thee by the Manifestation of Thyself, the Dayspring of Thy verses and the Source of Thy power, to make this servant of Thine steadfast in Thy love and Thy Cause. Thou art, verily, the Almighty Whom the clamor of those who have disbelieved in Thee and Thy signs cannot frustrate, and who have denied Thy proof which hath encompassed both the unseen and the visible. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Loving.

BH05034: He Who shineth from the horizon of utterance

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A remembrance unto him who desireth to take the cup of mystic knowledge in the name of his Lord, the Most Merciful, and drink thereof amidst the concourse of all created things, through this remembrance whereby the idols of vain imaginings have wailed and all who are on earth were struck with fear, save those whom God pleased, the Lord of all worlds.

This is the Day whereon the greatest terror appeared when the Lord of Destiny came with a sovereignty that encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Blessed is he who hath cast away the world and hastened unto the Most Great Ocean with a heart which God hath purified from the allusions of those who denied the Day of Judgment.

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One and the servant in attendance before His face hath read it, and We have answered thee with this Tablet whereby the fragrance of utterance hath been wafted throughout all possibility. Blessed be the All-Merciful, the Manifestor of this mighty grace.

We counsel thee and those who have believed to fear God and to that whereby His firm and mighty Cause may be uplifted. Make mention of thy Lord with wisdom and utterance. He will aid thee through His grace. He is verily the Almighty, the Powerful.

Beware lest the affairs of men veil thee or their allusions sadden thee. Leave them to themselves and place thy trust in the Single One, the All-Informed. He is with thee and will aid thee as He pleaseth. Within His grasp is the kingdom of names. There is none other God but Him, the Remembering, the All-Knowing.

Thus have We caused to rain down from the clouds of utterance that whereby the ears of mystic knowledge may grow in the hearts of those who have turned unto the face of their Lord, the Mighty, the Praised One.

BH05416: God beareth witness that there is none other God…

He is the All-Wise and All-Knowing Expounder.

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him. His is the creation and the command, and His is the Kingdom and the Realm, and the Grandeur and the Dominion. He giveth to whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He desireth. He, verily, is the Single One, the One, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

And He beareth witness to the Dawning-Place of Revelation through Whom the tale of the Mount was repeated and the people of the graves arose, that He is the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Secret Who hath appeared for the life of the world and the unity of nations, yet most of the people are heedless.

Bear thou witness to that which God hath witnessed. Verily He will aid thee and be with thee in every world of the worlds of thy Lord. He, verily, is the All-Knowing Expounder.

We have remembered thee from Our Most Exalted Pen time and again. Rejoice thou at this, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who didst create me and cause me to hear and to know and to see and didst guide me and strengthen me to recognize this Cause whereby the dwellers of Thy earth were seized with perturbation, save him whom the hand of Thy bounty did rescue. Thou, verily, hast power to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

I beseech Thee, O Lord of Eternity and Sovereign of the nations, to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy love and successful in attaining Thy good-pleasure. Thou, verily, art the Hearer, the Bestower, the All-Seeing.

BH05854: The Supreme Pen speaks in the Persian tongue…

In the name of the one incomparable Lord, the All-Knowing

The Supreme Pen speaks in the Persian tongue: The Speaker is He Who spoke from the Tree on Sinai. If the people of the earth were to discover the sweetness of this utterance which hath been manifested from the tongue of the All-Merciful, all would turn toward the most exalted horizon. O Ibrahim! Hearken with thy inner ear and strive that perchance in this divine Day thou mayest succeed in performing that which is pleasing unto Him. By My life! One word of His good-pleasure is better for every seeker than whatsoever is visible and hidden in the earth.

Thy letter attained the presence of the Most Great Scene, and the servant who was present laid it all before the Lord of Power. This response hath been sent down from the heaven of bounty that thou mayest ponder the sea of God's generosity and utter "Thine is the praise, O God of all the worlds." Convey My greetings to the believers in that land and gladden them with the remembrance of God. God willing, may all be confirmed in the Most Great Steadfastness and in that which will cause the Cause of God to be exalted in the kingdom of creation. Glory be upon him who hath sought the Intended One and attained His presence and stood before His countenance in His prison, and upon you and upon those who have believed in God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH05997: O peoples of the earth, hearken unto My call…

He is sanctified above mention and description.

O peoples of the earth, hearken unto My call and be not of the heedless ones. The promise hath come to pass and the Truth hath appeared—praise ye God for this great bounty. How many a servant hath been prevented by the world from the Lord of Names, and how many a servant hath turned and attained unto the recognition of God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Samad, the Wronged One hath made mention of thee and hath answered thee through this perspicuous Book. O Husayn, hearken unto the call of the Wronged One from the precincts of His Most Great Prison. He calleth thee by virtue of thy having turned unto Him from thy distant station.O Muhsin, rejoice in that the Most Exalted Pen maketh mention of thee as it moveth in this lofty mansion which was built aforetime and which God hath adorned with His Name and made it a station for His Self, the One Who ruleth over the worlds. O Faraj, act in accordance with what God hath sent down in His mighty Book, then thank Him for having made mention of thee whilst He was imprisoned at the hands of the heedless ones.

Praise be to God that ye have all attained unto the divine verses and been mentioned in the presence of the Throne. It is incumbent and obligatory upon each one to preserve this station. Preserve ye your stations and that which hath been sent down unto you from the All-Informed One.

BH05688: O handmaiden of God and maidservant of the True…

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

O handmaiden of God and maidservant of the True One! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, Who from the Most Great Prison hath turned towards thee and summoneth thee unto God, exalted be His glory, purely for His sake.

By the life of the Beloved! The Balance hath been set up, the Path hath been made manifest, and the Beloved of the world crieth out amidst the peoples—that same cry that appeared once in the form of the Trumpet, wherein it was blown, and all who are on earth were struck with swooning, save whom God did will, the Lord of all worlds.

O My handmaiden! Be thou thankful in all conditions. Praise be to God that the grace of God did confirm thee in recognizing the Manifestation of His Self and the Dawning-Place of His verses. Whatsoever befell thee in His path hath all been mentioned in His presence and recorded by the Most Exalted Pen. Give thanks unto thy Lord, for He hath absolved thee of thy misdeeds and forgiven thee through His bounty. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Praise be to God that thy daughter is engaged in service at the Holy Court. Beseech God that He may confirm her to remain forever adorned with this most glorious ornament.

The glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee among them that have turned unto God and believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

BH06174: In My Name, the Near One, the Answerer

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Glorified be He Who hath manifested His Cause as He pleased and created all things through a word from Him. He is, verily, the Omnipotent, the Unconstrained.

Say: He hath come for the reformation of the world, but the peoples have turned away from Him save those whom God, the Lord of the Return, hath willed.

Behold the divines of the earth: they were awaiting My days, but when I came unto them from the kingdom of My knowledge and the heaven of My utterance, they turned away from Me and pronounced against Me with such injustice as hath not been witnessed in creation. They mounted the pulpits and took pride in My mention before the great ones, but when I manifested My Self they turned away therefrom and disbelieved in God, the Lord of all men. They cast the counsel of God behind their backs and clung to their own vain imaginings. Muhammad the Apostle of God and the denizens of the most exalted Paradise have lamented their deeds, yet the people remain wrapped in veils and barriers.

Thus hath spoken the Tongue of Grandeur when He was imprisoned in this land which hath been named with the most excellent names in the Scriptures and Tablets.

When thou dost inhale the fragrance of My loving-kindness from the garment of My utterance, turn thy face toward Him Who hath been wronged and say: Upon thee be glory, O Thou Who hast been deprived of that which was created for Thee by God, the Lord of all creation.

BH06070: In My Name, the Protector over all who are…

In My Name, the Protector over all who are in earth and heaven!

God willing, mayest thou be blessed by divine grace and partake of the choice wine of inner meanings.

O Jabbar! The meaning of this name is manifest and evident today, for the Countenance of the Desired One hath appeared for the reformation of the world, yet most are veiled and deprived thereof. They have not recognized the ocean of justice nor become aware of the Sun of Truth, although such a light hath shone forth as hath never been witnessed in creation.

The people of the world have forsaken the Dawning-Place of knowledge and turned unto the sources of ignorance. The Tongue of Eternity ever speaketh and the Supreme Pen, by night and day, calleth and summoneth all peoples unto truth. Nevertheless, all lie unconscious upon the couch of heedlessness, stupefied by the wine of pride, save those souls who have clung to the Most Great Name and have detached themselves from the world. Blessed are they and theirs shall be a goodly return.

O friends! Hold fast unto the cord of unity and cleave unto that which ye have been commanded in the Book. By My life! The kingdom shall pass away, but that which hath been ordained for you by the All-Knowing, the All-Wise shall endure.

BH06351: O Leaf! Hearken unto My call. Verily there…

He is the Summoner, the All-Knowing, the Most Great

O Leaf! Hearken unto My call. Verily there is no God but He, the Forgiving, the Generous. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose manifestation the proofs appeared, the tribes lamented, the ocean of proof was adorned with the Ark of utterance, and the breeze of Thy name, the All-Merciful, wafted over all possibility. I beseech Thee to teach me the ways of the leaves of the Tree of Thy providence and to strengthen me to make mention as befitteth Thee in Thy days.

O my Lord! I have testified to that which Thy tongue hath testified in Thy kingdom, and I have acknowledged that which Thy Most Exalted Pen hath acknowledged between earth and heaven. I ask Thee, O Lord of Names and Sovereign of all things, by Thy Name through which the pearls of Thy knowledge and the mysteries of Thy wisdom were made manifest, to make me wholly detached unto Thee and to cause me to hold fast unto the cord of Thy grace. Then give me to drink, with the hand of Thy bounty, the wine of steadfastness.

O my Lord! All things have testified to Thy power, might and ascendancy, and the Concourse on High to Thy loftiness, grandeur and sovereignty. I beseech Thee to ordain for each of my fruits that which befitteth Thy generosity and munificence. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH06736: He is the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious. This…

He is the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious. This is a Book sent down from the heaven of My Will unto him who hath cast away idle fancy and taken what was commanded him by God, the Lord of Lords. Blessed is He Who hath manifested through His sovereignty whatsoever He desired. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Knowing.

The necks have been humbled on the Day of the Covenant, and that which God hath revealed in the Book hath appeared. Say: O people of the earth, hearken unto My call from the direction of My mercy. Verily, there is no God but Him, and He Who speaketh is verily the Mighty Book, the Preserved Tablet, and the Command whereby the eyes of men have been solaced.

Among the people are those who lamented on the Day of Manifestation, and among them are those who, out of their longing for the presence of God, the Revealer of verses, took flight. Verily, he who lamented is among the companions of the fire in the Scriptures and Tablets.

Fear God, O ye who are on earth, then deal fairly with this Book, around which circle the proof and the evidence. Thus have the spheres of My utterance been set in motion, and the rain hath fallen from the heaven of My bounty. Glory be upon the people of Glory who have turned toward the Most Glorious Horizon and held fast unto the Covenant.

BH06459: God willing, in this divine springtime thou wilt be…

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

God willing, in this divine springtime thou wilt be adorned with the ornament of love and be turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon. Thy letter arrived and was perused. The fragrances of the days are diffusing—blessed is the soul that hath found and attained, and woe unto the heedless. Strive thou to preserve the pearl of the ocean of divine knowledge. Today all who have turned toward God must hold fast to the Divine Book and act according to that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will. Thus doth the All-Merciful command you, before and after, and in this moment wherein the Wronged One's tongue proclaimeth from the Most Great Prison that there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Give thanks unto God for having attained unto His recognition and heard His call, and for having made thee one of those who have answered. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

O Isfandiyar! Thou must be firm in the Cause of God like unto the heroes in the field, nay even greater, if thou be of them that know. That Isfandiyar strove mightily yet did not attain, while thou through God's favor hast attained His recognition and comprehended His days. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!

BH07186: God hath created all beings for the recognition…

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

God hath created all beings for the recognition of this Day, yet when it appeared, every heedless and remote soul turned away therefrom. Blessed is the one possessed of such strength that the affairs of creation prevented him not, and blessed is the one who hath remembered and uttered this wise remembrance.

They were waiting for My days, yet when I manifested My Self they disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds. By God! This is the Revelation of God which hath come with truth, but most of the people are among the heedless. He is indeed the One Whom God had aforetime mentioned through the tongue of the Prophets and Messengers.

O people! Fear ye God and deprive not yourselves of this choice wine whose seal hath been broken by the name of your Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. Take ye the chalice of utterance in My name, the All-Merciful, then drink therefrom by My leave and My will. Thus doth command you He in Whose possession is a preserving Tablet.

We have sent down the Book and dispatched it unto thee that thou mayest rejoice therein and be of them that render thanks. Hold fast unto that which hath been revealed in the Book and turn away from those who have turned away from the Face, inasmuch as they followed every rebellious devil.

BH06972: May you be blessed through divine bounty and illumined…

In the Name of the One God!

May you be blessed through divine bounty and illumined by the lights of the Throne.

We commanded all people to that which would cause the exaltation of God's Cause, yet none attained to God's command save a few. Observe what transpires in the prison, and reflect upon what has befallen therein. By God's life! Then will you find yourselves in manifest perplexity and sorrow.

The gate of the Most Great Prison was opened by the key of the Name of the Ancient King, and the rain of grace descended from the heaven of mercy, until heedlessness seized some. They did that which caused God to lament, yet We concealed it. Verily thy Lord is the Concealer.

Heedlessness reached such a state that some imagined God to be heedless. They violated God's Covenant and rent asunder the sanctity of the Cause, yet since it occurred through the heedlessness of ignorance, God hath pardoned them and adorned them with the robe of His gracious forgiveness. None should speak against them. Verily He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH06963: We entered the garden and settled upon the throne…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great

We entered the garden and settled upon the throne situated above the water, while the sun was playing amidst the trees and its rays were moving as though stirred by the motion of the Spirit circling round My mighty throne. Once We heard from the right the mention of My mighty Name, and again from the left My Name, the One Who overshadeth all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Then We left it and desired to go to the mansion which God hath made the Greatest Scene of Vision for mankind, but most of the people are sleeping. At all times We remember those on earth and give them glad tidings of that which they were promised in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds.

They have cast the counsel of God and His Command behind their backs and have accepted what they were bidden by every remote ignorant one. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen inform thee that thou mayest be of those who possess knowledge.

Hold fast to the cord of the Command and say: I beseech Thee, O Subduer of the winds, to make me steadfast in Thy mighty Cause.

BH07142: God testifies that there is no God but Him…

In His Name, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

God testifies that there is no God but Him, and He Who speaks is verily the Lone Wronged One. The idolaters denied Him after He came with clear proofs, radiant verses, and illuminating lights. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing.

Say: Read ye the Surih of Ra'is and what was revealed therein, and reflect upon it that ye may become aware of what hath appeared from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Then read ye the Book of the Temple and what was revealed therein concerning matters before their occurrence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Informed.

By God! He doth not wish to mention what He hath mentioned in this Tablet, but We have mentioned it that perchance the people may be reminded thereby. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Generous. The seeing one beholdeth and witnesseth, while he who is gathered blind neither seeth nor perceiveth. Verily thy Lord is the Self-Sufficient, the All-Wise. Thus hath the Wronged One spoken that thou mayest know what hath befallen Him at the hands of the oppressors who perceived not the fragrance of the garment and attained not unto the presence of God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH07066: A remembrance from Our presence for him whose letter…

He is the One Who hath dawned from the horizon of creation

A remembrance from Our presence for him whose letter was presented before the Wronged One whilst He was in the prison—this station which God hath exalted as a bounty from His presence. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

O Muhibb qabl-ʿAlí! Thy letter was read before the Throne, and He Who hath summoned all unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed, hath responded to thee.

We announce unto thee the glad-tidings of Our turning toward thee and of Our mention of thee, that thou may rejoice and be numbered among the thankful.

Beware lest the affairs of this world debar thee from God, the Lord of all worlds. Cleanse thyself with the water of the utterance of thy Lord, and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Fashioner of the heavens and Lord of bounty! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, through which Thou hast subjected the realms of Names and adorned the kingdom of creation, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and obedient to that which Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. Ordain for me, through Thy grace and Thy loving-kindness, that which shall rejoice me. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

BH07249: He is the Most Holy, the Most Great. This…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great. This is the Perspicuous Book sent down from God, the Lord of the worlds. Verily it is the Kawthar of life for all contingent beings, and the proof of the All-Merciful for those who dwell in the heavens and on earth. Indeed it is the Most Great Sea amidst the nations and the Preserved Tablet for those in the kingdom of Command and creation. To this testifies whosoever has found the fragrance of knowledge in what was inscribed therein by the Pen of God, the Mighty, the Wise.

We verily counseled the people aforetime through God's tender mercy, grace, compassion and justice, that every soul might adopt the character of their Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful. We beseech God to assist them in that which will bring tranquility to the hearts of His servants and through which His firm and wise Cause will be exalted.

O thou who hast turned thy face toward My Most Exalted Horizon! We verily have not fallen short of Our duty to exhort men, and to deliver that whereunto I was bidden by God, the Almighty, the All-Praised. Had they hearkened unto Me, they would have beheld the earth another earth. Thus doth He inform thee, He in Whose possession is the Preserved Tablet. Remind thou the people that they may abandon what they possess and take hold of that which they have been given by the Gracious, the Bountiful One.

BH06922: In the Name of the Peerless All-Knowing One! Today…

In the Name of the Peerless All-Knowing One! Today is the day when the reality of the Divine Book hath appeared and speaketh forth in the temple of manifestation, calling all who dwell on earth at all times unto the horizon of the All-Merciful. Yet few are they who hear. How blessed is the ear and eye that hath in this divine Day attained to witnessing and hearing.

Whosoever today hath acknowledged that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen and confessed to that which the tongue of grandeur hath pronounced, such a one is recorded and inscribed as being possessed of sight and hearing. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the days of thy Lord and responded to thy Master when His call was raised betwixt earth and heaven.

Thy letter hath arrived and We have answered thee through this mighty Tablet. Glory be upon thy father and upon thee and upon those who are with you among them who have turned unto the Most Sublime Horizon and believed in God, the Single One, the All-Informed. Read thou what We have sent down for thee and be thou of the thankful ones.

BH07154: The peerless friend saith that the world was created…

The peerless friend saith that the world was created and nations emerged from the realm of nothingness into being so that perchance they might discover and know the cause and reason for their existence and creation. Ages have passed and centuries completed, yet they have not yet comprehended from whence they came, whither they go, and for what purpose they have come. Glory be to God, the Lord of the mighty throne! Glory be to God, the Lord of the exalted seat!

Every person of understanding is bewildered and every person of intelligence is deep in thought. We beseech God to grant success to all, that they may not remain deprived of the ocean of knowledge and bereft of the kingdom of insight. The deeds of His servants themselves have prevented them from the Lord of creation; otherwise His overflowing grace has been and will ever be all-encompassing and all-surrounding. His abundant bounty has encompassed the world and His all-embracing generosity has surrounded all. Blessed is he who holds fast unto Him! Woe unto every doubting denier!

BH07321: O Ahmad! Thy letter, free from the traces…

In the Name of the One Friend!

O Ahmad! Thy letter, free from the traces of the pen, was noted. God willing, may thy heart be seen to be likewise. In every heart there is inscribed and recorded by the Pen of divine power the story of His love, but the veils of desire have concealed it. Beseech ye God, exalted and glorified be He, that He may enable all to attain to this most exalted and sublime station. How many souls there are who have considered and still consider themselves the most exalted of creatures, unaware that they were and are not even mentioned in the presence of God. Creation came into being so that on this blessed Day none might be deprived of the outpourings of the clouds of mercy. This is a truth to which all have testified. Nevertheless, when the Morn of the promised Day dawned from the horizon of the heaven of Revelation, all turned away save whom God, the Lord of the worlds, did choose. Hearken thou unto the voice of the Wronged One, and strive that thou mayest not be deprived of the ocean of His bounties. He is, in truth, the All-Knowing Counsellor.

BH07395: O ʿAli! Thy petition, sanctified above all petitions, attained…

In the Name of the One Friend!

O ʿAli! Thy petition, sanctified above all petitions, attained the Most Holy Court, and this Servant expressed on thy behalf that which is befitting and meet. Verily, this is not the Day for queries and questions and discourse. It behooveth all to fix their gaze upon this blessed Word which, even as the sun, hath dawned forth and shone resplendent from the horizon of the Tongue of the Lord of Utterance: This is not the Day for questions and answers. It beseemeth every soul who hath hearkened unto the divine Call to respond with “Here am I! Here am I!” and to act in accordance with that which hath been commanded. Blessed are they who have derived wisdom from the treasury of the utterance of the All-Merciful and who have attained unto the bounties of His days. This is the Day wherein the sincere have drawn nigh and the heedless have turned away, wherein the deeds of the world have been made

manifest and the All-Merciful hath borne witness unto him who hath attained and responded to his Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Verily, the Tree crieth out and the Tongue speaketh, yet the people are in evident delusion.

BH07242: A Book sent down by the All-Bestower to him…

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

A Book sent down by the All-Bestower to him who hath attained unto the recognition of the Intended One, when the peoples turned away from Him—they who clung to their vain imaginings, turning aside from God, the Lord of Lords.

The trees have testified that there is none other God but Him, and the leaves have acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath acknowledged in the most exalted station. The sea crieth out:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of destiny, for having manifested Thyself to the dwellers of the earth and of the sea! Thou art, verily, the One Who doeth whatsoever He willeth. The hosts of men cannot frustrate Thee."

The mountains make mention of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, but men remain wrapped in doubts and fancies save those who have laid fast hold on the Most Great Cord and have turned unto God, the Lord of the Final End.

Rejoice thou that the Lord of mankind maketh mention of thee from the Most Great Prison and calleth thee unto God, the Mighty, the Chosen One. His grace is in His grasp. He bestoweth it upon whomsoever He willeth of His creation. He is, verily, the Generous, the All-Bountiful. The glory be upon thee and upon thy wife who hath been mentioned in the Most Great Prison and unto whom hath been directed the glance of God's loving-kindness, the Revealer of verses.

BH06996: O Mihdi! He Who is the Beloved…

In the name of the Beloved of the world

O Mihdi! He Who is the Beloved of the world, the Guide, speaketh thus: Today all are commanded to behold with their own eyes; hearing and seeing from others sufficeth not, except for such souls as have freed themselves from their vain imaginings and have cleaved to the lights of justice and fairness. None hath been or is aware of the root of this Cause save He Who remembereth thee in this wondrous Book.

Hearken unto the voice of the Wronged One, and stand firm as an immovable mountain in the Cause of God, and act according to that which hath been sent down in the Qur'an unto the Seal of the Prophets from the presence of the Lord of Names. Say: God; then leave them to their vain imaginings.

God willing, thou shalt be set ablaze by the fire of the Word and illumined by the light of His countenance. The ocean of bounty is surging and the Sun of Truth is shining resplendent. How excellent is the state of him who hath attained on this Day and hath not deprived himself!

Glory be unto him who hath acknowledged that which God hath acknowledged, the Lord of all worlds, and hath testified to that which God hath testified in His mighty Book. Praise be unto God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH07204: The people of the Qur'an have done unto…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great.

The people of the Qur'an have done unto the family of the Apostle what they did aforetime, and Muhammad, the Apostle of God, bewaileth, in the all-highest Paradise, their acts, but the people do not understand. They rejoice in what they have wrought, even as those who slew Husayn rejoiced. Take ye warning, and be not of them that understand not.

Such tyranny hath appeared that the heavens have lamented, and they who have believed in God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. The Pen is ashamed to recount what hath befallen the daughter of the Prophet, and the tongue confesseth its powerlessness to describe this calamity that hath encompassed both the kingdom of earth and heaven.

We have mentioned unto thee what hath befallen My Name Ha from those who have denied God from time immemorial, as their deeds do testify. Thy Lord, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

Soon shall the world and the glory of them that oppressed pass away. Then shall they find themselves in the abyss of divine punishment, with none to deliver them from that which God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, hath ordained for them.

BH07569: O handmaid of God! In the name…

O handmaid of God! In the name of the one true God!

The heaven of divine tablets is illumined and bright with the mention of the Luminary of steadfastness, as in most tablets it hath been revealed and recorded from the Supreme Pen. Nevertheless, some are observed to be deprived of a single letter from the sanctified Word by reason of the prison of self, despite that they should be witnessed in such wise that were all the manifestations of knowledge and their dawning-places to appear, they would be unable to prevent a single soul from the divine path.

How great is the difference between their station and the station they occupy! Glory be to God! The Pen is bewildered and uttereth "We are God's and to Him we shall return." We beseech God to assist His servants and handmaidens to remain steadfast in this mighty Cause.

Give thanks to God, exalted be His glory, that He hath illumined thee with the lights of the Throne and caused thee to attain the recognition of the ocean of meanings.

BH07730: We have sent down the Bayan and given glad…

He is the One Who has power over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is!

We have sent down the Bayan and given glad tidings therein to all creation of this Revelation, through whose command the Most Exalted Pen was moved. But when the appointed time was fulfilled and the Promised One appeared, most of the servants turned away from Him. How many a servant arose in hypocrisy and denied God, the Lord of the Beginning and the End. Among the people, some turned away, some denied, some hesitated, and some unjustly pronounced judgment against Him, whereat the Source of Verses lamented. We came to give life to the world and revealed that which unlocks the treasures, yet the people remain in doubt and dissension. We have endured in the path of God that which pens are powerless to recount. Hold fast to the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and say: I beseech Thee, O my God, to assist me to remain steadfast in this Cause, through which the idols have lamented.

BH07967: He speaketh in truth from the Kingdom of utterance

He speaketh in truth from the Kingdom of utterance

O Karim! Hearken to the call of the All-Bountiful Who maketh mention of thee while imprisoned in this mighty stronghold. The heedless ones have incarcerated Him by following the desires of those who have turned away from God, the King, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, from among the idolaters. Among them is he who hath claimed that He hath laid claim to divinity without clear proof or manifest Book.

Say: He speaketh as He pleaseth even as He spoke in the Burning Bush—"Verily, there is no God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed." Be fair, O people of the earth, concerning that which hath been manifested in truth, and follow not every heedless remote one. The verses have been sent down and the signs have appeared, and the All-Merciful hath come with an authority that neither ranks nor hosts could withstand. To this testifieth every discerning one possessed of knowledge.

Thus hath My tongue spoken that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Preserve what We have revealed unto thee and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of them that seek after Thee!"

BH07453: I testify, O my God, that Thou hast appeared…

In His Name, the All-Encompassing, the Most Glorious

I testify, O my God, that Thou hast appeared in the lands and manifested Thy sovereignty unto Thy servants. And I testify that the fragrance of Thy robe hath been diffused throughout creation and Thy breath hath spread through all lands. I beseech Thee by the Name before which nothing in the heavens or on earth can stand, to make me detached in Thy days from all else save Thee, attracted to Thy verses, and immersed in the ocean of Thy good-pleasure.

O Lord! Thou hast made known to me Thy path; therefore I beseech Thee by Thy most exalted Self not to withhold me from it through Thy bounty. Thou hast broken the seal of the choice Wine by Thy Name; I beseech Thee not to deprive me of it.

O Lord! All things have acknowledged Thy grace; I beseech Thee by Thy sovereignty and generosity to make me steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of Thy creatures have slipped. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Encompassing, the Self-Subsisting.

BH07588: The tongue's paradise is the mention of the All-Merciful…

In the Name of the One God!

The tongue's paradise is the mention of the All-Merciful, and the heart's paradise is love for Him. The friends of God who are gazing toward the Most Exalted Horizon must, with the utmost joy and fragrance, be occupied with the remembrance of the Beloved of all creation. The Truth, exalted be His station, whatever He hath ordained and doth ordain hath been and shall be for the elevation of souls.

Every person of insight perceiveth from what hath been revealed that the divine commandments are the cause of unity and harmony among the peoples of the world and the source of tranquility and ease. Blessed is the state of one who, having heard, pondereth thereon and becometh aware of its reality. In this Day all the chosen ones and near ones must be engaged in and attentive to that which will exalt the Cause of God. And the exaltation of the Cause hath been and shall be through the manifestation of spiritual qualities and goodly deeds. Thus instructeth you He Who possesseth the knowledge of all things in the Book.

BH07626: A mention from Us to him whose name was…

He is the One Who calls out from the Mount!

A mention from Us to him whose name was mentioned before the Wronged One in this noble station, that he may rejoice in My remembrance and arise to this Cause whereby the feet of the mystics have slipped. Whoso turns today to the Most Exalted Horizon is reckoned among the people of mystic knowledge in My perspicuous Book. And he who acknowledges that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken is accounted among the learned ones in the sight of God, the Lord of the worlds. But he who turns away from the Countenance is the most ignorant of men, even should he come with the knowledge of the first and the last ones. Verily, We manifested knowledge for the recognition of the Known One, but when He appeared, every remote scholar turned away from Him. Thus did the Tongue of Grandeur speak when He was in the midst of the heedless ones. Grieve thou not over anything. In all matters put thy trust in God, the King, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Glory be upon the people of Baha who have cast away idle fancies and taken hold of that which they were bidden by One mighty and powerful.

BH07565: This is a book from the Wronged One…

In the name of the Desire of the world

This is a book from the Wronged One to those servants who have turned to the Truth and whom the clamor of the people did not prevent from the Life-giving Water. We beseech God, glorified and exalted be He, to aid them to hearken unto the divine words, for whosoever attaineth unto hearing them will behold the world as a handful of dust and the diverse colors of the world will not make him heedless of

the Lord of Names. How blessed is the state of the one who in this blessed day hath attained unto the remembrance of God and whose name hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Although this station is concealed today, yet through God's favor it shall become manifest and evident.

Thy mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and this Book hath been sent down unto thee, from which the sincere ones inhale the fragrance of the garment of the grace of their Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH07544: O handmaiden of God! May you ever be adorned…

In the Name of the One Friend!

O handmaiden of God! May you ever be adorned with the ornament of the love of the Eternal Beloved and be turned toward His horizon. Were you to become aware of His bounty and grace, you would find yourself so joyous that the world's darkness could not change it. Know thou the value of these days and then thank thy Lord for having aided thee to recognize Him when every distant learned one and every doubtful servant turned away from Him.

All handmaidens of God must act according to what God hath revealed in the Book. The ephemeral days have passed and are passing. God willing, may they fix their gaze upon lofty stations and strive with the utmost effort and endeavor to attain them. Deeds performed in the path of God are humanity's companion in all worlds. Whosoever achieveth this is reckoned among the people of truth amidst creation. Thus doth the Supreme Pen testify from this Most Glorious Horizon. Blessed art thou and blessed is every hearing and seeing one.

BH07574: By God! The Book of God hath been made…

He is the Most Great, the All-Glorious.

By God! The Book of God hath been made manifest, and the All-Merciful hath come from the dawning-place of certitude with a mighty sovereignty. Say: O people! The gate of heaven hath been opened by the Finger of your Lord, the Lord of Names. Turn thereunto and be not of the lost.

Know ye the worth of this Day. By the life of God! This is the Day which hath been mentioned in every Book and Scroll sent down from the presence of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Beware lest the affairs of men debar you from the recognition of this wondrous Day.

Say: This is the Day whereon the Throne was established and the All-Merciful sat thereon in His Name, the Subduer of all who are in the heavens and on the earth. Leave behind that which ye possess, and turn unto that which ye have been commanded from the presence of the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Thus have We illumined the horizons of hearts with the light of true knowledge from the All-Merciful. Blessed is he that hath turned thereunto, and woe betide every foolish soul far removed.

The glory be upon thee and upon those whom the world hath not withheld from the Peerless, the All-Knowing.

BH07783: Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of existence…

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

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of existence and King of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by Him Who is the Purpose of the world and by the Most Great Name which Thou hast manifested amidst the nations, and through Whose Most Exalted Pen Thou hast caused to flow the Kawthar of everlasting life, and through Whom Thou hast quickened whatsoever Thou didst purpose in the kingdom of creation, that Thou wilt send down from the heaven of Thy bounty and the clouds of Thy generosity that which will tranquilize my heart, gladden mine eyes and dilate my breast.

O my Lord! I am he who hath turned toward the gate of Thy grace and clung to the cord of Thy favors.

O my Lord! Thou art He Who hath informed Thy servants in the Book of this Revelation through which the horizons have been illumined and the decree of the Covenant hath appeared.

O my Lord! Purify the hearts of Thy servants from idle fancies and vain imaginings, then draw them nigh through Thy sovereignty unto a station wherein whosoever draweth nigh unto it becometh protected from the Most Great Terror.

Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Most High, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH07533: God willing, in this luminous morn when the world…

In the Name of the Everlasting Speaker!

God willing, in this luminous morn when the world is illumined by the effulgent rays of the Sun of Truth, may you be occupied with the remembrance of the Friend, the praise of the Friend, and service to the Friend. Strive that you may succeed in deeds that befit the divine Cause.

Your names are mentioned before the Wronged One. Verily, He hath turned toward you from this Most Exalted Station which hath been designated by all names in the Tablets of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Blessed are ye for having engaged in that which ye were commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of the seen and unseen.

All servants have been commanded to pursue an occupation in God's Book. Praise be to God that ye have attained this supreme gift. I swear by the Sun of divine utterance that this deed of yours is more glorious in the sight of God than the deeds of those who count themselves among the pillars of the earth. God Himself hath testified and doth testify to this truth.

Be thou glad then and be of those who are thankful, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!

BH07694: Day and night doth the divine tongue summon…

In the Name of the Peerless Knower!

Day and night doth the divine tongue summon the peoples of the earth to the immortal Kingdom, yet all remain heedless and veiled therefrom. The wine of selfish desire hath so seized them that none possessing understanding or awareness can be found. This is that day of which He saith: “And thou shalt see mankind as drunken, yet they are not drunken: but severe is the chastisement of God.” And this is that Day of which He saith: “The trumpet shall be blown, and all who are in the heavens and on earth shall swoon away, save him whom God pleaseth.” And likewise He saith: “All things shall perish save His face.” By God’s life! All are seen to have swooned save certain letters of the face of thy Lord, and they rejoice in Paradise. Blessed are they who have hearkened to the call of Truth and who, with utmost wisdom and determination, are occupied with teaching the Cause. Verily, He hath heard thy call and answered thee. Say, when thou hast attained unto Him: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Desire of the worlds!

BH07830: This is a Book sent down in truth…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great!

This is a Book sent down in truth and guideth the people to the highest horizon, the station wherein the Divine Lote-Tree proclaimeth: There is none other God but I, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Every stone hath heard the call of God and every clod hath found the fragrance of the Robe, yet most among the people perceive not. The attraction of the Word hath seized all who are in the contingent world. Blessed is he who is strong and hasteneth with his heart, and blessed is he who is wealthy and turneth unto God, the Mighty, the Loving.

Say: O people! Beware lest the concerns of earth withhold you from the Lord of Heaven. Cast away your idle fancies and turn unto the station whereof every atom testifieth that the Day is come and the Hidden Name is revealed.

Give thanks unto God for having attained unto My remembrance time and again. Behold then the loving-kindness of God and His bounty, and say: My soul be a sacrifice for Thy gift, O Thou Who art the Desired One, and my spirit be a sacrifice for Thy grace, O Thou through Whose Name the fragrance of the Divine Robe was diffused and the ocean of knowledge surged!

BH08045: Verily the Self-Subsisting hath appeared with the truth…

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

Verily the Self-Subsisting hath appeared with the truth and hath arisen to fulfill His Cause with a sovereignty that neither doubts nor idle fancies can frustrate. He speaketh amongst the peoples that which He hath been commanded by God, the Revealer of verses. By God! The Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Secret have appeared, and that which was concealed from all eyes. Say: O peoples of the earth! Why do ye not arise from your seats, and by what proof have ye turned away from Him Who was promised in the Book? Behold ye and call to mind that which God revealed unto Muhammad, His Messenger, in the Furqan. By God! The Day hath come wherein He Who conversed upon Sinai speaketh forth verses that neither the veils of the people nor the clamor of the lands can withhold. The Cry hath

appeared and that which was recorded in the Psalms and Scrolls and Books from God, the Lord of all men, hath been fulfilled. Thus have We mentioned thee as a favor from Us that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower.

BH08014: He looketh on from the horizon of knowledge

He looketh on from the horizon of knowledge

O My God, My God! Thou seest how I am surrounded by a pack of wolves, and Thou hearest my cries and lamentations and my appeals by night and by day. By Thy might, O Beloved of the world and Desire of the nations! He who hath drunk the wine of Thy love doth not shrink from tribulation in Thy path and Thy good-pleasure, nor do the arrows of the enemies affect him. I beseech Thee, O King of kings and Lord of all who are possessed of sovereignty, to send down upon Thy servants that which will draw them to the horizon of Thy Revelation and the Dawning-Place of Thy signs.

O my Lord! They have become heedless of Thy Cause through that which their hands have formerly wrought and through their following those whom they have taken as masters for themselves besides Thee. O Lord! Make known unto them that which hath appeared through Thy power and sovereignty. Verily Thou art He from Whose knowledge nothing whatsoever escapeth. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH08042: The trees lament, the clods cry out…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

The trees lament, the clods cry out, and the stones weep for this Wronged One, Who hath suffered in the path of God that which no one before Him hath ever suffered. To this testifieth every fair-minded and discerning soul. We summoned the servants unto the Lord of all creation, yet they pronounced against Us with such tyranny as caused the dwellers of the all-highest Paradise and those who circle round My mighty throne to weep.

The treasures have been revealed and the storehouses have appeared, yet most of the people remain heedless. They have clung to vain imaginings, turning away from Him through Whose name the gate of certitude was opened. Thy mention hath been made in the presence of this Wronged One, and this noble Book hath been sent down for thee. Read it with joy and fragrance, for verily it will guide thee to His straight path. Thus have the verses been sent down and the evidences appeared, yet most of the people remain heedless.

BH08378: Say: O Lord of destiny and Sovereign of humanity!…

He is the One speaking from the Most Great Prison

Say: O Lord of destiny and Sovereign of humanity! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Scene—the station wherein every hidden matter was revealed more swiftly than the twinkling of an eye—to make me one of those who have attained unto the Kawthar of Thy utterance and have drunk the choice wine of

steadfastness from the hands of Thy bounty. O my Lord! Thou art He through Whose Name all things have spoken, and through Whose Manifestation the Cause was revealed in the kingdom of creation. All things have testified to Thy sublimity and power, Thy transcendence and authority. Do with me, O my God, as befitteth Thy generosity and grace. Then write down for me by Thy Most Exalted Pen that which befitteth Thy days, O Lord of the Throne and the dust, Sovereign of the hereafter and of former times. Then assist me in that whereby my remembrance shall endure through the permanence of Thy celestial and earthly dominion. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful.

BH08281: God beareth witness that there is none other God…

He is the Rememberer, the Observer, the All-Informed

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath appeared in truth is verily the Dawning-Place of His verses and the Dayspring of His favors. The conditions of earth do not prevent Him, nor do the allusions of creation veil Him. He doeth whatsoever He willeth through His sovereignty. He, verily, is the Speaker in the kingdom of creation. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Praised One.

Give thanks unto God that the Wronged One hath turned toward thee from His Most Great Prison and remembereth thee with that which God hath made a light unto the world, a lamp unto the nations, and a flowing spring unto every thirsty one who is endowed with insight. Praise God for this bounty, with which nothing on earth can compare. He, verily, is the Expositor, the All-Knowing. Glory be upon the people of Baha who were not prevented by all things from this Remembrance, before which, when it appeared, every wise remembrance bowed down in submission.

BH08389: A Book sent down by the All-Merciful…

He is the Most Great, the Most Glorious

A Book sent down by the All-Merciful in the Garden to him who hath attained unto the days of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, and who hath turned toward the Supreme Horizon when the wretched among His servants turned away from it—they who cast the ordinance of God behind their backs and accepted the rule of every remote transgressor. O thou who drinkest the choice wine of My loving-kindness! Observe My servants: they have turned away from the Dayspring of My countenance and the Dawning-Place of My verses, and have followed him who hath cited My words which We sent down aforetime unto Muhammad, the Apostle of God, and who hath arisen in opposition in such wise as hath caused all things to lament, and beyond them the denizens of Paradise in this glorious station. Grieve thou not. Rather give thanks unto God for having revealed unto thee that which delighteth the eyes and causeth the hearts of them that are nigh to soar. Glory be upon thee and upon all who have turned toward this luminous Horizon.

BH08391: He hath appeared from the horizon of proof!

He hath appeared from the horizon of proof!

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down for him who desireth to turn unto the Countenance when he heard the cooing of the Nightingale upon the branches. Blessed is he who hath cast away the people and their vain imaginings and hath turned with a luminous heart unto the Dawning-Place of certitude.

Hold fast unto that which thy Lord hath commanded thee in His Book, and leave those who have denied the Beginning and the Return. Beware lest the affairs of men veil thee from the Truth. Leave them to themselves, then turn with thy heart unto God, the Lord of lords.

Verily He heareth the call of every rememberer and seeth the deed of every doer. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge, to this the Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness, and behind it all atoms. Blessed is he who hath heard the Call and hath answered his Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

Thus have We sent unto thee that which shall gladden thy heart and whereby those possessed of understanding may remember.

BH08375: Say: O God of existence and Lord…

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

Say: O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by the Sun of the heaven of Thy knowledge, and the Ark of the sea of Thy wisdom, and the breezes of the paradise of Thy loving-kindness, to ordain for Thy loved ones that which befitteth Thy generosity and bounty. O Lord! I am he who hath fled from his own self, turning unto Thy Self, and detaching himself from his own will, clinging to Thy Will.

I beseech Thee by the Word through which earth and heaven were revolutionized to inscribe for me by Thy Pen that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. O Lord! I am he who hath hastened to the pavilions of Thy grandeur and the canopy of Thy mercy, and have turned toward Thee after Thy creatures turned away, and have sought from Thy grace that which shall make me steadfast in Thy love. Thou art He Whom no limitations can confine and no armies can prevent. Thou givest and withholdest, and Thou art indeed the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH08478: This is a Day wherein the Tree uttereth: “There…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted.

This is a Day wherein the Tree uttereth: “There is none other God besides Me, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.” He it is Who hath spoken and caused all things to speak in praise of His Own Self, the One Who dominateth over all that is seen and unseen. Say: O people, hold fast unto trustworthiness. I swear by the Lord of Names that had the city of ʿAkka attained unto it, the face of the Cause would not have been clouded, nor would the hearts of them who are nigh have been saddened. Say: Hold ye fast unto it and cling to its hem, and be not of the ignorant ones. Through it is the Cause exalted among creation and all things bear witness that there is none other God besides Me, the Manifest, the All-Knowing.

O My chosen ones, counsel My servants and teach them My attributes and My straight path. He that hath a sense of smell will inhale My fragrance, and he that hath discernment will cry out and say:

"The Day of Judgment hath come and the Promised One hath appeared with mighty sovereignty!"

BH08393: This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent…

He is the one manifest from the horizon of Command

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down unto him who hath believed in God, the Revealer of verses, that the attraction of his Lord's call may seize him and bring him to the station of nearness and holiness and glory. Blessed is he who hath on this day attained unto the hearing of his Lord's call and hath answered Him in such wise as to cause them endowed with understanding to be enraptured thereby. Blessed is the hearer who hath on this day won victory through the call of the Self-Subsisting, and blessed is the seer who hath turned unto the Dayspring of lights.

Thy mention hath been made before the Wronged One, and there hath been sent down for thee this Book whereby the kingdom and the dominion have proclaimed: The kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Bestowing. Know thou this most exalted station, then preserve it in the name of thy Lord, the Possessor of the Final End. Say: O my Lord! I beseech Thee to preserve me from the arrows of idle fancies and vain imaginings, then cause me to drink from the Kawthar of certitude by Thy bounteous hand, O Thou in Whose grasp lieth the kingdom of the realms of earth and heaven.

BH08212: A remembrance from the Wronged One unto them…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great.

A remembrance from the Wronged One unto them that have believed in God, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting, He Who hath summoned all unto the Most Exalted Horizon and debarred them from their passions on the Day whereon all things cried out and exclaimed: "The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of the realm of dominion!"

Blessed is the heart that hath turned unto Him, and the mouth that hath quaffed of My sealed Wine. Verily, We have heard thy call and have answered thee out of a bounty from Our presence; indeed, We are the Almighty, the Well-Beloved.

We, verily, created the world and whatsoever is therein for the days of My Manifestation; yet when I revealed Mine own Self, every heedless and rejected soul turned away from Me. They have cast behind their backs the Most Sweet Ocean and have turned toward bitter, briny waters; yet they understand not.

The Most Exalted Pen beareth witness that they have turned away from God and have drawn nigh unto such as follow delusion and vain imaginings. Thus have We adorned the Tablet with the lights of the utterance of thy Lord, that thou mayest give thanks and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the unseen and the seen!

BH08514: Strive thou to be content, and for God…

In the Name of the One True Friend!

Strive thou to be content, and for God to be well-pleased with thee. If thou art enabled to attain unto the word of contentment, by My life, thou shalt possess all things, for it is the crimson sulphur, and it is the greatest elixir, and it is that precious pearl whose value no assessor or appraiser can determine.

Blessed is thy son, for he hath soared and ascended. Thank thy Lord in all conditions. He is verily the All-Wise, the All-Seeing.

Be not sorrowful—the world is evanescent. Ere long all the friends shall drink from the sea of reunion and attain unto the presence of their loved ones who have ascended.

Praise be to God that the Truth exists, and verily He was and ever shall be nearer and more merciful. He is assuredly the Protector of patient women and patient men, of thankful women and thankful men.

BH08647: O my God, my God! The fragrance of Thy…

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

O my God, my God! The fragrance of Thy knowledge hath attracted me, and the river of Thy utterance hath intoxicated me, to such extent that I have become heedless of myself and of all else besides Thee, and of all who dwell on earth and in heaven. I beseech Thee, O Lord of all names, by that Name through which every idolater hath lamented, every heedless one hath cried out, and every atheist hath been struck with fear, to ordain for me in Thy Kingdom that which shall endure through Thy perpetuity. O Lord! I am the supplicant and Thou art the One Who answereth; I am the needy and Thou art the All-Possessing; I am the weak and verily Thou art the Strong, the Trusted One. Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is the Kingdom of the dominion of the heavens, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the reins of all worlds. All praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the mystics, Goal of the sincere ones, and Hope of them that have recognized Thy unity.

BH08800: A remembrance from the All-Merciful to him who has…

He is established upon the throne of utterance

A remembrance from the All-Merciful to him who has turned towards the Kaaba of existence and believed in God, the Mighty, the Loving. We have heard thy call and have answered thee, and We have seen thy turning and have turned unto thee from this Spot round which circle the denizens of Paradise by leave of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Grieve not over anything, but place thy trust in the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Verily He preserveth whomsoever He willeth by His command, and aideth those who have laid hold on wisdom and attained unto the choice sealed wine. Hold fast unto the Book, then act according to that which hath been sent down therein from the presence of the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Verily it shall profit thee and preserve thee and raise thee to a praiseworthy station. Glory be upon the people of Baha who have drunk the Kawthar of utterance in the name of their Lord, the Possessor of existence.

BH08925: In My Name the Wondrous!

In My Name the Wondrous!

The sight hath been snatched away and the moon hath been eclipsed when there appeared the Most Great Countenance and the Possessor of Destiny established Himself upon the throne of His Most Great Name. Among the people are those who have followed vain desire and cast behind them that which they were commanded by One All-Knowing, All-Wise.

And among them are those who were attracted by the fragrance of the Garment and turned with manifest joy toward the Supreme Horizon. The All-Merciful hath testified for all who have turned and believed that they are among the people of Paradise in a noble Tablet. Verily, he who soareth in Mine atmosphere, he is of the people of My glorious and wondrous Kingdom. The Manifestations of My Cause and the Dawning-Places of My glory shall pray for him. Thus hath the matter been decreed from the presence of One Who ordaineth, Who knoweth. When thou, O thou who art mentioned, attainest unto a trace from God thy Lord, it behooveth thee to arise to serve the Wronged One, the Singular, the Mighty, the Stranger.

BH08708: He commanded all to appear and turn toward…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great.

He commanded all to appear and turn toward the Throne of Revelation, yet when the Day of God dawned, every heedless deceiver turned away from it. Every fraudulent one clung to vain imaginings and denied Him Who possessed the Mother Book.

We called unto all from the right side of the Most Holy Station, yet most of the people remained among the heedless. Whosoever is seized by the wine of doubt is assuredly among the lost, and whosoever is awakened by the Call is of the essence of creation in God's Tablet, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

How many seekers attained their goal, and how many learned ones were prevented due to following every remote idolator. Grieve not over anything, but place thy trust in God in all matters. Verily, He is the Helper of those who trust in Him.

Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH09002: This is the sealed Book which God, the Protector…

He is the One manifest above His servants!

This is the sealed Book which God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, hath sent down unto him who hath turned unto the Countenance and believed in God, while every heedless and veiled one turned away. Say: This is the Day of God, did ye but know it, and this is the Book of the All-Merciful, did ye but understand.

The earth hath related its tidings and the Tree hath disclosed its mysteries, yet the people perceive not. They have forsaken the God of earth and heaven, and followed their vain desires in that they followed every learned one who turned away from God, the Lord of the seen and unseen.

O people of the earth! Abandon that which keepeth you back from God, then turn with radiant faces unto the most exalted Horizon. Thus doth the Lord of Names command you from this glorious station. He calleth you from His Most Great Prison and summoneth you unto that which is better for you, did ye but know.

BH08759: By God! That which lay concealed within the veil…

He is the One Who standeth supreme over the Cause, in His name, the Self-Subsisting

By God! That which lay concealed within the veil of grandeur hath been made manifest, and that which was hidden in the knowledge of God, the Lord of all worlds, hath appeared. This is the Day whose mention caused the Messengers of old to rejoice, as attested by every Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down from His wondrous kingdom. Blessed is he who, endowed with vision, hath beheld the Most Great Panorama and followed that which was ordained by the Ordainer, the Ancient of Days.

Hearken unto the Call of God from this Tree which hath been raised up in truth—verily He teacheth you that which shall profit you in all the worlds of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Cast aside doubts and idle fancies, and take hold of that which the Lord of all beings hath, out of His all-encompassing grace, sent down for you. Thus hath flowed from the Pen that which was ordained by the Lord of eternity, that thou mayest render thanks unto thy Lord, the Munificent, the All-Bountiful.

BH08930: We have heard your call and We answer you…

He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing

We have heard your call and We answer you with this perspicuous Book. By the life of God! One word thereof cannot be equaled by all the treasures of the earth—to this bear witness the Concourse on High and they who have hastened to the river of the mercy of their Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Hold fast to the cord of unity in this Cause whereby the feet of the servants have slipped save those preserved by God's grace, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. That which none can reckon save His own Self, the All-Knowing, hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen. Among the people are those who have heard and turned towards it, and among them are those who have turned upon their heels—these are truly among the perishing ones. They cast guidance behind their backs and took up vain desire—thus doth testify the Most Exalted Pen in this wondrous Tablet.

BH08807: In My Most Great Name

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A remembrance hath flowed from My Pen, and I make mention of everyone who hath turned unto My countenance, drawn nigh unto Mine horizon, drunk from the Kawthar of My bounty, approached the ocean of My grace, held fast to the cord of My favor, and clung to My luminous robe.

By God's life! They are the stars in the heaven of utterance through whom the horizons are illumined and the hearts of those who have turned unto Him are enlightened.

Grieve not over anything. Your stations shall be made manifest in the realm of creation, and the people shall come to know what ye truly are. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

They who have deprived themselves of God's grace and mercy—these are they who are among the lost in a glorious Tablet.

Thus doth the Pen move and the horizon of the Tablet shine forth through the Sun of grace, that thou mayest rejoice and be numbered among those endued with certitude.

The glory be upon thee and upon every discerning believer.

BH08806: This is My Remembrance, My Remembrance! Verily He…

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

This is My Remembrance, My Remembrance! Verily He is the One manifest from My presence, and I am in truth the Judge. To this testifieth he who possesseth knowledge of the Book.

We have sent him [to remind] the people of the days of God. Yet when the dawn appeared, every deceitful dissembler denied it. Say: This is the Day of God, which hath been sanctified above the light of the lamp. To this testifieth every fair-minded one who hath held fast to the cord of his Lord's loving providence.

We have broken the seal of the vessel and made manifest that which was inscribed in the Tablet and that which was concealed in the Tablets. Glorify thou on My behalf the countenance of him who hath believed in God, the One, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

When the rapture of My verses seizeth thee, turn thy face toward thy Lord and say: I beseech Thee to make me one of those who have stood firm in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Mighty, the Ever-Forgiving.

BH09119: He speaketh from the throne of utterance!

He speaketh from the throne of utterance!

O Husayn! The Wronged One remembereth thee from the prison-fortress and summoneth thee unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. He hath heard thy call and hath answered thee through His grace. Verily thy Lord is the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. He giveth and withholdeth, and shall not be questioned about that which He doeth. He ordaineth whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is.

Give thanks unto God for having turned unto thee the Face that hath appeared after the passing away of all who are in the heavens and on earth, save whom God hath willed, the Possessor of the seen and the unseen. Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and say: O God of all being! I beseech Thee by Thy lauded station to make me, in all conditions, among those who have acknowledged that which the Pen of Revelation hath spoken. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Loving.

BH08717: O handmaiden of God! Your letter has attained unto…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O handmaiden of God! Your letter has attained unto the Most Great Horizon and been honored with the glance of the Lord of Names. Your call was heard and your letter was seen. Concerning what you wrote about Muhammad-Baqir—verily We know his place, his station and his rank. None should grieve for him. The True One, exalted and glorified be He, knows all things. Today is the day of joy and gladness. All servants and handmaidens must fix their gaze upon the True One and rejoice in His manifestation. His grace and loving-kindness have precedence over all who are on earth. Give thanks to your Lord for having aided you to recognize the Dawning-Place of His Revelation and the Dayspring of His verses, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds and Beloved of those who are in the heavens and on earth.

BH08723: O Friend! In the Bayan We directed everyone…

He is the Possessor of the world

O Friend! In the Bayan We directed everyone in this Most Great Revelation to see with his own eyes and hear with his own ears. However when the horizon of the world was illumined with the resplendent light of this Revelation, many people forgot this divine commandment, lost sight of this heavenly exhortation and immersed themselves in the vain imaginings which their minds had devised. Indeed the face of the sun of justice and fairness is hidden behind the clouds of idle fancy which the foolish ones have conceived. Therefore it is not to be wondered at that the movements of the birds of darkness attract attention. Through the potency of the Name of the Best-Beloved, invite thou the receptive souls unto God's holy court, that perchance they may not remain deprived of the heavenly Fountain of living water. He is in truth the Gracious, the Forgiving.

The gaze of the loving-kindness of God—exalted and glorified is He—hath everlastingly been directed towards His beloved friends; verily He is the One Who knoweth and remembereth.

BH09543: A Book sent down in truth from the presence…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

A Book sent down in truth from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed, and Who guides the people to the path of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. O thou who hast turned towards Us! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He testifieth that there is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He hath sent forth the Messengers and revealed the Books to guide the people to the straight path. Among them were those who turned away and rose in opposition, and those who

humbled themselves and turned towards Him, saying: “Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds!” Blessed is he who hath inhaled the fragrance of the All-Merciful and hath beheld His noble countenance. Blessed art thou for having turned towards the Most Sublime Horizon and believed in God, the Mighty, the Great.

BH09259: We make mention of him who hath desired…

In the Name of the Most Holy, the Most Great

We make mention of him who hath desired the countenance of God and We teach him My straight path which hath appeared in My name among the worlds. He Who possesseth the Preserved Tablet beareth witness to this. This is the Day wherein all things proclaim that there is none other God but Him, the Most High, the Most Great. He Who was promised hath come, and the hidden treasure hath been revealed through His name, the Mighty, the Powerful. O servant! Give thanks unto God for having created thee and sustained thee and made thee aware of this glorious Day, whereby the books of the world have been adorned and whereof God’s messengers of old gave tidings. Every discerning scholar beareth witness to this. Be thou moved by thy Lord’s will and walk amid the darkness of the earth through His name, the Manifest, the Mighty, the Luminous.

BH09511: Say: Glory be to Thee, O Lord of all…

He is the One manifest through the Most Great Name

Say: Glory be to Thee, O Lord of all names and Creator of heaven! I beseech Thee by the Leaf which hath grown from the Tree of Thy knowledge and upon which were inscribed by the Pen of Thy power the mysteries of Thy wisdom, to make me one of those whom the fragrances of this world have not withheld from the sweet-scented perfume of Thy raiment, nor the thorns of names from recognizing the Manifestation of Thy Self and the Source of Thy verses. O Lord! I have turned toward the City of Thy nearness and directed my face unto Thy countenance. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me from the ocean of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy generosity. Thou art He before Whose manifestation of power all creation hath bowed down, and at the descent of Whose verses all beings have humbled themselves. There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Exalted, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

BH09433: Blessed art thou, O Aba Turab, inasmuch as thou…

He is the Caller, Who crieth out from the Horizon of utterance

Blessed art thou, O Aba Turab, inasmuch as thou hast turned unto God, the Lord of lords, whilst every idolatrous doubter hath turned away from Him. We have heard thy cry, have answered thee, and have beheld thine approach. From the Kingdom of utterance We have sent down for thee that which all existence cannot rival.

This is the Day whereon every atom proclaimeth and announceth unto all the meeting with God—the One Who hath sent down the verses.

Take thou the Book of God with might from Our presence, then act in accordance with that which hath been revealed therein; for thy Lord, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Knowing.

Magnify, on My behalf, the faces of My loved ones, and make mention of them in My name, that the utterance of God may draw them unto the most exalted station. Thus hath the Pen of the Divine Will moved within the arena of inner knowledge.

Blessed is he who heareth and saith: “Unto Thee be praise, O Lord of all dominion!”

BH09634: O people of Baha! Hearken unto…

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

O people of Baha! Hearken unto that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in this most exalted Station, and hold fast unto that which ye have been commanded by God, the Lord of the worlds. Let not the affairs of the world sadden you, nor the intimations of those who have disbelieved in God, the Exalted, the Great, hinder you. Leave the world behind you. Verily, the Lord of Eternity maketh mention of you in this noble Station. Blessed is he who hath attained unto My remembrance and cast away all else beside Me. He is indeed of the people of Paradise in this perspicuous Book. Give thanks unto thy Lord, for He hath aided thee to attain unto knowledge, and hath sent down unto thee that which hath diffused the fragrance of the Divine Garment between the heavens and the earth. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH09449: In the mornings I remember Thee, in the evenings…

In His Name, Who prevaileth over all names!

In the mornings I remember Thee, in the evenings I call upon Thee, and throughout the days I praise Thee.

Wouldst Thou, O my God, turn away this thirsty one from the living waters? And wouldst Thou forbid the seeker from the Kawthar of reunion, O Thou in Whose hand is the reins of all creation?

I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and by the mysteries of Thy Cause that Thou purify me with the waters of sanctification, that I may become worthy of Thy remembrance and befitting of Thy praise.

O Lord! Thou seest and hearest my yearning and my turning to Thee, my longing and my desire, my supplication and my imploring. I ask of Thee to ordain for me the reward of those who have attained unto Thy recognition and followed Thy commandments.

Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp is the kingdom of creation and command. Verily Thou art powerful over all things.

BH09347: A remembrance from Us unto him whom We have…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great.

A remembrance from Us unto him whom We have made mention of. We counsel him, in this very hour, to deeds wholly pure, that thereby the rank of man in the realm of being may be exalted. Hold fast unto My Book, then act in accordance with that which thou hast been commanded, from the Kingdom of My wondrous Cause.

What the world and the nations possess shall in no wise avail them. By My life! That which hath flowed from My swift-moving Pen, this it is that shall profit them.

O people! Lay hold on trustworthiness and on true religion. Thus doth He command you Who is possessed of manifest knowledge.

The Truth hath appeared and desireth to uplift all created things, yet the people are among those who slumber. Thy Book hath reached thee, and the Wronged One hath answered thee whilst He was immersed in great sorrow and in exceeding joy.

Glory rest upon the people of Bahá, who have cast away the covenants of the world and held fast unto the Covenant of God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH09834: A remembrance from the Wronged One to him who…

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

A remembrance from the Wronged One to him who desired to drink the choice wine of utterance from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Most Merciful, and to be among the successful ones.

Verily, he who attains success today is, in the sight of God, the Lord of all worlds, among the people of Paradise.

Every appointed time has come to pass and every sign has appeared, and the Promised One has come with manifest sovereignty. Blessed is he who has heard, has turned, and has recognized his Ancient Lord.

Thus have the waves of the ocean of utterance appeared from God, the Powerful, the Mighty. Ponder, O people, that ye may know what God hath sent down in His precious and wondrous Day.

BH09861: Glorified art Thou, O God of the world…

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

Glorified art Thou, O God of the world and Lord of eternity and Sovereign of the nations, Who hast manifested Thyself through Thy Greatest Name! I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thou didst cause the seas to surge and the winds to blow, to open before the faces of Thy servants the gate of Thy knowledge, and then to give them to drink, O my God, from the Kawthar of reunion through the hands of Thy bounty. O Lord! All things have acknowledged Thy grandeur and Thy power, and every tongue Thy sovereignty and Thy transcendent majesty. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of the wonders of Thy grace, nor to withhold from me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily Thou art God; there is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH09923: My heart is consumed, O my God…

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing

My heart is consumed, O my God, with the fire of separation from Thee, and my liver is melted, O my Beloved, through my remoteness from the ocean of Thy good-pleasure. I testify that Thou hast created me to know the Dayspring of Thy signs and the Dawning-Place of Thy Cause. I beseech Thee by Thy bounty and grace to aid me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. O my Lord! Leave me not to myself, for it bids me to that which befitteth not Thy greatness and sovereignty. I call upon Thee, O my God, by Thy name the Powerful, and by Thy name the Preserver, and by Thy name the Helper, that Thou mayest make me safeguarded from the suggestions of them that have turned away and from the darts of the heedless ones. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over all who are in the heavens and on earth.

BH09898: The Wronged One testifies that there is none other…

He is the Most Wondrous, the Most Ancient.

The Wronged One testifies that there is none other God but I, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. They who have believed in God and His signs are indeed among the people of this beloved station.

We turn unto him who hath turned towards the horizon of grace and remember him with such remembrance as will attract the hearts.

O thou who art attracted by My verses and hast turned thy face towards My countenance! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison; verily it will raise thee to an exalted station.

Make mention of My exile and My sorrows and My imprisonment and My tribulations and what hath befallen Me in this forbidden spot.

The glory of God rest upon thee and upon every patient and thankful one.

BH09825: This is a mention sent down by God…

He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance.

This is a mention sent down by God for him who has held fast to the cord of divine knowledge and turned to Him when the servants turned away. We have heard your call and We call out to you from this Spot whereon is established the throne of your Lord, the Master of all necks.

The world hath been honored by the breezes of Revelation, yet the peoples remain in drunkenness and behind a veil. They were awaiting the days of the Manifestation, but when the promise was fulfilled and the Truth appeared, they denied God, the Sovereign of the Kingdom and the Ruler of the Realm of Might. Thus hath the matter been decreed from before God, the Cleaver of the Dawn.

Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to recognize His Cause and for having made thee aware of His Self when hearts were troubled and mountains were moved.

BH09899: The Wronged One beareth witness that He is verily…

He is the Expounder in the Center of the World.

The Wronged One beareth witness that He is verily the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, Who hath appeared from the horizon of the Known and speaketh before the faces of all peoples: “There is none other God besides Him, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.”

O people of Baha! By God the Truth, none was intended by “He” except Myself. Thus hath the matter been decreed in the Book. Whoso halteth in this Cause is assuredly counted among the doubters in the Scriptures and Tablets.

Strive, O people of the world, that there may be sent down from the Supreme Pen that which shall preserve your names, your spirits and your stations in a Book which none hath known save God, the Lord of Lords.

BH09792: O ʿAbdu’l-Husayn! Your name is blessed and beloved…

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing!

O ʿAbdu’l-Husayn! Your name is blessed and beloved, and is mentioned in the Concourse on High. God willing, through the favors of the Best-Beloved of the world, you will make mention of Him with utmost wisdom among the peoples. How excellent is the state of one who is today set ablaze with the fire of the love of God—its effects will assuredly become manifest in the world. The service of the Cause today has been and will continue to be teaching. One must, with the utmost joy and fragrance, invite the lost ones to their true homeland and give glad-tidings of the ocean of certitude to those who waver, that perchance they may become receptive to the effulgences of the Sun of inner meanings in this spiritual dawn. Blessed art thou for having drunk from the Kawthar of divine knowledge from the hands of the bounty of thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

BH09987: This is a Book sent down in truth…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

This is a Book sent down in truth from God, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. Verily it gives glad tidings to mankind of this Most Great Light by which the horizon of the world hath been illumined. Blessed is he who hath turned his heart unto Him, and woe unto the deniers. This is a Day wherein all things cry out, yet most of the people hear not. The atoms have borne witness to the Revealer of verses, and the Tree hath proclaimed that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Loving. Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by all that appeareth from Thee to make me turn toward Thee and speak forth Thy remembrance amongst Thy creatures with wisdom and utterance. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power through Thy will and dominion through Thy sovereignty. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH10053: O dwellers of earth! Hearken unto the call…

He is the One Who gazeth from His most exalted horizon

O dwellers of earth! Hearken unto the call of your Lord, the Lord of all beings. He calleth you from the precincts of His Most Great Prison and remindeth you of the signs of God and His days. Be thankful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast appeared and manifested that which every reckoner and learned one was powerless to comprehend. I beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance and the ocean of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy grace to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy servants who have quaffed the wine of understanding from the hand of Thy bestowals and attained unto the Kawthar of Thy utterance. O my Lord! Thou seest the poor one clinging to the hem of Thy robe—decree for him what Thou hast decreed for Thy chosen ones. Verily Thou art the Generous, the Bountiful.

BH10092: O ʿAli-Askar! Praise be to God…

In the Name of the One Peerless Friend!

O ʿAli-Askar! Praise be to God that in the morn of the Day of Manifestation thou hast been illumined by the rays of the Sun of Truth. Guard thou this mighty bounty even as thy life, and protect it even as thine eye. Thieves appear in every guise—beseech thou God to protect thee and to grant thee the greatest steadfastness. Blessed art thou for having hearkened unto the mighty Command and followed the bidding of thy Lord. Verily, He heareth and seeth, and His is the Last and the First. In all conditions, hold fast to the cord of God's loving-kindness. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Praise be to God, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

BH10111: O Mahmud! That which thou didst submit hath reached…

In the Name of the One Incomparable Lord, the All-Knowing!

O Mahmud! That which thou didst submit hath reached the Most Great Horizon and was heard. We have accepted from thee that which thou didst call upon thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. From thy petition were inhaled the sweet savors of the love of the Beloved of the world. Blessed art thou and blessed is every assured one who hath perceived that which is intended in this manifest Day. God willing, be thou ever occupied with the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory, and the service of His Cause. Soon all shall perish save that which hath appeared in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have soared in the atmosphere of My nearness and held fast to My strong cord.

BH10336: In the evening, O my God, I remember Thee…

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing, the All-Answering

In the evening, O my God, I remember Thee with the hosts of those near unto Thee, and at dawn I call upon Thee, O my Hope, with the melodies of the sincere ones. The gleaming splendors of Thy countenance have so enthralled me that sleep hath fled from mine eyes and tranquility hath departed

from my soul. I beseech Thee, O God of the world and Beloved of the nations, to draw me near in all conditions unto the ocean of Thy grace, and to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will render me pure for Thy sake and steadfast in Thy service. O Lord! Thou art the All-Sufficient, and I am Thy servant who seeketh refuge, who hopeth, who is abject and poor.

BH10154: O my God, my God! Thy grace hath emboldened…

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

O my God, my God! Thy grace hath emboldened me, and Thy justice hath made me fearful. Blessed is the servant with whom Thou dealest with grace, and woe unto him with whom Thou dealest with justice. O my Lord! I am he who hath fled from Thy justice unto Thy grace, and from Thy wrath unto Thy forgiveness. I beseech Thee by Thy power and Thy sovereignty and Thy greatness and Thy favors to illumine the world with the light of Thy knowledge, that in all things may be seen the signs of Thy craftsmanship and the mysteries of Thy power and the lights of Thy recognition. Thou art He Who hath revealed all things and hast shone upon them through Thy bounty. Verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

BH10296: Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name…

He is the Sanctified above all that hath been and shall be!

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name the trees were planted and the fruits appeared and the righteous spoke amidst the wicked, through that which moved the Most Exalted Pen by Thy command, O Thou Who art the Lord of all names! I beseech Thee by Thy sovereignty and Thy power to make me one who hath attained unto Thy good-pleasure, who hath recognized Thy truth, who standeth firm in Thy Cause, who taketh hold of Thy Book and who cleaveth to Thy commandments. Verily Thou art He Whom tribulations cannot frustrate, nor can the oppression of them who have disbelieved in Thy most exalted Word weaken Thee. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

BH10368: The Supreme Pen at all times summons humanity…

In the Name of the One All-Knowing God

The Supreme Pen at all times summons humanity to the Most Glorious Horizon, yet all are observed to be as dead save a few who have drunk from the Living Waters and, in the path of the All-Merciful, have detached themselves from all who dwell on earth. Blessed are they and theirs shall be a goodly return. Strange it is that they have abandoned the Exalted Truth and occupied themselves with fleeting things. Soon shall they find themselves in manifest loss. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the recognition of thy Lord and for this Mighty, Wondrous Book which hath been sent down for thee.

BH10599: The Most Exalted Pen testifieth that there is none…

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing

The Most Exalted Pen testifieth that there is none other God but Him. His are the sovereignty and dominion, the grandeur and the power. He taketh and giveth. Within His grasp lieth the kingdom of all things. He, verily, is the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath turned unto Him at a time when every learned one hath turned away from God. Thus doth God make mention of whomsoever He willeth among His handmaidens. He, verily, is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

BH01017: The essence of praise and its pure reality befit…

In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious Lord!

The essence of praise and its pure reality befit the sacred realm of nearness to the Beloved, Who created all that is visible and hidden through a single Word, Who gathered all created things through pure justice in a single plane through a single Word, and then through that same Word made manifest the greatest differentiation. The sanctified souls, through the sweetness of the divine call, turned to the most exalted horizon, drank from the Kawthar of eternity, and were numbered among the companions of the right hand, while the souls of the ungodly turned away and were named the companions of the left hand and of Sijjin. He is the Sovereign of existence and the Possessor of the unseen and the seen.

How excellent is the state of the soul that hath today become aware and turned toward the ocean of knowledge. His is the generosity and grace, and His the grandeur and justice. He giveth and taketh. He, verily, is the Single One, to Whose singleness all created things have testified, and the One, to Whose oneness all contingent beings have confessed. From His Pen have flowed the Salsabil of life and the Kawthar of knowledge, through which the seekers have turned to the ultimate goal and those near unto God to the highest summit, and the inhabitants of the graves have arisen in the kingdom of creation. Exalted, exalted is He Who hath appeared with the truth and manifested what He desired through His sovereignty that hath encompassed all who are in existence, both unseen and seen. He, verily, is the One manifest through His name, the All-Loving, and the One speaking from His praiseworthy station.

I offer prayers and peace, glory and praise unto those servants who have arisen to aid His Cause, exalt His Word, and make manifest His grace amongst His creatures. These are His sincere servants, His unified servants, His near ones. God hath described them in His Books, His Psalms and His Scriptures, and the tongues of His Messengers and Emissaries have spoken their praise. These are servants whom no blame from any blamer, nor the gloating of any misbeliever, nor the turning away of any opposer, nor the denial of any denier holdeth back from that which their Creator hath commanded them, nor do the forces of the earth weaken them from what they desire in the path of God, their Fashioner and Creator. These are servants who speak not except by His leave, who move not except by His command, whom the affairs of men sadden not, and whom the clamor of those who have disbelieved in the Lord of destiny frighteneth not.

This servant beseecheth his Lord to gather him beneath their shadow and within their pavilions of glory, and to strengthen His loved ones in that wherein He hath strengthened them. Verily, He is the Almighty Who doeth as He pleaseth in His dominion and ordaineth through His sovereignty what He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Single One, the All-Informed.

Following this, it is submitted to your honor that in previous years, in correspondence with one of the divine friends, this servant, as commanded, submitted that for each of the names that Jinab-i-Nasr had sent, a special Tablet would be revealed from the heaven of grace and would be dispatched. And according to that list which your honor had sent, wondrous and sublime Tablets were revealed, but there was no one available to carry them. For nearly two years this matter remained in abeyance. Now Jinab-i-Mulla Muhammad-ʿAli has insisted that he will carry them, therefore they were sent so that they may be delivered to the mentioned souls. However, since much time has passed, whoever is present will be blessed with divine grace, and if anyone has ascended, their Tablet serves as a perpetual remembrance for them in both the earthly and heavenly kingdoms. God willing, your honor will deliver them with the utmost joy and delight and be thankful to the True Beloved, for your honor's request was accepted and found favor at the divine threshold. Blessed are you and joy be unto you.

Now consider the bounty and grace of God—if all the world were to sacrifice their wealth, spirits, and bodies, it would surely seem as nothing compared to this supreme bounty. God willing, these blessed Tablets will become the cause and means of enkindling the residing souls and will bestow upon all a portion from the ocean of inner meanings.

O my beloved! If the people of the world were to reflect even briefly upon this Most Great Revelation, all would find themselves free and liberated. All strife, conflict, differences, upheaval and estrangement have been forbidden in this blessed Revelation. All have been commanded to associate with the people of the world in a spirit of fragrance and joy. Time and again this blessed word was heard from the Tongue of Grandeur, saying that God, exalted be His glory, has appeared for the reformation of the world and has willed to cast the word of unity into the hearts of all nations. Blessed is he who has heard and attained, and woe unto the heedless and the deniers.

Another submission: Convey greetings and praise to the friends on behalf of this evanescent servant and tell them to appreciate the value of this day. I swear by the Ancient Beauty that the like of this day has never been witnessed. Strive that the conditions and colors of this world may not make you heedless of the Lord of earth and heaven. These lives are observed to be most fleeting; through the grace of the Beloved of all creation, you must attain a station which neither decline can seize nor change can approach. Today, whatever any soul desires, it can possess, for the gate of mercy is open and the ocean of generosity is surging. Were this servant permitted, he would reveal a hint of this station and a drop from this ocean, that all might soar on wings of joy in the atmosphere of love for the Lord of the Day of Resurrection, and find themselves free from the darkness of this earthly world.

O my masters and friends of God! Listen to the submissions of this evanescent one with the ears of both head and heart, for he speaks for God's sake, and his witness has been and will be God Himself. God willing, may He assist and enable this servant and all friends to that which is pleasing to Him. Verily, He is the Answerer of the prayers of the supplicants and the Ultimate Goal of those who seek Him, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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BH00054: In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy…

Section 1: "In the Name of our Lord, the Most…"

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Manifest, the Most High, the Most Glorious

Praise be to God Who hath revealed the Face after the passing away of all things, and hath stirred the Kingdom of Names through the movement of His Most Exalted Pen, and hath spoken that whereby the essence of evanescence hath been invested with the robe of everlasting existence. Glorified be He Whom the hearts of the possessors of understanding cannot comprehend, nor can that which ascendeth from the realm of creation reach unto Him. He it is Who hath quickened the bones through the breezes of His Most Sublime Word, whereby was raised the pavilion of 'He doeth whatsoever He willeth.' Verily, He is the Lord of the throne and of the earth, the Sovereign of the Hereafter and of the former times.

Blessed is the one who hath hearkened unto His sweetest call, and blessed the strong one whom the veils of names have not weakened. Exalted is our Lord above the mention of every mentioner and the description of every describer. All things have testified to His loftiness and power, His sublimity and grandeur. The comprehension of the mystics cannot grasp Him, nor can the knowledge of the learned know Him. He hath created all things by His command and sovereignty, and hath ordained for every matter an appointed time in His Book. Verily, He is the Single One, the One, the Self-Subsisting, before Whom all necks have bowed in humility. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Bestower.

I pray, glorify, magnify and offer salutations upon those whom the wine of mystic knowledge hath intoxicated in the days of the All-Merciful, in such wise that they have spoken with wisdom and utterance amongst the concourse of creation. These are servants whom heedlessness hath not overtaken and whose necks have not bent with drowsiness. They have arisen to serve the Lord of mankind in such manner as hath bewildered the minds of the wise and the hearts of the eloquent. The servant beseecheth his Lord through the tongues of all created things that He may gather him beneath their shadow and grant him a station in their proximity. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, from Whose knowledge nothing escapeth, and from Whose will nothing in creation, past or future, can hinder Him. He, verily, is the Single, the Most High, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

My spirit be a sacrifice for your mention. Your letter hath reached me and caused me to hear the warbling of the bird of divine knowledge, and guided me to the pathway of my Sovereign and your Sovereign and the Sovereign of all in creation. By the life of the Beloved! Such longing hath seized me as cannot be contained in pages. To this doth testify the Lord of the Covenant, through Whom the horizons have been illumined. Then did the magnet of Glory attract me and bring me into the precincts of holiness, nearness and beauty. When I appeared before the Face, I presented what was in the letter concerning your submissiveness, humility and supplication unto God, the Lord of the beginning and the end. When this was completed, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in reply, saying—and His sweetest utterance is this:

O Jamal! Were one to observe carefully, We have concealed and dispatched volumes of utterance in but a single word. Now consider how many verses have been revealed and sent in your name. Reflect, that thou mayest recognize God's grace and bounty, God's mercy and generosity. Every fair-minded one hath testified and doth testify to the greatness of the ocean of divine grace, and in all conditions the glance of favor and the eye of loving-kindness have been directed and turned toward you. Be assured of what thy Lord, the All-Knowing, imparteth unto thee. Today you must be focused on matters that cause the exaltation of God's Cause. Naught is seen today save the sovereignty and authority of God. Verily, We have sent unto thee the Sealed Wine, the Water of Life, and the Salsabil of divine knowledge. To this thy Lord, the All-Merciful, doth testify from this glorious horizon.

You wrote that you had met with S from the people of S and intended to invite him again. It is known that His Holiness has always dealt with the servants of God with the utmost kindness, love and compassion. God willing, may the breezes of these days take hold of that person and enable him to achieve supreme steadfastness and service to the twin Luminous Lights. This matter was presented at the Most Holy Court and was accepted. He said:

> "Let him associate with the servants with spirit and fragrance and guide them to the path of God, the Powerful, the Most High, the Great."

Regarding what you wrote about turning toward the land of S, He said these days it is not advisable, for "the wolf howls and the frog croaks. Be patient until the fragrance of acceptance and assurance wafts from there."

Now that three hours have passed on Sunday the 27th of Dhi'l-Qa'dah, this evanescent servant has been blessed with another letter from His Holiness, and the breezes of His favors have taken hold of and surrounded this servant. I beseech and hope from God, exalted be His glory, that He may ever keep that Beloved one warbling, explaining and speaking in the gardens of utterance. In all cases this servant is ashamed and abashed before the divine friends and hopes for forgiveness.

You had written appointing this servant as your representative for visiting the Ancient Beauty at the appointed time. When I attained the Most Holy Court and was honored with circumambulation and visitation on your behalf, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke saying:

> "O My Name ʿBeauty'! The servant in attendance has visited on your behalf and We have accepted it as a favor from Us that you may rejoice and be thankful."

Then on your behalf I also attained the blessing of visiting the Branches of God and those who circle round.

You wrote that on behalf of this evanescent servant along with the divine friends Aqa Muhammad-Taqi and Aqa Shir-ʿAli, upon them be the Glory of God, you attained the visitation of the Most Great Holy Leaf, His sister—may my spirit and the spirits of all the worlds be a sacrifice for her holy resting place. This was the perfection of kindness regarding this evanescent one. Mention of the two souls who were honored to serve His Holiness was made at the Most Holy Court. The Sun of favor has dawned in relation to each one. God willing, may they attain supreme steadfastness and remain protected from the fetid winds of the

souls of the ungodly. O beloved of my heart, observe what a day this is, while people are content with falsehood in their discourse and have turned away from the Lord of Causes and Sovereign of nations. Such is the station of imaginary temples. Fie upon them and their fidelity! They have broken God's Covenant and His pact and have disputed His verses after their revelation. I testify that they are among the most lost in the Clear Book.

Regarding what you wrote about the holy tomb and its state of disrepair, this was presented and He said:

> "This is God's way with His loved ones from before. Blessed is he who repairs and raises it. However, wisdom must be observed in all conditions. O Beauty, wisdom appears like the morning star from the horizon of the divine Book's heaven. Its observance is necessary and obligatory for all."

You testified with all your limbs and members that all glory, bounty, rest and joy lie in His shadow and in His love, and praise be to God that I have attained to both. After presenting this passage, He said: "He hath spoken the truth," and God willing these words shall ever flow from his pen and tongue in such wise that no trace of vexation or sorrow shall follow. O Beauty! Rejoice in My remembrance of thee and My favors unto thee. Let nothing sadden thee in God, the Lord of the worlds.

Concerning the funds you wrote about, stating that you had delivered them as instructed to the specified individuals and had sent the receipts—the receipts arrived, and this servant praises the Beloved of the world for having aided you to serve the Cause. Verily, He is the Helper of those who act.

Regarding what you wrote about H.S. (upon him be the Glory of God)—in truth this servant has been remiss in serving him, but it was due to Mulla Muhammad-ʿAli, as I thought he would return and I would send the reply to his letter with him. In any case, this matter was delayed until these days when the aforementioned one decided to depart, and this servant wrote a detailed letter to him and likewise several separate Tablets were prepared that should reach him. God willing they will arrive. If you meet him, express on behalf of this non-existent one, this absolute void, mention of evanescence and nothingness.

Regarding what you wrote about the friends in the land of Kh., stating that you had sent a copy of the Blessed Tablet and that you constantly make mention of divine favors concerning them—this matter is most pleasing. In these days two petitions arrived from them, and the reply to one was bestowed and sent, and other petitions have also arrived. God willing, may they ever be blessed with the grace of the All-Merciful. Once the Ancient Tongue spoke these blessed words:

> "O servant in attendance! Write to His Beauty that in all conditions thou shouldst gaze toward the horizon of unity in such wise that differences move thee not. Unity is the greatest foundation for the edifices of the City of Knowledge. Look not at the people and their deeds and what they speak and utter. Behold what hath shone forth from the horizon of thy Lord's utterance and take hold of it through My Name, the Strong, the Self-Subsisting. If abasement befall thee in this path, it is the very essence of glory. Be wholly for God, then rejoice in His bounty unto thee and be of the thankful ones. And if someone behaves contrary to divine laws and ordinances, remind him with utmost love in such manner that it causes him no

embarrassment. If he accepts, he hath attained unto counsel, and if not, then ask God to guide him to His straight path."

When this utterance was heard from the Dawning-Place of the All-Merciful's revelation, in truth the attraction of divine favor so seized this servant that the pen confesses its inability to describe it. God willing may all servants attain unto the sweetness of the All-Merciful's utterance. By the life of the Intended One! Should they attain unto the sweetness of but one word, they would not exchange the Sun of Truth for all that exists in creation and all that is mentioned therein, and all would proceed toward the ultimate goal.

Regarding what you wrote about the sanctuary of the Name of God—upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory of God—it was submitted and He said: "Yes, what was done was for God." From time to time, with wisdom, inquire about their circumstances. These matters are most beloved, provided they are carried out with wisdom, for if the hosts of the Wolf and the parties of the serpent, and some from within and without become aware, it will not be free from harm. Take wisdom as a command from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing.

Regarding what you wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Muhammad-Rida and Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Abu-Talib—upon them be the Glory of God—two Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablets were revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will and sent with Ibn-i-Asdaq—upon him be the Glory of God. After this detail was submitted before the Throne, He said: The gaze of favor is upon them. God willing, they must arise to serve the Cause with such enthusiasm that its effect shall remain permanent and enduring. Convey My glory, O Jamal, to them both on My behalf, and remind them of My remembrance, My favor, My grace, and My mercy which have encompassed both the sovereign and the subject. Verily We have remembered them and turned toward them from this Forbidden Place, and We counsel them to show forth the greatest steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of all beings, in such wise that neither the knowledge of the knowers, nor the wisdom of the wise, nor the learning of the learned, nor the hosts and multitudes shall prevent them.

God willing, may they guide mankind and summon the people to the truth. May they protect weak hearts and minds from the doubts and imaginings of the deluded ones, through the Name of God. Verily, We send Our glory from this Station and convey Our greetings upon them and upon those who have turned with illumined hearts therein unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Loving.

Another submission is that His Honor Aqa Mirza Haydar-ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God, wrote a letter to this servant requesting some wondrous and exalted Tablets for certain people of Dawlatabad and those regions. After presenting this to the Most Holy Court, that very night blessed Tablets descended from the heaven of the Lord's Will. Some were written by the Greater Branch—may my spirit, my being, and my essence be sacrificed for the dust of His most pure footsteps—and some were written by this servant as commanded, since in this year when the Branch of God would sometimes honor different regions with His presence, this servant would copy some Tablets from the revealed text and send them as commanded.

In any case, the Tablets for the aforementioned Mirza will be sent either this time or next. However, He stated that all people have not known and do not know the value of the divine Tablet and are incapable of comprehending its outer meaning, let alone its inner meaning. And verses, proofs and Tablets have been revealed, made manifest and sent to such a degree that counting them would be most difficult. Now some Arabic and Persian Tablets that transcend suppositions and imaginings should be collected. Among them, the servant in attendance's letters that are adorned with the ornament of the All-Merciful's utterance are very useful, as divine verses and utterances of every kind have been revealed in them. These should be collected and given, as circumstances warrant, to several souls who possess the power of utterance and are adorned with pleasing character and lofty attributes, that they may turn to different regions, perchance to guide people to the supreme horizon and give them to drink of the water of immortality.

Today teachers are needed and expounders are necessary. Every soul should have the verses of the All-Merciful before his eyes in every station and convey them in their proper place. Thus doth the Truth teach you and I am the All-Knowing.

Regarding what you wrote about the ascension of Fathu'llah, utterances were revealed and made manifest from the heaven of grace. And since his brother had been waiting a long time and had sent several letters to this evanescent servant with no opportunity for reply, therefore this time a letter was written to him mentioning the elevated one. Blessed is he and blessed is he who attains to the mention of God in His days.

Furthermore, in these days a letter arrived from Hadba and among it was seen the petition that Manakji Sahib had submitted to the Most Holy Court. This letter had remained en route and in Hadba for some time. After presenting it to the Most Holy Court, He commanded to write to Jamal to mention to them:

Section 2: "The letter of that friend arrived. We beseech…"

The letter of that friend arrived. We beseech the Lord of the world to gladden and refresh him with the remembrance of the Friend and to bestow upon him from His bounties that which is befitting. His mention has been in the gathering of friends and with the help of the Peerless Friend it shall continue to be. Convey Our greetings and salutations.

O beloved of my heart! At most times this servant hears the lamentation of his own heart, for he observes that the lights of the Sun of Truth have encompassed the world, and yet the people remain heedless and veiled. What do the people of the Furqan possess, and what have the people of the Bayan, and to what do other peoples cling, and by what proof do they hold fast? All that hath come to pass in the world, both general and specific, hath been explicitly revealed in the divine Books in but a few years, one after another, as that being and every fair-minded soul would testify. The Surih of Ra'is by itself, and the Tablet of the Temple, and other Tablets are extant and available.

Blessed is he who, being endowed with insight, acknowledgeth what he hath heard and seen. After mention was made of the sovereign of Paris and the chief of that great city, some were bewildered, and even certain of the loved ones would say to this servant how it could be that the emperor of the world

would be abased and find himself humiliated and defeated, when all the kings moved and acted by his command and will. Apart from these things, behold the other afflictions that have overtaken the world. Nevertheless, the people of the Bayan, through mere fabrications, have deprived themselves of the ocean of fairness and knowledge. By the life of God! They are indeed in manifest loss.

You have undoubtedly heard the details of what transpired in Adrianople, when Siyyid Muhammad, being confident that the Ancient Beauty would not confront one such as Yahya, told Mir Muhammad—who was one of the simple-minded followers—and likewise to some of the Persians of that land, that on the morrow so-and-so would come forth. If they spoke the truth, let them also come forth and meet at the Sultan Selim Mosque, that truth might be distinguished from falsehood. The next day, Mir Muhammad—upon him be the glory of God—came and conveyed this message to the Most Holy Court. At that moment, the Ancient Beauty arose and went forth from the gate of the private quarters, revealing divine verses in the most exalted voice as He proceeded, until He arrived at the mosque. Some Persians were present, listening in utter amazement, with tears streaming down their faces. He told Mir Muhammad: "Go and tell them to appear." After some time he returned and reported that the Chief of Liars had asked to be excused. The Ancient Beauty granted a further two days' respite. This incident occurred in the presence of seventy believers and others.

Nevertheless, after arrival in the Most Great Prison, one day a well-known person came into the presence of the Most Great Branch—may my spirit, my being, and my essence be sacrificed for the dust of His most mighty footsteps—and reported that Siyyid Muhammad and Aqa Jan were claiming that in Adrianople it had been arranged for the Ancient Beauty to meet with him in one assembly for discourse, but while Mirza Yahya came, the Ancient Beauty did not appear, and this became evident to all the divines, notables and the governor. The Branch of God presented this before the Divine Throne, saying: "Such astonishment seized me that I was rendered incapable of response." Now observe how they have recounted and distorted such a clear and evident matter. They have attributed to themselves all the characteristics of the Ancient Beauty, and ascribed their own misdeeds to the Manifestation of sanctity and holiness. Throughout the years of their stay in Adrianople, they were occupied day and night with such activities. Thus whatever was manifested from the Greater Branch in His childhood, Siyyid Muhammad-i-Isfahani would attribute to Ahmad, son of Yahya, and mention it in his name. The curse of God be upon the liars and the slanderers!

In the beginning when the Ancient Beauty disassociated from him, the matter concerned that faithless one's violation of the sanctity of the Primal Point's—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him—household. After some time, when this proved unacceptable to the heedless ones, he gave it to another vile person. By God, besides Whom there is no other God, this servant is ashamed of his deeds and actions. And you yourself know that no one besides this servant is aware, as I was with him. God suffices as witness to what I say. He committed acts that neither tongue can utter nor pen can record. You have surely heard some of them. He imagines he is following the laws of the Primal Point. Ask him by what religious decree he has taken these multiple wives in various cities. It behooveth us to cease mention of such as these and to speak of that which befitteth the days of God, the Lord of all worlds.

The One God is witness that this servant never intended and does not intend to make such mentions, and for several years his mention was completely set aside. However, in these days, as he has become occupied with various calumnies, therefore these few matters, which in truth are but a drop from the ocean of his deeds, were submitted for God's sake so that the friends of God might be informed. You who are aware of much, God willing, should ensure all the friends become informed lest they be deprived of the lights of the Sun of Revelation due to the darkness of false souls. Although powerful souls who have drunk from the Most Great Ocean see the world as non-existent, how much more so these thorns and thistles of the sea and lumps of clay of the land. He has said the guardians of the Divine City must be vigilant and aware. Thus did the Tongue of Grandeur speak aforetime—verily He is the All-Informing, the All-Knowing:

And as to what thou didst write concerning Mulla ʿAli-Jan—upon him be the glory of Baha'u'llah—the letter which he had addressed to this servant was laid before the Most Holy Presence, whereupon verses of God were revealed. These this servant recorded in his reply and dispatched, that the aforesaid might be caused to receive them.

And as to what thou didst write concerning Aqa Siyyid Muhammad, this is what hath been revealed for him:

He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

We make mention of him who desireth to draw nigh unto a Station wherein the Call hath been raised that there is none other God but Him, the One, the Single, the All-Informed—so that the summons of the All-Merciful may draw him unto the horizon of recognition, and acquaint him with this proof which hath shone forth, even as the sun, from the horizon of the heaven of the will of his Lord, the All-Knowing. By My life! wert thou to hearken unto My call, it would draw thee unto a station which no tongue can describe, and before which every swift writer and every discerning mind must confess its powerlessness. Let not the doings of men affright thee, nor suffer them to withhold thee from God, the Lord of the worlds. Cast away what thou possessest, and take hold of that which is with God. Thus doth the Wronged One command thee from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

Then know thou that Satan crieth out in the Name of the All-Merciful. Shun him, and be thou far removed. Verily he whispereth in the breasts of men; he is indeed that Khannas who hath hindered the people from the path of God, the Most High, the Most Great. Blessed is the discerning one whom the veil hath not kept back; blessed the steadfast one whose people have not caused him to slip from this way; and blessed the strong one whom the hosts of the heedless have not enfeebled. There shall come unto you a book, and it is assuredly the Book of the Sijjin, preserved in a guarded Tablet.

Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name whereby Thou didst protect Thine Prophets and Thy chosen ones, and didst make known unto them Thy path, to preserve me from the guile of those who have disbelieved in Thee and in Thy signs. Thou art, verily, the Potent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Strong, the Almighty.

And concerning Aqa Siyyid Aqa Buzurg, this blessed Tablet hath been revealed:

He is the Dayspring shining forth from the horizon of utterance.

God willing, thou shalt receive thy share of the fragrant breaths of the Days of God, and shalt partake of the ocean of the mercy of the All-Merciful. This is the Day which hath been mentioned and recorded in all the Books and Scriptures and Tablets of God, time without beginning and time without end—before and before before, and after and after after. This is the Day of beholding, for the Dayspring of Divine Revelation and the Dawning-Place of the Lordly Cause proclaimeth: "Look thou, that thou mayest see Me." And this is the Day of hearing, for from every direction the cry of Him Who revealeth the verses is raised on high. The Mother-Book hath been sent down, and men are busy with idle play; the Revealer of the verses hath appeared, and the servants are occupied with vain diversion. Lift up thy head and gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon, that thou mayest behold the splendours of the Sun of Truth. Strive that this perishing world may not keep thee from the everlasting station.

Speech is compounded of words; yet this sanctified utterance is above words, for it hath issued from the source of innate and Divine knowledge. Ponder, that thou mayest discover what hath remained concealed from thee. By My life! This is the Day, not of mere reflection, but of endeavour. Men are heedless: they have forsaken the Most Great Ocean and have turned unto a mirage; they have taken darkness for light, and have accounted the ignorant learned. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, that thou mayest be numbered among the blessed, and be inscribed in the Book of God. Say: O my God! I beseech Thee that Thou suffer me not to be withheld from the ocean of Thy recognition, the sun of Thy providence, and the heaven of Thy bounty. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And concerning Aqa Siyyid Aqa-Jan, this Most Holy Tablet was revealed:

He is the Mighty, the All-Praised!

This is a remembrance unto him who hath turned toward the ocean of My utterance and desired to drink therefrom in My Name, the Forgiving, the Generous. O servant! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He remembereth thee from the precincts of His Most Great Prison and summoneth thee unto God, the Mighty, the Wise. Abandon the world and all that is therein, and hold fast unto the cord of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the Compassionate.

Beware lest thou be saddened by the intimations of those who have disbelieved in God, disputed His signs, turned away from His sovereignty, and clung to the images and idols they possess. Their divines have withheld them from the Known One Who hath come in His name, the Self-Subsisting, with an authority before which every discerning one hath bowed down. They have turned away from certitude by following vain imaginings. Thus doth the Book Gracious recount unto thee. Say:

Glorified art Thou, O God of existence! I testify that Thou hast manifested the Manifestation of Thyself, the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation, and the Dayspring of Thy signs, and through Him Thou hast guided Thy servants to the ocean of Thy knowledge. Among them are those who turned away, those who turned toward Thee, and those who pronounced sentence to shed the blood of Thy chosen ones and loved ones. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast illumined hearts with the lights of Thy knowledge, to ordain from Thy Most Exalted Pen for the people of Baha that which shall sanctify them

from all else but Thee, draw them nigh unto Thee, and strengthen them in such wise that they may behold Thy signs as they are in themselves, not as they desire to see them. O Lord! I am the poor one who hath turned toward the horizon of Thy riches. I beseech Thee to assist me in that which beseemeth Thy days. Then ordain for me the good of this world and the world to come. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all beings and the Sovereign of both the beginning and the end. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise.

And concerning the people of Bahnimir and one of the handmaidens of God who was mentioned in his letter, these wondrous and sublime verses were revealed:

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

Glorified be He Who hath appeared with the truth and manifested what He desired through His command "Be, and it is!" He is, verily, the One through Whom the Balance was revealed and the Tongue spoke. There is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. He hath arisen in His name, the Self-Subsisting, among the servants and hath spoken that which caused agitation among the dwellers of the cities of names, save whom God, the Lord of existence, hath willed. O people of Bahnimir! The All-Informed calleth you and mentioneth you in connection with how the breath of the All-Merciful hath wafted over all possibility, and praiseth those who have sacrificed their souls in the path of God, the Lord of the unseen and the seen.

Blessed is the blood that was shed in the path of God and blessed is the body that bore hardships in His love. Thus hath the Tongue of Revelation mentioned those servants who hastened to the field of sacrifice in such wise as to astonish all hearts. We magnify every living one who hath turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and pray for every martyr who hath laid down his life in His manifest and evident path. We make mention of Our maidservant who hath attained unto My days and turned unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Rejoice thou in My mention of thee. We have made mention of thee out of Our grace, and of Our loved ones in that place. Blessed art thou and they, and those who have attained unto the recognition of God, the Mighty, the Loving.

As for the names mentioned in your letters, whether of the living or the dead, divine Tablets have been revealed specifically for each one. Verily, mention is an adornment for the servants in their lives and an ocean of forgiveness after their death. According to instructions, this servant wrote and sent the revealed Tablets, as the Most Great Branch was not present. It would be preferable if a clear copy were written and sent with the Tablets, as some may not be able to read them properly.

Furthermore, your latest letter dated the 18th of Ramadan arrived. It dispelled sorrow, destroyed grief, eliminated sadness, and what it conveyed is clear and evident, requiring no elaboration. After it was presented before the Most Holy Presence, He said:

> "O Jamal, thou didst make a covenant that henceforth naught but words of contentment and signs of joy and gladness would reach the Most Holy Court from thee. God willing, through the favors of the Beloved of the world, thou wilt remain faithful to this covenant. Although the Supreme Pen hath testified concerning thee that thou hast been faithful to God's Covenant and hast arisen to serve His Cause, yet this first matter hath been mentioned in several letters

> thou hast sent to this servant in attendance. God willing, it must be fulfilled. Drink, in My Name, from the ocean of My joy and gladness and say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds."

Section 3: "O Jamal! We have heard thy call…"

O Jamal! We have heard thy call in thy latest letter which thou didst send to Our servant, and We have answered thee in the morning and in the evening and at noontide, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Bountiful. And concerning what thou didst mention in thy Persian supplication:

> "O God! Thou Thyself art witness that whenever I hear Thy lamentations in the Tablets bewailing the differences among Thy servants, I am so overwhelmed that I am nearly driven to flee to the mountains, beating my head, and to hide my face in shame, never to show it again"

- and this continues until where thou sayest that from the verses of a Tablet revealed to one of the loved ones, thou hadst understood that complaints about thee had been made at the Most Holy Court. This servant declareth that no such matter hath ever been mentioned in the revealed Tablets. God Himself is witness that thou hast been regarded with favor and hast been the object of grace.

And after this matter was presented at the Most Holy Court, He stated: "Much favor hath been shown to thee. Know thou the value of thy Lord's grace and be of the thankful ones. Were this the time of the Herald's Manifestation, many villages would have been bestowed upon thee. Know thou this much: that one who hath been blessed by God's grace and whom He hath named with the Name of God—that is, who hath been honored with the address"O My Name"—verily if such a one should, for the sake of God and His Cause and the exaltation of His Word, humble himself before the lowliest soul, no harm shall come to him; nay rather, it shall cause his glory and exaltation. Thus doth thy Lord remind thee. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Enter thou the vast expanse of hope and step into the arena of detachment. Verily, He will not suffer to be lost the reward of thine actions and what thou hast wrought in His path. He hath, indeed, exalted thee through His grace, and He is the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

Regarding what thou didst write about the Mashriqu'l-Adhkar and the Blessed Spot, it was submitted, and He said:

> "The matter of the Mashriqu'l-Adhkar hath been revealed in the Most Holy Book, but today all matters are contingent upon wisdom. In any land where it is deemed advisable and not contrary to wisdom, there is no objection. This is what God ordained aforetime and at this moment. Today, the observation of wisdom is necessary and obligatory for everyone."

And concerning thy request for forgiveness for thy relatives, this is what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken:

> "O Jamal! We have forgiven them and absolved them of their misdeeds, and illumined them with the light of Our countenance in the Supreme Horizon, that thou mayest thank thy Lord,

the Lord of all beings, Who hath answered thee in that which thou didst beseech Him and hath given thee to drink from the ocean of reunion. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous."

The souls mentioned have all attained unto divine mercy and been adorned with the robe of forgiveness. Blessed is every servant and maidservant who hath been remembered by God after their ascension unto Him.

Concerning what thou didst write about Haji Sadiq from the people of Kha, it was presented at the Most Holy Court, and He said: "We send Our greetings to him and command him to observe what hath been revealed in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed is he for having recognized and attained unto this Cause, whereby the mountains have trembled and all who are in earth and heaven were thunderstruck, save whom God willed, the Strong, the Mighty.

Say: O Sadiq! Be steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord. Verily, this Cause is mighty, mighty indeed. And when a cawing one cometh unto you with a book, know ye that it is assuredly the book of the wicked ones, recorded in a clear tablet. O people of freedom! Hold fast unto the cord of God and cast behind you every suspicious clamourer." O My loved ones of the letter Kha! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He maketh mention of you from this exalted Station and counseleth you concerning the Book of God which hath been sent down from the heaven of the will of your All-Knowing, All-Informed Lord. Take ye hold of the Book of Certitude and cast behind you the vain imaginings of those who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O Jamal! We have made mention of those from among the people of Kha whose names were recorded in thy book. Give them the glad-tidings of this great bounty. God willing, all must arise with supreme steadfastness to promote the Cause of the Lord of Names and remain so firm in the Cause that all the peoples of the world shall be powerless to hinder them. Say: Beware lest the buzzing of the fly debar you from God, the Lord of all men. The evil ones of the earth seek to lead the servants astray in the name of truth. Guard yourselves through the name of your Lord, the Strong, the Mighty.

At all times fix your gaze upon the horizon of the All-Merciful and drink from the living waters of inner meanings and utterance which flow from the Fountainhead of words. Blessed is the servant who hath attained unto this Day and hath quaffed the choice wine of steadfastness from the hand of the bounty of his Gracious Lord. The souls who have accepted the Faith must be vigilant and remain seated upon the throne of steadfastness. Observe what the All-Merciful hath revealed aforetime in the Qur'an: "The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds." "Nay! Truly the record of the wicked is in Sijjin. And what shall teach thee what Sijjin is? It is a written record.

Woe on that day unto those who deny!" Consider and reflect that ye may drink from the ocean of meanings that lie hidden within this blessed verse and attain unto such a station wherein the books of the world shall not prevent you from the Mother Book, and the whisperings of the Evil One shall not keep you back from the Lord of mankind. How many are the evil ones who, through displays of piety and devotion, have led the servants astray and debarred them from the Lord of the Beginning and the End. Thus have We adorned the sea of knowledge with the ship of utterance. Blessed is every steadfast hearer.

This most holy, most exalted, most sanctified Tablet was revealed specifically for the people of Turbat and Furugh and their surroundings, whose names were recorded in your book, and likewise specifically for the people of Kha who have believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. God willing, may all attain unto it and act according to it.

Concerning what you wrote about the Huqúqu'llah, He hath commanded that its payment is binding upon all. And regarding what you wrote that Haji Sadiq, upon him be the Glory of God, submitted the Huqúqu'llah from the properties themselves—in these days they wrote asking what should be done, whether to sell or to send the yearly proceeds—this matter was presented, and this is what was revealed in response:

> "We have given permission to the aforementioned Haji to act according to whichever he chooseth. The purpose is that the deed be accomplished with joy and fragrance. Verily, He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He shall not be asked of His doings and He is the Mighty, the Powerful."

Concerning what you wrote mentioning Aqa Siyyid Muhammad and Aqa Muhammad-Quli, this was presented before the Most Holy Court. He said: God willing, may they be blessed with divine favors and be directed toward the horizon of their goal. Their purpose is known and evident, but the strangers have come between us and the faithful ones. Although patience in separation from the Beloved is most bitter, yet since it is by His command it is most dear. The Primal Point hath said that the whole world exists that men might attain unto the word of resignation from His presence. Now the Supreme Pen declareth:

O Muhammad! O thou who gazest toward My horizon! Be patient in thy separation from thy Lord and say: O my Lord! Ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for them that have turned unto Thee and have attained unto Thy presence. Verily, Thou art the Gracious, the Bountiful.

O Muhammad-Quli! Hearken unto My call and be of them that are thankful. Say: O my Lord! I have longed for the Kawthar of Thy presence and the ocean of Thy reunion. I beseech Thee by Thy grace not to disappoint me, and to ordain for me that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

As to what thou didst write concerning his honor Aqa Mirza Kazim, son of the martyr, upon him be the Glory of God, he and his family have been the recipients of Our favor, and this servant had previously sent a letter in response to his missive, adorned and embellished with divine verses. God's favors toward him have shone forth like the manifest sun. God willing, may he be occupied at all times with the mention and praise of the Beloved of all horizons. We have assuredly made mention of him before, and before that, and We mention him now with fragrant joy that he may give thanks to his Lord, the All-Merciful, Who hath come with manifest sovereignty. Mention of him hath repeatedly flowed from the Supreme Pen. Give him the glad-tidings of this bounty and make mention of him with this wondrous remembrance. God willing, may he ever remain the recipient of this favor.

Another entreaty is that if you meet with Jinab-i-Ismu'llah-i-Jud, upon him be all the Glory of the All-Glorious, mention on behalf of this evanescent one the mention of extinction and nothingness, and say:

> "O my Beloved! A mighty day and a mighty Cause have come. Can any eye be found in the world that, detached from all veils and clouds and from all conjectures and idle fancies and from all that hath been heard, can behold the signs of God in themselves, or any ear that can hearken unto the Call purely for the sake of God?"

The servants are small and the Cause is great, and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Omnipotent, the Almighty.

What hath befallen these heedless people that they remain veiled and, through the buzzing of flies, are deprived of the Lord of all return? It behooveth every soul to regard the divine Cause as it is in itself, not as they desire it to be. In truth, the greatest terror hath encompassed mankind. Apart from all else, observe the people of the Bayan, what vain imaginings they have clung to, after what the Primal Point hath spoken concerning this Most Great, Most Exalted Manifestation:

> "Beware, beware on the day of His manifestation lest thou be veiled by the Vahid of the Bayan, for that Vahid is but a creature before Him, and beware, beware lest thou be veiled by the words that were revealed in the Bayan, for they are but His own words in the temple of His previous manifestation."

Nevertheless, what they have said and continue to say! They lay claim to the verses, which are but as dust itself. They are drowned in the suspicions of the People of the Furqan.

Say: O ye who are as paupers! For twelve hundred years the People of the Furqan were reared in these suspicions and idle fancies and counted themselves the most excellent of all peoples and the most virtuous of all that dwell on earth. Yet what excellence did they achieve and what station did they attain? Say: Shatter the idols of names through the name of your Lord, the Most Glorious. This is better for you, did ye but know it. Perchance they may rend asunder the veils and soar, unfettered and free, in this holy and spiritual atmosphere. By His very truth, they were afflicted with a hundred thousand ailments, yet were conscious of not even one. And now these people [the Babis] are following in those same footsteps and are warring against the Lord of all being with the weapons of falsehood and calumny. What use is it that people are unaware of the truth of the Cause? Every soul who was acquainted with all matters—how they denied Him night and day, and what calumnies they uttered against Him lest He become trusted and a source of confidence for the servants.

In any case, arise and speak, that perchance the lights of the Sun of Truth may encompass the world and the realm of fancy may be transformed from potentiality to actuality. We beseech God not to deprive any of His servants, whether of the East or of the West, of this mighty bounty and this great gift. He, verily, is the Hearer, the Answerer. Some time ago, a wondrous and glorious Tablet was revealed from the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence specifically for them and was sent. God willing, they have attained unto it. Likewise specifically for Jinab-i-Zayn, upon him be the Glory of God, the Lord of all beings. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to gather us in one place that I may mention to your honor what lay concealed behind the veil. He is our Protector in the beginning and in the end. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

Another entreaty is that thou shouldst convey on behalf of this evanescent one greetings to all the friends of God and say: The Day is come and mankind hath arisen unto the Lord of the worlds. This station requireth steadfastness. Blessed is he who hath taken its chalice and drunk therefrom in the name of his Lord, the All-Wise. God willing, may they attain such a station wherein neither the buzzing of the fly nor the croaking of the raven shall debar them from the Lord of Return. They must walk and speak with the utmost wisdom, and at times gather together with perfect wisdom and recite the verses of God in Persian and Arabic, and ponder upon them. By the life of the Beloved! The breezes of the verses will so attract them that they shall behold themselves as mountains firm in the Cause of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have testified to that which God testified before the creation of the heavens and the earth. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Again I submit that thou didst write that in these days differences have, by God's grace, been removed and unity hath been achieved. These words brought boundless joy. May it ever be thus! Signs of delight were evident and manifest in the Ancient Beauty regarding this matter. In truth, this mention from thee is a great glad-tiding for the servants. God willing, may all attain the exalted station of unity and concord. I have written this much and caused such trouble that I now find myself abashed and ashamed. This sin requireth great forgiveness. Verily He is the Pardoner, the Forgiving.

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In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Ancient, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord

Praise be to Him Who hath spoken after His sanctification beyond utterance, and taught after His transcendence beyond expression. He is the One Who hath made the Most Exalted Pen the interpreter among all peoples, and through it revealed whatsoever He desired through His Name which He made the Sovereign of all names in the kingdom of creation. Glorified be He Who is singular in majesty and greatness and unique in might and power. His sovereignty hath encompassed the kingdom of earth and heaven, and His mercy hath preceded the realms of divine and earthly dominion. He is the One Who cannot be described by names nor mentioned by attributes. Every near one hath acknowledged his remoteness, every knower confessed his ignorance, and every wise one testified to his heedlessness. He hath subdued all things through the Word that hath shone forth and radiated from the horizon of His Will, and guided humanity unto His Path wherewith none have attained save honored servants. Praise be unto Him, for He is the Possessor of the seen and unseen.

Thereafter, this servant received thy letter which thou hadst previously sent. I took it, opened it, read it, and found therein the fragrance of thy love for our Lord, the Lord of the visible and invisible, the Lord of all humanity, and the Sovereign of the hereafter and the former times. When appropriate, it was presented before the Throne. His blessed and exalted Word:

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Teacher, the Revealer, the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing

O thou who art mentioned before the Countenance! Grieve not for what hath befallen thee. Greater trials than what have befallen the sincere and near servants of God have befallen thy Lord. By the life of Baha! He glorieth in tribulation in God's path, the Lord of Names, yet people flee from it in evident fear.

We have adorned the body with tribulation and embellished the spirit with a joy that no earthly joy can equal. Thus hath spoken He Who was sanctified above all that the worlds have comprehended. Hold fast to the cord of patience by the command of thy Chosen Lord and say:

O my God and Master of my destiny and Beloved of my heart! Thou seest what hath befallen me in Thy days and knowest my condition in Thy Cause. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which rivers of Thy mercy flowed from rock, signs of Thy grandeur appeared from the seas, and manifestations of Thy power from the branches, to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy Cause and holding fast to the cord of Thy love. I testify that this is the Day wherein the great terror hath appeared and every hidden matter hath been revealed. Forgive, O my God, every movement that hath appeared from me contrary to Thy will, then enable me to do what befitteth Thy days, then write down for me through Thy grace that which will preserve me from all else but Thee. O Lord! Make me among those who have fled from desire to the Ultimate Tree and who have detached themselves from all else through Thy Most Mighty, Most Holy, Most Glorious Name. Verily Thou art the Lord of the Throne and earth, and in Thy grasp is the kingdom of all things, and Thou art the All-Powerful.

Until now numerous letters have arrived from thee. Praise be to God, all indicated thy degrees of love, affection, sincerity and steadfastness in God's Cause. Be not grieved by what hath befallen thee, for verily today whoever is adorned with the ornament of the love of God hath in truth attained unto all good. The entire world cannot equal a single word that issueth from the mouth of Divine Will concerning His loved ones, and these stations are today hidden from all eyes. For were they to be revealed and were the people of the world to discover the mystery of the Cause, surely none would hesitate, let alone deny and reject.

That which you mentioned concerning the non-receipt of a reply—God, exalted be His station and His grandeur, is witness and testament that this delay has not been and will never be due to any lack of love, but rather due to the multitude of occupations and correspondence of this evanescent servant. From all directions, like rain, petitions and letters arrive, and this servant is, most of the time, engaged before the Throne in writing that which descends from the heaven of our Lord the Most Merciful's will. Whenever opportunity arises, he turns to the mention of the friends. None of you have been erased from heart and sight. Praise be to God, you are remembered before His presence and have attained His favors. However, strive to attain that which befits these days. All must today circle round the Most Great Ocean and speak with perfect unity. You and the friends of God should not be saddened by the delay in replies from this evanescent one, for all know and have known the reason for the delay.

Concerning what you wrote about the Most Great Holy Leaf, the honored sister—may our spirits be sacrificed for her sake—it was presented, and what you did was acceptable. We thank Him for His wondrous grace and favor.

Regarding what you wrote about your sister, it was presented before His presence. He said that since it was not in accordance with the Book's decree, it became a cause of difficulty and tribulation. However, God willing, His grace will bestow reward for this difficulty and tribulation. "O My loved ones! Avoid that which ye have been forbidden in the Book and hold fast unto that which ye have been commanded. Verily your Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Helper, the All-Seeing." You should not be distressed by what

occurred, for it has been adorned with the ornament of forgiveness. Verily He is the Commander, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Concerning what you wrote about the daughter of Asdaq—upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah]—and mentioned that she said these afflictions befalling you and your household are because her wishes are not being followed, these matters were presented before His presence. He said:

> "O Karim! Verily My servant Asdaq has a great station with thy Lord. He is among those who attained recognition of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, in the beginning of the Cause. We have mentioned him in the Books and Psalms and remember him in My days. Thy Lord is verily the Kind, the Forgiving. Blessed is he who found companionship with him in his lifetime and visited him after his passing. My Most Exalted Pen testifies that he perceived My fragrance, hastened to My Cause in My direction, and arose to serve this Cause whereby every firm edifice was shaken. He presented himself before the Throne with a radiant countenance and would stand at the gate most days, hearing the call of God, the Lord of the exalted Throne. Glory be upon him and upon those who visit him, from God, the Lord of the seen and unseen."

O Karim! What befell you was not because of what she mentioned. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing; with Him is the knowledge of all things in a glorious Book. Convey My greetings to her face and say:

> "O My handmaiden! Walk in the footsteps of thy father. Thus doth My wise Pen counsel thee."

O Karim! The late Attar was among the early believers and attained the presence of God. The True One, glorified and mighty be He, has regarded and continues to regard his honor. Had what he intended been carried out, these vexations would not have occurred. Thus doth He inform thee, with Whom is the knowledge of what was and what will be. God willing, may you dwell with utmost joy and fragrance and complete love under the shadow of divine favor. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

The Ismu'l-Jamal, upon him be Baha'u'llah, had mentioned the exalted Fath'u'llah. By My life! We were with him when he was ascending the ladder of grace and soaring in the atmosphere of his Lord's mercy, the Mighty, the Generous. We make mention of him in this station as a token of Our favor, that thou mayest be of the thankful. He ascended on the wings of love and certitude to the horizon of the All-Merciful and attained a station that brought joy to his eyes and to the eyes of all beholders. O Fath'u'llah! Thou art the one who was mentioned during thy life before the Throne, and after thy ascension My Most Exalted Pen, from which every wise command hath been detailed, maketh mention of thee. This is a mention that nothing can equal. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Generous. Thus have We adorned thy head with the crown of forgiveness from thy Lord, the All-Merciful. He mentioneth whomsoever He willeth through His command. He is verily the Rememberer, the All-Knowing.

Indeed, grief and sorrow encompassed Our heart at his ascension, but this is only in the outward sense, for inwardly he has been freed from the troubles of this mortal world and has attained unto divine mercy. Blessed is he and those like him. What bounty could be greater than that the Tongue of Grandeur should utter such exalted words concerning a soul? A hundred thousand blessings upon him who attained to this station.

Convey condolences on behalf of this evanescent servant to his brother, upon him be Baha'u'llah, and to his mother, upon her be Baha'u'llah, and console them. God willing, this servant and all the friends are content and thankful with whatsoever proceedeth from the Peerless Beloved. The Primal Point, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake, hath said that the entire world exists so that a single soul might attain unto the word of contentment from His ocean of generosity.

Regarding what you wrote about the dream, it is among the disturbing dreams whose effect in the outer world is for gathering. According to His command, if one sees a disturbing dream and anxiety and grief arise therefrom, one should recite this blessed verse:

> "O Thou through Whose name the ocean of joy surgeth and the fragrance of gladness is wafted! I beseech Thee to show me from the wonders of Thy grace that which shall gladden my eye and rejoice my heart. Thou art verily the Bestower, the Generous."

And even for dreams that are not disturbing, it is beloved to recite it.

This servant beseeches God to protect you and your loved ones from the mischief of those who utter calumnies—this is among the greatest of prayers, by the Lord of the throne and earth! This servant was engaged in writing this letter when the call "Come thou!" was manifested from the Source of Grandeur, and after attaining His presence, He said: "O thou who art present! We desire to make mention of Our servant Rahim, who hath attained unto My days, My love and My knowledge. Blessed is he for having fulfilled his covenant and pledge, and for having drunk the choice wine of revelation from the cup of his Lord's bountiful bestowal. O Rahim! God willing, mayest thou be blessed with His special favors.

The fragrance of thy love hath been inhaled from times past and present. God willing, mayest thou attain the protection of this Most Great Station, for verily the evil ones lie in wait—thus doth the Tongue of Revelation inform you. Stand firm in the remembrance of God and His service in such wise that neither the vain imaginings nor the doubts of those who have denied God, the Exalted, the Great, shall deter thee. Hold fast to the cord of His grace and cling to the hem of His bounty. The world hath ever been and shall ever be in transition. Grieve not over what hath passed thee by. Rather, rejoice in My beauteous remembrance and say: 'Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast remembered me in Thy prison and sent unto me that which hath brought joy to the eyes of them that know.' Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds." End.

On behalf of this evanescent servant, convey sublime and glorious greetings unto him, and likewise unto all the friends in that land. The Glory be upon you and upon them and upon God's assured, steadfast and firm servants.

The servant, 28 Dhi'l-Qa'dih 1297

BH01006: O My Name Jamal! God willing, mayest thou be…

In the name of the Ever-Enduring Speaker!

O My Name Jamal! God willing, mayest thou be illumined by the light of the Cause and enkindled by its fire, in such wise that the coldness of the world and its chilling trials may not withhold thee from the

warmth of God's love. We have designated thee for the reformation of the world and the healing of the hearts of the peoples. Thou shouldst close thine eyes to all the world and its peoples, and fix thy gaze upon that which hath been ordained by God, exalted be His glory, acting with consummate wisdom. Reflect upon God and His tribulations, and the acceptance and rejection of the people—what they have said and what they have done. Follow then the example of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all who dwell in the heavens and on earth.

Deal with the friends of God with utmost love and forbearance. This Most Great Revelation is the manifestation of God's all-embracing mercy. By His very Self, the Truth! If all outward power—which in truth hath never had and will never have any station with God—were to be manifested, and an executioner were to stand before Us with evil intent, We would certainly not oppose him but would leave him to himself. Hearken with the ear of thy heart to the call of the All-Merciful, that thou mayest be freed from sorrows and grief, and in all conditions remain oriented toward the Supreme Horizon and engaged in service to the Cause.

Some time ago, the answer to thy letters which thou hadst sent to this servant was revealed from the Most Holy Court and dispatched. All the souls mentioned therein were honored with the Supreme Remembrance. Divine verses were specifically revealed and sent from the heaven of bounty for each one. If God willing, thine eyes shall be solaced by beholding them. From the Land of Kha certain petitions have arrived with complaints about thee. The acceptance and rejection of souls hath been and will ever be with God. Great care must be exercised in this matter. God willing, thou shalt be gladdened by that which hath flowed and continueth to flow from the Most Exalted Pen. From the divine traces a most sweet and beloved fragrance is perceived. By My life! Should any soul attain unto it, he would pass beyond himself and all who dwell in the realm of creation. This perishable earth and all that is therein and thereon is not worthy of attention. Hearken then with the ear of thy heart to the warbling of the Bird of Utterance in this holy and beloved atmosphere. It will give thee to drink that which shall make thee detached from all else besides Me. Verily thy Lord is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing.

Should anyone commit an error, he should be reminded with the utmost joy and fragrance, and if he be not receptive to reminders, leave him to himself. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is independent of him and of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O Jamal! We have remembered thee with that which nothing on earth can equal. Hast thou forgotten the favors of thy Lord? Be thou grateful to thy Master, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. During the days of movement and travel, act with perfect wisdom.

That which thou didst dispatch from the Land of Kha was been forwarded to the Most Holy Presence. Likewise, from the Land of Ta, several years ago, mention was made of the Mashriqu'l-Adhkar in a letter written by the honored Mirza Asadu'llah to this servant, and his honor was in agreement with him in this matter. The Blessed Spot had already been established in Mosul, and the Land of Kha had also expressed its desire. From the Most Holy Presence, the Dayspring of Permission hath shone forth that in certain lands, if they act with wisdom, there would be no objection and is none; however, in the Land of Ta, given the differences that have occurred, it is not permissible. Similarly in the Land of Ya and the Land of Shin. The details of these matters have been revealed in the Tablet addressed to the honored Ibn-i-Asdaq—

may he be sanctified—and We have commanded that a copy thereof be transmitted. Thus hath the matter been decreed by Him Who is the Ordainer, the All-Knowing.

You must in all ordinances fix your gaze upon the Most Exalted Horizon and act in accordance with that which God hath ordained. At all times the Most Great Bounty hath flowed from the Pen of the Ancient of Days concerning you. Take what behooveth the days of thy Lord and abandon that which is unworthy of thee. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Wise Teacher. Fix your gaze solely upon the divine bounty. He verily will aid thee and command for thee that which shall profit thee in this world and the next. He is, in truth, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. If you truly occupy yourself with that which hath been sent down especially for you from the heaven of God's Will, and ponder upon it, the intoxication of the divine Kawthar of utterance will so overtake you that you will regard the conditions of the earth and its events as non-existent and utterly forgotten. Occupy thyself most of the time with the recitation of those blessed verses, whereby thy heart and the heart of the world will be gladdened, and thine eyes and the eyes of the nations will be solaced. Thus hath My tongue spoken in this noble station.

We make mention in this station of the Afnan who have held fast to the Divine Lote-Tree and have responded to that which the Tongue of Grandeur uttered when He was established upon the throne of His Great Name. We extol their countenances and give them glad tidings of My gracious remembrance. The glory of God, the Lord of the worlds, be upon them.

And We make mention of Husayn, whom thou didst mention in thy letter, that he may give thanks and be of those who are steadfast. O Husayn! The Wronged One calleth thee and summoneth thee to the Most Great Steadfastness in this wise Remembrance. Should a crier come unto you, leave him behind you and put your trust in God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee and glorify thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

And We make mention of the loved ones of God in that place who have attained unto the lights of certitude. O My Name! The bounty of the True One hath ever encompassed all and continueth to do so, but it must needs be in measure. You must appear among the servants in such wise that all may inhale from you the sweet fragrance of love. Verily thy Lord, the All-Merciful, in His bounty regardeth thee and that which hath flowed from thy pen, and is amazed and saith: "We are God's, and to Him shall we return." Praise be to God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

The glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon those who hearken to thy words concerning this Great Cause whereby the Balance hath been established and the Bridge laid down, and all on earth were thunderstruck save those whom God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment, pleased to spare.

BH00842: Praise be to God Who hath manifested through His…

In the name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most High, the All-Glorious

Praise be to God Who hath manifested through His Most Glorious Name unto all who dwell on earth and in heaven. Thus hath the standard of "There is none other God but Him" been raised in the Kingdom of

Creation, and that which the All-Merciful revealed in the Qur'an hath been fulfilled through His words: "On the day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds."

Glorified be He Who hath appeared and manifested what He desired, and Who hath spoken and caused all things to speak His praise on the Day of Return. He is, verily, the Lord of creation and the Sovereign over all servants. He is the One by Whom the trumpet was sounded, and by Whom were thunderstruck the people of idle fancies who cast the Command of God behind their backs and followed the bidding of every ignorant one who turned away from God, the Mighty, the Bestower.

I pray and offer salutations upon those whom the affairs of creation did not withhold from the Truth, who turned away from vain imaginings and idle fancies, who advanced toward the horizon of certitude, and who arose to serve the Cause in such wise that through them the fragrance of His raiment was wafted throughout all creation. These are honored servants upon whom the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Cities of Names do confer their blessings. We beseech God, the Lord of all mankind, to gather us beneath their shadow and honor us with their service and their remembrance. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

The petition of this evanescent one to your honor is this: Your revered letter dated the 5th of Dhi'l-Qa'dih arrived. God knoweth that it brought joy to mine eyes, gladness to my heart, and delight to my breast. In each of its words there seemed to be concealed an ocean of love and the wine of affection, inasmuch as it was adorned with the mention of the Beloved of the worlds. Blessed art thou and blessed am I.

After reading and learning of its contents, it happened that this evanescent servant was that very night present before His countenance, and all that you had written was presented. This is what shone forth from the horizon of utterance in reply:

"Thy letter hath come before Us, and We have heard from it thy call, thy remembrance, and thy praise, and have answered thee with that which the treasures of the earth cannot equal. He Who possesseth knowledge of the Book beareth witness to this. Blessed art thou for having left thy homeland out of love for God, the Knower of the seen and unseen. He shall surely reward thee with the most excellent of rewards through His grace, and He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Be thou a herald of His Name with wisdom and utterance, that perchance the people of the world may cast away what they possess and turn toward God, the Revealer of verses. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath heard thy words concerning this Cause whereby hearts have been perturbed and eyes have been transfixed.

God willing, with perfect joy and delight engage in the mention of the Beloved of the worlds. Guide those who are far removed unto the horizon of nearness, and lead those who thirst unto the Salsabil of divine knowledge. This is a day wherein whatsoever occurreth, the remembrance thereof shall endure and persist. Well is it with the soul that hath attained unto these days and recognized what hath been manifested therein of the signs of its Lord and the revelations of its Creator.

God willing, may you ever be the recipient of God's favors and be gladdened by His remembrance. He is with thee under all conditions. He is, verily, the Near One, the Hearer, the Answerer."

We make mention in this place of him who is named Mustafa, that he may give thanks unto his Lord, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, and be of them that are steadfast.

O Mustafa! Hearken unto the call from the precincts of the Prison: There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Blessed art thou for having turned unto Him and attained unto that whereby thy remembrance shall endure throughout the eternity of thy Lord's names, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

Say: O my God and my Master! I beseech Thee by Thy Self to make me steadfast in Thy Cause. Thou, verily, art the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Concerning what you wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Qasim Sahib, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, his petition was presented in the Most Holy Court and immediately a most mighty, most glorious, most holy Tablet was revealed specifically for him from the heaven of grace and was sent. God willing, he will attain to it. Convey greetings on behalf of this ephemeral one to him. God willing, may he be assisted to render such service whose effects shall remain permanent and enduring in the world.

And likewise to Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Mustafa, upon him be the Glory of God—praise be to God that he has attained the greatest bounty and has been honored with that which was intended. God willing, may he ever be occupied with that which befits these days.

As to what you wrote concerning Jinab-i-Hakim Khayru'd-Din, upon him be the Glory of God, it was presented. He said: Write:

> "O Hakim! The disease of darkness has overtaken the people of the world and cast them all upon the bed of frustration. God willing, through the Supreme Remedy, which is the Name of the Ancient King, you shall heal them all and deliver them from this chronic malady. This is not difficult for God. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of Truth that if a soul should arise today for the sake of God to serve the Cause with wisdom and utterance, his soul will surely prove influential. Thus doth the Wronged One mention thee in this Great Prison. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy son and upon all who have turned to God, the Lord of the worlds."

End quote.

Regarding what you wrote about Jinab-i-Imtiyaz Husayn Sahib, his details were presented. The Sun of Grace shone forth from the horizon of Will. He said: Write:

> "O Husayn! God willing, may you at all times drink from the Kawthar of divine love and soar in the atmosphere of acceptance and affection. The world will soon return to nothingness, and that which remains permanent and enduring is the word of acceptance that appears from the Pen of the Manifestation of God's Cause. God willing, with utmost endeavor may you speak in remembrance of the Peerless Friend and remain firm and steadfast in His Cause."

End quote.

To each of these gentlemen, mention this servant's evanescence and nothingness, which depends on their favors.

Concerning what you wrote about Jinab-i-Siyyid Ali Akbar, verily our Lord, the All-Merciful—He is the All-Knowing, the Witness, the All-Seeing, the All-Informed. Most people are heedless and unaware of God's knowledge and all-encompassing power. We beseech God to grant him a hearing ear that he may hear and act upon the Most Sublime Words and Greatest Counsel that have flowed from the Supreme Pen.

As for recent news, one Shaykh Ubaydullah, a Kurdish man, has rebelled against the Ottoman government and raised the banner of opposition. Fifteen thousand people have gathered around him and he has plundered the Ottoman border regions. These days he has turned toward Iran and has pillaged Nab and Savujbulagh—that is, they have killed the men and taken the women and girls captive. Things have occurred that cannot be mentioned.

Today, which is the last day of the blessed Feast of Sacrifice, Jinab-i-Mulla Abu'l-Hasan-i-Ardikani, upon him be the Glory of God, has written these details to this ephemeral servant. In any case, according to reports, the people of Tabriz are also in utmost turmoil. What else will appear later, God knows best.

The Glory be upon your honor and upon those with you and those who love you and hear your words concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

In the Pilgrimage season of the year 1297

BH01898: Praise be to God Who has appeared and caused…

In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord

Praise be to God Who has appeared and caused the Tablet and the Pen to appear, and taught man what he knew not. He is the One manifest among the nations and known by the Greatest Name. When He desires to subdue the world, He breathes into His Most Exalted Pen, whereupon the princes are thunderstruck and the poor, who were seized by the stupor of abasement in the kingdom of creation, awaken. At times He moves it and at times He withholds it, in accordance with His wisdom. He is verily the Ruler, the Seizer, the Giver, the Forgiving, the Generous. And I pray and send peace upon those who have attained His days, heard His call and arose to serve His Cause. They are servants whom the denizens of Paradise and the dwellers of the precincts of nearness serve. This servant beseeches his Lord to enable him to love them, befriend them and remember them. He is verily the Protector of the doers of good.

O my beloved! Your letter which you had sent several months ago reached this evanescent servant. It brought joy and gladness, and later at a suitable time it was presented before the Countenance of the Beloved. He said:

> "God willing, through the key of the Most Great Remembrance the doors of the hearts of the servants will be opened, that all may behold and observe with the eye of heart and spirit the splendors of the Sun of meanings."

O Ali-Qabli-Akbar! The servant came with your letter and presented it before the Wronged One. We found from it the fragrance of your love and the sweet-scents of your sincerity towards God, the Lord of

the Throne and earth and the Master of all beings. We have remembered you with this Most Great Remembrance that you may be of the thankful ones. Say:

> "Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who caused me to hear Thy call, showed me Thy beauty, cast upon me Thy love, acquainted me with Thy Balance and taught me Thy Straight Path! I beseech Thee to preserve me in all conditions within the precincts of Thy most great mercy, beneath the shade of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing. Then cause me, O my God, to be content with Thy good-pleasure and to be annihilated in Thy Will and Purpose. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Branches to ordain for me […] in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the One with power over what Thou willest and in Thy grasp are the reins of all names. There is no God but Thee, the Strong, the Mighty."

Another matter: regarding what you wrote about the blessed skullcap—truly it was a sign of favor towards you. Praise be to God, you attained with utmost joy and delight. Praise be to God, and the skullcap which you sent by post arrived and attained the most great honor. This is glad-tidings that brings joy to heart and soul and spirit. Blessed art thou for having attained the grace of thy Lord, and blessed are those who have attained the knowledge of God, the Lord of the worlds. And regarding your apology for the delay, He said:

> "There is no harm. The purpose was to show favor, and praise be to God, you attained unto it."

Glory be upon you and upon your wife who has believed and attained unto God, the Lord of the mighty Throne.

This evanescent servant is grateful and […] to God, exalted be His glory, that out of His supreme grace He adorned you with the ornament of His remembrance. Blessed art thou and the handmaiden of God who is with thee. This servant's request is that you convey to all the friends the Most Great, Most Sublime, Most Holy greeting. Glory be upon you from God, the Mighty, the Wise.

Month of Hajj 1297

BH00079: Blessed art thou, O thou who hast heard…

Section 1: "Blessed art thou, O thou who hast heard…"

He is God, exalted be His majesty, His greatness and His power

Blessed art thou, O thou who hast heard the call of Truth, turned to the Truth, responded to the Truth, and drunk the choice sealed wine from the hand of the bounty of Truth, when thou didst speak the Truth, and bear burdens in the path of Truth, and show patience in Truth, and attain the presence of Truth when it was made manifest in Truth, and believe in Truth when most of creation turned away from it. My spirit be a sacrifice unto your remembrance! The breezes of the springtime of His mercy wafted again and again, yet this withered sapling did not stir nor become fresh. The proof is that it did not achieve the honor of submitting a response, though multiple letters arrived from His presence. In truth, each one was a source of victories and cause for the spirit's joy, yet since there was delay in responding, it became a

source of regret and sorrow. This petition is outwardly presented and continues to be presented, but in reality all affairs are suspended by the cord of God's will. In this case, this servant is content and His Holiness is grateful, and this station is peace for all and all are at peace.

A letter arrived in these days from His presence which was written in response to Ibn-i-Asdaq (upon them both be the Glory of God). I swear by the Beauty of the Desired One of the worlds that such a fragrance emanated from it that all senses derived pleasure and strength from it. And this response was given at a time when he had written "Write to this evanescent servant what is the cause of the delay in our petitions." Although they too were distressed that no word had reached them from the Desired One, yet blessed art thou in what thy pen hath uttered! By the life of the Beloved, thou hast spoken pure truth in God, the Lord of the worlds.

God willing, in these days the response to Ibn-i-Asdaq (upon them both be the Glory of God) and the response to his honor Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah (upon him be the Glory of God) and the response to the loved ones of the Land of Kha (upon them be the Glory of God) will descend from the heaven of grace and be sent. If all the world were to gather, they would not find a shore or boundary for this ocean of grace. No engineer has been or will be capable of measuring its width, length and depth. It is a surging, billowing sea that none has comprehended save God, the Single, the All-Informed.

The blessed letter dated the 14th of Rajab was the cause of boundless joy. God willing, this bounty shall remain lasting and enduring.

Regarding what you wrote about a letter arriving from his honor Haji Kazim—the letter was seen and its details were submitted to the Most Holy Court. He expressed His favor.

Concerning what was written about his honor Amin from the people of the right hand, this is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke:

> "O Amin! Thou hast seen in God what ought not to be seen, and heard in God what ought not to be heard. We thank God for having enabled thee to hear and see and bear burdens in the path of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. All this hath been recorded by the Supreme Pen in the Crimson Tablet, to which the Lord of creation in this exalted station doth testify. Soon shall that which is hidden from sight be revealed. Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. We, from this station, send Our glorification upon thee and upon those who have believed in God in that place. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Loving. Blessed is the servant who hath attained unto the Most Great Steadfastness in this Most Great Cause, and blessed is the house wherein the remembrance of the Lord of Eternity hath been raised, and blessed is every patient, grateful one."

O Husayn! Your mention hath come before the Wronged One, and He maketh mention of thee that thou mayest rejoice and be among them that are steadfast in this Cause, through which every mountain hath been crushed, every camel hath moaned, every husband hath lamented, and every mighty edifice hath been shaken. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One—verily He calleth thee from the precincts of the Prison and commandeth thee with that which beseemeth the days of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. God willing, mayest thou be blessed through divine grace and be occupied with the mention of

the Truth. The call of the Lord of Lords is raised at all times, while the buzzing of flies is evident. God willing, may all servants be assisted and, with a mighty arm, shatter the idols of vain imaginings and attain unto their ultimate goal. O Husayn, give thanks unto God, thy Lord, in all conditions, then make mention of Him among His heedless servants. In all circumstances be mindful of wisdom, lest any matter arise that would cause the clamor of the deniers.

We likewise make mention of Ali ibn Sultan and his brother Mihdi and Muhammad who is imprisoned and Ali, and wondrous and exalted verses have been revealed. God willing, may they attain unto them. O ʿAli! Praise God for having aided thee to turn unto Him and granted thee the grace of attainment in the days of thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. Act according to that which thou hast been commanded in the Book; this is better for thee and for those who have believed in God, the Lord of the final end. Hold fast unto that whereby the Cause of God is exalted. Thus doth the Lord of Names command thee from this Prison which God hath made the Dawning-place of His verses.

We make mention of Mihdi and counsel him with that which beseemeth man. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We make mention of him who hath believed in God and His signs and hath turned towards this Horizon from which the horizons have been illumined.

O Muhammad! Rejoice in that the One, the Single, Who hath spoken and speaketh at all times "The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of the beginning and the end," hath made mention of thee. Beware lest anything hold thee back in the path of God. Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord's grace and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Lords, for having made me to know Thee and aided me to recognize this Cause whereby feet have slipped."

O ʿAli! He Who is imprisoned in God's path, through that which the hands of them that have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all mankind, have wrought, maketh mention of thee. Give thanks and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast mentioned me in the Most Great Prison, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the kingdom of verses."

It is requested that His Holiness write in response to Haji Kazem and give him glad-tidings that his letter was presented at the Most Holy Court, and exalted and wondrous verses were specifically revealed and sent for each of the names. God willing, may they not forget the divine counsels and act in accordance with what is befitting and proper, and remain occupied in the remembrance of God. Praise be to God, they have turned towards Him and attained His presence. I beseech God, exalted and mighty be He, that they may be aided to preserve what has been bestowed upon them. Convey greetings on my behalf to them as well. Mention was also made of Master Shahbaz in his letter. After it was presented, He spoke in Persian:

> "O Shahbaz! The True One spoke sweetly in Persian saying: I came.' Some denied outright, some hesitated, and others proclaimed these words: Welcome, welcome, O Thou our Purpose, O Thou our Beloved!' Then We tested both the hesitant ones and those who had accepted through another matter. A complete transformation was witnessed. Strive that thou mayest be mentioned among the people of the right hand in the Perspicuous Book. The evil ones lie in wait, and the Cause is most mighty. Glory be to God, the Lord of the worlds."

Regarding what you wrote about the sum that was bestowed and its distribution, this was presented. He said: “Excellent is what you have done in God’s Cause.” And specifically, mention was made from the Blessed Tongue of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Taqi, as he had acted with kindness regarding the sister of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Rida. Blessed be he and she.

As to what you wrote concerning Jinab-i-Haji Kamaluddin, upon him be the Glory of God, mention was made of him and his family in the Most Holy Court, and the Sun of loving-kindness shone forth from the horizon of grace. He said:

> “O Zayn! Convey My glorification to the Kamal and give him the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness, My grace and My mercy which have preceded existence itself. Verily We have remembered him and those with him, and We shall continue to remember them as a token of My grace, for I am the Rememberer and the Remembered.”

O Zayn! Although his gift did not reach the Most Holy Court and was not seen, it was accepted. Pure deeds are acceptable. His petitions submitted to the Most Holy Court, as well as his letters sent to this servant, were all heard. God willing, may they ever partake of and attain the outpourings of the All-Bountiful One. We beseech God to strengthen him in His commandments and prohibitions, and in all that befits the days of his Lord. We convey greetings to all the souls who have turned towards Him from among the people of Nur and Ra, and We counsel them regarding that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Soon will the voice of the croaker be raised—a matter about which We informed and warned the servants in Iraq, the Land of Mystery, and in the Prison.

O concourse of divines! Should a clamourer come to you with a book, cast them both behind your backs and put your trust in God, the Single, the All-Informed. By God’s life! It is assuredly the book of the wicked ones. This is what the All-Merciful revealed in the Qur’an, saying:

> “Nay! The book of the wicked is indeed in Sijjin. And what will make you know what Sijjin is? It is a written record. Woe on that day to the deniers!”

O Kamal! Give glad-tidings of divine favors to all the loved ones in the lands of Nun and Ra and the land of Kaf. All must remain steadfast in the Cause. In every age and dispensation when Satan led humanity astray, it was in the name of truth, for if falsehood were to appear as it truly is, no one would ever turn to it. It appears in the name of truth, making claims, and clinging to the utmost piety and godliness. Know this and be aware, and let not the autumn winds cause you to fall from the holy and lofty Tree. Hold fast unto it in the name of your Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. All must attain such heights—which today represent the station of supreme steadfastness—that they would consider the tales and utterances of the people of the world as mere stories, nay, as absolute nothingness. Thus does your Lord command you, O Kamal, and counsel the servants of God who have held fast to the Sure Handle and clung to the hem of God, the Forgiving, the Generous. End.

Further mention of this servant’s greetings and his complete effacement is dependent upon your grace. Likewise from Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Baqir, upon him be the Glory of God, and his brother who attained in Zawra, both a petition and a letter addressed to this evanescent one were received. A Most Holy Tablet was revealed especially for them some time ago, but has not yet been sent. God willing, this servant

hopes to find the opportunity to submit a response to them and to Aqa Kamal, upon him be the Glory of God. A letter also arrived these days from Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Haydar-ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God, which he had sent from the land of H and M, mentioning Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Baqir, upon him be the Glory of God, as well as the philosophers, upon them be the Glory of God. God willing, a response will reach all, and all shall attain to that which God desires.

And as to thy mention of Aqa Muhammad-Sadiq—who is engaged in the land of H-M—it was submitted. This is what hath been revealed in reply:

"O Zayn! We have remembered him aforetime as a bounty from Our presence, and in this hour with a clear and manifest remembrance; and We remember him who was with him, that he may be of them that have attained. Verily he hath been kindled with the fire of love and attraction before thy Lord, the Knower of all things, and I am the All-Knowing. God willing, through the special bounties of God, they shall be steadfast upon the straight path of the Cause, in such wise that, were one to bring against them all the books of the world, they would cast them behind their backs and arise in this mighty Cause.

"O Muhammad-Qabl-Sadiq! Rejoice thou in that God hath forgiven thy mother and hath clothed her with the robe of pardon, as a grace from His presence. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

"O Zayn! We make mention of him who was martyred in My path, when he drank the choice wine of My love, and soared in My air, and attained My meeting—the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

Section 2: "O Muhammad-Qabl-ʿAli! We remember thee on this night…"

"O Muhammad-Qabl-ʿAli! We remember thee on this night, and bear witness that thou hast drunk of the Kawthar of martyrdom in the path of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And We have sent unto thee angels from Our presence to visit thee, as a bounty from God, the Lord of the worlds. We likewise remember all who are related unto thee. Thus hath spoken the Tongue of Grandeur in this mighty prison." End of quotation.

As to what was written, that Aqa Muhammad-Sadiq hath requested that mention be made also of Karbala'i Muhammad-Husayn: it was submitted in the Most Holy Presence. He said:

> "God willing, he shall ever keep his gaze fixed upon the horizon of Our providence, and shall act as befitteth him. He hath indeed attained unto remembrance in the presence of his Lord, the All-Powerful, the Omnipotent."

End of quotation.

And as to what thou didst write, that certain of the friends of God from the land of T have desired that their names be mentioned in the Most Holy Presence: it was submitted. Each hath attained unto the utterances revealed by Him Who sendeth down the verses. The replies to the letters of Mulla Ali-Akbar—upon him be the glory of Baha'u'llah—which he had addressed to this servant, were dispatched toward the end of the month of Dhi'l-Qa'dih. And the mention of this honoured soul, Ali-Nur—upon him be the glory of Baha'u'llah—who was called Hasan-Qabl-ʿAli, was likewise submitted. This is what the Tongue of the Desired One hath spoken concerning him:

> "God willing, let them drink of the Kawthar of good-pleasure and the Tasnim of submission, and be aided in that whereunto they have been commanded in the Book."

"O Zayn! Implore thou the True One to preserve His feeble servants." In the Hidden Words this blessed sentence was formerly revealed: "O children of vain-glory! In the unseen ye shall be withheld from My love, and souls shall be troubled at My remembrance, for minds shall not endure Me, nor hearts contain Me. Blessed is he, and blessed his father, who hath been named with a wondrous Name in the sight of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Convey unto him glad tidings, and bring unto him the loving-kindness of the Wronged One." End of quotation.

As for what thou didst write regarding Haji Khavar and the mention of Mulla Alijan, upon him be the Glory of God—a letter from Jinab-i-Ismu'llah Jamal, upon him be the Glory of God, was written to this evanescent servant, and likewise a letter from Mulla Alijan himself. The reply to them and to some questions they had asked was written as commanded and sent. The Sun of favor hath risen upon them and the people of Mazandaran. On behalf of this servant, convey greetings to Haji Khavar. It would be advisable for him to go to Jinab-i-Ismu'llah Jamal, upon him be the Glory of God, that he might perhaps become the bearer of this servant's letter and the divine Tablets. Verily He speaketh the truth and guideth the way.

As regards what you had written concerning Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Baqir, upon him be the Glory of God, who had returned from the land of N and R to the land of H and M—glory be to God! Several times was mention made of him in your letter; in various instances was he mentioned with the praise of the Beloved of the worlds, and this evanescent servant mentioned him in this petition—once in relation to Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Sadiq, and likewise before and after in numerous places. This is naught but due to his steadfastness and arising to serve. This evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, that He may enable all to attain unto that which He loveth and is pleased with.

As for the request that mention be made in the Most Holy Presence of Aqa Muhammad-Hasan, Aqa Muhammad-ʿAli, Haji Muhammad-Ibrahim and Aqa Siyyid Ahmad, this was submitted, and this is what shone forth from the horizon of grace:

> "O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of My loved ones in the land of H and M, and acquaint them with that which the Tongue of Grace hath uttered in this noble station. Blessed are ye for having turned towards Him, hearkened and responded to your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We enjoin upon you what is right and counsel you to manifest supreme steadfastness in this Cause whereby the hearts of them that are endued with understanding have been sorely stirred. We send Our greetings unto you from this station, that ye may give thanks unto your Lord, the One, the All-Informed."

Concerning what you wrote about the funds of the land of Y and T and others, what transpired in this regard is that after the reply of T was sent to that land, they wrote to this servant from the lands of T and Q and T giving details about that land, and there were certain mentions in those letters. After these were submitted to the Most Holy Presence, He said that since the reply of T had been graciously sent, there

was no need to make further mention of such matters. In response to these words, that which was revealed from the Source of Command was sent.

As for what you wrote concerning Mosul, He said it would have been better had they paid attention to the glad-tidings and "give thou good tidings to the patient ones" after the blessed words "We shall surely test you." Although drought hath encompassed most lands this year, yet the spreading of such matters by the friends may become the cause of certain incidents. The mention and spreading of such matters should in all cases occur with permission. Verily He knoweth His servants better than they know themselves. He, verily, is the Single One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Later, when your letter arrived and the details you had written to Jinab-i-Aqa ʿAbdu'l-Husayn were noted, copies thereof were sent to certain places as commanded.

And concerning what you mentioned in your second letter dated the 21st of Sha'ban about Jinab-i-Nazir, upon him be the Glory of God—in these days a Tablet was specifically revealed and sent to him together with Mulla Muhammad-ʿAli-i-Dahaji. The glances of grace have ever been and continue to be directed towards him. God willing, may he continue to be assisted in making mention of God and offering praise unto Him. God the One is witness that he hath never been absent from this evanescent one's thoughts.

Regarding what you wrote asking whether the wearing of rings as revealed in the Kitab-i-Aqdas is specific to adults or includes minors as well, He said it is specific to adults, and likewise the Prayer for the Dead—that too is specific to adults.

As to what you had written regarding whether it is permissible for a person outside the City of ʿAkka to fast or not, and whether vows and pledges to fast are binding or not—these matters were submitted to the Most Holy Presence. He said that the law of fasting remains as it was revealed, but if someone makes a vow to fast for God's sake to fulfill needs or otherwise, there is and has been no objection. However, God, exalted be His glory, has preferred that vows and pledges be made for matters that benefit the servants of God.

And then the third star shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of your favors. When the servant was illumined by its light and radiance, he presented himself before the Throne and submitted its contents. Thus spoke the Tongue of Grandeur in the Kingdom of Utterance: "O Zayn! Thou hast been and art remembered before the Throne, and mention of everyone in thy letter hath attained to the mention of God. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. God willing, be thou occupied with promoting the Cause at all times. Thou must manifest the utmost joy, for thou hast attained unto the word of contentment. We praise thee and say: ʿPraise be to Him Who speaketh."'

Regarding what you wrote about the distribution of funds after the telegraphic news—this was accepted, and it should also reach those souls who left Hadba (Mosul) whose names you had mentioned in this letter.

As for the mention of Varqa, upon him be the Glory of God, who had written to you asking that his matter be submitted to the Most Holy Presence—it was submitted. The Sun of favor rose from the Dayspring of grace and these exalted words descended from the Source of verses. He, exalted be His grandeur, says:

> “O Zayn! We have heard the call of Varqa and mentioned him before, and before before, and after, and at this moment when the Tongue of Grandeur speaks: ‘The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.’ Blessed is he for having arisen to serve his Lord and for reminding people of what they were commanded by the All-Informed Commander. A letter came from him containing the names of those who drank the wine of life in the name of the All-Merciful, and We mentioned each one of them with a mention that shall endure as long as names endure in the Kingdom of God, the Lord of the worlds. Give him the glad tidings of My mention, My favor, My mercy, and My grace, that he may rejoice and be among the thankful. Blessed is his father who attained unto that which cannot be mentioned in words. The Pen of the All-Merciful beareth witness to this in this noble station.”

And regarding your mention of Aqa Asadu’llah, this is what was revealed for him:

> “O Asad! Praise the Lord of the unseen and the seen Who enabled thee to recognize this Most Great Cause, from which most nations remain veiled and heedless. Blessed art thou for having turned towards and believed in Him from Whom the servants have turned away. God willing, through divine favor thou must preserve this lofty station, for the evil ones with utmost cunning and schemes lie in wait for receptive souls. Thou wast mentioned in the book of one who loved Me; I mentioned thee as a favor from Me. Therefore praise God, thy Lord, for this manifest favor. The Glory be upon thee and upon him who was named Nasru’llah and Muhammad-Husayn and upon those who have believed in the One, the All-Informed. We counsel all to the most great steadfastness and to that which God hath revealed in the Book.”

With regard to Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Abu-Talib, upon him be the Glory of God, concerning what you wrote, this was submitted, and this is what the Tongue of the Desired One spoke:

> “O Talib! We have remembered thee, strengthened thee, assisted thee, and forgiven thee as a bounty from Our presence and a mercy from Our court. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I have turned with my whole being unto Thee and have written upon myself to make my will subservient to Thy will and good-pleasure. I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the Most Generous.”

In these days this servant wrote a letter in response to his missive and sent it, and that letter was adorned with divine favors and verses. God willing, they will attain unto it.

Regarding what you wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Kazim, brother of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Sadiq the emigrant, upon them both be the Glory of God, this was submitted. He said:

> “Give him the glad tidings of his Lord’s mercy and his Master’s grace. God hath forgiven him, and We counsel him to show forth the greatest steadfastness in this Cause whereby the limbs of all names have trembled.”

God willing, may they gaze at all times toward the horizon of the All-Merciful, remain firm in His Cause, and act according to what hath been revealed in the Book. We, from this station, send Our greetings

upon him and upon his brother Muhammad-Sadiq who emigrated in the path of God, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. Verily, he is among those who loved God in the earliest days. Blessed is he, and unto him be grace from the presence of One Forgiving, Generous.

Concerning what you wrote about Jinab-i-Makhdum-zadih, upon him be the Glory of God, and likewise Abdullah and Muhammad-ʿAli from the people of N and J, after submission these verses were revealed from the Kingdom of Grace:

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great

O Rida! We have heard mention of thee from a letter sent by Zayn who hath attained the grace of his Lord, the All-Forgiving, and We have mentioned thee in truth that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones in that place who have drunk the wine of steadfastness in this firm and irrevocable Cause. Say: Should a crier come to you with a book, cast them both behind you, turning instead to the Mighty, the Loving; and should anyone come to you with news from Satan who crieth out in the name of the All-Merciful, leave him to himself, placing your trust in God, the Lord of existence.

O friends! Hear ye in the Persian tongue the utterance of the All-Merciful. Verily He remembereth you, and acquainteth you, and teacheth you as a token of His grace, and He is the Ancient Bestower. The Book of the wicked hath appeared—the Book whose mention was made in former scriptures and divine Tablets. Ye must at all times be mindful lest the promptings of Satan debar you from the Lord of the Day of Judgment. With the utmost deceit and guile do they appear, clinging to the cord of falsehood. Though in truth those who have drunk from the Most Great Ocean will not turn to a mere rivulet, and are so steadfast that the entire world cannot deter them. Blessed are they and happy are they! They are they whom God hath mentioned in His Books, His Scrolls, His Scriptures and His Tablets. Through them hath the horizon of steadfastness been illumined, and the Dove hath warbled upon the branches of the Tree of Oneness that there is none other God but Him, the One, the Single, the Manifest, the Speaking, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Section 3: “O friends! Drink ye from the chalice…”

O friends! Drink ye from the chalice of certitude in the name of the All-Merciful. Ye are forever remembered in the presence of God. Know ye the worth of this supreme bounty and recognize the station of this blessed Day. By the life of God! The sun hath never risen upon its like or semblance. With utmost love, harmony and unity, arise for the Cause of the Lord of creation. Where are they who worshipped idols and cast aside the All-Merciful? And where are they who built palaces and gardens yet turned away from God, the Lord of the worlds? All that is witnessed today shall ere long return to nothingness and naught shall remain for anyone save that which hath been revealed by the Supreme Pen concerning him and recorded in God’s Book. Hold fast unto the Book of God, then act according to that which hath been sent down therein from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed.

Through the Supreme Grace, all the people of that land have been blessed with divine favors and their mention hath appeared from the Supreme Pen. How beloved it would be if the friends of God in that land

would consider these exalted words in every city, nay in every week, nay rather every day, and recite them.

Concerning the question about this blessed verse—His words, exalted be His grandeur: "Recite ye the verses of God morning and evening"—the intention hath been and shall be all that hath been revealed from the Kingdom of Utterance. This is what the Desired One hath decreed. O Zayn! The greatest condition is the inclination and love of holy souls for the recitation of verses. If one verse, or even one word, be recited with spirit and joy, it is better than reading numerous books.

The fourth star hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of your favors. When I received it, I presented it before His presence. He, exalted be His grandeur, said: O servant present! That which hath been sent from the Kingdom of Divine Revelation to Jinab-i-Zayn, upon him be My glory, hath nearly equaled that which was sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will upon the Messengers. He must praise God and thank Him throughout the duration of the Kingdom and the heavenly Dominion.

Concerning what you wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Javad of Nur, it was submitted, and this is what God revealed in response:

> "He attained the mention of God and His presence while in Baghdad. We heard his mention and his call, and the call of his brother, time and again, and We answered them and those who believed, in such wise that their names shall endure through the endurance of My Most Beautiful Names. Verily their Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Remembering, the All-Wise. Give them the glad-tidings of My favor, time and again. By My life, O Zayn, the rain of thy Lord's mercy hath poured forth from the heaven of grace in such measure that those who count are powerless to reckon it. Blessed is he who hath attained unto these days and found their fragrance and arose to serve Him Who hath appeared therein, Who speaketh at all times: 'The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds.' We, from this station, send Our greetings upon them both and upon the faces of My loved ones there, and We counsel them to be steadfast in this mighty Cause. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

And concerning what you wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Sadiq of Hamadan having written that Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-'Ali requests not to be forgotten when petitions are being made—when this was submitted, He smiled and said:

> "We have mentioned them both, and all the companions of that land have been honored with the mention of the Lord of the Throne. It is for Us to mention them and guide them and ordain for them what befitteth the favor of their Lord and the grace of their Master, and it is for them to remain steadfast in this Cause whereby every idol hath wailed, every false god hath cried out, and every discerning believer hath attained."

We praise God that the fifth star hath shone forth and appeared from the horizon of the heaven of your bounties. When I attained unto it, I turned my face to the face of the Beloved and submitted its contents before the Throne. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, and exalted be His glory:

> “Blessed art thou for having entrusted thy affairs to God and relied upon Him in all matters. We have heard thy call and the yearning of thy heart in the love of God, the Mighty, the Loving. Blessed art thou for having heard and responded and remained faithful to God’s Covenant, the King of Kings. All this is from His grace upon thee. Verily He caused thee to hear and drew thee nigh and enabled thee to witness and know and aided thee and assisted thee in this blessed and ordained Cause.”

This evanescent one submits that the fifth letter, which was the last of your letters dated the fourth night of Shawwal, arrived and brought comfort and bestowed bounty, brought fruits of meaning and removed the weariness of existence, for it was blessed with two bounties: one was your mention, and the other the portrait of the blessed Person of the Name of God “H”—upon him be all the most glorious glory and all the most resplendent light. Would that I had been with him and attained what he attained! In truth, this regret has not left my heart and never will, and to make up for it is most difficult. We shall see what God, exalted and mighty be He, willeth and ordaineth. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Concerning what you wrote about the letters, praise be to God, the missives from Ibn-i-Ism’ullah’ul-Asdaq and Mirza Asadu’llah, upon them be the glory of God, arrived. Their letters from the land of Kha have also arrived. Praise be to God, they are successful in praising the Truth, mentioning the Truth, and serving the Truth. I beseech the Most High to assist them in that which will exalt His Cause among His servants and protect them from the evil of His enemies who have cast the Book behind their backs and taken vain imaginings as lords besides God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. God willing, in these days the responses to their letters and petitions which have been submitted to the Most Holy Court will be sent. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Bestower, the Answerer.

And concerning what you wrote about Aqa Muhammad-Baqir, upon him be the glory of God, mentioning the matter of Aqa Mirza Ayyub and Hakim Aqajan, upon them be the glory of God, and the occurrence of a wondrous event, and the request that it be submitted to the Most Holy Court—it was submitted. He smiled and mentioned them all in words that this servant is unable to retain and convey. Then He said:

“Blessed are they, for they have done in the path of God what they were commanded in a Book that proclaims throughout the world that there is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We make mention of them in this station that they may rejoice in the favors of their Lord, the Generous. O My loved ones in that land! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, Who hath borne in God’s path what no one among His servants hath borne. He hath turned unto you and speaketh unto you that which was raised up on the Mount from the Tree: ‘Verily there is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Bestower. O Letter of Ba, rejoice in that thou hast been mentioned by My Most Exalted Pen time and again, then thank thy Lord, the Lord of the Final End.

And We make mention of Ayyub who traversed land and sea until he entered the prison and attained the presence of God, the Lord of Lords. O Pen! Make mention of him who was named Aqajan, who hath done in God’s path that which caused the Lord of Eternity to rejoice in the most exalted station. We give glad tidings to all of God’s grace and His mercy that hath preceded all existence. O concourse of the wise ones in that land! By the life of God, ye have attained unto that which nothing in creation can equal, as doth testify He Who is the Lord of Names. He is verily the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We counsel you to remain

steadfast in the Greater Steadfastness. The world shall pass away, and sovereignty shall remain with God, the One, the Chosen."'

It is submitted that some time ago a letter arrived from Mirza Haydar-ʿAli, upon him be the glory of God, and he had made mention of the friends of God, especially mentioning Aqa Yehuda and his young child. It was submitted to the Most Holy Court. Limitless favors were shown toward them. We beseech the True One to assist all to achieve that which He loves and is pleased with. And these wondrous and exalted verses were specifically revealed for the son. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

> "O young in years, O great in station! Thou hast attained in thy youth to a station wherein the Lord of all beings maketh mention of thee. Blessed art thou, and blessed is he who hath heard thy prayers, and blessed is thy father who hath attained unto the recognition of God, the King, the Mighty, the All-Knowing."

Say:

O my Lord, my Master, my God and my Creator! I beseech the ocean of Thy bounty to water this tender plant in the garden of Thy love with the living waters of immortality, and protect it from the autumn winds. Thou art the Powerful, Thou art the All-Knowing. O my God, I have turned to Thee, I make mention of Thee, and through the blessing of Thy Name I am detached from all else but Thee. O God, we gaze toward Thee and seek from Thee. Manifest through us that which is worthy of Thee and Thy days. Thou art the Bestower, the Bountiful.

God willing, may all be illumined and radiant from the Sun of favor that hath dawned from the horizon of grace. O beloved of my heart! Reflect upon the favors of the Beloved of the worlds. This servant beseecheth his Lord to enable all to recognize that from which they have been debarred and to aid them to recognize the Dawning-Place of His verses and the Source of His inspiration.

The mention of the honored guest, upon her be the Glory of God, was in that holy missive and was presented before the Throne. He said:

> "God willing, may she abide beneath the shade of the One Friend, make mention of the One Friend, and be engaged in service to the One Friend."

And the dwellers of the pavilion of sanctity and grandeur showed loving-kindness toward her.

Likewise, mention was made of the sister of Aqa Muhammad-Rida along with her verses. He said:

> "My mercy precedeth My wrath. She is among the handmaidens who was made captive in God's path and afflicted with the hardship of exile. With these two bounties she was and will be deserving of generosity and munificence. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Generous."

O Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin! We make mention of Our loved ones in that land who have cast away idle fancies and taken hold of that which they were commanded by God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Give them the glad-tidings of My remembrance of them and remind them of what hath been sent down from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. We counsel them to act with rectitude and command them to that whereby

the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, may be exalted. O My loved ones! Preserve your stations through My Name, the Powerful, the Mighty. The call of the All-Merciful hath been raised, and behind it is the cry of Satan. Shun it and be of those who are steadfast. Blessed is he who hath attained to the knowledge of God and steadfastness in His Cause. He is among the most exalted of creation in the Preserved Tablet. Thus have We adorned the horizon of the world with the sun of knowledge and the Most Great Ocean with the Ark of the utterance of your Lord, the Strong, the Trustworthy. The Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon My loved ones who are not deterred in God's path by the blame of the blamers. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Zayn! We bear witness that thou hast fulfilled thy covenant and hast mentioned in every one of thy letters Our Most Truthful Servant who hath attained to pure servitude unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

The hope of this evanescent servant is that you will remember each one of the respected gentlemen and friends of Truth who are in that land with the remembrance of this evanescent one's nothingness and annihilation, and likewise the steadfast women who are there, including the honored guest and others, upon her and upon them be 95 [Baha'u'llah]. God willing, may all be mindful and remembered.

The Glory of God be upon your honor and upon those with you, female and male, young and old.

The servant, 16th of Dhi'l-Hijjih 1297

BH00963: Praise be to God Who hath caused us…

In the name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

Praise be to God Who hath caused us to hear the decisive utterance, revealed unto us the Book, made manifest unto us the mystery of the beginning and the end, and guided us to the straight path. I pray and offer salutations and glorification unto those who have cast away vain imaginings, taken hold of the divine ordinances, and arisen to aid the Cause of their Lord, the Master of all beings, Who hath appeared in these days. These are servants through whom the mystery of divine unity hath been revealed, the horizon of steadfastness hath shone forth, and the nightingale hath warbled upon the twigs of the Divine Lote-Tree. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Glorified art Thou, O Lord of Names, Creator of the heavens, Who hast appeared in the kingdom of creation and hast dawned from the Most Exalted Horizon! Thou knowest and seest that this servant findeth himself powerless to make mention of those who have turned towards Thee with radiant faces and have witnessed in Thy love that which hath caused the denizens of the Supreme Paradise and the dwellers of the Kingdom of Names to lament. I beseech Thee, O my God, to ordain for them every good thing recorded by the Pen in the Most Great Tablet. Then write for them that which will honor them with the supreme martyrdom before their spirits ascend unto Thee. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Bestower.

And now, O beloved of my heart, I have attained to thy letter which thou didst send from Ha and Mim, wherein thou didst recall the days when thou wert in the Most Great Prison, thy presence before the Countenance, and thy hearkening to the call of our Beloved and thy Beloved and the Beloved of all who

are in the heavens and the earth. After I read and understood its contents, I approached the Presence and presented that which was therein before the Throne. When this was completed, the Ancient Countenance turned toward me and said:

> "O thou servant who art present! Take the Tablet and the Pen."

When I took them, there were revealed from the heaven of His Will, for each of the names thou didst mention in thy letter, verses that cannot be equaled by the treasures of earth nor by the riches of heaven. Exalted is this great bounty, this supreme gift, and this greatest mercy! This servant beseecheth his Lord that He may enable him and thee to serve the Cause with spirit and fragrance at all times. Verily, He is the One, the Mighty, the Bestower.

It is submitted: after the arrival of thy blessed letter, and its presentation before the appointed Gate, wondrous and invincible verses were revealed for each of the aforesaid souls and were dispatched. They should be delivered in accordance with wisdom—that is, when signs of receptivity are perceived in the souls, even though it be but in some measure; and thereafter they may be given. We beseech the True One that He deprive not the peoples of the ocean of His bounty. Verily He is the munificent Bestower.

Two Tablets—of those specially addressed to the honoured Naddaf—upon them be [the glory of] Baha'u'llah—have been revealed. Send them without delay. And as to what thou didst write, that they have covenanted to live in utmost contentment and to forward the remainder to the Most Holy Presence: this matter was submitted. He said:

> "Let them pursue the path of moderation; let them not lay hardships upon themselves. We love that they should dwell in a life well-pleased. And if they desire to send anything, let them convey it to the Mother of the Haram; it shall be accepted."

From before also, whatsoever they have thus far given hath been presented by the Mother of the Haram. End of quotation.

And as to what they wrote concerning the loved ones of God in the land of H-M, it was submitted. In reply, His Holiness, the Name of God, Zayn al-Muqarrabin—upon him be the manifold glory of Baha—hath mentioned all, and, in accordance with command, will send [the Tablets] to that land. It is likewise possible that they may again attain unto wondrous and invincible Tablets. He hath made particular mention of that child: blessed is he, and blessed his father.

Another matter: some days ago this servant submitted a lengthy epistle to the presence of the Name of God, Jamal—upon him be the glory of Baha'u'llah—and likewise to the presence of Mulla Ali-Akbar—upon him be the glory of Baha'u'llah—and likewise to Aqa Siyyid Abu-Talib, and to Ibn Attar—upon them be the glory of Baha'u'llah. God willing, it hath reached them.

Another matter: for a long time the mention of Jenab Ḏhabih—upon him be the glory of Baha'u'llah—hath not been seen in the blessed letters of the loved ones of God. The request is that thou meet with him, and convey to him, from this lowly one, an acclamation wondrous and invincible. Say: Such is thy

burning, thy longing, thy attraction and rapture, thy love and devotion, thy passion and ardour, thy bewilderment and thy consuming flame for God, the Lord of the worlds.

Though this servant is assured that all which hath been mentioned is indeed present within thee, yet, inasmuch as for many a day ear and eye have not been blessed to hear thy words and behold thy countenance, these lines have been set down.

Another submission is that according to the command, several souls who are adorned with the ornament of trustworthiness, religiosity, and contentment, and who possess eloquence and utterance, should turn to various regions and with perfect wisdom engage in teaching the Cause. Tablets have been revealed to such an extent that it is impossible to enumerate them. From the Persian and Arabic, whatever is suitable for these days should be gathered and the divine words should be imparted according to the requirements of the station and the souls. God willing, may the warmth of assured souls dispel the coldness and frigidity of heedless souls.

Another submission is that in these days this servant has written some of the blessed Tablets according to the command, as at certain times the Most Exalted Branch—may my spirit, my being, and my essence be sacrificed for the dust of His footsteps—was not present. We beseech and hope from God, exalted be His glory, that your honor be assisted in the mention of the Truth, the praise of the Truth, and the teaching of the Cause of Truth, so that through it every seated one may arise, every silent one may speak, every turning away one may accept, every blind one may see, every tongue-tied one may talk, every lame one may walk, every agitated one may be assured, every doubting one may become certain, and every wavering one may become steadfast. Verily, He is the Protector of whosoever turns to Him and the Answerer of every submissive, humble, and repentant petitioner.

All those circumambulating the Throne convey greetings to your honor, and likewise the Branches of the Divine Lote-Tree—may my spirit and the spirits of all the world be sacrificed for them—remember your honor with the most wondrous, most impregnable, and most glorious mention. Glory be upon you and upon those who are with you among the loved ones of God in that place.

The servant, 15 Dhi'l-Hijjih 1297

The number of revealed Tablets sent is twenty-one. God willing, may all attain unto them.

BH02053: This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent…

He is the Dawning from the Horizon of Revelation

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down to those who have turned unto Him in the land named Farahan, that they may rejoice in the remembrance of God, the Lord of the worlds. O My loved ones in that place! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison. He mentioneth you through that which God hath made as wings for those near unto Him, that they may soar in this holy atmosphere from whose birds' wings can be heard the cry: "There is none other God but Me, the Forgiving, the Generous."

The ocean of tribulation hath surged through that which the hands of the wretched ones have wrought—they who followed every ignorant impostor and turned away from the Creator of all things when He came with manifest sovereignty. We have seen in the path of God what no eye hath seen and heard what no ear of creation hath heard. To this testifieth He Who created all former and latter generations with a word from His presence. Blessed are ye for having cast away vain imaginings and taken hold of that which ye were commanded by God, the Mighty, the Wise.

Take hold of the Book of God with the power granted by Us, then act according to what hath been sent down therein from My Most Exalted Pen. Thus doth the Lord of Names command you as He walketh in this exalted Prison. Beware lest the whisperings of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment, hold you back. The evil ones lie in wait, clinging to every stratagem. Avoid them, O people of Baha, and put your trust in God, the One, the All-Informed.

The rivers have flowed, the winds have blown, the mountains have passed away, and the branches have been scattered, yet the people remain in strange slumber. The call hath been raised between earth and heaven and the world hath been illumined by the lights of the Revelation, yet the people remain in evident delusion. They have forsaken their God and taken Satan as their protector instead of God. Thus was it decreed aforetime and in this Revelation wherein all things have spoken when it appeared.

The Beloved of the world hath come and that which was recorded in the Scriptures of God, the Mighty, the Great, hath been manifested. This is the Day wherein the Kingdom of Utterance hath appeared and wherein the tongue of the All-Merciful speaketh that which hath caused the hearts of the sincere ones to soar. Hold fast, O My loved ones, to the cord of the mercy of your Lord, and cling to the hem of God's grace, the Sovereign of this resplendent Day. Take the chalice of salvation in the name of the Cleaver of the Dawn, then drink therefrom with His remembrance whereby the believers have hastened to the Supreme Horizon and those near unto God to the Dawning-Place of Names. Thus doth the Creator of heaven remember you from this remote prison.

When ye find the fragrances of My utterance and drink the choice wine of My bounty, turn your faces toward My horizon and say:

O Thou Who art the Object of worship of the world and the Beloved of the nations! We beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst once appear in the form of the Balance in creation, and at another time in the temple of Revelation when the Lord of Resurrection appeared, and at another time in the image of "There is none other God but He," and at another time in the form of "Verily I am God, there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise"—to assist us in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with, and to grant us the Kawthar of steadfastness wherewith Thou didst counsel Thy chosen servants in Thy Books and Scriptures. O Lord! We are Thy servants and the children of Thy servants. We have turned toward the heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy bestowals. We beseech Thee not to disappoint us from that which we desire from the wonders of Thy supreme mercy. Thou art verily the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

BH02153: The Day hath come wherein the sky bringeth forth…

In the name of the Desire of the world

The Day hath come wherein the sky bringeth forth manifest smoke, and the Day hath come wherein the mountains move as clouds move, and every mighty trustworthy one is shaken. O Husayn! Hearken unto the call of the wronged Husayn, Who from the direction of the Most Great Prison summoneth thee unto the Truth. Listen with the ear of thy soul to the call of the divine Summoner. If thou attainest unto it but once, it will draw thee to such a station that thou wilt find thyself detached from the world and all who dwell therein, and with loudest voice thou wilt engage in the praise of the Friend amidst the righteous ones.

This is the Revelation concerning which the Point of the Bayan hath said: “Beware, beware lest that which is in the Bayan prevent thee,” and in another place He saith: “Beware, beware lest thou be veiled by what hath been revealed in the Bayan.” This is the Day the attainment of which all the Prophets and Messengers beseeched of God and yearned after. Look thou into the books of old that thou mayest discover what hath been concealed from thee. I am unto thee a faithful counselor.

With the tongue of thy soul call out to the Beloved of all creation and say: O my God, and my Master, and my Friend, and the Beloved of my soul and my spirit! How can I ever render thanks unto Thee? I was submerged in the ocean of heedlessness and ignorance when the tongue of Thy grace called out to me and the hand of Thy bounty seized me. O my Lord! My heedlessness reached such a point that it deprived me of the sweet waters of certitude and guided me to the bitter waters of idle fancies. I became forgetful of Thy remembrance, yet Thou didst not forget me. I grew cold in my love for Thee, yet the fire of Thy loving-kindness remained ablaze. With what countenance shall I turn toward Thee, and with what tongue shall I call upon Thee? Shame and remorse have overtaken me and made me despair from every direction.

But O my Lord, my Goal and my Master! I have heard that Thou hast declared that if today anyone should but once sincerely say “Show me,” from the Kingdom of Utterance he would hear “Look and thou shalt see Me.” From this blessed and exalted word the station of this Day is clear and evident. Thou hast likewise declared that if from the beginning that hath no beginning someone had been deprived of all good deeds, today it would be possible to make up for them, inasmuch as the ocean of forgiveness hath appeared in the contingent world and the heaven of bounty is upraised. I beseech Thee by the sanctity of this blessed Day, which is the source and dawning-point of all days, to make me successful in that which pleaseth Thee and to adorn me with the ornament of Thy acceptance. O Lord! I am the poor one, and with Thee is the ocean of wealth. I am the ignorant one, and with Thee are the treasuries of knowledge and wisdom. I am the remote one, and verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Near One.

If thou art successful in reciting that which hath been mentioned, assuredly thou shalt not be deprived of the outpourings of the Sun of inner meanings. This is the Sun of divine counsel that hath shone forth from the horizon of the Kingdom of Utterance. Blessed is he who hath heard and hath said: “Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!”

BH02177: O Sulayman! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged…

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

O Sulayman! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He summoneth thee from the Most Great Prison, purely for the sake of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. He is the One Who hath summoned all unto God—among the people some have turned towards Him and others have turned away. Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. The signs of every learned one have not hindered Him, nor hath the might of any heedless one weakened Him. He hath spoken and continueth to speak that which He hath been commanded by God, the Mighty, the Loving.

Reflect upon the people and their deeds. Say: Come ye! By what proof did ye believe in your Most Exalted Lord, and by what cause did ye turn away from this Revelation, at whose appearance the Supreme Pen proclaimed:

> "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Sovereign of the seen and the unseen!"

Say: Have ye not witnessed God's proof and His testimony? Have ye not heard His verses that have encompassed existence? Say: O people! Be fair for God's sake and speak with pure truth—who is it that standeth amidst enemies proclaiming with the most exalted call between earth and heaven? And who is it that hath borne hardships in days when the limbs of the mighty trembled before the might of those who were heedless of God, the Sovereign of Kings?

O Sulayman! We speak in the Persian tongue so that every soul may find the purpose and perchance partake of a drop from the Kawthar of the All-Merciful's utterance. I swear by God's Balance set up amongst men that this Wronged One hath never had, nor shall ever have, any purpose of His own. He who recognizeth the evanescence of the world and all therein turneth not unto it, and he who witnesseth its changeability and transience reposeth not his trust in it. God is My witness that I speak for His sake alone, that in these divine days none may remain deprived.

Purify thine ear from the sayings of the people of earth that thou mayest attain to hearing the divine Word, and turn thine eye away from the varied colors of the world that thou mayest attain to the presence of the Eternal Lord. Accept not every speaker's word and be not assured by every doer's deed. Many a deed whose source is desire, and many a word whose purpose is to lead astray. God willing, thou shalt attain to true discernment, that thou mayest distinguish the sweetness of the Salsabil of utterance from aught else, and differentiate between the seeker of guidance and the croaker of passion.

We beseech God to aid all to perform pure and holy deeds and to manifest praiseworthy character. In every matter reflect and observe with fairness. Then shall appear unto thee what thy Lord, the Lord of the heavens and earth, hath purposed. To this testifieth every one who hath attained to My sealed wine on this blessed and manifest Day.

Arise in the name of Truth, rend asunder all veils and coverings, and say: O people! I have cast away what was with me and taken what I was commanded by One mighty and powerful. Assuredly this word shall

prove effective and influential. Thus doth inform thee He with Whom is the Great Book. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH02296: O Ibrahim! Hearken unto the call of the Friend…

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

O Ibrahim! Hearken unto the call of the Friend who calleth thee from this Valley which hath been named the Noble in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. He maketh mention of thee as a token of His grace, that thou mayest arise to compensate for that which hath escaped thee in the days of God, the Mighty, the Wise. Reflect upon that which hath been revealed in truth, and say:

> "I beseech Thee, O Creator of heaven and Possessor of all names, by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued all things, to enable me to recognize that which hath remained hidden from the learned ones of the land and the mystics of Thy realm. O my Lord! I am he whom Thou didst cause to hear Thy most sweet call when it was raised from the direction of Thy most exalted horizon, yet the veils have prevented me from turning wholly unto Thee, and thereby have I been debarred from the Salsabil of Thy utterance and the Kawthar of Thy knowledge. My God, my God! Thy grace is my hope and Thy forgiveness my desire and aspiration. I beseech Thee by the Sun of Thy generosity and the Ocean of Thy bounty to aid me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all created things. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous."

O Ibrahim! If thou hadst but once called out, detached from all else, thou wouldst surely have heard the answer. Today the heaven of bounty is raised high and the pavilion of divine glory is pitched. Assuredly, should anyone turn to it as befitteth, he shall not be deprived. I counsel thee with that which God, exalted be His glory, hath counseled His servants in all Books: Cast aside all that preventeth thee from recognizing God and His Cause. O Ibrahim! Cast thyself down, then turn with thy heart to the horizon whereby the faces of the sincere were illumined. This is a Day whose station hath been mentioned and recorded in all Books. If anyone misseth aught therein, he shall never be able to compensate for it. Turn away from creation that thou mayest behold the countenance of thy Beloved after the passing away of all things. By God! The Cause is mighty, mighty indeed. And he who remembereth thee purely for God's sake is indeed a sincere counselor.

Strive that the clay fragments of the world deprive thee not of the flowers of inner meanings. Strange it is that none hath become aware of the root of this Cause, and that which hath appeared among the people concerning this station hath been for a wisdom none knoweth save the All-Informed. Nevertheless most have remained veiled and heedless thereof.

Say: O servants! The darkness of your deeds hath encompassed the world. Strive that ye may attain unto the true light. Verily words cannot take the place of deeds. Hold fast unto goodly and pleasing actions, and purify yourselves from the defilement of divine prohibitions that ye may attain unto true rest. By My life! I speak not from mere desire. He who hath attained unto fairness in the kingdom of creation beareth

witness unto this. And peace be upon him who followeth guidance and reflecteth upon matters and taketh hold of that which draweth him nigh unto the Straight Path.

BH02412: The Most Exalted Pen makes mention of His friends…

In the Name of the one true God!

The Most Exalted Pen makes mention of His friends with utmost loving-kindness and tenderness, and counsels them regarding that which today conduces to the exaltation and elevation of human station, that perchance the fragrance of unity may be diffused throughout the world and eliminate the odors of discord which are the cause and origin of corruption. He is the Powerful, He is the Mighty. Through a single word He brought the world from nothingness into being, and through another word, should He so will, He would cause it to return. He is the One to Whose power all created things have testified and before Whose grandeur all beings have bowed down in prostration.

God willing, may all the friends unite and agree upon the word of the All-Merciful, and strive day and night to manifest such deeds as would cause all who dwell on earth to turn towards the Faith. I swear by the peerless Pearl of the ocean of utterance that a righteous deed is, in itself, a teacher of God's Cause. Exert yourselves to act in accordance with what hath been sent down from the Most Exalted Pen in the Book. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the utterance of the All-Merciful and acted according to what is commanded in the Great Book.

Regard this opportunity as precious and know ye the value of this divine Day. By the life of God! It hath had no like, nor will it ever have one. Let not might and power and wealth hold you back from the truth. Consider the generations of old and reflect upon what transpired in those days. Where is their might and their princes, where their power and dominion, where their hosts and their armies? God hath caused them to return to their graves and made them a lesson for His loved ones and chosen ones. He, verily, is the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Ere long all that is seen shall perish and vanish away. Hold fast unto that which shall endure for you throughout the sovereignty of earth and heaven. God willing, may ye be set ablaze by the fire of God's love with such intensity that the seas of the world shall neither prevent nor extinguish it. He verily…

…the fragrance of His bounty after We had withheld it, in accordance with Our wisdom. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Be not grieved by the diverse conditions of the world. By My life! Ere long all shall perish and return to dust. Hold fast unto that which shall endure for thee through His Name, the Ever-Abiding, the Eternal, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Soon shall the lights of the Cause encompass the world, though now faces are turned towards infidelity. Yet for this a time hath been fixed. When it is fulfilled, that which is recorded in God's Books shall be purified, the Lord of all worlds.

Should thou meet someone and find them receptive, convey to them the greetings of this Wronged One. The glory be upon thee and upon thy son and thy family who have ascended unto God, and upon her who is with thee and upon the handmaidens who have believed in God, the Lord of all worlds.

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BH02677: May you ever be blessed through the favors…

In the name of the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful!

May you ever be blessed through the favors of the Eternal Beloved and remain focused on the horizon of the Cause, which is the Dawning-Place of the lights of divine ordinances. Arise to serve the Cause with utmost dedication.

I swear by the Sun of the horizon of utterance that ere long whatsoever is observed in the realm of existence shall return to nothingness. Nothing shall remain on earth save the traces of God and His Most Exalted Pen. Reflect upon God's Cause, His sovereignty, His power and might, and what He hath manifested among His servants. Then read what hath been sent down from the heaven of His Will. By My life! It will attract thee to a station which God hath sanctified above mention and utterance, and exalted above glory, holiness and beauty.

Fix thy gaze upon this blessed word which is like unto a pillar for the tabernacle of God's Cause. He saith:

> "Put away all else save Me and take the chalice of steadfastness in My Name, the Wondrous."

Most of the people are observed to be deprived of sight and hearing, and likewise devoid of spirit, for they were not awakened by the cry raised between earth and heaven, nor did they attain consciousness through the trump of the horn and the blast of the trumpet. They neither saw the evident signs nor heard the revealed verses. The ocean of knowledge surgeth before all faces, yet they turn away from it and cling to the sources of idle fancies. Such is the condition of the people and their measure.

Thou shouldst at all times be thankful to the Beloved of all existence that He hath aided thee to turn towards Him. Whosoever hath attained this supreme honor in this Day is mentioned among the inhabitants of the most exalted Paradise in the Book of Names, and the Pens of the Kingdom of Utterance are unable to describe his station. God will soon make manifest the stations of those who have turned to Him and arisen to serve His Cause. Verily, there is none other God but Him. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Convey My greetings to thy son and give him the glad-tidings of My grace and favor, that he may hold fast to that which shall profit him in all the worlds of his Lord. Exert your utmost effort and striving to preserve this lofty and most exalted station, for the satans lie in ambush and the Cause is in God's hands, the True Sovereign, the Manifest. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist you both, draw you near, grant you the good of this world and the next, and ordain for you what He hath ordained for those who are brought near. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH02875: God testifies that there is no God but Him…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

God testifies that there is no God but Him. His is the dominion and the kingdom, the grandeur and the might. He does what He wishes by His sovereignty and decrees what He wills by His command. He is the Single One to Whom all created things have testified, and the Sovereign before Whom all contingent things have bowed down. He was concealed within the pavilion of His protection and treasured within the stronghold of His preservation.

Then when He willed to appear, there appeared the Manifestation of His Cause, the Dawning-Place of His revelation, and the Rising-Point of His proof, Who speaks the truth among the people and calls all to a station at times named the Most Great Prison, at others the Most Holy Ancient Station, at times the Most Beautiful Names, and at others by a Name unknown even to the Concourse on High and the denizens of the Kingdom of Creation. He is the One at Whose arising arose the Greater Resurrection, and the mysteries deposited in the ancient scrolls were revealed. Through Him was opened the gate of heaven and the breezes of revelation wafted among all things. Through Him spoke the Most Exalted Pen and there appeared in the world what no eye had seen before.

To this testifies the Lord of Names, Who is imprisoned in this city named Akka through what the hands of the heedless have wrought. Thus does the Tongue of the Wronged One speak on this dark night, that the people of Baha who have clung to the Crimson Ark described aforetime by God through the tongue of the Revealer of the Bayan might rejoice thereby.

Blessed is the soul that has testified to that which God has testified, the heart that has submitted to His sovereignty, the nostril that has detected the fragrance of His garment, the ear that has heard His melodies, and the eye that has beheld His glorious countenance.

Your mention was made before the Wronged One and this clear Book was revealed for you, from which the sincere ones detect the fragrance of God and the Manifestation of His Cause. Be thankful and say: “Praise be to Thee, O Thou Goal of the mystics!” Be steadfast in this Cause through which the hearts of the learned were troubled and the dwellers of the Kingdom of Creation lamented, save those whom the grace of thy Lord, the Generous Bestower, embraced. By My life! If thou shouldst find the sweetness of My utterance in what hath been revealed in this Book, thou wouldst arise and say and cry out: “My spirit be a sacrifice for Thee, O Creator of heaven, and my being be a sacrifice for Thee, O Beloved of the worlds!”

Convey My greetings to those on whose faces thou beholdest the radiance of Baha. Thus doth the Lord of Names command thee. He is verily the Bestower, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH03355: Glorified be He Who has appeared and manifested what…

He is the One Who warbles upon the branches!

Glorified be He Who has appeared and manifested what He willed. Verily He is the Powerful One Whom the conditions of creation have not hindered, and the Self-Subsisting One Whom the hosts of earth and heaven have not frightened. He has spoken and caused all things to speak that there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. God testifies that there is no God but Him, and that He Who has appeared is the Ocean of His knowledge, the Heaven of His grace, and the Sun of His bounty.

Whoso denies Him has denied God from time immemorial, and whoso acknowledges Him has acknowledged that which has been sent down from His sovereign, inaccessible and mighty Kingdom.

Your letter has come before Us and We have heard from it your call, your lamentation and your cry in the love of God, the Lord of the worlds. He will surely reward you with the best of rewards, and We beseech Him to ordain for you that which will profit you outwardly and inwardly. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Powerful.

Your letter was seen and your call was heard. God willing, may you ever be nourished by the fruits of the Supreme Pen's tree and attain the infinite outpourings of divine grace. With utmost joy and fragrance, occupy yourself with the remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds, that perchance heedless souls may drink from the ocean of knowledge and turn to the horizon of revelation.

Rejoice in that you have been mentioned before the Wronged One time and again, and every name that was in your letter has attained the mention of God, the Lord of the seen and unseen, and the Lord of the glorious throne. You are remembered at all times before His presence and are the recipient of His favors. What befits this Day is the Most Great Steadfastness. One must invite the people of the world to this lofty and most exalted station with wisdom and utterance, that all may become steadfast in the Cause and circle round the Word of God. Then shall you see no crookedness or deviation in the earth. Verily your Lord speaks the truth and guides to the path. The Kingdom belongs to God, the One, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

The Glory be upon you and upon those who are with you.

BH03381: The Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted…

The Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

This is a Book which the All-Knowing hath sent down unto those who have quaffed the Kawthar of divine knowledge in the days of the All-Merciful and have turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon when the Call was raised between earth and heaven. These, verily, are of the people of Baha, as attested by the Lord of Names in this Most Glorious Prospect, and beyond Him every fair-minded and perceiving one.

O My loved ones! Rejoice in what We have sent unto you of the breeze of the All-Merciful, which We have breathed upon the temple of the Tablet and dispatched unto you that ye might inhale therefrom the fragrance of the mercy of your Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. Blessed are they who have attained unto the recognition of the Dayspring of Revelation on this Day wherein the Trump hath been sounded and the Mount hath cried out, yet most of the people remain heedless. Such as these have not been awakened by the Call of God and have followed their own desires—these are verily the people of the coffin in My perspicuous Book.

Ye have heard in My path what no ear in the world hath heard; hearken ye now unto that which the tongue of My grandeur doth mention unto you from My lofty station. Ye have witnessed for My love what no eyes have witnessed; therefore behold ye the horizon of My loving-kindness wherefrom hath shone the sun of grace through My name, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

Beware lest the conditions of creation sadden you. Behold ye the Truth and that which hath been ordained for you in His mighty Book. We make mention of all who have attained unto the recognition of God—to this testify My Pen and My truthful, trustworthy Tongue.

O My loved ones! Remember your Lord, the All-Merciful, with spirit and fragrance in such wise as to attract thereby the hearts of the world and gladden the souls of them that are nigh unto God. At this moment We make mention of My handmaidens who heard and hastened until they attained unto the recognition of God, their Creator, Who came from the heaven of eternity with manifest sovereignty. Blessed are ye, O My loved ones, and joy be unto you, O My handmaidens!

We behold every one who turneth toward Us and hear every call and face toward every one who hath faced the Dayspring wherefrom hath appeared the luminary of My mighty Name. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH03572: He shineth from the Horizon of the Heaven…

He shineth from the Horizon of the Heaven of true Knowledge with Wisdom and Utterance!

O Hasan! Hearken unto the Call of Husayn Who hath been incarcerated in the Prison Fortress of Akka by reason of that which the hands of the heedless have wrought. If one were to question them, "by what reason have ye imprisoned Him?", they would reply: "Verily, He hath come with a new Shariah and this new Shariah doth not accord with the Law under which we have been. To this matter testifieth our Book which is called the Qur'an, a Book that is from God, the Lord of all mankind. See that which the All-Merciful hath revealed therein: Verily He is the Messenger of God, and the Seal of the Prophets."'

To this We reply: "Indeed thou speaketh the truth. We do testify that through Him, Messengership and Prophethood have both been sealed and any one claiming after Him this most exalted station is in manifest error. Nevertheless, O Questioner! Hearken unto My voice which sayeth:"Open thine eyes that thou mayest behold the Most Great Beauty, through Whom speaketh the Lord of divine decree. By God! Through Him the Hour' hath appeared, and the Resurrection' hath come to pass, and the Moon' hath been cleft asunder and thou wouldst behold all in a continuing Regeneration' if thou be of them that possess insight.

> "Verily, through His Advent hath come to be fulfilled the Advent about which glad tidings have been given by the Messengers of God from all eternity and there hath come to pass about which God hath revealed in the Qur'an: On that Day they shall all rise before the Lord of mankind.' Truly the Cycle of Prophethood hath been rolled up and He Who hath sent down the Prophets hath come, arrayed with a manifest and perspicuous sovereignty. He, verily, is the One at Whose Advent all created things have given this utterance: The Kingdom is God's, the Sovereign, the Almighty, the All-Praised.' He is the One for Whom the necks of God's Chosen Saints have been outstretched in longing and ardent expectation and every Prophet hath awaited His Presence in this wondrous Day. He is the One through Whom the 'One Unseen and Hidden' hath been made manifest, the One Whom no one hath known save He Himself, the one King over all mankind. Peruse ye the Qur'an and all God's Books revealed in the past

that haply ye may recognize this Day, illumined by the Countenance of thy Lord, the Manifest, the Perspicuous One."

Thus have We illumined the horizon of the firmaments of this Tablet with the Luminary of Our Word, a Word through which God hath brought into being all creation from all eternity to all eternity. Praise be to God, the Lord of all the worlds!

BH03751: O Husayn! A call was raised from the Kingdom…

In the Name of the All-Knowing Speaker

O Husayn! A call was raised from the Kingdom of Utterance, and that utterance indicated and signified that which had previously appeared in the realm of possibility. Nevertheless, tremors seized the tribes of the earth and agitation encompassed the inhabitants of the lands. How many were the divines who remained deprived of the Water of Life, and how many were the mystics who were veiled from the rays of the Sun of inner meanings, and how many were those endowed with sight who are recorded as sightless in God's Book, and how many were those possessed of ears who are forbidden to hear. Now if the call of Truth were to be raised as befitteth it, sanctified from suppositions and fancies and idle talk and from what hath been mentioned and known, what would they do? By God, verily the people are behind an evident veil.

Give thanks unto thy Lord for that which hath flowed from His Most Exalted Pen unto thee, whereby the fragrance of His grace is diffused, after We had withheld it, as a wisdom from Us. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Be not grieved at the diverse conditions of the world. By My life, ere long all shall become extinct and return unto dust. Hold thou fast unto that which will endure for thee through His Name, the Ever-Abiding, the Eternal, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

Soon will the lights of the Cause encompass the world, although now faces are turned toward the direction of infidelity. However, an appointed time hath been fixed for it. When it is fulfilled, that which is recorded in God's Books, the Lord of the worlds, shall appear.

If thou shouldst meet a soul and find him receptive, convey unto him the greetings of this Wronged One. The glory be upon thee and upon thy son and upon thy wife who hath ascended unto God, and upon her who is with thee, and upon the handmaidens who have believed in God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH04506: A Book sent down by the All-Merciful to one…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

A Book sent down by the All-Merciful to one of His handmaidens, that she may remember Him Who created her. He is, verily, the Helper, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Today the Sun of certitude is shining and manifest from the horizon of the world. It behooveth every soul to turn unto it and find through its rays the straight path.

Who is He by Whose name was raised the banner of "There is none other God but Him"? And Who is He at Whose appearance the Cry was raised, and the Trumpet was sounded, and all that are on earth were thunderstruck, save those whom God pleased? And Who is He Who arose with the Cause and manifested through His sovereignty whatsoever He desired in the kingdom of creation? Who is He Whom the might of princes did not deter, and the hosts of the powerful did not weaken, and Who spoke forth what He was commanded between earth and heaven? And Who is He through Whom the back of the Evil One was broken and the traces of idle fancies and vain imaginings were obliterated?

O handmaiden of God! God willing, thou shalt observe and ponder with illumined vision and pure heart that which hath appeared, that perchance thou mayest become radiant and enlightened among the handmaidens through the lights of the Sun of inner meanings.

Hearken unto the voice of the Wronged One. Take with the hand of certitude the chalice of steadfastness and drink therefrom—at times in My name, at times in remembrance of Me, and at other times in praise of My beauteous attributes. God willing, thou shalt partake of the Kawthar of life that lieth concealed within the words of the All-Merciful, until thou beholdest thyself detached and independent from all who are on earth, and engaged in the mention of thy peerless Beloved.

Thus hath the tongue of the All-Merciful spoken that which nothing in all creation can equal. Blessed are they that have recognized, whether men or women.

BH04796: In the name of the Beloved of all horizons…

In the name of the Beloved of all horizons, the Most Exalted Pen hath mentioned and continueth to mention His servants, male and female, and inviteth all in this luminous Day to the ocean of inner meanings.

Blessed is the state of the one who hath heard His call and turned to that which He hath willed. Today is the day of pure deeds and the manifestation of steadfastness. God willing, thou shalt attain to both.

How many souls waited for this day, yet when the lights of the dawn of Revelation shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of meanings, all were found to be veiled and turned away, save whom God willed.

The Most Exalted Pen declareth at all times:

> "O My servants! Abandon all else but Me and turn to My horizon. By My life! Conjecture cannot take the place of certainty, nor can words stand in lieu of deeds. Cast aside what ye possess and take hold of that which I have commanded you, from this unlettered Youth Who calleth all to God, the One, the All-Informed."

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of Names and Sender down of manna and quails! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Glorious Name, through which Thou hast subdued the kingdom of creation, to enable me to remember Thee and praise Thee and to stand firm in Thy Cause, whose greatness and transcendence all atoms have testified to. O my Lord! I am one of Thy handmaidens who hath turned unto Thee and desired to drink from the Kawthar of divine knowledge from the hand of Thy bounty. O my Lord! Accept then

what I have desired, through Thy generosity and favor. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

BH05092: In the night season summon the people to God…

He is the One Who appears after the extinction of all things.

In the night season summon the people to God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. And in the daytime We reveal unto them the verses of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Among the people are those who cling to their desires, turning away from guidance, and among them are those who have cast aside all else and taken hold of that which was commanded by God, the Sovereign of existence.

O thou who gazest toward My horizon! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison. Verily, He mentioneth thee that thou mayest rejoice in My remembrance and give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the days of God and His knowledge, and for having believed in Him from Whom the sources of idle fancy have turned away—they who have taken for themselves lords besides God and have prevented the people from turning to the Praiseworthy Station.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen, for having aided me to recognize the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and the Dawning-Place of Thy verses. I beseech Thee by Thy Self to make me circle round Thy Will in every world of Thy worlds, in such wise that I shall choose for myself naught save what Thou hast chosen for me, and shall desire naught except what Thou hast desired for me through Thy grace. Then I beseech Thee, O my God, to assist me to remain steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of the learned have slipped save those whom Thy mercy—which hath preceded the worlds of the seen and unseen—did encompass.

Glory be upon thee and upon thy brother and upon those who have believed in God, the Lord of the Kingdom.

BH05142: Praise be to God for thy deeds, O thou…

He is God

Praise be to God for thy deeds, O thou who hast been mentioned before the Wronged One in His mighty prison and from whom was found the fragrance of thy love for God, the Lord of the worlds.

O thou who gazest upon the Truth! Thy letter was received and the melody of the Bird of Faithfulness was heard from the atmosphere of sincerity and acceptance. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto this most great bounty. We beseech God that thou mayest, through the assistance of the All-Merciful, preserve it at all times, for croaking is and will be raised from every direction, even as the Dawning-Place of verses hath formerly given tidings thereof.

This is a Day which none hath known save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, and this is a Day whereof every Messenger and every perspicuous Book hath given tidings. God willing, mayest thou be ever occupied with the remembrance of God and guide heedless souls to the straight path. Rejoice thou

that We found thy letter sanctified from whatsoever is unseemly for the days of thy Lord and purified from the allusions of those who have been heedless of God, the Mighty, the Wise.

Convey thou the Most Great, Most Holy greetings to all the friends in that land and give them to drink of the choice wine of remembrance, that haply they may attain to the supreme height which is the station of the most great steadfastness, and may regard all else besides God as utter nothingness and absolute void.

Glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath spoken the truth in this mighty Cause.

BH05230: O Mahmud! Hearken unto the Voice of the Wronged…

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing!

O Mahmud! Hearken unto the Voice of the Wronged One, Who calleth thee from the Most Praiseworthy Station and inviteth thee to the ocean of divine mercy.

This is the Day the mention of which hath been recorded in all the sacred Scrolls, Books and Tablets of God, and concerning which all the Prophets and Messengers have, by God's command, given promise and glad-tidings unto all men. Even as it is revealed in the Furqan, which distinguisheth between truth and falsehood:

> "Lead forth thy people from darkness into light and announce to them the days of God."

These are the same days which Moses was commanded to proclaim and Jesus described.

Strive that perchance thou mayest receive thy portion from the ocean of grace and the lights of the Sun of Revelation.

This Wronged One, despite the opposition and objections of the divines, the men of learning, the mystics and the princes, hath not for a moment neglected that whereunto He was commanded, and hath called out with His most exalted Voice unto all who dwell on earth, summoning them unto God—exalted be His glory, exalted be His dominion, exalted be His grandeur.

If thou wouldst observe the Tablets which were sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will specifically for the kings of the earth, thou wouldst surely attain unto the blessed words "Verily, I have believed in Thee, O God of the worlds."

It behooveth thee to thank God for having sent down unto thee that which remindeth thee of His days. He, verily, is the All-Forgiving, the All-Tender.

BH05559: O Ibrahim! Hearken thou unto the Call of thy…

He is the Expounder, the All-Knowing

O Ibrahim! Hearken thou unto the Call of thy Lord, the All-Glorious, which hath been raised from His most sublime and lofty Station. He, verily, will confirm thee in that which beseemeth the days of thy Lord, the

All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thou art he who directed his steps towards the Supreme Horizon, and who visited the Spot wherein the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken: “The Kingdom is God’s, the Lord of the worlds!”

Blessed is every face that hath turned unto the Face of God; and the heart that hath attained unto His love, the Most Precious. Lay thou hold upon the Sure Handle, and say: “O Lord of the throne above and of earth below! I ask Thee by Thy Name through which the Supreme Horizon hath been illumined, to assist me to serve Thee in such wise that I may move according to Thy will, and breathe by Thy leave and at Thy pleasure. Thou, verily, art the Almighty, before Whom all things have bowed; and the Sovereign to Whom all that are in heaven and on earth have submitted.

O my Lord! Behold Thou Thy lovers in Thy lands, who have trembled at the onslaught of Thine enemies. I beseech Thee, by the light of Thy Countenance and the fire of Thy love, so to attract them by Thine utterance that they may not be affected by Thine enemies, and by the estrangement of the learned amongst Thy creatures who pretend to knowledge without any clear proof from Thee, or testimony on Thy part. O my Lord! I am a suppliant, and Thou art the Answerer of prayers; and I am a poor creature, and Thou art the All-Possessing. Deal with me then as befitteth Thy majesty and Thy sovereignty. Thou, truly, art the Almighty, the Most Powerful.”

BH05947: O My handmaiden! The face of My loving-kindness hath…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great

O My handmaiden! The face of My loving-kindness hath turned toward thee, and mentioneth unto thee that which shall be a treasure for thee in My dominions. Rejoice thou in this great bounty. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven! I beseech Thee by the Name through which all things have spoken, to assist me to love Thee and remember Thee and to stand firm in Thy Cause.

My God, my God! There hath turned toward Thee a handmaiden from among Thy handmaidens, seeking from Thee Thy boundless grace and ancient loving-kindness. O Lord! Disappoint her not, through Thy bounty and loving-kindness, and withhold her not from the ocean of Thy mercy and bestowals. Thou art He Who hath power, unto Whose might the atoms testify and all created things bear witness to Thy strength and sovereignty. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

We make mention in this station of Our servant Husayn, who believed in God and His signs, and bore witness to that whereunto the All-Merciful bore witness on the Day when the Ancient King was established upon the Most Great Throne. By the life of God! This testimony, whereat My Most Exalted Pen was moved in this glorious station, sufficeth him. Glory be upon him and upon those who attained unto that which he attained among the servants of God on the Day whereon the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimed: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH06160: A mention from Us to him who hath spoken…

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

A mention from Us to him who hath spoken the truth and turned towards the Supreme Horizon when most of mankind turned away from it. To this beareth witness the Lord of Names, Who speaketh in this noble station. Thy mention was made before the Throne, and there hath been sent down for thee this perspicuous Book which speaketh amongst mankind and giveth glad tidings to the nations of the Greatest Name. Verily, He is the Speaker on Sinai and the Manifestation of Revelation, yet most of the people are heedless.

Say: O my God, my Lord, my Beloved, my Goal and my Hope! I beseech Thee by the Word through which the trumpet was sounded and the dwellers of the graves arose, and through which the limbs of the mighty trembled, and through which the earth quaked and the mountains were crushed, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, for Thy Most Exalted Pen hath testified to its greatness in Thy Scriptures and Tablets.

O Lord! Withhold not from me that which Thou hast ordained through Thy grace, and ordain for me the reward of those who have attained unto Thy presence and drunk the choice wine of reunion with Thee. Thou art He Who doeth what He pleaseth through His sovereignty and decreeth what He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Generous.

BH06109: The Sun of Revelation hath risen from the horizon…

In the Name of the One God

The Sun of Revelation hath risen from the horizon of the Will of the Lord of the Day of Resurrection, shining and manifest, and the Ocean of mercy hath appeared before the faces of all beings, evident and resplendent. Yet most of mankind remain veiled by doubts and idle fancies, such that they are seen to be deprived and debarred from this Most Great Day and supreme bounty.

Each group hath adorned an ignorant one with the name of learned and made him their leader. Whatever proceedeth from him they attribute and continue to attribute to the truth. They remain heedless that in all ages such souls have been the cause of the veiling of mankind and have prevented people from the ocean of divine mercy. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto and recognized this Day.

All divine Books have testified to the Day of God, and all Prophets and Messengers have given the glad-tidings thereof to their people. Yet all remain occupied with the buzzing of flies and heedless of the call of the Lord of Lords.

Thus doth the Wronged One make mention of thee that thou mayest know and be of them that are thankful for His having acquainted thee with and aided thee to recognize this resplendent Day. And praise be to God, the Single, the One, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH07228: The Supreme Pen makes mention of His loved ones…

He is the One dawning from the horizon of the world with His Most Great Name!

The Supreme Pen makes mention of His loved ones at all times and invites all to the ocean of divine mercy. Yet all people are observed to be heedless and asleep, nay, dead, save those whom God, the Self-

Subsisting, the Guardian, has willed. Blessed are they whom the veils of mankind did not prevent from the Most Sublime Vision and who attained the lights of the dawn of the Day of Manifestation. By Him Who is the All-Knowing One of the world and the Beloved of the world, there is ordained for such souls a station that neither the minds of the wise nor the understanding of the mystics can comprehend.

The beginning of the Cause is the recognition of Him Who has appeared with the truth, and its end is steadfastness in His love. Praise the Beloved of the world Who confirmed you and guided you to the straight path. Know thou the value of this station and preserve it as thy very life. Thus does He counsel thee, with Whom is the knowledge of all things in a Clear Book. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH07401: O ʿAli-Murad! Ask God to assist thee…

He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth!

O ʿAli-Murad! Ask God to assist thee in that which He hath willed. Verily, He is the Master of creation and the One with power over whatsoever He willeth through His command “Be!” and it is. Cast aside thy desire and take up the desire of thy Lord, and that which He hath revealed in His inscribed Tablet. Turn not thy attention to the affairs of the world. Set thy face toward the Prison and say:

O God of kings and Sovereign of the Kingdom! I beseech Thee by Thy signs, Thy clear tokens, and Thy proof before which the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the cities of names have bowed down, that Thou mayest draw me through Thy lights in such wise that I may behold myself detached from all else save Thee, turned toward Thee, and steadfast in Thy love.

O my Lord! I am the ignorant one, and with Thee is the ocean of knowledge. Teach me through Thy grace that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds, and assist me to remember Thee throughout all nights and days. Verily, Thou art the Guardian of mankind. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

BH08539: O Hasan! Hearken unto the Call. Verily, He maketh…

He is the One Who expoundeth, the All-Knowing

O Hasan! Hearken unto the Call. Verily, He maketh mention of thee with that which shall bring solace to the eyes of them who have turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon and have quaffed the choice wine of revelation from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. This is a Day wherein every seeker hath attained unto his Goal, and every one endowed with sight who desired to behold the Dayspring of his Lord’s signs, the Mighty, the Loving, hath attained. Recognize thou the value of these days, then strive that there may appear from thee that whereby thy name shall endure in the Book of Names and thy mention in My Preserved Tablet. Thy remembrance was mentioned before the Face, and there was sent down unto thee this irrevocable Book which speaketh with truth amidst the world and summoneth all unto God, the Lord of the unseen and the seen. Take hold of the Tablet with the power of thy Lord, then stand firm in the Cause through this Name at Whose appearance the Concourse on High rejoiced while the people of tyranny lamented.

BH00694: Praise be to God, the Ever-Abiding, the Eternal…

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious!

Praise be to God, the Ever-Abiding, the Eternal, the One, the Self-Subsisting, the Single, the All-Subduing, the Most Exalted, Who was and shall be even as He hath ever been. There is no God but Him, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Praise be to God Who gladdened His servant with the rising of the sixth star from the horizon of the heaven of your bounty, and this came to pass after the sealing of the fifth book which testified to your station, and after witnessing and recognition, it ascended and was presented before the face of the Beloved. When mention was made of the son of Ismu'llah-i-Asdaq—upon them both be the Glory of God—and Jinab-i-Mirza Asadu'llah—upon him be the Glory of God—thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which diffused the fragrance of utterance throughout all possibility. He spoke, and His sweetest words are these:

O Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin! Numerous letters from Ibn-i-Asdaq—upon him be My Glory—and from Jinab-i-Asad—upon him be My bounty—which they had sent to this Servant have arrived and all were mentioned in the presence. Praise be to God, they are blessed with divine bounty and are occupied in serving the Cause. That which consoleth the eyes and causeth souls to soar hath been revealed for them both. Give them the glad-tidings of My mention, My bounty and My mercy which have preceded all creation. God willing, may they be engaged in promoting the divine Cause with the utmost joy and fragrance, wisdom and utterance. In these days their reply is being revealed and shall be sent. O Zayn! The physical body is observed to be ailing from what hath befallen it, and this is why at times there is delay in answering petitions. We have accepted all tribulations. Whatever hath come from without hath been witnessed, and assuredly its effects shall appear in the body as well.

As to what thou didst write concerning one of the handmaidens of God and Aqa Muhammad Husayn, the shoemaker from N and J, and likewise Husayn and Ibrahim from that land—the details of each were presented in the Most Holy Court. He said: O Zayn! Give them the glad-tidings of My mercy, My forgiveness, My grace and My bounty. We have forgiven them as a token of Our favor. God willing, may they attain unto steadfastness in the Cause, for the satans shall be spread abroad and the books of hell shall appear. Blessed are they for having attained unto the mention of the Wronged One Who hath been imprisoned without proof or written testimony. Convey greetings from the True One to all the people of that land and say: God willing, all must remain firm and steadfast in God's Cause through the divine Name and the power and might of the Lord, in such wise that neither the knowledge of the learned, nor the understanding of the mystics, nor the clamor of the ignorant, nor their composed books shall prevent those souls from the Owner and Source. The glory and splendor from Us be upon them and upon those who have attained unto this most exalted, most holy, mighty and most sublime station.

We make mention of Husayn and Ibrahim and give them the glad-tidings of the acceptance of what they intended in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. We have mentioned them with a mention that shall endure as long as the kingdom endureth. Thus hath the Pen spoken that every soul which hath acted according to what it heard from the command of its Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful, may rejoice

thereby. God willing, may all be adorned with the ornament of the most great steadfastness and be detached and free from all else but God.

Concerning what you wrote about Shahverdi, upon him be the Glory of God, he had some funds with Haji Ali, and when the aforementioned Haji intended to go to Hauran, he submitted that he had these funds which should be used to obtain a book. Then, according to instructions, since Mulla Muhammad-Ali Dahaji was about to depart and had no travel expenses, they directed that Haji Ali give it to him, and one book was taken in exchange for those funds from Ism-i-Jud (the Name of Bounty), upon him be [the Glory of God], and it is ready. Whenever a trustworthy person is found it will be sent. Inform him of this. And they said that Shahverdi has truly attained two blessings—he both became the owner of a book and his funds were spent in the path of God. Blessed is he, for he is among those who have attained the presence at a mighty station.

And concerning what you wrote about Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, that he had sought permission—this was submitted at the Most Holy Court. They said:

> "Praise be to God, through the wonders of divine bounty he has entered the ocean of attainment and drunk from the cup of meeting. Now let him be occupied with service to the Cause. It would be most loved in the sight of God if, having returned from the Land of Kha, he would proceed to the regions of the Land of Ta, that perchance he might guide the veiled souls and draw them to the highest horizon."

The Glory be upon him. End.

And concerning what you wrote mentioning the blessed verse "This is the Day of the Call, yet ye are silent," and that after reading it they arose to serve—excellent is what was mentioned and excellent is what was done. This blessed Tablet was revealed but was not outwardly sent in any direction, yet it appears the angels of diffusion have taken it everywhere and spread it abroad. Would that the people of Bayan would reflect on this single Tablet and observe with fairness. They have taken the calf and cast aside God, the Lord of all worlds. This servant was greatly delighted by this blessed verse which Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah wrote about. Truly the throat of the world is inadequate and falls short for this Call. This servant will mention this entire blessed Tablet that the fragrance of the All-Merciful may waft throughout creation and every fair-minded one may take a path to God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. His word—exalted be His mention, exalted be His utterance, glorified be His praise, and magnified be His grandeur:

He is the Most Great

The Promise hath come and He Who was promised hath appeared, yet the people are in manifest confusion. The Ocean of Life hath surged, yet they hasten unto death. The fragrance of the All-Merciful hath wafted, yet they turn away therefrom. They have taken the stagnant pool and cast aside the sweet-flowing stream. What aileth them that they perceive not? They occupy themselves with dust, turning away from the Bestower of Gifts. Verily they comprehend 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 declared: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the seen and unseen!"

Say: O people of Baha! Are ye asleep, or hath the wine of vain desire overtaken you and prevented you from remembering God, the Lord of existence? Say: This is the Day of Rising—how is it that ye remain seated? This is the Day of the Call—how is it that ye remain silent? Arise in My Name, then speak with wisdom and utterance, that perchance the people of possibility 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 them that 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 so seize them that they would dance and be unaware thereof. Say: Do ye forsake the cup of immortality and take the fetid water of mortality from the hand of every rejected transgressor? Say: Hath the teacher of passion 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 that which 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 nigh and taken the Tablet of God with the hand of power and drunk therefrom that which was inscribed in My Preserved Tablet. O thou who drinkest from My cup and speaketh in My Name! Give thanks for this sealed Book which hath been sent down to thee from the heaven of grace.

Praise be to God that the sixth star hath been adorned with the Divine Light of utterance and hath been sealed with the blessed Tablet. Therefore it behooveth thee, me, and all who have turned to God to say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and the earth!"

BH01202: Praise be unto God Who hath revealed Himself…

In the name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

Praise be unto God Who hath revealed Himself to all created things through the Point manifest from His Most Exalted Pen, whereupon all atoms spoke in praise of their Creator and acknowledged the power of their Fashioner. His is the creation and the command; He doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty and ordaineth what He pleaseth through His power. He is the One through Whose Name the ocean of divine knowledge surged amidst all contingent beings and the fragrance of utterance wafted through all lands. Exalted, exalted is He Who appeared with the truth, whereby the greatest terror seized all mankind save those who forsook the world and turned with humility unto the Lord of eternity and repented. The glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon those who have acknowledged that which God hath acknowledged and who have arisen to aid the Cause with wisdom and utterance in such wise that neither hosts could weaken them nor boundaries could change them. They arose and spoke as they were bidden by God, the Lord of the Final End.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who answereth them that are in distress and Who art the Refuge of them that flee! I beseech Thee by the heaven of Thy Will and the ocean of Thy Purpose and the sun of Thy Wisdom to make Thy loved ones among those whom Thou hast described in Thy Books and Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. Then protect them, O my God, from the evil of Thy creatures who have broken Thy Covenant and disbelieved in Thy proof and disputed Thy signs and denied Thy clear tokens after they had encompassed Thy heaven and Thy earth. Then inspire them, O God of the world and Lord of eternity, with that whereby Thy Cause may be exalted in Thy dominion. Verily Thou art the Almighty Whom the veils of the servants and the glory of them that dwell in all lands have not hindered. O Lord! Thou art the Omnipotent and Thou art the All-Conquering and Thou art the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

And then this servant submitteth that thy letter dated the 19th of Rajab was received and the cooing of the dove of love was heard from the trees of its words. God willing, mayest thou ever dwell with utmost joy and delight beneath the shade of the Tree of Manifestation through the grace of the eternal King. After perusal it was presented at the Most Holy and Exalted Court. Thus did the Beloved speak: O ʿAbdu'llah! The servant in attendance before the Countenance hath presented what thou didst write and send unto him. We have heard it and have answered thee with this Remembrance which proclaimeth throughout the world that He is the All-Knowing Rememberer. We beseech the Most High to assist thee and aid thee in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to draw thee nigh unto a station wherein thou shalt hear from the rushing of His winds that there is none other God but Him. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Munificent. Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord's favoring grace and say:

O my God and the God of all created things, my Sovereign and the Sovereign of all contingent beings, my Creator and the Creator of all in the heavens and the earth! I beseech Thee by Thy signs whereby all things were seized with trembling, to aid me to serve Thy Cause in such wise that the means of earth and heaven shall not hinder me. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

O Abdullah! With utmost joy and fragrance, speak in remembrance of the Beloved of all creation, in such wise that its influence may become manifest in all created things and they may turn unto the Truth. The station of the captives of God who dwell in that land is great in the sight of God. Let none consider that today some appear weak or ignorant. Look ye to the essence of the Cause—were the veil to be lifted, things would be seen and heard unlike what hath been seen and heard. Beseech ye God that He may enable all to preserve that which hath been bestowed. By the life of God! The Wronged One speaketh the truth, and He is the All-Knowing Counsellor. The Day shall come when the deeds that have appeared from assured souls in the path of God shall be gathered and spread abroad on that Day of Assembly and Resurrection. We beseech God, exalted be He, to show you in all times the light of His Cause and to make you hear, in every moment, His call. He, verily, is the Near, the Answering.

Further expressions of God's bounties are manifest and evident from these exalted words, requiring no elaboration, interpretation or investigation. Free from all veils and limitations, they are clear and manifest.

Concerning what you wrote about the distribution of funds, this servant hath submitted the details thereof to Jinab-i-Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin, upon him be the glory of God, and they shall reach your notice. The names of God's captives that were in your book were submitted; for each one the Sun of Providence hath dawned specifically. He is before mine eyes—verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. From this spot we send our greetings upon them and beseech God, exalted be He, to protect them and grant them the good of this world and the next, and to strengthen them to preserve that wherewith He hath honored them. He, verily, is the Protector of those who turn unto Him.

This evanescent one requesteth that you convey expressions of nothingness and evanescence on his behalf to all the friends of God, both men and steadfast women, who are present in that land. The circling inmates of the Prison convey their most sublime, wondrous and exalted greetings and expressions of pure love to you and all the captives of God in that land. Glory be upon you and upon them for the duration of the earthly kingdom and the heavenly realm. Praise be to God, the Sovereign of sovereigns and subjects.

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Section 1: "In the name of our Lord Who hath…"

In the name of our Lord Who hath described His own Self through His sanctification above all names

The Kingdom of Glory and Beauty, and the Dominion of Grandeur and Majesty, befit the Sovereign of the Divine Realm and the Ever-Living, Immortal King, Who by a single breath from the breezes of the Hidden Sea of Ink that flowed from the Most Exalted Pen made manifest the Beauty of the Prophets, and by the Sun of the blessed word "Verily, I am God, the One possessed of power over all things" which shone forth from the horizon of the Mouth of Will, made them luminous and radiant. Exalted be His Cause and His power, exalted be His glory and station, and exalted be His grandeur and sovereignty!

The rays and effulgences of this brilliant, luminous, manifest Sun appeared in the horizons of the existence of contingent beings and the realities of created things, until the veils of forgetfulness intervened and prevented eyes from beholding. At that time, the Countenance of Him Who conversed with God appeared from the horizon of the Will of the Ancient of Days. Glorified be He Who manifested Him, glorified be He Who sent Him, and exalted be He Who addressed Him from the midst of the fire:

> "O Moses! O Moses! I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob!"

When He heard the Call from the Center of Fire and was seized by the rapture of the Almighty, He covered His face in fear, unable to look upon it, and fell unconscious from the Call of the Lord for eighty-one thousand eternal years. Then the grace of His Lord drew nigh unto Him, and the fragrance of reunion wafted over Him. When He recovered, He said:

> “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast brought me to life through the sweetness of Thy Call and hast raised me again through the spirit of Thy utterance, O Lord of all names!”

Then He arose and stood before the Lord for nine thousand thousand years, humble and submissive, praising, mentioning, and glorifying in the inner depths of mystery.

Then the Call was heard from the Supreme Horizon time and again: “O Moses! O Moses! Go forth with My peace and the fragrance of My garment to the sanctuaries of My holiness and the places of My intimacy, then to the cities of the divine cloud and the realms of spirit and the supreme worlds and the fields of splendor and the highest pavilions and the gardens of immortality. Thou art permitted to ascend every heaven, enter every sea, and board every ship. But beware, beware lest thou cross to the gulf of the sea of grandeur, or approach the crimson ships, or draw nigh to the sacred white land, for there is a station wherein the realities of names are consumed.

> “Verily, when I hearkened to the cry of My hidden people and heard the lamentation of My loved ones whom none save Me hath known, and when I became aware of their crying out in separation from Me and their clamoring in the wilderness of Mustaghath out of longing to meet Me and desire to attain My presence, and knew their thirst and burning for the Kawthar of My hidden and treasured Name, I desired to send thee unto them with My breezes, My fragrances, My sweet-scented streams, and then My favors, My glad-tidings, and My bounties.”

Then He Who conversed with God submitted to the Ancient Lord: “When I reach them and say to them Your Beloved hath sent me unto you,’ and they ask me What is His name?’ how shall I answer them?” Then did the Divine Realm of Grandeur quake, and the Dominion of Power stir, and the Kingdom of Glory and Loftiness tremble. Then the heaven of the highest heavens resounded as the Call was raised from the Unseen Realm of Grandeur, and the voice of the Lord caused all the ancient mountains to quake: “Say: Ehyeh Asher Ehyeh Shelahnua Elohim (I am that I am hath sent Me unto you).” O Moses, thus shalt thou say to the thirsty ones who desire the Kawthar of My reunion: ‘YHWH, your Beloved, hath sent me unto you.”’

Then the Call was heard from on high: “Say: YHWH, your heart’s Desire, hath sent me unto you to give you glad tidings of His advent and presence amidst you, and of your meeting and reunion with him.” Then another call was raised from the hallowed Spot, that sacred and luminous Place, proclaiming: “Say: YHWH hath, from the unseen realms above, given Me to hear His Voice and to hearken unto His Call. But I have not seen Him nor even turned my gaze towards Him. He hath commanded Me to approach you with the fragrance of His cherished robe, that I might inspire your hearts with patience in His absence and remoteness, and comfort your souls in your long separation from Him.”

Then came the call from the Ultimate Tree, grown from the heart of the Throne in the snow-white bowers beyond the veil of grandeur: “O Moses! This is My name and My remembrance unto them throughout their holy and blessed generations that end not with the ages of eternity nor conclude with the times of perpetuity. This is My sign among them on the day of My coming unto them. By this shall I make Myself known to them, and by this shall I lift the veil from My beauty, for they know none save Me,

and no name other than this My name, and no remembrance other than this My remembrance shall ever be mentioned among them. These are My servants whom I commanded not to prostrate when I created Adam, and whom neither the dwellers of My mystic pavilions nor the inhabitants of My cloud-realms have discovered.

> "O Moses! Bear thou witness that I am indeed the Lord. I have ever been alone, sanctified in My essence from all names. I was not known from time immemorial, and in the mystery of My beauty I shall never be known unto the endless ages. I appeared unto Abraham, Isaac and Jacob as God, the Almighty over all things, but by My name Jehovah I made not Myself known until this day. This is the treasure of My hidden Name, this is the mystery of My treasured Name, and this is the symbol of My concealed and guarded Beauty, which hath ever been and shall forever remain hidden in the treasuries of My command and the repositories of My protection, veiled by the curtains of My glory and the covering of My power, authority and preservation. I concealed it beneath the mantle of My grandeur and the pavilion of My greatness until a time known only to Me, in a land that remaineth hidden behind the veils of My unseen realm and the ocean of My all-encompassing knowledge. And I shall appoint for this a fixed time, which is: verily, verily, I am most assuredly drawing nigh. Then shall I reveal this Treasure through the sovereignty of My Will, break its seal with the finger of My power and the digits of My might, and bring forth that hidden Pearl through the agency of My Most Exalted Pen from the depths of My unseen, pure and simple ink."

When the call ended and the mighty, mystic letters were completed in triangular form within the square frame, and the most hidden secret and most concealed treasure appeared, and the Throne bore the eight luminous letters, then was perfected and completed and sealed the temple of the Most Great Name in a holy and preserving seal. Blessed is he who gazeth upon the seal of the Beloved and recognizeth what was ordained therein of mysteries deposited in the treasuries of former Books from One all-knowing and wise.

O my brother, O my friend Khalil! This servant, you, and all friends must beseech the Glorious Lord to first bestow, through His wondrous favor, the spirit of prayer, that through it we might seek to renew the world of the world of the soul, and the world of the world of the spirit and mind, and the world of the world of heart and tongue and utterance, that He might create them anew through the holy breath of the All-Merciful and the exalted fragrance of the Eternal, so that with that Kingdom of utterance and expression we might render thanks and praise for this most great bounty and supreme gift, and might sacrifice those worlds of soul and spirit. For He hath enabled these servants to attain unto the knowledge of this most precious, most glorious, most resplendent Treasury.

Section 2: "How many Prophets and Messengers and chosen ones…"

How many Prophets and Messengers and chosen ones and near ones sacrificed their lives in search of this manifest Treasury and found no trace thereof, while we, these servants, without any worthiness or seeking, and without toil or labor, have attained unto this endless divine Treasury. O my brother! In truth another world is needed and another knowledge is befitting to comprehend and recognize the worth and value of this eternal sovereignty and everlasting bounty, and to arise in a manner worthy of this station

and these days. None but the Pen of the Ancient can describe this station, and none but the Tongue of Grandeur was or ever shall be worthy to make mention of this bounty which He Himself hath bestowed through His pure grace.

In any case, in view of the saying "The remembrance of friends is pleasing to the Friend," this servant desired to send to his honor the Hakim, upon him be the Glory of God, a fragrance from the rose-garden of the utterances of His Holiness Moses and a sweet scent from the fragrances of the remembrances of the Messengers which had previously been diffused and made manifest in mention of this Manifestation of the evident Truth. Therefore these remembrances flowed forth from the pen without intention. Blessed is he in that he hath attained, and succeeded, and known, and found. Therefore at every moment it behooveth him to say: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Beloved of all in the heavens and the earth."

Praise be to God! They beheld the New Jerusalem, which was foretold in the Holy Books of old and new, wherein He saith it shall appear anew. They dwelt beneath the blessed pavilion of which Isaiah the Prophet gave tidings, saying "A tabernacle that shall not be taken down; not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed." They attained the presence of their Glorious Lord in that exalted spot situated upon the shore of the mighty river, and entered time and again into that City which David, with utmost longing and yearning, had sought to enter, even as he saith: "Who will lead me into the strong city?" This blessed City hath been named by the Pen of the Most High as the Most Great Prison, and in one place as the Supreme Paradise and the Heaven of all heavens, and in another by all the Most Beautiful Names.

In the Books of the Messengers of old it was designated as the New Jerusalem, the Desired Land, and other beloved names. The Tongue of Revelation aforetime gave it three titles: the Land of Resurrection, the Holy Land, and the White Spot. In this sacred place they found, in one respect, everlasting joy and eternal delight, even as He saith: "All joy and gladness and felicity shall be in Jerusalem, for the Everlasting God shall dwell there with His people."

And in another respect, they drank from the cup of sorrow, for they witnessed that which had been foretold of old. The Bearer of the Psalms, after making reference to the Lord's Land, declareth: "There they that carried us away captive required of us a song; and they that wasted us required of us mirth, saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion." Then He saith: "How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?" O Khalil! I swear by the Glorious Lord that if they were to become aware of but a drop from the limitless oceans of tribulations that befell the Ancient Beauty, and of His loneliness, estrangement and oppression in the Most Great Prison, they would spend their entire lives in lamentation, weeping and mourning, and would proclaim "May my spirit be a sacrifice for Thy trials, O Beloved of the worlds!"

Praise be to God that they entered the holy Zion which was raised aforetime as foretold, and they arrived at the site of the House of the Lord, and beheld from the horizon of the Tent of Meeting the light and radiance of the splendor of their Lord without any veils, and dwelt in the holy shelter, and drank from the river of the path of which the truthful Prophet gave tidings, and ascended the mountain of the House of the Lord, and attained again and again to standing before their Lord while the mouth of the Lord was melodiously uttering words and expressions of favor, grace, mercy, kindness and compassion. And they

were saved from the terror of these words with which the trustworthy Warner gave warning—these are His true and manifest words:

> "Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of His majesty."

And He repeats these words in three places. Praise be to God that they attained to all these bounties and above these and far above these which are beyond reckoning, description and utterance. What else do they desire that they have not attained? What do they seek that they have not reached? What station do they hope for that the transcendent Lord has not already bestowed through His generosity and grace before they even asked?

However, there is one station which is greater than all stations, and this servant and you and they and all the friends must at all times beseech it from the Praiseworthy Lord with the utmost humility, submissiveness and supplication, and that is steadfastness, then steadfastness, then steadfastness unto infinity—steadfastness until the last breath, steadfastness until the spirit departs, steadfastness. For this matter has been mighty in all ages, times, dispensations and centuries, and its importance great, especially in this Most Great Manifestation whose greatness and grandeur is recorded and inscribed in all divine books, tablets and scriptures. Blessed is he who attains unto it and drinks from its oceans.

As for what you wrote about not having rendered any service, it was presented at the Most Holy Court and He said:

> "Grieve not over this. Thou didst hasten to the City when thou didst hear and didst turn to the station whereunto thou wert called. Thus doth the Pen testify in this Mighty Tablet."

Praise be to God that through the special favor of the True One thou didst attain to service and didst drink from the choice wine of reunion and didst attain to the blessed Word. India was and will be the courtyard of the gate of meeting, and its parrot is the Pen of Revelation. What bounty is more beloved, more desirable and more exalted than this? Rejoice in this sweet mention. And what thou hast heard about the condition there is not worth mentioning. Verily, the people hasten to the Evil One, turning away from God, the Sovereign of the Kingdom, except those whom thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, willeth.

Regarding what you mentioned about being present at the time of the revelation of verses, the friends have at all times been advised that this is a chance occurrence, and the reason thereof is clear and evident. Indeed, thou hast thyself been present on several such occasions.

With regard to what you mentioned concerning Tiberias—His Honor Hakim was given permission to go to Acre, but as for your going, considering the wisdom in all matters it is not advisable, for in these lands any mention of this Cause is absolutely forbidden. Should you accompany them, discussion would inevitably arise. His Honor Hakim too must absolutely make no mention of these matters in those places, as this would yield nothing but mischief and will continue to do so.

And concerning what you wrote about His Honor Hakim having mentioned that he acts according to God's commandments and prohibitions—this is through His grace upon him. God willing, may he be confirmed in this matter and remain steadfast with complete firmness. The Command is in His grasp. Verily He is the Commander, the All-Wise. The Glory be upon you and upon him and upon all who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

BH00472: Lawh-i-Ittihad

There has come before the Wronged One a letter from one of the divines who have turned to God, and have heard and answered their compassionate and gracious Lord. All are mentioned before the Most Great Scene, and we beseech God to aid them all to achieve that which leads to everlasting remembrance.

As to his question concerning unity, unity in its primary degree is unity in religion. This unity has ever been the cause of the triumph of the Cause of God throughout ages and centuries. Unity is the divine spiritual sword. For instance, if at this time a government were to observe that the majority of its subjects have rent asunder the veil and turned to the Most Glorious Horizon, it would remain silent and hearken to whatsoever is said. Whosoever attains to the hearing of the Word attains to the recognition of God, glorified be His majesty, except such souls as are altogether remote from God's mercy and are fully deserving of His wrath and punishment. Such souls are in every case debarred and deprived.

Unity in one station is unity in speech, and this is highly essential. Consider, for example, if two of God's loved ones were to enter a land and speak differently about a matter, this would cause dissension, and they themselves and others would be deprived of the blessing of unity which hath been revealed from the Pen of the Lord of all creation. Among the helpers of God is utterance, both in this Most Great Revelation and formerly. Deeds and goodly character are the hosts of God and are engaged in rendering assistance. If utterance is made with due measure it is God's mercy, but if it exceeds bounds it becomes the cause of destruction. In the Tablets We have counseled all to utter such words as possess the potency and effect of milk, that the children of the world may be nurtured thereby and attain maturity. Utterance in every station is manifest with a certain effect, and from it the fragrance of good and evil is wafted.

And in one station, unity of deeds is intended, for their variance causeth variance. When this Wronged One was being banished from Baghdad to Adrianople, He entered a mosque along the way where He observed different forms of prayer being performed in that place. Though the word "prayer" applied to all, yet each was distinguished by certain particulars. Had the people of the Bayan truly acted upon that which was revealed from the Pen of the All-Merciful, all upon the earth would have attained the honor of faith. The variance of deeds caused variance in the Cause, and the Cause was weakened. One prayeth with hands folded, another with hands open; one uttereth "at-tahiyyat" in the testimony, another "as-salam." Beyond these, some dance saying this is the remembrance of God. God forbid! The Truth is sanctified, holy and pure from such remembrances.

Consider the Law of the Apostle of God—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake—as an ocean from which countless gulfs have been derived, and this hath caused the weakening of God's Law among His servants. To this day, neither kings nor subjects nor paupers have recognized the cause and reason,

nor have they known how that which was lost in glory might be regained and the fallen standard might be raised again. In any case, one gulf is Shi'ih, one gulf Sunni, one gulf Shaykhi, one gulf Shah Ni'matu'llahi, one gulf Naqshbandi, one gulf Malamiti, one gulf Jalali, one gulf Rifa'i, one gulf Kharabati—were ye to count the paths to hell, ye could not number them.

Now doth the stone lament, the Supreme Pen waileth. Consider what hath befallen a Law whose light illumined the world and whose fire guided the nations—that is, the fire of His love. Blessed are they that ponder, blessed are they that perceive, blessed are they that are fair-minded. In brief, this variance of deeds hath shaken the foundation of God's Cause. O people of the Bayan! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. Afflict not yourselves as did the sects of old. Verily He hath sent down the proof and made manifest the way. Beware lest ye differ in that which hath been revealed from the heaven of the Will of your Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful.

By God! Had there been observed one who could speak or one who could arise, this servant would not have uttered a word. The purpose is that the True One, exalted be His glory, would not have delivered Him into the hands of these people, that is, the people of the Bayan. Therefore take heed, O ye who are endowed with insight! Purify and sanctify heart and breast with the living waters that flow from the Pen of the All-Merciful, and arise to render assistance through the hosts of goodly deeds, pleasing conduct, and divine words. This is the counsel of the True One, exalted be His glory, which hath been revealed and sent down in the Tablets from the Supreme Pen.

Among the forms of unity is unity of station, and it is the cause of the establishment of the Cause and its exaltation among the servants. When superiority and preference appeared, the world became ruined and desolate. Those souls who have drunk from the ocean of the utterance of the All-Merciful and are gazing toward the Most Exalted Horizon should see themselves on one plane and in one station. If this matter becomes established and is realized through divine might and power, the world will be seen as the Most Glorious Paradise. Indeed, man is noble, for within all things the sign of God exists, but to regard oneself as more learned, superior, more excellent, more God-fearing and more exalted is a grievous error.

Blessed are those souls who are adorned with the ornament of this unity and have been assisted by God. Consider the divines of Persia—had they not regarded themselves as the most exalted and excellent of all creation, their unfortunate followers would not have engaged in cursing and denouncing the Object of all the worlds. Man is bewildered, nay the world is bewildered, by those heedless, artificial souls. The fire of pride and vainglory hath consumed them all, yet they are unaware and have not come to their senses. They have not attained even a drop from the ocean of knowledge and wisdom. Woe unto them and unto that which their tongues have uttered and their hands have wrought on the Day of Retribution and on this Day whereon mankind hath stood before the Lord of the worlds. Should the Most Exalted Pen choose to expound fully the degrees of unity in every thing and every matter, it would need to be occupied for years.

Among the forms of unity is the unity of souls and possessions, and with this station We conclude Our mention of unity, as a command from Us, and verily I am the Mighty, the Unconstrained. This unity is a unity which is the source of joy, gladness and delight, were they but to understand and know. Let not the heedless divines say "To what does this refer?" This refers to all souls, and from this unity emerges

fellowship, and this fellowship hath been and remains beloved in the divine Books of the past and present. This fellowship pertains to wealth, not to what is below or above it. “They prefer others above themselves, though poverty be their portion. And they who are preserved from their own covetousness shall prosper.” This station is above fellowship. Fellowship is when man does not deprive the servants of God from that which God, exalted be His glory, has bestowed upon him. He himself enjoys and enables others like himself to enjoy as well. This station is greatly beloved, for all partake of bounty and receive their portion from the ocean of grace. And those who prefer others above themselves—in truth this station is above all stations, as mentioned, and that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur’an bears witness to this.

O people of God! Shall the Most Exalted Pen lament over itself or over that which hath occurred in the world? Matters have reached such a pass that a mere pond claimeth to be an ocean, and a lizard assumeth the station of an eagle. What hath happened? What smoke hath enveloped the world? Is not the fragrance of the Revelation diffused and distinct from all else? Is not the straight path distinguished from the paths of satanic fancy? Nay, by My Self! The Truth hath ever been, and will continue to be, distinguished from all else through all its attributes and deeds, and hath never been, nor will ever be, confused in the eyes of them that possess insight. The purpose of the unity of souls is the love of God and the Word of God, that all may gather around it and hold fast unto it. Every possessor of insight and wisdom testifieth to that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen.

The aforementioned unities are each an army among the armies of God, a party among the parties of God, and a cause among the causes of God. The unity of souls from the beginning of creation until now has been and will continue to be the helper and supporter of truth—that is, unity that occurs through God’s command and law. In this station, unity does not exceed this rank. Therefore take heed, O ye who are endowed with insight! The Supreme Pen at this moment counsels all His loved ones to unity and concord, that through it God’s Cause, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, may be made manifest. Likewise regarding wisdom—some of the friends of God have not observed wisdom and have been heedless of its station, and have caused clamor to be raised in certain lands.

Hearken unto the Voice of the Wronged One and act in accordance with what hath been revealed in the Tablets. Until ye find an ear, open not your lips, and until ye behold a pure and blessed land, deposit not the seed of wisdom. The utterance of the Divine Word is for the time when hearing and sight are ready, and likewise the earth. Some have at times spoken that which hath injured the very root of the Tree. Say: O people, fear God and be not of the wrongdoers. Fear God and be not of the ignorant ones. Barren soil is not suited to growth, and the ear of misbelief is not worthy to hear the word of Divine Unity.

O people of God! That which is the cause and means of the life of the world hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen. Each one must reflect for the sake of God, especially concerning Divine Unity, lest they be like the people of the past who uttered the words but were deprived of their meaning. They were worshippers of names and idols, yet counted themselves among the people of unity and certitude. However, God made manifest that which was hidden concerning the deeds and recompense of those people. On the Day of Reckoning, their exaltation, loftiness, station, rank and unity became clear and evident to all the worlds.

O My Name! Convey My greetings to the friends of God on behalf of the Wronged One and counsel them with that which God hath counseled them in the Scriptures and Tablets. Blessed are the emigrants who have emigrated in the path of God until they arrived at this mighty Prison. They have turned their faces toward God and directed themselves unto God. Their reward is with Him Who created them, fashioned them, sustained them, helped them, caused them to know Him, and made them speak His praise and mention. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

The splendor shining from the heaven of My mercy be upon those whom God hath enabled to act in accordance with what hath been revealed in His mighty and impregnable Book. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. We beseech Him, exalted be He, at the end of this Tablet, to assist them, to grant them success, to aid them with the hosts of the seen and the unseen, and to help them in His Cause. Verily, He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth, and in His grasp are the reins of all things. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

BH00206: In the name of our Lord, the Most Holy…

Section 1: "In the name of our Lord, the Most…"

In the name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Blessed be the Lord Who speaks upon the Throne, through Whose Name hath been raised the standard of "There is none other God but Him" upon the heights of the hearts of them who are nigh unto Him, and the banner of "He is the Peerless, the All-Informed" upon the most exalted station of the hearts of them that have turned towards Him. Blessed be this Day wherein the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen hath been raised in the kingdom of creation, wherein the ocean of knowledge hath surged, the sun of revelation hath shone forth, the birds have warbled, the Concourse on High hath called out, and all things have spoken. By God! The world hath been adorned through the appearance of the Hidden Mystery, the Treasured Secret, and the Preserved Symbol, Who hath appeared with the Most Great Name amongst the nations.

Rejoice, O ye people of the City of Names and ye dwellers of the pavilion of grandeur, in that the Speaker of Sinai speaketh from the Most Great Scene, the station honored by the advent of the Lord of Destiny, whereby the eyes of them that are nigh have been gladdened, the limbs of the idolaters have quaked, the faces of the sincere have been illumined, and every face that hath turned away from the Dawning-Place of Revelation on this manifest Day hath been darkened. Exalted is He Who hath spoken the Most Great Word and caused all things to speak, testifying that there is none other God but Him. Through it the Hour hath appeared, the knowledge of which was denied to every one possessed of insight and to every upholder of unity. And whosoever desired to know it, the Tongue of Grandeur warned him with His words, exalted be He: "Wherein art thou to mention it?"

Blessings, peace, glory and splendor be upon them whom the taunts of the enemies have not kept back from God, the Lord of Names, and whom the hosts of creation have not frightened in this Cause, whereby the hearts of the learned, the mystics, the literary ones and the princes have been perturbed. These are

honored servants unto whom the Tongue of God, the Almighty over what was and what shall be, beareth witness.

Glorified art Thou, O God of the world and Desire of the nations! Thou seest and knowest that when this servant desireth to make mention of Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones, such trembling seizeth him that his very foundations are shaken and every vein in his body is stirred, for how can one who hath neither mention nor station describe those who have sacrificed their spirits in Thy path and hastened to the place of martyrdom in Thy Name? I testify that they are servants whom Thou hast sanctified from the descriptions of all save Thee and the mention of aught except Thee. Thy Most Exalted Pen, through one movement of which Thou didst create all things, hath extolled their praise in the arena of glorification. I beseech Thee, O Thou through separation from Whom hearts have melted and servants have cried out, to ordain for this servant what Thou hast ordained for them through Thy bounty, though I am not worthy of it. O Lord! Thou art the Generous, and I am the supplicant at Thy gate. Disappoint me not through Thy favors and gifts. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

This servant hath attained unto your letter, and when I broke its seal, I heard your cry and your lamentation in the love of God, our Beloved and your Beloved, our Goal and your Goal, and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and the earth. By the life of the Beloved! I have read that which you have whispered to the Lord of Eternity and the King of Nations, and I wept at your separation and your burning in remoteness from God, the King, the Almighty, the Praiseworthy. It is as though the fire of thy love hath ignited and consumed me. When it was kindled, I sought the Kingdom of Reunion until I attained the presence of the face of our Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Then did the Face of God turn toward me and asked about what was in my hand. Thereupon I opened it and presented what was therein of the remembrance and praise of God. When it was completed, the Kingdom of Utterance was stirred and the Tongue of the All-Merciful spoke:

O Ali-Qabli-Akbar! Hearken unto the voice of the Wronged One, and arise to serve the Cause in such wise as to be sanctified from worldly matters. Thou hast ever been beneath the shadow of God's grace and art mentioned in His Book. Thou must arise to accomplish that which will promote the Cause of God and unite the hearts. Whoso submitteth unto God, God will verily exalt him. I swear by the Sun of Divine love which shineth from the dawning-places of the hearts of the chosen ones that if anyone performeth a deed for God's sake, that deed will shine like the morning star in the heaven of divine knowledge. With the ear of thy soul hearken to the rustling of the Pen of the All-Merciful, and arise to do that which will exalt and elevate the Cause of God, and thereafter behold its fruits.

Thus doth the All-Informed acquaint thee, and the All-Knowing instruct thee. Thou hast been and, God willing, shall continue to be under the glance of His loving-kindness. Strive that the strangers may find no opportunity for opposition and objection, and that the lamp of love and prosperity may, through the oil of wisdom, shine brightly among the righteous ones. Act thou according to what We have commanded thee before and in this Tablet, that thou mayest behold the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Bountiful, thy Lord, the All-Recording, the All-Knowing. Fix thy gaze upon the horizon of My Cause and act in accordance with that which winneth My good-pleasure, that from it may be wafted the fragrance of

My acceptance. Thus doth the Temple of My Revelation command thee from His glorious and impregnable station.

Be vigilant regarding the Cause of God at all times. Some souls, following their selfish desires, have caused and continue to cause division, making the Cause of God a pretext. They do what their desires command them and attribute it to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. How much blood hath been shed in this path and how many heads have been raised upon spears in this wondrous Cause! Say: O people, be fair in God's name and commit not that which harmeth the Cause of your Lord, the Mighty, the Great. Stand with perfect steadfastness and make mention with the utmost joy and fragrance, that perchance some may become mindful and forsake their desires and turn unto the Lord of the throne on high and of earth. Verily, He knoweth and concealeth, and He is the Concealer, the All-Wise.

O Ali! Most people are heedless, and the intoxication of selfish desires hath prevented them from turning to the court of oneness. Ask God, thy Lord, to make them recognize His straight path and aid them in that which beseemeth the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. Know thou that the servant who was present before the Throne hath presented what thy tongue of love uttered in praise and remembrance of God. We have heard it as a token of Our grace and have answered thee with a Tablet that calleth with the most exalted call and guideth the people to the path of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Say: O people! Answer the call of God among you and follow not those who acknowledge what God hath acknowledged in word but deny it in deed. Verily thy Lord is the Witness, the All-Hearing.

God willing, thou shalt be assisted in that which causeth the remembrance of people, their guidance, their turning unto God, and their sanctification and detachment. Rejoice thou in this remembrance and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the worlds, and glory be unto Thee, O Desire of the nations. I beseech Thee to assist me in Thy remembrance and the service of Thy Cause in such wise that nothing visible or invisible in Thy kingdom and Thy lands may hinder me. O Lord! Inspire me with that which will render me sincere in Thy love, a helper to Thy Cause, and detached from all else but Thee. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Ali-Akbar! The Lord of Destiny has willed to make mention of the Land of Sad, wherein has been raised the banner of the love of God. Blessed is it and blessed is he who has turned unto it purely for My sake and visited therein My trust and My deposit. Thus has the tongue of My loving-kindness spoken from the Lote-Tree of My grace, and I am verily the All-Bountiful. O Land of Sad! Give thanks and rejoice in that God has exalted thee to a station wherein thou shalt soon be pointed out by the fingers from all directions. Verily, grace is in His hand—He bestoweth it upon whomsoever He willeth of His creation. He, verily, is the Omnipotent over what He willeth.

There is none other God but Him, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. Blessed art thou and blessed are thy people who have inhaled the fragrance of God's garment and have tasted the bitterness of tribulation and adversity in His path. By My life! They are of those whom the dwellers of the most exalted Paradise make mention, and whom every tongue that hath spoken the truth in God, the Lord of the final end, doth praise. O people of Sad! Ye are they who forsook your homes for the love of the All-Merciful when the wolf howled among you and the serpent moved with perfidy and error.

O Haydar! We have manifested thee and made thee known and taught thee and given thee to drink of My choice wine which the All-Merciful hath sent down in the Qur'an. God had described it in the scrolls and books and psalms through the tongue of His chosen ones of old. But when its seal was broken by the finger of the Almighty, every heedless one turned away from it while the sincere approached it with radiant faces. Blessed is the Lord of Names Who revealed it and reserved it for those who answered the call of their Lord with humility and turned unto Him. Thou hast heard from the enemies that which caused the Concourse on High to weep. Hearken now unto that which the Lord of Names mentioneth unto thee from this station round which circle the sincere at all times. Thus have We cast unto thee from the ocean of Our loving-kindness the pearls of Our mercy. Gather them in My name, then give thanks unto thy Lord at eventide and at dawn.

O Hasan-i-ʿAli! The dwellers of Paradise and the inhabitants of the sacred precincts—they whom God has preserved from turning to any direction save His Own—have testified to your tribulations. They are the ones who have made their submission and humility and all their remembrance for God, the Lord of Lords. The dwellers of the cities of names have wept at your afflictions, as beareth witness to this He Who created the heavens, Who hath appeared unto the world through the Most Great Name and hath spoken that whereby the mountains have been crushed. Reflect upon the grace of thy Lord, then thank Him with such gratitude as will attract the hearts and cause the spirits to soar.

The names of those mentioned in your letter were presented by this servant before the Throne, and unique and exalted verses were revealed from the heaven of the Will of the Lord of Oneness for each one. O ʿAli-Qabl-i-Akbar! All those souls are mentioned before the Throne and are recorded by the Supreme Pen in God's Book. Some of those souls were recipients of multiple Tablets which were previously revealed and sent in their names. The Dawning-Place of Revelation and the Source of His Books has testified to their tribulations in the path of God. The Divine Word and the letters of the hidden Scripture have borne witness to what befell them for the love of God. I swear by the life of the Beloved that on this second night of the blessed month of Ramadan, He makes mention of His loved ones in most wondrous utterance.

Were they to become aware of but a sprinkling or a drop from the ocean of favor manifested towards them, there is fear they would perish from joy. Now they must expend their complete effort to ensure this most great, most exalted station is not lost and remains secure. The fire of heedlessness and disobedience will surely consume the saplings of deeds. After the episode in the Land of Sad (Isfahan), all were adorned with the ornament of forgiveness and attained the special favors of God—exalted be His generosity, exalted be His grace, exalted be His bounty, and exalted be His grandeur.

Section 2: "The Exalted Truth bears witness that were they…"

The Exalted Truth bears witness that were they to reflect even briefly on divine favors, they would never be sorrowful nor find themselves grief-stricken. The varied things and ornaments of this transient world have become veils and prevented people from witnessing—otherwise all would turn with utmost joy and detachment to the horizon of the Lord of creation. The face of the Lord of creation has turned toward the faces of the people of Sad who have cast behind them the books of conjecture and fancy and have taken what was sent down from God, the Lord of all beings. He sends His greetings to them and makes mention

of them with such mention that when it appeared from the heaven of His Lord's will, the Mother of Remembrance bowed down before it. Give them the glad-tidings of My remembrance, My mercy and My favor, then make mention of them on My behalf. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

God willing, all the chosen ones should arise to that which will exalt the Cause of God and act accordingly. Reflect: which deeds today cause the elevation of the servants and the exaltation of the Cause? Conflict, contention and corruption have been forbidden in most Tablets, and this blessed word was previously revealed from the heaven of will:

> "The victory of the Cause of God is through the sword of wisdom and utterance, not through the sword of steel or anything else."

Many similar statements exist in the divine verses. God willing, those possessed of insight have seen and understood. In this case, the people of truth must reflect on what will remove the veils of creation today and cause the sublimity and exaltation of God's Cause.

O Ali! Ponder upon that which hath flowed from the Pen. With thine own life make thou a sacrifice in the path of Truth. This is a martyrdom that is not confined to pen or tongue or utterance or tablets. The name of Ha, upon whom be all the glory of God, the Most Glorious, attained unto this supreme martyrdom, even before his outward martyrdom, inasmuch as he had no will or desire or thought of his own. All these he sacrificed for the sake of the Beloved, and afterwards he attained unto outward martyrdom also, offering up his life in the path of the true Beloved. He cast off from his head the crown of life and laid it at the feet of his Friend.

Blessed is he who hath recognized this station, and blessed is he who hath found the fragrance of the utterance of the All-Merciful. Whosoever hath, in truth, surrendered himself unto God and hath, in His path, become freed from all else save Him, such a one taketh no account of his own station and name and fame, but fixeth his gaze upon the Cause of God and that whereby His wisdom is established. I swear by the Sun of My utterance that he who hath attained unto that which My Pen hath spoken hath indeed prospered in all the worlds of My dominion. Beware lest anything debar you from My straight Path. All must strive with utmost endeavor to acquire the word of divine good-pleasure.

The people are ignorant and heedless. An interpreter is needed, and if that interpreter act in accordance with the command of God, assuredly will the light of his utterance illumine the world and draw the peoples to the sanctified Seat of Glory.

O Ali! Since the Almighty—exalted be His glory and magnified be His grandeur—hath sanctified the victory of His Cause from contention and conflict and the drawing of swords and the like thereof, therefore must ye cleave unto the cord of goodly deeds and spiritual qualities. If anyone act according to that which hath been mentioned, for the sake of God, he will assuredly influence the world and rend asunder the thick veils, inasmuch as whatsoever God hath ordained as the cause and means for the triumph and exaltation of His Cause is indeed penetrating and effective. To this testifieth every discerning soul. Ye must conduct yourselves with the utmost wisdom and never let it slip from your grasp. Trust not every claimant, believe not every speaker, nor reveal that which is hidden to every supplicant. Some souls are attracted by one word and repelled by another. In teaching, speak ye such words as will manifest the

heat of the love of God. If the hearer be set ablaze and attain unto the wine of steadfastness, he will gradually comprehend that which was hidden from him. The Most Exalted Pen hath mentioned and continueth to mention wisdom and its degrees in diverse utterances, that all may derive their portion and share therefrom.

That which ye had written concerning Mirza Muhammad Husayn was presented before the Presence. This is what hath been sent down from the Kingdom of utterance of our Lord, the Merciful, the Compassionate:

He is the One manifest from the horizon of Revelation

This is the Book which the Wronged One hath revealed for whosoever desireth to draw near unto the ocean of utterance in days whose mention the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an and in previous Books sent down unto the Prophets and Messengers, that he may take hold of the Book by his Lord's leave and drink therefrom the Kawthar of life which hath flowed from the finger of God's will, the Lord of all worlds. Hearken unto My call and arise to make mention of Me and to praise Me in such wise that the sweet-scented breezes of thy Lord's verses, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, may attract thee. Blessed is the father from whom hath appeared one who hath recognized God and His signs, and blessed is the mother who hath given birth to one who hath turned toward the Supreme Horizon and believed in the One, the All-Informed.

Hearken unto that which the All-Hearing uttereth, that the All-Seeing may show thee that which hath delighted the eyes of the Messengers. The waves have appeared from the ocean of thy Lord's utterance, moved by the breezes of revelation in this noble station. Bear thou witness as God hath testified before the creation of the heavens and earth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh is indeed the One intended in God's scriptures and promised by the tongue of them that are nigh. Whoso hath attained unto this testimony hath attained unto the grace of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And concerning what you wrote about Haji Ghulam-Rida, after submission these exalted words dawned from the Dayspring of the All-Merciful's will:

He is the One Who calleth from the Supreme Horizon!

Glorified be He Who hath appeared and manifested the Cause as He desired. He, verily, is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. Rejoice in that the Most Exalted Pen maketh mention of thee, when the Dawning-Place of Names was imprisoned in ʿAkka through that which the hands of the disbelievers had wrought against the Hidden Mystery. Reflect upon the world and its people—verily it showeth thee that which proveth its passing. By God's life! It proclaimeth its evanescence at all times and calleth the people with its loudest voice to the Most Exalted Station, yet most of them perceive not. Beware lest the affairs of creation veil thee from the Truth that speaketh in the world through the Most Great Name and announceth unto all the Praiseworthy Station.

We make mention of him who hath turned toward the horizon of utterance in this station which hath been named with the most beautiful names in God's Book, the Lord of what was and what shall be. When

thou hast attained unto My Book and drunk therefrom the choice sealed wine, give thanks and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast aided me to recognize the treasury of Thy mysteries and the repository of Thy verses. I testify that Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all existence.

Concerning what you wrote about the foreigner, that is, one from Europe, it was submitted and He said that if such souls should take and send to their own countries there is no harm, but if they should reveal it in that land it would cause mischief, and whatsoever is given must be correct. Some copies of the Book of Certitude present in this land have not all attained the ornament of correctness, and if the book which the Greater Branch recently sent to Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin containing the Tablets to the Kings be given, it would be best, but only after assurance. God speaketh the truth and He mentioneth the proof and guideth the way.

And concerning what you wrote about Haji Mirza Hasan, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], it was submitted. This is what God revealed in answer to him:

He is the One Who speaketh in the Mount

Give thanks, O Hasan, for having attained unto My days, discovered the fragrance of My loving-kindness, turned to My horizon, heard My call, and drunk the choice wine of utterance from the hands of My bounty. By the life of God! Grace belongs to him who hath found, heard, recognized and responded to his Lord—He through Whose manifestation the hidden Secret and the treasured Mystery were revealed, the Cry was raised between earth and heaven, and the Nightingale warbled upon the branches of the Tree of Names:

> "Verily, there is none other God besides Me, the Single, the All-Informed."

He that is endowed with hearing is he who hath attained unto the verses of God, and he that is endowed with sight is he who hath beheld the Supreme Horizon when the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven appeared with mighty sovereignty. Say: All greatness extols from behind Him, all loftiness boweth before His dominion, and every possessor of knowledge fleeth from the field of understanding when therein courseth the Pen of the All-Merciful.

By My life! Wert thou to find the sweetness of utterance, thou wouldst soar in the atmosphere of the All-Merciful and find thyself in a joy that encompasseth the joy of the world. Thus doth the Lord of Eternity make mention of thee with an utterance which God hath sanctified from all mention and words after its appearance in its garment. Thy Lord speaketh as He willeth, even as He decreeth what He desireth. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. They who are heedless this day of what hath been manifested in creation are accounted as the most heedless ones in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. Thou hast indeed attained aforetime unto the verses of God and His mercy. Be thankful for this bounty which, by the life of God, no other thing on earth can equal. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Prefer what We desire for thee above what thou desirest for thyself. Thy Lord knoweth thee better than thou knowest thyself. He, verily, is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

We have desired to make mention of thy Lord with spirit and fragrance for the people of possibility, on whose faces thou beholdest the radiance of humility before God, the King, the Mighty, the Praised. He inscribeth for whomsoever He willeth the reward of meeting Him and of entering the Kaaba of His presence. Nothing can frustrate Him in what He willeth. He doeth what He pleaseth and ordaineth what He desireth. He is the Single, the All-Knowing. Thus have We adorned the ocean of meanings with the ark of thy Lord's wisdom, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. The glory be upon thee and upon thy family whose heart hath attained unto the light of God's love and turned unto Him when the Desired One came with clear proof.

Regarding what you wrote about the funds, give nine to his honor Aqa Siyyid Abu-Talib and send another nine to his honor Samandar. They should give these in that land to one of the friends of God, and it will be written to them, and they should deliver the remainder to one of the friends.

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Section 1: "In the Name of our Lord, the Most…"

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Generous, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious

Praise be unto the Luminary through Whom the horizon of the world and the hearts of the nations were illumined, through Whom the Most Great Ocean appeared and the Nightingale of Immortality warbled upon the branches of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing. He hath come Who was named Jehovah in the Torah, the Spirit of Truth in the Gospel, and the Great Announcement in the Qur'an. Through Him was revealed that which lay hidden in the knowledge of God, and that which was recorded in the scriptures of old was made manifest, and the Countenance of the All-Merciful spoke forth from the Throne of Utterance:

> "Verily, He shall not be known through My attributes nor through that which was mentioned in the Bayan."

Through Him appeared that which was promised in the Tablets of God, the Sovereign, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Praise be to God Who hath sent down the verses and revealed the clear proofs, and made known unto all His straight Path and His Most Great, Most Mighty Name. Blessed is he who hath fulfilled the Covenant and hastened unto Him with radiant countenance, and woe betide him who hath denied God's grace and His proof, and followed every remote clamourer.

Prayers, praise, glory and splendor be upon those who have girded up the loins of endeavor and striving to serve the Cause of God amongst His servants and to make mention of Him among His creatures. These are servants whose praise is voiced by the dwellers of the celestial kingdom and the kingdom of names, who are remembered by the denizens of Paradise in an exalted station, and upon whom pray the Concourse on High and those who circle round God's exalted and mighty Throne.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou at Whose separation the near ones lamented and the sincere ones cried out in their remoteness from the presence of Thy holy city! I beseech Thee by the fragrances of Thy raiment and the lights of Thy countenance to aid Thy loved ones in serving Thy Cause and assist them, O my God, in that whereby Thy remembrance may be exalted amongst Thy creatures. Then protect them, through Thy bounty and loving-kindness, from those who turned away from Thy most exalted horizon when it was illumined with Thy name, O Lord of all names! Thou art, verily, powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and by Thy command Thou didst raise the banner of "He doeth what He willeth." There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful.

And further: the bird of your love soared in the form of a letter, bearing that which brought joy to the faithful in the kingdom of creation, for it was adorned and embellished with the mention and praise of God. Likewise did the other letter gladden this servant, and yet another time again. This servant beseecheth God, his Lord, to grant you success and to strengthen you in that whereunto you have attained in His days. All these were presented before the Throne, and there was sent down from the heaven of divine will for your honor once in a letter of Zaynu'llah—upon him be the most glorious of all glory—and again in this epistle, and beyond these in letters of some of the loved ones, and beyond these was revealed the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to honor you with it and to vouchsafe unto you the bounty of attaining His presence. Verily, He is the Protector of the sincere ones, the unified ones, and those drawn nigh unto Him. And after presentation in the Most Holy Court, the Sun of inner meanings shone forth in the mirrors of Tablets in these sacred and transcendent forms:

He is the One Who Warbleth upon the Branches

O Muhammad! The One and Only remembers thee from His Praiseworthy Station, and calls out between earth and heaven: "Verily I am the All-Powerful, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting!" Thy letter hath arrived and was presented by the servant in attendance as the Lord of Destiny was walking in the Most Great Scene—this mansion which was built aforetime for the establishment of God's throne, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Loving. Blessed art thou and blessed is every one who hath turned to the Truth, the Knower of all things unseen. We have heard thy call time and again, and have answered thee again and again as a token of Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Beloved. Convey My greetings unto the faces of My servants who have held fast to the cord of My loving-kindness and have arisen to make mention of Me and to praise Me in My lands. They are indeed of the people of My Kingdom and My Dominion, to which My Pen beareth witness that testifieth there is none other God but He. He giveth as He pleaseth and withholdeth by His command. He is indeed the Truth, the Sovereign of existence.

Say: O chosen ones of God! Rejoice in this Day wherein the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Most Glorious Pavilion have been gladdened by its mention—they whom the veils of the world have not prevented from turning towards this exalted Station. Blessed are your hearts for having turned unto God, and blessed are your eyes for having been directed towards the horizon of the manifestation of your Lord, the Possessor of the seen and the unseen.

We make mention of thee again, O Baqir, as a token of grace from God, the Lord of creation, that thou mayest give thanks and testify to that whereunto God hath testified before the creation of earth and heaven: that there is none other God but I, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. We have sent the

Messengers and revealed the Books, and through their tongues We gave the glad-tidings of this Day which hath no peer in creation and no likeness in invention. Thy Lord is indeed the Witness to what He saith. The glance of loving-kindness hath been directed towards thee in such wise that God hath forgiven those mentioned in thy letter. He forgiveth whom He willeth through His grace, and He is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, who have heard and responded on this Promised Day.

Divine grace and loving-kindness towards you and the friends are evident from the holy, sublime and resplendent verses dawning from the horizon of will. A hundred thousand souls like this servant have not been and will never be capable of offering befitting praise unto it. Likewise, in another instance, mention of the wise ones of that land was revealed from the Ancient Tongue. His word, exalted be His glory:

He is the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing

O My loved ones mentioned in the Torah! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison. That which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds, hath been fulfilled. The Torah hath testified to the Sovereign of verses, the Gospel to the King of Glory, and the Quran to this Great Announcement at whose appearance all who are in the heavens and earth were thunderstruck, save those whom the Almighty, the Most High, the Most Great, wished otherwise.

O sons of the Friend and heirs of Him Who conversed with God! Give thanks to the Ancient Lord Who hath guided you to the straight path and preserved you from the great terror on this momentous Day. Glorify the Lord in these days and celebrate His Name. Blessed is the Lord Who hath come with the truth. He is the One through Whom was manifested that which was inscribed by the Pen in previous Books. Blessed is the soul that hath recognized and turned unto Him, and woe unto the heedless! He Who maketh the dawn as darkness and walketh upon the dayspring places of the earth hath come with the truth. He was named with the most beautiful names in God's Books, the Creator of heaven, and the Great Announcement in a clear Book. He is indeed the One Who darkeneth the day as the night and committeth both land and sea unto God, the One, the All-Informed.

O children of the Friend in the regions! Hearken unto the call of your Lord, the Most Glorious, from the Supreme Horizon, from the Ultimate Lote-Tree. Then inform the world of this News whereby the veil was rent asunder and that which the Messengers foretold appeared, through a command from the All-Wise Ordainer. By God! He possesseth not what ye possess, nor walketh He in your ways. He hath come with justice accompanied by the hosts of the unseen, and hath manifested unto His servants His straight Path. Behold the Word that hath issued from the mouth of My Will, and what hath appeared therefrom in the earth, if ye be of them that know. Through it the treasures and fruits have appeared, and whatsoever was hidden in the treasury of knowledge of God's mysteries, the Master of this wondrous Day.

This is the Day wherein through the blessed Word that hath issued from the mouth of the Divine Will, the ocean of joy hath appeared and become manifest in the world. Through the blessing of that Word, the treasures of the earth have been revealed and the divine bounties have become resplendent. This is the Day whereon the thirsty ones turn to the ocean of life, and the rain of mercy maketh fresh and verdant the withered and dried vegetation—that is, He bestoweth reward and granteth bounty without gold or

silver. Observe ye the Book of Isaiah and ponder, that ye may find what hath been mentioned and receive your portion from the ocean of knowledge. The Friend of God hath appeared manifest in the land of Syria, and His call is raised from Zion.

How excellent is the state of the one who is not deprived of this most great bounty! Isaiah saith: “And I will place salvation in Zion for Israel.” Today the Throne of the Lord is established in the New Jerusalem upon the water, and that blessed Tabernacle whereof Isaiah gave tidings hath been raised in that most exalted, most holy, most sublime station. This is a Tabernacle that hath not been, nor will be, moved from place to place; its pegs have not been, nor will be, pulled out; and its cords have not been, nor will be, severed. And now the Lord, the Mighty One, is seated upon the throne of majesty in that Tabernacle.

This is a Day wherein the land of Syria is in joy and gladness, the mountains and hills are singing and exulting, and the earth is in utmost delight, adorned with the flowers of inner meanings and realities. O children of the Friend! The mysteries of the Books are many, but ears are few. This is the Day wherein the hidden treasures in divine knowledge and the stored mysteries in the heavenly Books have become manifest and evident. Blessed is the eye that seeth, blessed the ear that heareth, and blessed the soul that turneth with clear certitude to the Most Supreme Horizon. This is a Day wherein He measured the heavens with a span, weighed the dust of the earth with a measure, and balanced the mountains and hills with scales. Verily, We mention unto you the allusions of the Books, that perchance the people may be assured of what We have sent down aforetime. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Section 2: “O My beloved! All the Books, Scriptures…”

O My beloved! All the Books, Scriptures and Tablets have proclaimed and given glad tidings of this Most Great Day. Nevertheless, all are observed to be heedless, save whom God willeth. His Holiness Isaiah saith: “The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God.” Carmel is a place situated opposite the Prison-land, and it is named the Vineyard of God, and was the seat of the Throne upon first arrival. It is the first land in this realm to attain the ocean of attainment and be adorned with divine fragrances. The land of Lebanon is also situated near the Prison-land. And likewise in another place He saith: “Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; He will come and save you.”

Observe and ponder how in clear and lucid words He hath detailed the fear of the servants, the appearance of God, the oppression of the oppressor, and divine retribution. Now this evanescent servant, with utmost sincerity, submits to the gentlemen and friends that today we must strengthen our hearts, establish justice, and make firm the foundation of love. Let them not be saddened by the darkness of oppressive souls, for light followeth after; let them not be disturbed by the might of the heedless, for divine retribution cometh in its wake. With the light of faith and certitude, and in perfect assurance, we must gaze toward the horizon of the Beloved of the worlds, and deal with all the peoples of the earth with kindliness and forbearance, for He hath created us for edification, not destruction. God willing, they must transform fear into assurance, and weakness into strength. We beseech and implore God, exalted

be His glory, to guide all into the ocean of His grace, in such wise that love of this transient life may not withhold them from everlasting life.

In the Book of Zechariah it is stated: “And it shall be one day which shall be known to the Lord, not day, nor night.” Likewise Isaiah saith: “The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light.” He hath mentioned the station of the Day of God, as hath been revealed in the Tablets, that this divine Day is illumined by the light of His resplendent countenance. Blessed is he who hath recognized and is among the successful ones. And likewise He saith: “And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and His name one.”

Observe how, despite these explicit statements previously revealed and recorded in the Book, the people of the Bayan in this Revelation have remained remote and deprived from the Dayspring of divine Revelation and the Dawning-Place of celestial light, through His name of Divinity and Lordship. Today the banner of unity is raised aloft and the ocean of oneness is manifest. He hath been and will be called the One. Whoso turneth to any other without His leave cannot be counted. He hath indeed been heedless of His sovereignty and turned away from His proof. Great is this Day! He is the Lord of all days and the Sovereign of all ages and centuries, and their Dawning-Place and Dayspring. All people must gaze toward the one true God and bear witness to His oneness. He is one and His name is one. Blessed is he who seeth and witnesseth, who knoweth and recognizeth, who is learned and understandeth, and who, seeking, hath attained unto the Intended One on this promised Day.

In the days when the fragrances of the robe of Revelation were wafting in Zawra, the Ancient Tongue addressed one of His friends with these blessed words: “Make thy submission and humility to God alone.” All submission and humility must be exclusively for God—exalted be His majesty, supreme be His sovereignty, and mighty be His proof. This evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to aid all to act in accordance with that which hath flowed from the Supreme Pen in the mighty Book. How lofty is the station of those souls who are seen to be steadfast and firm in the Cause of God! These are they on whom no fear shall come, nor shall they grieve. These are of the people of Baha who are established upon the crimson ark by God’s leave, the Lord of all names. The Concourse on high pray for them at all times. We must needs reflect upon the references in the Books of old, that perchance we may cling to mighty proofs and conclusive evidences, and guide the diverse religions of the earth by the light of justice.

Blessed are the children of Khalil, for they are reckoned among the people of Baha and are known by this blessed name. Whosoever hath today taken and quaffed the sealed wine from the hand of the bounty of the Self-Subsisting Lord is accounted among the people of Baha and is mentioned in the Book. Consider this blessed, firm, and established word which is recorded in the Book of Zechariah. He saith:

> “And in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the Lord of hosts.”

This word implicitly giveth tidings that the Sun of Truth will rise from the horizon of another heaven, and likewise indicateth that whosoever turneth unto the Most Great Name hath been and shall be among the most exalted peoples of the world, for he is associated with Him and characterized by His name. Thus,

every Canaanite who is today illumined by the lights of the Manifestation is mentioned before God as being among the people of Baha.

O ye noble ones! Great indeed is this day, even as this blessed verse hath been sent down from the heaven of God's Will, exalted be His glory: "Great is this Day. Hearken ye unto the voice of the Messenger and the One Who hath been sent. By the True One, the Speaker on Sinai uttereth the truth, yet most of the people are heedless." The Truth doth today promote the Torah, the Gospel, and the Qur'an, and likewise promoteth all divine scriptures, psalms, and books. This is spoken in one station, and in another station: "He is the Creator of the heavens and earth. He hath come with a new Cause that hath no likeness in the past nor equal in the future. To this beareth witness His preserved Tablet."

This evanescent servant beseecheth and imploreth the True One, exalted be His glory, to intoxicate these noble ones and friends with the wine of utterance and to make them appear in the expanse of the world. This is the Day whereof He hath said: "The earth shineth with the light of her Lord." The intoxication of the wine of divine recognition increaseth understanding, leadeth the ignorant to the ocean of knowledge, and guideth the heedless to the horizon of wisdom. We hope from the favor of the Peerless Friend that all may arise to that which beseemeth the Day of God, and that He may not deprive any of the peoples of the earth. He is the Giver, He is the Generous. His is the creation and the command, and His is the grandeur and the majesty. He ordaineth the sealed wine for whomsoever He willeth. Verily, He is the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

The grace of God and His bounty are evident and resplendent like the sun at its zenith. This station requires neither speech nor interpreter, for "the Light hath appeared." He is the Concealed One. Praise be to God that you have attained to that which most are deprived of. For each of the names mentioned in your letter, a Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablet has been revealed from the heaven of grace and sent forth. Likewise, a Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablet was revealed specifically for the brother of Jinab-i-Javad, upon him be the glory of God. God willing, may they attain to that which God loves and with which He is well-pleased.

Praise be to God that in Zawra they drank from the Most Exalted Chalice and partook cup after cup from the ocean of reunion. What they wrote was the cause of joy and gladness, and this servant was content with this letter and did not trouble them separately. Their supplications were presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court and were accepted. Let them praise God for this throughout the duration of the Kingdom and the Realm of Names.

God willing, they should be so enkindled with the fire of divine love that its effects may endure and persist in the world. In all conditions they should be mindful of wisdom and act with consummate wisdom, for the Cause is mighty and the people are weak, ears are contaminated and eyes afflicted with ophthalmia. To the blind, the image of angel and demon appear the same, and to the deaf, croaking and cooing are indistinguishable. The divine sages must treat with gentleness and consideration.

In response to the petition of Jinab-i-Manakji Sahib, this exalted word was revealed from the heaven of the Will of the Lord of all beings—exalted be His grandeur:

> "Milk must be given in proper measure, that the children of the world may enter into the realm of maturity and find their place in the court of unity."

Remind all the friends of wisdom, that all may be mindful of it. It is the lamp of salvation. God willing, may all attain unto it.

Furthermore, several Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablets were revealed specifically for Jinab-i-Haji Kamalu'd-Din, upon him be the glory of God, and those with him. Likewise, wondrous and exalted Tablets were revealed and sent for the names mentioned in their letter. God willing, you will deliver them that eyes may be consoled thereby. This servant has also submitted a letter to their presence.

Furthermore, convey my greetings to those who drink the choice wine of inner meanings in that city and its surroundings. God the One is witness that in most times this evanescent one beseeches God on behalf of the divine friends for that which will cause their mention to endure. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Forgiving, the Generous. The Glory be upon you and upon those with you who have attained to the recognition of God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH00326: Praised be thy deeds, O thou who hast been…

Section 1: "Praised be thy deeds, O thou who hast…"

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

Praised be thy deeds, O thou who hast been afflicted in the path of God, the Creator of heaven! Blessed art thou, O thou who hast drunk the cup of tribulation in the love of God, the Lord of Names! Joy be unto thee, O thou who hast borne hardships and adversities in the Cause of God, the Creator of all things!

All praise, sanctified above every mention, befitteth the Lord of all mankind, Who hath ordained the abasement of His loved ones to be the cause of the glory of the people of the world, and made the imprisonment of His chosen ones the means of freedom for all nations, and caused the wandering of His friends to become the source and origin of the gathering and turning of all lovers toward their true homeland.

Glory upon glory be unto thee, O thou who hast left thy dwelling place in the path of God, the Ancient of Days! Then praise and glorification be upon thee, O thou who art enkindled with the love of God, the Sovereign of all nations! Can the pen adequately render such thanksgiving, or can the tongue succeed in fully expressing these stations? Today all things cry out, "Would that I had borne hardships in Thy love, O God of the worlds!" and "Would that I had endured all tribulations in Thy path, O Ultimate Goal of all who seek Thee!"

The Christ of the age appeared from the dawning-place of the Most Merciful's Cause, yet became the object of the rejection and opposition of all servants save a few. After the ruling of the Mufti of the age, these few were driven from their homes and scattered in different directions, to such extent that they had not even sustenance for the day. Now observe how kings remove their crowns and bow down at the

mere mention of each of these souls. Such is the glory hidden within these apparent humiliations, today concealed from eyes and sight.

The Lord of Batha appeared from the dawning-place of the will of the Lord of all mankind, and at first His enemies arose in such fashion that any fair-minded person would be ashamed to recount the details. the ungodly conspired to martyr all His companions, whereupon He informed them that they must all emigrate from that land at dawn. Among those holy souls was Ja'far-i-Hayyar, upon whom be the glory of God, who journeyed with a group to Abyssinia where they dwelt for some time, occupied with utmost joy and enthusiasm in the remembrance of the Lord of all mankind. The details thereof have flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed are they who have attained and beheld!

Though in those days they were afflicted with utmost poverty and were seen in apparent abasement, it was later observed that through the blessing of those holy souls, the treasures of wealth were opened to the people of Islam, the gates of glory were unlocked, and the nightingales of joy warbled sweet and wondrous melodies upon the branches of the trees of human existence. Glorified be He Who doeth whatsoever He willeth through His power and sovereignty, and ordaineth what He desireth through His command and will!

The cause of life hath been water, as witnessed by "from water did We make all things living." At times He hath bestowed this virtue upon fire, even as He made the fire of the Mount the cause of life for all peoples. Who can prevent His sovereignty? I testify that there is no God but Him. He hath ever been sanctified beyond the understanding of those near unto Him and exalted above that which the tongues of the sincere have uttered. He hath manifested what He hath willed and the conditions of creation cannot weaken Him. He is, in truth, the Ruler, the Commander, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O beloved of my heart! That which melteth the heart and consumeth the body are the regrets that dwell in the heart of this evanescent servant.

Behold the holy souls in the land of Sad—how, through God's grace, they were manifest in the utmost glory and elevation while they lived, and how at the end of their days they attained a station the like of which hath truly never been seen or heard. This servant uttereth at every moment "Would that I had been with them!" Yet this honor hath slipped away and this regret remaineth in the heart. From the Supreme Pen there was revealed concerning them that which causeth all the atoms of creation to weep and lament. They attained unto that which shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven shall last.

And now this regret too remaineth in my heart—why was I not with that honored one who hath left his home and country in the path of God and journeyeth through the wilderness with no helper or assistant? Would that I had been with thee and attained unto that which thou hast attained in the path of our Beloved, our Goal, and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and the earth! But the servant giveth you glad tidings of God's victory, His grace and His mercy which have preceded all existence, both seen and unseen. The servant hath received your letter, and from each word thereof he witnessed the fire of longing and yearning. When I understood and became aware of its contents, I turned toward the Desired One until I attained the presence before the Throne and presented what was therein. Then did the Tongue of Grandeur and Glory speak that which caused the earth to quiver and the mountains to pass

away. I find my pen unable to describe what the Kingdom of Utterance did speak—nay, all the pens on earth—until the Tongue of Eternity spoke these sublime words, and His sweetest utterance and the Beloved of all on earth and in heaven declared:

> "O Muhammad! Verily the Single One, the Unique, maketh mention of thee from this station unto which the birds of divine attributes cannot soar. Rejoice thou and be of the thankful. We have given thee to drink of the Kawthar of Our utterance and the choice wine of Our knowledge, and We give thee to drink through these verses that which will draw thee to a station wherein neither the clamor of the world nor the oppression of those who have denied God, the Lord of all worlds, will grieve thee. Verily He will purify the earth from the defilement of those who have risen in opposition, and will cause thee to attain the supreme summit. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. By My life! Thou hast attained unto the recognition of the Desired One, through which the books of God, the Sovereign, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, have been adorned. God willing, thou shalt soar on the wings of detachment in the atmosphere of the love of the Creator of new creation, and shalt at all times be enkindled with the fire of His love. Blessed art thou and thy father, whom the Concourse on High remember and to whom the Most Glorious Pen hath borne witness in His preserved Tablet."

> "O Taqi! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My throne. It will draw thee to My Kingdom and the station of My nearness, and will give thee to drink of the choice wine of My wondrous utterance. Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One. We found it aflame with the warmth of My love and adorned with My mention and praise. Blessed art thou, and thy pen, and thy tongue, and thy heart. Rejoice thou in the remembrance of thy Lord and be steadfast in My service and speaking forth My beauteous praise. Look not upon the people and their clamor. Look upon that which hath been ordained for thee by My mighty Pen. This hardship shall, God willing, be followed by ease."

If thou desirest to follow the example of thy Lord, verily He was well-pleased with whatsoever befell Him in the path of God, and remained thus, as all things and every discerning soul doth testify. Where are the Caesars and the Khosroes and the Pharaohs and the tyrants who built for themselves dwellings on mountain peaks and disdained the Command of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth? Thus doth a preserved Book recount unto thee from His presence. How many were the souls who appeared in the utmost outward glory and deemed not their own extinction possible, yet today neither they nor their habitations nor their ornaments nor their dwellings can be seen, and no trace remaineth of those heedless and veiled souls upon earth save the effects of their tyranny and oppression which still persist in diverse regions. Thus do all atoms curse them, as doth every person of understanding and insight and every eloquent tongue that speaketh the truth. Verily thy Lord recounteth unto thee that thou mayest be of them that are assured. Ask thou God to assist thee and those who have believed to serve His Cause and to make mention of Him and to praise Him, for verily He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Section 2: “Make thou mention of My loved ones who…”

Make thou mention of My loved ones who have cast away all else save Me and have held fast unto My Strong Handle and clung to the hem of My luminous Robe. Give thanks unto God that the Goal of the world hath inhaled from thy letter the fragrance of contentment, and this sufficeth thee and the Lord of all names, yet most men are heedless. I have found in the spirit of thy commune the spirit of My good-pleasure. Blessed is the babe that hath drunk from the breast of My loving-kindness and hath grown up beneath the shadow of My mercy and hath won My acceptance in My days. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen make mention of thee with such mention that if they who are on earth were to perceive its fragrance, by God the True One, they would abandon all they possess and hasten to the precincts of the Throne—the Spot whereon the Ancient Beauty hath established Himself with manifest sovereignty.

God willing, mayest thou remain firm and steadfast in this most exalted station, for certain of the friends of God presented their petitions at the Divine Threshold, adorned with the ornament of His good-pleasure, but then another fragrance wafted and concealed the first. Thus doth the Goal inform thee that thou mayest be of them that are steadfast and firm. Grieve not at separation and remoteness, for by His Pen He transformeth estrangement into reunion and remoteness into nearness. Exalted be thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

Indeed these verses have been revealed with such bounty as cannot be described by pen or tongue. In every word there is a luminous lamp. Blessed is he who hath found and recognized. After perusing the revealed verses that soul will testify to that which this servant hath submitted.

As for those souls who through the grace of the All-Merciful have quaffed from the Kawthar of divine knowledge and are gazing toward the horizon of certitude—whose names were mentioned—all their names were presented at the Most Holy Court and unique and wondrous verses were revealed for each one. However, this servant found no opportunity to write in detail. Gladden ye them all with God’s bounty and convey greetings on behalf of this evanescent servant, for this servant found himself powerless to mention all that was revealed from the Kingdom of divine knowledge. Most often the verses of God are revealed in such manner that even the Supreme Pen of the world is incapable and unable to transcribe them. However, I give this much glad tidings to the friends of God that all those verses were revealed with perfect bounty and undoubtedly their effects will appear in the world. Verily our Lord, the All-Knowing, hath power over all things. I beseech you to convey greetings once again on behalf of this evanescent servant.

Blessed art thou, O thou who hast voiced the praise of him who illumined the horizon of faithfulness in the kingdom of creation, and blessed is every one who hath uttered mention of Ha and Ha! O Zaynu’l-ʿAbidin, hearken unto that wherewith the Lord of all worlds maketh mention of thee from this manifest Castle. By My life! Wert thou to taste the sweetness of My utterance, such joy would seize thee that sorrows would never grieve thee, and the eye of thy heart would be opened in such wise that thou wouldst behold the Twin Lights in the most exalted horizon, the most glorious station, the supreme height, and the ultimate goal. And thou wouldst say:

> “Praise be unto Thee, O my God and the God of the world, and glory be unto Thee, O my Beloved and the Beloved of the nations! I testify that Thou didst create them both, and didst strengthen them, and aid them, and exalt them, until Thou didst sacrifice them in Thy path. Thou didst desire for them naught save that which the pens of possibility are powerless to record and the pages of time cannot contain. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.”

Though the friends be abased in the eyes of men, they are most honored in the sight of God, and soon shall the sun of glory be seen dawning from the horizon of the world and become manifest. Reflect upon previous centuries and whatsoever occurred therein. Then shall be revealed unto thee that which hath been uttered by My wondrous tongue. The entire world and whatsoever existeth therein cannot be compared to a single word from the words of God, for the fragrance of that word persisteth forever in its diffusion. The recompense of no sincere deed hath ever been, nor shall ever be, effaced or forgotten. With Him is the knowledge of all things in His Book, and verily He is the Munificent, the All-Bountiful.

The hatred, enmity and harm of the people have never been worthy of mention or attention. Observe this world, which is the abode of such events: at every moment it proclaimeth “Behold my evanescence!” Consider the world as a book; at every moment obliteration seizeth its words, as every person of insight can perceive. But the words of God have a station that neither obliteration can seize nor extinction approach. Blessed art thou and those who behold all things with Mine eyes and who have confined their affairs to the promotion of My Cause through the wisdom which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Book.

As to the previous question regarding where they should reside and what they should do, these matters have been referred to consultation, as is recorded in the divine Tablets. One must consult with steadfast, assured souls and act accordingly. That which proceedeth from consultation is best for him who holdeth fast unto wisdom in the kingdom of creation. When thy first letter arrived, it was presented at the Most Holy Court. They said:

> “Wherever they reside, they dwell beneath the shade of the Tree of Divine Mercy, the pavilions of grandeur, and the tabernacle of grace.”

I swear by the pearl of God’s ocean of knowledge, when this servant heard these blessed words from the Tongue of Divine Unity concerning thee, he was well-nigh transported with joy. In all conditions, all these servants must occupy themselves with tongues numbering as many as the atoms of the universe, nay more, in praise and glorification of the loving-kindness and favor of the Beloved of the world. Well is it with thee and with us all! The circling spirits around the Throne of the All-Merciful send their greetings. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned with radiant faces toward the Supreme Horizon. Praise be to God, the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below.

That which today is in truth greater than all other deeds is the unity of the loved ones of God, even as hath been stated in numerous passages:

> “Through unity the Cause of God, the Lord of [mankind], will be made manifest.”

Today confusion and chaos are observed everywhere. Neither do the young show respect to their elders, nor do the lowly pay deference to those of high rank. All must now fix their gaze upon that which hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen. You must strive mightily in this matter, that perchance you may become the cause of unity and concord among the friends of God. Assuredly, through discord the Cause becometh of no account among the servants. I beseech God to grant enabling grace and to adorn all with that which He loveth and is pleased with.

BH00450: He is God! Praise be to God, the Single…

He is God! Praise be to God, the Single, the One, the Unique, Who created man and inspired him with that which manifests the attributes of the All-Merciful, and created Satan, thereby distinguishing between those who have turned to the Supreme Horizon and those who follow their passions. Glorified, glorified be He beyond my mention or the mention of all who are in the heavens and earth. His is the creation and the command. He gives life and causes death, and He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

It is submitted that this servant previously sent a detailed letter in response to your esteemed missive, which was adorned with divine words and verses. As commanded, its dispatch was delayed until two other missives arrived. Praise be to God that all indicated and demonstrated your humility, submissiveness and your arising to serve God's Cause. Likewise, the missive that you had sent to him who bears the Name of Bounty (upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah's] Most Glorious Beauty) reached him, and all were presented before His presence. This is what shone forth from the horizon of utterance:

> "O ʿAli! We have heard your call, your mention, your prayers, and what the tongue of your heart uttered time after time. It behooves you to hear that which God calls you to, again and again. We have remembered you and remember you that you may arise to serve your Lord in such wise that you may raise the banner of unity upon the highest standards."

That which you sent, this servant presented before His countenance, and the response descended from the Kingdom of Utterance. God willing, you will arise with utmost endeavor in a manner befitting the days of your Lord. All that hath appeared from you in God's path and all that you have borne in His love is remembered and witnessed. God willing, you will in all conditions keep your gaze fixed upon and hold fast to that which flowed from the Supreme Pen in the first letter of this servant in attendance.

O thou who gazest upon the Face! Look at the earthworms, what they say and what they do. By the life of the Beloved! They have not inhaled the fragrance of the blessed word "Verily, there is no God but Him" in the days of God, nor have they comprehended this station. They walk in the wilderness of idle fancies and wander confused in the valley of vain imaginings. The people of the Bayan are seen to be exactly like the people of the Furqan (Qur'an), nay even more veiled. People of insight consider such souls to be lower than animals. One must at all times strive to educate people purely for the sake of the All-Merciful, that they may become wholly freed and detached from vain imaginings and idle fancies.

It is submitted that your numerous prayers were presented before His countenance, and He showed great kindness, especially in these days when the odor of discord has been lifted and the lights of the sun of unity have shone forth from the horizons of hearts. And concerning what you wrote about Satan and

his manifestations, it is quite clear and evident that at all times they cling to the cord of falsehood and speak according to their desires. Praise be to God, all matters have been clear and nothing has remained concealed.

The Ancient Beauty outwardly proceeded toward Iraq with a government official, and after that illusory figure, who had been hiding in Kermanshah and its surroundings for some time, arrived and later joined in Hudaybah after departure from Iraq. All the companions who were in attendance witnessed and saw this event. Likewise, all observed that he was unable to speak in His presence. Consider how if the hand of grace had not revealed this matter, how many souls would have been seen drowning in the seas of their own delusions. And afterwards in the Land of Mystery, the Ancient Beauty separated Himself from all and dwelt in a house, and for some time the door was closed day and night—these are matters that seventy people witnessed. Nevertheless, he wrote that he had seen certain things that he could not bear to witness. The curse of God be upon the people who fabricate lies. By this statement he wished to suggest that He had withdrawn, even though all know that the Ancient Beauty had disassociated Himself from him and his like. For a time in Adrianople, He resided in the house of Rida Bey and associated with no one. And after the details became known and the misbeliever was distinguished from the believer, the matter returned to what it had been.

By God, besides Whom there is no other God, the hearts of the pure ones are burning because of his unseemly deeds. This servant has submitted that the first weakness that appeared was in the absence of the Ancient Beauty, when that faithless oppressor took possession of the wife of the Primal Point, and when it did not suit his evil nature, he gave her to another vile one. We seek refuge in God from this heinous act. And when the Ancient Beauty arrived, He said that no heedless one had ever committed such an act—in this case what can one say to the people? As even the mother of His Holiness the Exalted One—may our souls be sacrificed for His sake—mentioned to one of the believing women that if they considered him the proof, why did they violate the sanctity? This matter and his other repugnant deeds this servant has mentioned in detail in certain places which should all be before your honor and should be conveyed to the heedless ones so they may become informed.

Today, whatever has been revealed either allusively or explicitly regarding the breaking of the idols of suppositions and imaginings, or what this servant has submitted, should be gathered so that all may become aware through its consideration of the evil deeds of that lying infidel. Yes, a few people emerged, including Siyyid Muhammad Isfahani and Mirza Husayn Qumi, and became occupied with promoting delusions. Your honor knows that those souls were never aware of the essence of the Cause and yet both persons have claimed before all people that they were aware from the beginning of the Cause—'Lost indeed are they who denied and disbelieved in the signs of God.' For twelve years this servant was with him by command of the Ancient Beauty. He issued a decree for the death of the third believer in Him Whom God shall make manifest. Yet despite this he says what he says. The curse of God be upon the wrongdoers! Would that someone were aware of his recent deeds that appeared in Cyprus. This servant is ashamed to mention them.

Now consider: what do the deluded souls who dwell in those lands, who never had any awareness of this Cause, do and say? God willing, through the power and might of the assured souls, the stronghold of the

Cause has been and will be protected from the wickedness of malicious deluded souls. Verily He guides whom He wishes to His straight path. Would that people of insight would examine his writings and become aware of his station. He is in manifest error. This day is sanctified from the mention of names and from what has been and is being said. This is the Day of God wherein the Tree exclaims: 'There is none other God but Him, and He is the Truth.' His writings appear as dust, and are agreeable to bat-like natures, as they have been and are the cause of darkness and gloom. God willing, that beloved one may in all conditions be, through the assistance of the Self-Sufficient, a promoter, propagator and expounder of God's Cause.

Convey greetings from this evanescent one to all the friends in that land and mention them. Today is a fresh and wondrous day. God willing, may holy and pure souls be adorned with the ornament of supreme steadfastness. Say: O masters, whatever I submit is for God's sake. Hold fast to the cord of unity in such wise that all the swords of the world would be powerless to sever it. Step one pace higher in the name of Truth until ye behold all the peoples of the world as children playing with clay, and the deniers of the Bayan as earthworms. God willing, may ye be detached from all save God at all times and be focused on the horizon of the favors of the Peerless Friend. Verily He speaks the truth and shows the way. Sovereignty belongs to God, the One, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

As for what you wrote concerning Tahmasquli Kh-A, it was submitted to the Most Holy Court, and this is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke:

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

A remembrance from Him Who was wronged to the one who heard the call and turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon, that he may rejoice and be among those firmly established in this Cause, whereby every edifice hath been shaken, every mountain scattered, and every foot hath slipped save those whom God, the Lord of all worlds, hath willed. All things have been set in motion by the creaking of My Most Exalted Pen, yet the idolaters remain behind a mighty veil. They behold the sun yet deny its radiance, they witness the light yet question its existence. Thus have their souls deluded them. By the life of God! They are among the lost.

Blessed art thou for having attained unto My remembrance before and at this time, wherein the tongue of the Prisoner proclaimeth: There is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Take hold of the Book of God with the strength that proceedeth from Him, then read it with joy and fragrance. Then shalt thou find thyself in manifest gladness. We have seen thy turning towards Us, We have turned towards thee, and We have heard thy call and answered thee through this mighty Book. Blessed are the fingers that have written My verses, the tongue that hath uttered My praise, the eye that hath turned toward My horizon, the heart that hath won My love, and the breast that hath been illumined by My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. The glory be upon thee and upon him who hath attained unto this Cause, whereby the back of every distant transgressor hath been broken.

As for what thou didst write concerning the loved ones in the lands of S, Sh and M, it was presented before the Throne. He said: The gaze of divine favor hath been and will continue to be upon all. God willing, may they attain unto the Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful in such wise that the hands

of discord shall be powerless to take it from them. At all times remind the loved ones of the All-Merciful lest they be caused to fall by the autumn winds. Their remembrance hath ever been and will ever be before God. We, from this station, send Our greetings upon their faces and upon all who stand firm and steadfast. Gladden them all with divine favors. Verily, He is the best Rememberer and the best Helper. The glory be upon thee and upon them and upon whosoever hath attained unto this mighty station.

Furthermore, all of your letters that have thus far reached this evanescent servant have been presented, and the two petitions from the handmaidens of God in that land which were addressed to the Sacred Household have been received and submitted. They showed the utmost kindness and God willing will send replies. Regarding what thou didst write about the beloved Mirza Haydar-ʿAli, upon him be the glory of God, I testify that your honor hath fulfilled thy covenant and pledge. In these days a letter arrived from him requesting tablets for certain individuals. All have been revealed and God willing will be sent either this time or the next. However, they must observe the place and bestow the tablet accordingly. In truth, several interpreters with steadfastness, detachment and eloquence must be found who, with writings suitable to the condition of the people, should proceed to different regions and engage in teaching. The tablet hath encompassed and surrounded the world. Thus have I heard from the tongue of my Lord, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. This servant hath repeatedly heard such content from the blessed tongue. And regarding Jinab-i-Javad who hath ascended unto God, God willing it shall be revealed as befitteth. Blessed is he in his life and blessed is he after his death.

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BH00800: Praise be unto God, Who alone is exalted…

Praise be unto God, Who alone is exalted in might, singular in grandeur, sanctified above the mention of all created things, and hidden—by the loftiness of His sovereign state—from the apprehension of kingship itself. He hath appeared in the manner He willed, and by the Most Exalted Word brought into being all that hath been created. He then laid before mankind His Covenant, His Testament, His Trust, and His love. Among them were those who heard, hastened, and answered their Lord; and among them were those who turned away, withdrew, and followed their own desire.

Exalted is He Who hearkened unto His sweetest call and turned toward His Most Exalted Horizon. Such are they whom God hath described in the Furqan, unto whom the Lord of the Names sent down the decree upon the Seal of the Prophets in His saying: “No fear shall come upon them, neither shall they grieve.” And He foretold the fate of those who heard yet turned away, and wrought that whereat the Concourse on high lamented. He ordained the continuance of His Cause before Him, and filleth the generations with whomsoever He willeth—His loved ones—steadfast in His Cause, through which the foundations of the world were shaken and the pillars of nations were reared.

Verily, He is He Whom nothing can frustrate and no command can hinder. The Names themselves have borne witness unto His power, His sovereignty, His majesty, and His omnipotence. He decreeth

whatsoever He willeth by His command and accomplisheth whatsoever He desireth. He is, in truth, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

The servant hath received your letter, which testified to your turning toward the Ancient Face and your directing yourselves unto the Lord of the nations. By My life! From it the servant perceived the fragrance of your love—praised be the realm of existence—and the Object of all that are in the worlds. When I beheld it, received it, read it, and came to know its meaning, I turned toward the horizon of utterance and was raised unto a station which neither pen nor tongue can describe. I presented it before the Face; and when the Well-Beloved spoke that which God had made a key unto hearts, a light unto eyes, and an expanse unto breasts, He said:

> "O ʿAbdu'l-Baha! Verily We send greetings and magnify thee in this most exalted station, which God hath made a place of pilgrimage for His loved ones and a seat for His chosen ones. He remembereth whomsoever He willeth by a command from His presence. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing."

And We send greetings and magnify the loved ones of God—We gladden them and bestow upon them that which rejoiceth the hearts of those endowed with understanding—giving praise unto God for having aided them to make mention of Him, to extol Him, and to serve His firm and wise Cause.

Having been veiled by the meeting, the exalted servant attained unto the intended goal. This lowly servant, in utter humility and with a heart full of longing, conveyeth all these words and beseecheth God that all may, in every deed, be confirmed in righteousness and attain unto this station. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Glory be upon them, and upon those who are with you, and upon all who have held fast unto the cord of the love of God, the Lord of all the worlds.

In service, mention is made—most especially—of Muhammad, upon whom be peace, that he may, God willing, swim in the ocean of divine love and journey upon the shore of mercy, and that he may remain mindful that "there is nothing but it glorifieth Him with His praise." Be not heedless of this manifest and resplendent truth.

And to the noble Sayyid Taqi—upon him be the bounty of his Lord—we give glad-tidings that the holy Imams, radiant in form and most glorious in splendour, have arisen as true men and attained victory. We beseech God, exalted be He, to accept whatsoever he hath done and shall do in His path and for His good-pleasure.

BH00819: O Muhammad! Give ear unto the call…

In the Name of the Speaker on the Mount

O Muhammad! Give ear unto the call of the Lord of Manifestation, Who proclaimeth, with the most exalted cry, betwixt earth and heaven, and summoneth the divines unto the Ocean of Knowledge and the mystic knowers unto the gulf of the Sea of the knowledge of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Wise.

He, verily, hath called all, at all times, unto the All-Merciful, but the people, for the most part, are among the heedless. Thy letter hath come into the presence of the Throne; the servant standing before it laid it before Him whilst the Lord of Pre-Existence was seated upon His great, His mighty Throne. We make mention of him who was mentioned in thy letter: verily, thy Lord is the Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

O thou ignorant one! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of Being. He, verily, announceth unto thee, as a favour from His own Self, that which the minds of the world can never compass. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Informing, the All-Knowing. Rejoice thou, then, in the Manifestation of God and His signs, and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast made mention of me with the tongue of the Dawning-Place of Thy verses, at a time when the Ocean of Thy bounty did surge! I bear witness that Thou art, in very truth, potent to do what Thou willest, and that in Thy grasp lie the kingdoms of the heavens and of the earth."

O Moses! We have perceived the sweet fragrance of thy love, heard thy call, and beheld the station thou dost occupy in the love of thy Lord. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Whoso loveth Him, Him doth He love, and unto Him doth He desire to draw all men; yet the wrong-doers have raised a barrier between Me and those who have turned unto the Most Exalted Horizon and believed in God, the Lord of all worlds. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in this lofty, this exalted station.

O Abu'l-Qasim! The glance of the tender mercy of thy Lord hath been turned toward thee in this rank which, in the Kingdom of Names, hath been called by the Most Excellent Names. Thy Lord, verily, beholdeth, heareth, seeth and witnesseth; He, verily, is the One, the All-Knowing. He hath made mention of thee as a bounty from His presence, that thou mayest rejoice and be of the thankful. By My life! Whoso moveth My Pen to make mention of him hath attained unto every good; thereof testifieth the Preserved Tablet in the presence of Him Who is the All-Keeping.

God willing, in this King of Days he may be favoured, through the loving-kindness of the Beloved of all existence, and may, at all times, quaff from the Kawthar of utterance. Today is a Day whereon the very atoms of created things are, each and all, eloquent in extolling the outpouring of the verses; yet attentive ears are lacking. Were there but hearkening ears, the whole company would attain unto exultation, leaping and rejoicing; but eyes dimmed by passion are debarred from beholding that splendour.

Blessed are the souls who, with insight, respond to the tumult of the Call of certitude, for on the Day "Whereon God hath shone forth" the True One is Himself witness that the desired One loveth the wayfarer and the seeker, and yearneth that, through this Grace made manifest in the realm of being, all may be enabled to attain unto the Most Great Effulgence, which is the station of the meeting with the All-Merciful, and to drink from the Ocean of reunion, and to be illumined with the lights of the dawn of meanings. Yet the negligent and the heedless have intervened and shut men out from this supreme bounty and this great bestowal. We have, however, left them unto themselves, and make mention of those who have turned, and heard, and answered, and attained unto that which God hath willed in His perspicuous Book.

Be not grieved at separation: every soul that today attaineth unto the word of resignation is, in truth, possessed of all good, and his recompense is decreed by the Pen of the Most High and firmly established

for him. Blessed is he who attaineth unto this Most Great Station. Guard, then, by the Name, the stations whereunto ye have been raised, and be among those who are well-grounded.

From this most exalted station We make mention of him who hath winged his flight unto the Most Glorious Horizon, and say:

> "Upon thee, O thou bird soaring in the air of the mercy of the All-Merciful, be the glory of all who are in the realm of being, and the glory of him who speaketh in the Kingdom of origination—through whom the Hidden Mystery hath been made manifest, and all that hath been inscribed in the Books of God, the Almighty, the All-Laudable."

Blessed are the souls who, in wisdom and with utterance, arise to proclaim the Cause of the All-Merciful. In all circumstances must ye have regard unto the horizon of wisdom and consort with the people of the world in utmost love. Whoso believeth, his belief is for his own soul; and whoso turneth away, his turning away doth in nowise harm but his own self. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is independent of all that hath been or will be. Thereof testify My Pen, My Tongue and My Tablet that speaketh between earth and heaven; yet the people, for the most part, are numbered with the heedless.

We make mention of him who hath been named ʿAli-Qabl-i-Akbar, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of God, the Lord of might and power, and become one of the steadfast. Rejoice thou in My remembrance, for naught that hath been created on earth can compare therewith; every discerning and clear-sighted soul doth so attest. Hold ye fast unto the cord of the Cause, then act in accordance with that which ye have been commanded in the Book of God, the Almighty, the All-Wise. Thus hath the horizon of the Bayan been illumined. Recognize ye (this bounty), and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou by Whose Word all that are on earth were thunderstruck, and by Another Word of Whose Mouth the sincere hastened unto the Dawning-Place of Thy greatest signs and the chosen ones unto the Ocean of Thy bounteous Name!"

O Pen! Turn thy face toward him who hath been named Muhammad-Qabl-i-Tahir, and say:

"Blessed art thou, for thou hast turned unto God and quaffed from the Kawthar of knowledge in days whereon all things proclaimed: ʿThe Kingdom is God's, the Lord of the worlds!'

Act thou in a manner befitting the Days of thy Lord, and that whereby His firmly established and irrevocable Cause may be exalted. Thus have We admonished thee as a favour from Our presence; verily thy Lord is the Faithful Counsellor."

And from this spot We magnify, at this hour, Our loved ones there—those who have cast aside all else save Me and laid hold on that which We enjoined upon them in Tablets sent down by the All-Merciful from the heaven of grace; He, verily, is the Ancient Revealer.

Today the chosen ones of God are as the letters of a Book; and when, outwardly and inwardly, they are united in the Cause of God, they become as a single word. When that word is manifested, the horizon of victory is beheld luminous and bright. The purpose of these utterances is unity and concord, for the

Lord—exalted be His glory—hath caused the fire of worldly estrangement to be extinguished, that amity and union among the peoples of earth might be revealed.

Certain ignorant and heedless souls imagine that the aim is the seizure of dominion and authority—far be it from God! We take refuge with Him from such a calumny most great. The True One is sanctified above that which they surmise and above that whereof the people of idle fancy speak. He is come for the sake of the betterment of the world. God willing, He will enable all to attain that which is indeed the object and the desire.

If any soul, with an illumined heart and a piercing eye, and with the verses sent down as his witness, should ponder, he will inhale the fragrance of grace and will acknowledge that the purpose hath been the reform of the world—nor other than this will he confess. Thus have We expounded all things unto you, that ye may be of the thankful. Praise be to God, the Lord of all the worlds.

The Pen of the Most High maketh mention of the handmaids of God in that land and saith: Know ye the worth of the Day of God and be engaged with His remembrance. He counselleth them all to that which beseemeth the mystery of the sanctity and the holiness of the Lord—glorified and exalted be He. Today, whoso is called by the Name of God must needs be adorned with the vesture of heavenly character and be a doer of that whereunto he hath been commanded.

O handmaids of God! Lay fast hold on the Mount of His commandments, and cleave unto whatsoever shall profit you. He, verily, hath made mention of you in the Most Great Prison; He, indeed, is the Gracious, the All-Remembering.

BH01051: A Book from the Wronged One, Who is imprisoned…

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

A Book from the Wronged One, Who is imprisoned in the fortress of Akka, to him who desires to drink from the Kawthar of life from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Most Merciful, that he may remind the people through this Most Great Remembrance and give them glad tidings of this News which hath been inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. We previously sent unto thee verses from the garden of inner meanings, and this is yet another time, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the King of earth and heaven, and bring men nigh unto the horizon of thy Lord's revelation, the Bestower, the Bountiful.

O thou who gazest upon the countenance! Arise to fulfill the command of thy Master and give glad tidings unto the people of this Revelation whereby the Mountain was stirred, and the darkness was illumined. Be not of the patient ones. Silence is praiseworthy except in proclaiming My Cause, and seclusion is desirable except in this wondrous Day. Leave the house of silence with utterance whereby the hearts of the world may be attracted and nations be awakened. Thus doth the Most Great Name command thee from this glorious station.

Say: By God! The sun hath been eclipsed and the moon darkened, and the Greatest Spectacle hath appeared, and the Lord of Destiny calleth out with His most exalted call, summoning all to His most

sublime horizon. Blessed is he who heareth and seeth, and hath attained unto the lights of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Say: O people! The Sure Hour hath come, and the Striking Hour hath appeared, and the Deafening Blast hath been raised, and We see the mountains passing away, and the earth telling its tale, yet the people are in evident doubt. Nay, We see them as if struck down. Thus doth the Lord of all beings inform thee from this station which hath been named by all names in the Book of God, the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Say: This is the Day wherein the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen and the rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing have been raised in the kingdom of creation. Blessed is he who hath strength to hear and hath arisen to serve God, the Lord of all names, and woe unto every heedless doubter.

Say: O people! Abandon the cups of fancy and vain imaginings, then look before your faces. By the life of God! The ocean of certitude hath surged, and the fragrance of the garment of thy Lord's mercy, the Forgiving, the Merciful, hath been diffused.

Say: We have indeed honored the learned and chosen them for My remembrance and praise, yet when My Self appeared from the horizon of the world they turned away, save whom thy Lord, the Mighty, the Great, wished.

Say: The seal of the Choice Wine hath been broken by His name, the Self-Subsisting, yet most of the people remain heedless. How many a learned one hath been debarred from the ocean of knowledge, and how many an ignorant one hath drawn nigh, drunk, and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the worlds!" The bounty is in His hand—He ordaineth whatsoever He willeth for whomsoever He pleaseth. Whosoever saith "why" or "wherefore" hath indeed disbelieved in God's Revelation, His proof, His evidence, and His sovereignty. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken. He is, verily, the Omnipotent, the Almighty.

Verily We found thy heart turned unto God; therefore have We mentioned thee and sent down for thee verses and dispatched them unto thee, that thou mayest rejoice and be of them that are steadfast. Know thou the value of this station, then preserve it as thou wouldst thine eyes. Thy Lord is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. By My life! The treasures of the earth in their entirety cannot equal one remembrance of thy Lord—to this testifieth every learned one illumined by the lights of the Manifestation in this radiant morn.

Hearken, O thou who art turned unto God, to the call of Him Who summoneth thee for the sake of God. By God! I have desired naught for Myself; I have accepted all tribulations to manifest that which I was commanded by the Mighty, the Trustworthy. Beware lest the affairs of the world withhold thee from the remembrance of thy Lord. The world in its entirety shall perish, and sovereignty shall remain with God, the Goal of all seekers. Look not to the creatures and their sayings; hearken unto that whereunto the Truth calleth thee—this verily is the certain truth. The horizons are filled with the signs of thy Lord, yet the people are in manifest blindness. Rend thou their veils through thy Lord's Name, then give them to drink of the choice wine of utterance through His wondrous remembrance.

Know thou that We have adorned the heaven of knowledge with the stars of commandments and laws. Blessed is he who hath recognized and acted according to that which was commanded by the Ancient Sender-down. Act thou according to what We have revealed in Our Most Holy Book, then bid the people to observe what is therein. He desireth to cause all to enter the Most Exalted Paradise and the Supreme Heaven, yet We have found the people among the dead. Sprinkle upon them from the ocean of My utterance by My leave, that perchance they may arise from the graves of heedlessness and turn unto the All-Knowing, the One.

When thou attainest unto My Tablet and art seized by the rapture of My verses, turn thy face toward the Prison and say:

I testify that Thou art the Dawning-Place of God's signs, the Dayspring of His proof, the Source of His command and the Recipient of His revelation. Through Thy appearance the sun rose from its setting place, and by Thy call all things were attracted to their Creator and the creation to their Maker. Thou art He Who hath borne all tribulations and hardships in their entirety. I testify that Thou hast arisen to fulfill God's Cause with a sovereignty that the might of kings could not prevent, nor the clamor of the subjects hinder. I beseech God through Thee to assist me in this Cause in such wise that nothing whatsoever shall prevent me, and to grant me the greatest steadfastness. Verily He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth.

O my Lord! Thou seest me standing before the door of Thy grace, clinging to the hem of the robe of Thy loving-kindness. I beseech Thee by the Name through which the earth was overturned and its high places made low, to forgive me and whosoever hath acknowledged Thy unity and oneness. Then cause me to speak Thy praise amongst Thy creatures, that through Thy power I may arise to compensate for what hath escaped me in Thy days. O my Lord! My days have passed, and what remaineth of them shall likewise pass. I beseech Thee not to cast me out from the pavilion of Thy mercy, nor keep me far from the shade of the Tree of Thy bounty. O my Lord! I testify that I am the poor, the lowly, and that Thou art the Rich, the Powerful, the All-Forgiving, the Bountiful. O my Lord! Look not upon Thy servants and their deeds before the court of Thy Cause, but look to the heaven of Thy generosity and the ocean of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy grace. Thou art the All-Compelling, before Whose sovereignty and power all things have testified. There is no God but Thee, the Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

BH01109: A visitation Tablet for Aqa Muhammad-Husayn, brother of Aqa…

A visitation Tablet for Aqa Muhammad-Husayn, brother of Aqa Muhammad-'Ali of Isfahan

He is the All-Remembering, the Consoler, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing.

Praise be to God Who is established upon the throne with majesty, might and grandeur, and Who speaks whereupon the trumpet is blown, those in the graves tremble, and all in earth and heaven swoon save whom God, the Lord of Names, willeth. Through Him was hoisted the banner "He doeth what He willeth" and raised the standard "On that day dominion shall be God's, the Lord of all mankind and Master of both this world and the next." He is the One from Whose court of glory the decree of truth is never absent, even should He decree existence for the non-existent, and from Whose holy atmosphere no flutter of the

wings of defiance is heard, even should He permit what was forbidden from time immemorial. He is the One worshipped, to Whose majesty and sovereignty all atoms testify, and to Whose power and might all created things bear witness. The Qayyum is he who arises to make mention of Him and speaks His praise, and the steadfast one is he who attains constancy in His Cause.

Exalted, exalted is He Who speaks the truth! Exalted, exalted is He Who is tried among the people! Exalted, exalted is He Who sees Himself alone amidst the multitude and single among the throng!

Praise be to God Who made tribulation an adornment for His loved ones, thereby beautifying them among His creation and His creatures. He is the Ruler Whom the veils of the world and the mists of the nations have not hindered, and none has comprehended what lieth with Him save His Self, as attesteth he who hath knowledge of the Tablets. God beareth witness that there is no God but Him. He giveth life and causeth death, then causeth death and giveth life. He is the Sovereign from Whose knowledge nothing escapeth and Whose decree nothing can frustrate. He is the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

God testifieth that there is no God but Him, and He Who biddeth the people to righteousness and godliness is the Goal of all creation, the One mentioned in the ancient scriptures, and the Speaker in the kingdom of creation. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

O Most Exalted Pen! Another calamity hath come to pass through that which was inscribed by the Pen of Destiny from God, Creator of earth and heaven, whereupon grief hath overtaken the loved ones of the All-Merciful. It behooveth thee to make mention of this affliction, concerning which the Tongue of Utterance hath spoken in the Kingdom of divine exposition. Through thee doth God console whom He willeth among His loved ones and comfort those who have believed in His signs, submitted to His sovereignty, and acknowledged that which the tongue of His grandeur hath acknowledged when seated upon His throne—that there is no God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The tale of sorrow hath returned, for a star hath vanished from the heaven of My love and a letter from the book of My affection. Thereby have the people of the realms of My knowledge lamented—they who have cast aside all else but Me, clung to the hem of My grace, and attained unto the ocean of My mercy and the sun of My bounty.

O Husayn! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One Who hath been designated by this name. He remembereth thee at this hour when sorrows have encompassed Him by reason of what hath befallen Him at the hands of them that have turned away from the All-Merciful. Thou art he who witnessed the Most Great Terror on a day wherein a speckled serpent pursued My Name, the letter Ha, through which was planted the Tree of Faithfulness amidst all created things. I bear witness that thou didst experience that Day and didst endure from the enemies that which none knoweth save God, the Lord of all names, and heard from them what no ear among all created things hath heard, and witnessed what no eyes of the faithful have beheld.

Blessed art thou, O Husayn, for having attained unto the testimony of God on this Day wherein the Path hath appeared and the Balance hath been set up. I testify that thou hast fulfilled thy covenant and observed the rights of God and His Cause. Thou art he who cast away idle fancies and hastened unto the ocean of certitude which surgeth before the face of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Munificent. Thou art he

whom neither the signs of the wayward nor the utterances of the idolaters deterred. Thou hast shattered the idols of vain imaginings through the name of thy Lord, the Self-Subsisting, and turned toward the Supreme Horizon when it was illumined by the manifestation of God, the Lord of the throne on high and of the earth below.

Joy be unto thee, O Husayn, for having quaffed the choice sealed wine. Happy art thou, O Husayn, for having attained unto My Preserved Book which proclaimeth throughout the world and among the peoples thy recognition, thy remembrance, thy submissiveness, thy humility, thy faithfulness and thy steadfastness in this Cause whereby feet have slipped and necks have bowed. Blessed art thou for having ascended with joy and fragrance unto the presence of the All-Merciful, where thou beholdest thyself in that most exalted station and hearest that which the Lote-Tree of the utmost boundary doth speak. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who loveth thee and turneth toward thee after thy passing and uttereth thy praise for what befell thee in the path of God, the Lord of all lords.

We beseech God, exalted be He, to console thy brother who chose exile in the path of God, the Lord of all creation, and attained unto His presence when the Sun was shining from the horizon of Zawra, and who migrated with him until he entered the Land of Mystery, whence he was banished with his Lord until he entered this Great Prison. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid him to preserve this station and draw him nigh unto Him at all times.

Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of eternity and Sovereign of the nations, Who calleth out through the Most Great Name! I beseech Thee by the blood of Thy near ones which was shed in Thy days for love of Thee, and by the hearts of them that are aflame with love for Thee, which were pierced by the arrows of the enemies in Thy path and for the manifestation of Thy Cause, to assist Thy loved ones to remember Thee and praise Thee and to stand firm in this Cause, than which no greater hath been ordained in Thy dominion and Thy realm. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and verily Thou art the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

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BH01204: Praise be to God Who hath graciously accepted…

He is the Most Manifest, the Most Exalted, the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious!

Praise be to God Who hath graciously accepted the remembrance of His servants and commanded them to praise His Self, that He might exalt them to a station ordained for them through His bounty and generosity. Verily, He is the Sanctified One Whom the praise of the world cannot exalt, and the Self-Subsisting One Whom the remembrance of the nations cannot alter. He hath ever been sanctified beyond the remembrance of aught else but Him and the utterance of aught besides Him. He is verily the Self-Subsisting One foretold by the Qa'im Who arose to proclaim the Cause and raised the most great call betwixt earth and heaven.

By God! I have come unto you, O peoples of the earth, to bring you glad tidings of Him Who shall come with the standards of signs and the banners of proofs, Who hath named Himself the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Secret. I bear witness that He was concealed behind the veil of grandeur throughout all eternity, and when He willed to manifest His Cause, He appeared with a sovereignty that encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth, and uttered that which caused every treacherous one to be shaken and every faithful one to be assured, every fearful and false one to lament and every sincere seeker to rejoice. He is the Peerless One before Whose knowledge every mystic hath confessed his powerlessness and every learned one hath acknowledged his failure to attain the heaven of His knowledge. There is none other God but He, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Furthermore, this servant hath been honored to receive your missive, which was adorned with the remembrance of God, our Lord and your Lord, our Beloved and the Beloved of all worlds. When I read it, I ascended to the station of revelation and manifestation, and it was presented before the countenance of our Lord, the Master of the Day of Resurrection. Then did the Face of the Everlasting turn toward this evanescent one, and there was sent down for you and your sons from the Kingdom of Utterance that which cannot be expressed by the tongue. To this doth our Lord, the All-Merciful, bear witness. Verily, He is the All-Knowing.

It is submitted that after this evanescent one became aware of the letter addressed to your honor, he turned toward the Most Holy Court. The matters were presented before the Throne, and three Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablets were revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will specifically for your honor and your two noble sons, and were dispatched. From the fragrance of the utterances of the All-Merciful, the degrees of His favor and grace are evident and manifest. God willing, they shall attain unto them.

You that had written that you had been erased from this evanescent servant's view due to the length of time—God forbid! God forbid! The One God is witness and testament that you have been and will continue to be in view, and in the Most Holy Court your mention has been made from time to time. If according to outward appearance there has been or will be delay in sending letters, this has not been and will not be due to neglect or forgetfulness. The occupation of this evanescent one has reached such a state that truly there is no opportunity and no chance. Night and day engaged in the writing of verses—you yourself can testify how great this matter is. On one side the revealed verses, on another side replies to the petitions of people arriving from all directions, and from yet another side the handwritten letters of friends addressed to this evanescent one—all must be seen, read, and answered. In such case if there be delay in sending replies, one should not be disheartened. The essential thing is divine favor, and this servant testifies that you are possessed of it. This suffices you, by the Lord of all worlds.

And the elegies you had composed in remembrance of the two brilliant Lights were presented at the Most Holy Court and were accepted, and likewise the people of the Household observed them and praised them. The station of the Name of God "Ha" is most great. Once the Tongue of Grandeur uttered these words: "He attained martyrdom in his life, for he had no wishes, will or desire of his own. All his affairs ended in God. His spirit had been sacrificed while his body walked among men and spoke, and then he attained outward martyrdom as well." This evanescent servant utters a hundred thousand times the

words “Would that I had been with him!” Furthermore, the oppression of the second Ha is clear and evident, though verily the first Ha preceded him.

What remains for this servant is abundant sorrow and endless regret, for he did not attain to what was befitting and proper. Yet whatever the Beloved has willed is truly beloved. Were it not for these words, the heaven of the heart would be seen to split and the earth of being to cleave asunder, for he did not attain to that most exalted station and did not reach that most sublime rank. The sincere ones freely gave their lives while the servant preserves his through eating and drinking. Those souls in spending, this soul in withholding. The Command is in the hand of God, the Single, the All-Informed.

Convey sublime greetings on behalf of this evanescent servant to the children of the master—this depends on your grace. I give them the glad tidings that their deed was accepted at the threshold of the Throne. God willing, may you always be engaged in work with perfect comfort and utter remembrance, for verily He is the All-Wise Teacher.

BH01287: This is a mention from Us to one who…

He is the Herald from the Supreme Horizon

This is a mention from Us to one who has attained the lights of the Kingdom when the Sovereign of the Realm of Might came with a Word that caused all who are in the heavens and earth to swoon, and every treacherous one who clung to vain imaginings was shaken. We make mention of him who turned towards the Most Great Ocean and heard the murmur of the Water of Life in the days of the All-Merciful, that he may rejoice and be of those who are thankful.

We have turned from this Most Great Scene towards those who were martyred in the path of God, the Lord of Destiny, and We make mention of them with such remembrance that when it was inscribed, the Book proclaimed with the most exalted call:

> “By God! Thou hast attained unto the Most Sublime Word from God, the Lord of all worlds.”

Blessed, then blessed is he who purposed to seek the Purpose of the world and sacrificed his spirit when the clamor of the nations was raised, in the path of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed is the soul that attained the wine of certitude in the days of the All-Merciful and was martyred in the path of God in such wise that the kindreds of the Supreme Paradise and the dwellers of the Cities of Names lamented. The Creator of heaven, the Lord of the Throne and of earth bears witness to this, yet the people are in manifest loss. The Most Exalted Pen testifies that they were servants whom neither the hosts of the world nor the might of those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of this mighty Day, could frighten. Through their acceptance, the denizens of earth and heaven accepted, and through their turning, every face turned towards the Face of God, the Lord of all worlds.

O ʿAli! Blessed art thou for God has aided thee in the service of His Cause and chosen thee from among His creatures to preserve the Station which He made as a throne for His Temple, a footstool for His feet, and a dawning-place for His sovereignty that encompasses all who are in the heavens and earth. It behooves thee to beseech God at all times that He may strengthen thee in this Cause hereafter as He

strengthened thee before. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful. We counsel thee to fear God and to that which preserves thy station which We have given thee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

The Eye of God hath been turned towards thee, and towards thy brethren who have cast away whatever they possessed, and hastened unto the ocean of the mercy of their gracious Lord. And We make mention of the two who turned their faces towards the Right-hand Vale, whilst the banners of the Names were uplifted in the Kingdom of Creation; whereupon the hearts of them that disbelieved in God—the Mighty, the Most Great—were sore troubled. Ye are they whom the veils of the divines withheld not: ye abandoned idle imaginings and laid hold on that which ye were bidden to take from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Through your turning, hearts were turned; through your directing, faces were directed; through your remembrance, remembrances were exalted betwixt earth and heaven; and through your arising for the Cause, every illumined heart arose.

Ye are the lamps of guidance amidst the world of being, the trees of loving-kindness among mankind, and the breaths of the All-Merciful unto all that dwell in the realm of existence; yet have the people been heedless of you and of your station, and of your mention, and of that which hath been ordained for you by the command of God—your Originator, your Creator, your Sustainer, your Giver of life and your Causer of death. By the life of God! had they but known, they would have hastened unto you and clung to the cords of your love. Ye are they who perceived the fragrance of the garment whilst men were wrapt in veils; and ye are they who sought the Most Exalted Goal whilst the people wandered in mists and vain imaginings; and ye are they who drank of the pure wine of everlasting life and attained unto the Most Great Martyrdom in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds.

We make mention of them, as a bounty from Our presence, that it may serve as a reminder unto him who hath been adorned with the ornament of true understanding in the days of the All-Merciful, and hath believed in the One, the All-Aware. The Most Exalted Pen hath borne witness that they turned unto God, and emigrated in His path, and strove with their very lives until they drank of the Kawthar of martyrdom from the hands of the bestowals of their Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful; and He beareth witness that they answered when they heard the Call of the Desired One, and hastened unto the land of Taff—the spot wherein the Most Exalted Word was martyred. Thus doth God remember whom He willeth of His servants.

Verily, He is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. And at this hour the Tongue of Grandeur addresseth them, and those who were martyred with them, and saith: Upon you be the remembrance of God and His praise, and the breaths of God and His verses, and the mercy of God and His favours. Ye are they who cast away the world and hastened unto God, the Ancient of Days, whilst the nations were in manifest loss. Ye are they who aided God upon the earth and made manifest His sovereign power over all worlds. We bear witness unto you: through you were banners raised by the hands of bounty, and ye testified to that whereunto God Himself testified ere the creation of the heavens and the earth—that there is none other God but Him, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Thus have We adorned the Paradise of Utterance with the litanies of recognition. Verily, He is potent to do what He willeth. He saith “Be,” and it is.

At the close of the letter We return unto the mention of thee, O Salih, and of thy brethren, and of that which is ascribed unto thee, that thou mayest rejoice and render thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved. By God! houses shall perish, trees shall be broken, winds shall cease; yet that which We have set forth for thee by the hands of power shall not be overtaken by decay. To this beareth witness the Lord of the unseen and the seen. Glory be upon thee and upon them, and upon those who have attained unto the remembrance of God, the Lord of all that was and all that shall be. And praise be to God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting.

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BH01298: Praise be unto God, Who hath quickened all created…

Praise be unto God, Who hath quickened all created things through the effusions of the ocean of His knowledge. This water He hath named at one time the Word of God, at another the yellow wine, again the water whereof He hath said, “Of water We made every living thing,” and yet again the Most Exalted Pen; at times He describeth it as that which flowed upon the spotless Tablet. Blessed is he that hath attained unto it and drunk thereof, for he is of them that have won every good from the Fashioner of heaven and the Lord of the Names.

The splendour that hath shone forth from the horizon of the morn of eternity resteth upon those who have turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon, renouncing the kingdom of creation, who have arisen and remained steadfast, and have championed the truth with all that was theirs, in such wise that neither rank nor sign, nor the turning away of those who disbelieved in God, the Revealer of verses, hath hindered them.

At all times the ear hath been attentive to hear your praise, O Purpose of the faithful and Desire of them that know; and the eye hath awaited that it might behold what your Pen hath traced in the love of God, the Well-Beloved of the gnostics. I bear witness that there is none other God but Him—exalted above the mention of contingent things—Who changeth not, but remaineth even as He ever was. There is none other God but Him, the All-Sufficing, the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

For a long season, marked by separation and longing, the lovers have endured years upon years; yet one servant, though expectant and watchful, attained not unto presence through the effects of the Pen. From God—glorified and exalted be He—I beseech confirmation for thee in that which is His good-pleasure. This year, the sending hath been deferred by hindering causes; yet this much is certain: that which hath come to pass upon the earth hath served to awaken the people, and more shall yet be brought about. By the Lord of the heavens and the earth! Were He to sweep them away, He would bring others in their stead. All stone and dust bear witness that there is none other God but Him; He doeth whatsoever He willeth and decreeth whatsoever He pleaseth.

This day I have sat down, with a sorrowful and heavy heart, in a place called Mirkah-ʿÍsi. At the time of writing this supplication, Mu'allim and His Honour Jasim—alive in the Cause—have set their faces towards that direction, that, according to outward appearance, they may convey, from the Beloved and from the other survivors of that company, their salutations; which salutations are in truth of the realities of inner meaning. They have delivered them unto this poor one—alone and forlorn in this land. Praise be to God, both aforetime and hereafter; and He, verily, is potent over all things.

Then, after this, proclaim unto the people that a Tablet from the Most Holy Court—one especially and exclusively addressed—hath been sent; blessed are they who shall attain thereunto. And though this feeble one is not worthy, yet a special robe hath been brought, after the manner of an honouring vestment; and, God willing, it shall be fashioned with the most excellent and wondrous adornment.

Be not grieved; rather be joyous, and quaff from the cup of the love of God, the Well-Beloved. Convey my greetings to those who gather round His Cause—those who, in the earliest days, were tried with the severities of exile and loneliness in the path of Truth. By God! their recompense shall assuredly reach them, both in this world and in the world to come. Verily, He is the Compassionate, the Generous.

Blessings and peace be upon Him after Whom there is no Prophet, and upon those who believed in God when the mighty Book was sent down. Praise be to God, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

At the time of preparing this letter, words sublime were revealed from the dawning-place of knowledge:

Glorified art Thou, O Sender of the winds and Cleaver of the dawn! I beseech Thee by the Lamp that was kindled by the fire of Thy will and shone by the light of Thy countenance, to ordain for those upon whom Thy paths have dawned and who have been drawn by Thy love that which beseemeth Thy bounty and befitteth Thy generosity. O Lord! Thou seest Thine elect in the hands of those who cast aside Thy ordinances and seized what Thou didst forbid in Thy Book. Aid, then, O my God, Thy loved ones through Thy power and sovereignty; protect them from the evil of the enemies of Thine own Self. Thou art He Who hath made Thy Cause manifest, opened the gate of meeting Thee unto all who are in Thy heaven and on Thy earth. I bear witness that mankind hath been illumined by the lights of Thy face and quickened by Thy sweetest call from the realm of creation. I beseech Thee, O my God, my Lord, my Beloved, and my Desire, that Thou withhold me not, in Thy presence, from that which Thou hast willed in the abode of Thy verses and the firm Book. Verily, Thou art the Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

A Tablet hath, by command, been specially dispatched unto thee, wherein the degrees of admonition are set forth with clarity. Likewise, our Lord—unique among the nations—sendeth greetings, in the blessed words of the Point of the Bayan, may the spirits of all save Him be His ransom:

> "O poor one! Praise be to God that the foundations of thy knowledge are firm and secure. Thou art numbered among the people of the love of God—thou art and shalt ever be. Blessed are you, and blessed are those whom God hath related unto the swimmers in the ocean of His knowledge."

BH01330: Oceans of praise and glorification befit those servants who…

In the name of the One Incomparable Knower!

Oceans of praise and glorification befit those servants who, through the power of God's Name, have rent asunder the veils of self and turned toward the highest horizon. Neither the grandeur and majesty of idols deterred them from the Lord of all beings, nor did the tyranny and rebellion of the iniquitous deprive these souls of the Salsabil of immortality. Exalted, exalted is He Who created them, caused them to know Him, gave them utterance, taught them, and honored them. He, verily, is the Single One, the Powerful, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

The letter thou didst send to Nabil-i-ʿAli, upon him be the glory of God, reached the Most Holy Court, and this servant presented its contents in their entirety. As to what thou didst mention concerning the unity of My loved ones and their occupation with My remembrance and praise, give them from Me the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness, My grace, and My mercy that have encompassed all who dwell in My dominion and kingdom. Thy Lord is, verily, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

O ʿAli! If the friends of God who have quaffed the mystic wine and attained recognition of God, exalted be His glory, would manifest fellowship and unity in all lands and regions, assuredly would the Sun of the Cause and its effulgences encompass all created things. Blessed are My loved ones, then blessed are My loved ones who have drunk the wine of steadfastness from the chalice of My bounty and have taken My Book and acted in accordance with what is contained therein of My commandments and My laws. Upon them rest My remembrance, My praise, and My mercy. By My life! The Most Exalted Pen hath testified for them to that whereby their names, their mentions, and their deeds shall endure throughout the eternity of My most excellent names. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Convey to all My greetings, and with the utmost wisdom recite unto them this most mighty, most holy Tablet, that all may rejoice in God's infinite bounties and observe themselves sanctified and purified from the world's defilements. Whosoever hath today attained recognition of the Dayspring of verses is recorded among the near ones in the perspicuous Book. This is a Day wherein whatsoever occureth shall never be effaced. O ʿAli! Today is the Day for action. Blessed is the soul that draweth a breath for the sake of God and taketh a step in His path. God willing, all must occupy themselves with the mention of God with complete wisdom and steadfastness, and stand firm in His Cause.

As to what thou didst mention concerning Mustafa, who migrated in the path of God and turned toward that place, verily his is the reward of those who aided the Cause of God with their wealth and their souls. To this hath My Most Exalted Pen testified in My Great Tablet. We have sent him a Tablet that he may find therefrom the sweet savors of the bounties of his Lord and be among the patient ones.

And as to what thou didst mention concerning the handmaiden of God who heard My call, turned to the horizon of My grace, drank the choice wine of My love, was exiled in My path, and bore hardships for My Name, verily We have mentioned her in the Tablets and do mention her as a bounty from Our presence, and I am the All-Seeing Witness. O ʿAli! It is incumbent upon all to assist her. My loved ones must honor

her dwelling place and show her respect, by My firm and mighty command. God hath seized those who wronged her and will seize those who denied her. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful.

In regard to what you wrote about the uprising of the souls who have turned towards God and remained steadfast during the days of Ridvan in the gatherings and feasts, it was mentioned and accepted in the Most Holy Court. Blessed is the deed that attaineth His acceptance, blessed the soul that ascendeth unto My Kingdom, blessed the countenance that turneth toward My horizon, blessed the heart that is adorned with My love, and blessed the tongue that uttereth My beautiful praise. The service of all is evident and manifest, and assuredly it hath not been and will never be lost in the sight of God. Blessed are they that act!

Blessed be the people of Baha who have arisen to serve the Cause during the days of Ridvan. Verily their Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing. Blessed are they and the people of Faran whose names were mentioned before the Wronged One in this remote prison. And We make mention of the people of Qaf who have cast aside all else save Me and have clung to the hem of their Lord's grace, the All-Informed. The fire of oppression was kindled therein. We have left it, in Our wisdom. Verily, He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. By God! He who hath sacrificed himself in My path dwelleth within the precincts of My mercy, witnessing and beholding. The Pen of God, the Lord of all worlds, beareth witness to this.

We make mention of everyone who hath turned unto My horizon, who hath attained the Kawthar of My love and hath held fast unto the cord of My mighty Cause. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee that thou mayest rejoice and be of those who are thankful.

Those souls who have newly turned toward the Realm of Oneness and have drunk from the wine of mystic knowledge are all remembered before His Countenance. We beseech the Most High to assist them, to aid them in His remembrance and praise, and to give them to drink that which will attract their hearts in His days. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH01368: O Samandar! Ism-i-Jud, upon him be My glory, presented…

He is the All-Knowing Witness

O Samandar! Ism-i-Jud, upon him be My glory, presented himself, and thou wert mentioned before the Wronged One, and We have made mention of thee. He, verily, is the All-Knowing Rememberer. May the All-Merciful grant that thou mayest at all times be engaged in serving the Cause, mentioning souls, and elevating existence. The letter thou didst send to him was presented in its entirety by the servant in attendance before Us, and that which was sent by Andalib, upon him be the Glory of God, was also heard. From some of its contents joy and gladness were obtained. Blessed is he, and again blessed is he, for having spoken the truth and prevented Satan from ascending and Gog from entering.

God willing, may they be occupied with the mention of the Lord of all beings in all nights and days, and stand firm in service to His Cause. Were the world to be observed free, sanctified and purified from satanic whisperings, assuredly the Cause of God would encompass the East and West of the earth. The heedless people are themselves the preventers of divine bounties, and through their impure deeds and

false words have deprived themselves of God's infinite favors. By Him through Whose Name the Bridge was erected and the Balance established! Were people to follow what they have been commanded in the Book, thou wouldst see the entire earth as a piece of Paradise.

God willing, may they be confirmed at all times and be watchful and turned toward the stronghold of the Cause, lest any doubtful misbeliever or heedless liar enter therein. In all ages there have been such false souls, as attested by the Books of God from before and after. He, verily, is the Expositor, the True, the Trustworthy.

Mention was made of one of the loved ones of God named Ali. We make mention of him at this time that he may rejoice and be among the thankful ones. O Ali! God willing, may thou break the idol of vain imaginings with the strength of certitude—that is, hold fast to proof and explanation, and prevent the satans and transgressors from ascending. What is accounted today as the greatest of deeds is steadfastness in the Cause of God, for the cawing ones have been and are lying in wait for the friends of the Beloved of all creation. Ask God, exalted be His glory, to preserve the garden of inner meanings from the foul winds of falsehood and ignorance and from the poisonous breaths of the whisperers. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

The Glory be upon thee and upon those who spoke the truth in the Days of God, the Lord of the worlds. Likewise, the petition of Muhammad-Aqa, upon him be the Glory of God, was sent. A Tablet hath been revealed for him from the heaven of Divine Will. God willing, may they attain unto the pearls of the ocean of the Most Merciful's utterance and be detached from all save the Friend.

O Samandar! God willing, mayest thou be engaged in all conditions in aiding the Truth through wisdom and utterance. An expounder and counselor is necessary, and there hath already flowed from the Pen of the Most Merciful concerning the conditions of utterance that which causeth the fire of divine love to be kindled in the hearts of the servants. How many are the words that cause the exaltation, ascension and enkindling of the people, and how many cause coldness and apathy. One word kindleth the fire of love while another extinguisheth it.

God willing, may ye be confirmed. Say: O friends! Observe all things with penetrating vision and hear the verses of the Revealer of verses with attentive ears. In all conditions ye must be vigilant, and the banners of justice and wisdom must be raised before all faces. This word is like unto the sun that hath shone forth from the horizon of the Divine Tablet. Blessed are they that behold it.

Jinab-i-Abdu'l-Baqi hath proceeded to that region with wondrous and sublime Tablets, and special Tablets have also been revealed and sent for certain souls mentioned in the letter of Aqa Ali. All the souls mentioned, before and after, living and dead, have attained unto divine favors. God willing, may the utterances of Truth become the cause and means of warming cold souls. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have held fast to the wisdom of God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Samandar! A most mighty and holy Tablet hath been revealed and sent from the heaven of Will in the name of Nabil ibn Nabil. God willing, may they attain unto it. Likewise a Tablet specifically for Mulla Sadiq. All that hath been mentioned and is being mentioned—wondrous and sublime Tablets have been and are

being revealed and sent from the heaven of the Most Merciful's mercy. Ask God to confirm them all and cause them to attain unto the pearls of the ocean of the Most Merciful's utterance. He, verily, is the Hearing, the Answering.

Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the friends in that land. God willing, may all be observed as firm and steadfast in the Cause of the Luminary of the horizons in perfect unity and harmony. The Glory be upon them from the presence of the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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BH01739: O loved ones of God in the Land…

He is the One dawning from the horizon of the world with the Most Great Name!

O loved ones of God in the Land of Alif! Hearken unto the call of your Lord, the All-Merciful. Verily, there is none other God but Him. His are the greatness and majesty, the power and glory, and the bounties. He hath created the heaven through one of the names, and all else beneath it through a word from His presence. He, verily, is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. Within His grasp is the dominion of Command and Creation. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Rejoice in that the Wronged One remembereth you from His Most Great Prison and commandeth you to draw nigh unto the Sea, each wave of which proclaimeth:

> "The gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of Names hath come with manifest sovereignty!"

Woe betide him who hath cast the Book of God behind his back and followed every ignorant one who hath turned away from the Face when it shone forth from the horizon of the Divine Will with a light that illumined the Concourse on High, the denizens of Paradise, and those who circle round the Throne at morn and eventide. Thus doth the Supreme Pen make mention of you, as a bounty from your Lord, the Munificent, the All-Bountiful.

Act ye according to what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Most Holy Book. It guideth you unto His Straight Path. Let not the affairs of the world sadden you. Soon shall that which hath been spread therein be rolled up. Thus informeth you He with Whom is the knowledge of all things preserved in a guarded Tablet. Aid ye your Lord, the All-Merciful, through wisdom and utterance. He, verily, heareth and seeth; He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Take hold of God's ordinances with the power bestowed by Us and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Revealer of the verses and Manifestor of clear signs, for having sent down to us from the heaven of Thy Will that which profiteth us in all the worlds of Thy creation. I beseech Thee to assist us in that which Thou lovest and approvest, and in that which will exalt Thy remembrance amongst Thy creatures and inscribe our names by Thy Most

> Exalted Pen in Thy Book. O my Lord! Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, the All-Powerful, the All-Wise. Write down for us that which Thou hast written for Thy chosen ones who have cast away the world and taken hold of that which Thou didst command them. Verily, Thou art the Most Exalted, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful."

O Naw-Ruz! Thy petition hath reached the Most Holy Court on this new day, which in the divine Books is known as the Day of God, and the servant in attendance before the Face hath presented its contents. Sublime and wondrous verses have been revealed specifically for the loved ones of that land. All must hearken unto them and rejoice in God's bounty. Blessed is the soul that hath today attained unto the remembrance of God. This is a station that transcendeth description and utterance. My tongue and those who have believed in this blessed, mighty, and wondrous Day bear witness to this.

Concerning thy question about wisdom: those ordinances which today cause the clamor of the heedless and the outcry of the ignorant must be carried out with the utmost discretion. There are many deeds that, when performed by an individual, none would be aware of them, while there are others that, when manifested, cause the opposition and objection of the heedless parties. Therefore, the Lord of Glory, exalted be His might, hath exempted His servants until such time as the Cause is made manifest through His all-prevailing sovereignty over all who are in the heavens and on earth. After the exaltation of the Cause, it becometh binding and obligatory upon all to act in accordance with whatsoever hath been sent down in the Most Holy Book from the heaven of God's Will and recorded by the Pen of Wisdom. Blessed are they that act accordingly, and blessed are they that attain!

O friends! Let not time slip away. This is a day wherein every good deed performed for God's sake shall have an everlasting effect that will endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Beseech ye God to aid you in that which shall remain and endure. Verily, He is the All-Hearing, the Answerer of Prayer. And praise be to God, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

BH02058: O Name of God, upon thee be the Glory…

O Name of God, upon thee be the Glory of God! He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power!

Your letter arrived and your call was heard. May you ever be blessed through God's grace and be turned toward His direction. Be not grieved by hardship, for all are in hardship. And be not distressed by constraints, for all are under constraints. If there be no constraint of wealth, there must needs be constraint of aspirations. And if through the grace of the Beloved Who never fails the constraint of aspirations be removed, the constraint of greed remains. We must beseech the Self-Sufficing Sovereign with utmost humility and supplication to enable all to attain to His will and good-pleasure. For by the life of God, whosoever attains to this station, no hardship can touch him nor constraint afflict him.

O Name of God! If someone were to place multiple magnifying glasses over his eyes, could he find anything in the world that is not imprisoned within six directions of hardship? And this hardship stems from the imaginings and idle fancies that result from what men's hands have wrought. Hardship has degrees, and likewise constraint. Were these utterances to be expounded as they should be, surely

Taftazani's lengthy work would seem brief in comparison. You and the other loved ones must in truth turn to God and seek His aid, that He may, through the key of His Name, open a door whereby all may be cleansed and purified from the defilements of this mortal world and attain to the kingdom of tranquility.

In the Hidden Words He saith: "Shouldst thou search the heavens and the earth, thou wouldst find no place of rest or security save in submission to God." God is my witness that the glance of His favor hath been and will continue to be directed toward you. Surely after reading this you will say: "The matter was presented, but what was desired was its resolution, not counsel and admonition." Our story and yours is like that of the Bedouin who came before a great one and said "I am poor." The great one replied "We are all poor, as God hath said: O people! Ye are all poor before God, and God is the Self-Sufficient, the All-Praised."' Then he said "I wish to make pilgrimage to Mecca." The great one replied "God bless you, for pilgrimage to the House is prescribed for people by God." Then he said "I have no means for the journey." He replied "No blame is on you; stay at home, for God hath said for those who are able to make their way thereto."' Then he said "O my master, I came for my need, not for sermons!"

These utterances have shone forth from the Dawning-Place of the Sun of Utterance that you may read them and be gladdened. But one word remains, which I speak in a tongue sanctified from utterance:

> "It is for you to make up for what hath passed you by."

If you hold fast to this word, which is in truth the key of utterance, surely the doors of mercy, grace, blessings, bounty, rest and tranquility will be opened before your face. Thus doth the True and Trustworthy One give thee glad tidings. Hear thou with the ear of the spirit this word of the Wronged One of the world, and God willing, thou shalt be aided thereby. The end belongeth to the God-fearing, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH02106: The Most Exalted Pen mentions His friends with perfect…

In the name of the one true God!

The Most Exalted Pen mentions His friends with perfect grace and kindness, and counsels them to that which today is the cause of the elevation and exaltation of human station, that perchance the fragrance of unity may be diffused throughout the world and eliminate the odors of discord which are the cause and source of corruption. He is the Powerful, He is the Mighty. By a single word He brought the world from nothingness into the realm of existence, and should He so will, by another word He would cause it to return. He is the One to Whose power all created things have testified and before Whose grandeur all beings have prostrated themselves.

God willing, may all the friends become united and in agreement upon the Word of the All-Merciful, and strive night and day to manifest such deeds as would cause all who dwell on earth to turn towards Him. I swear by the peerless Gem of Utterance that a goodly deed is in itself a proclaimer of God's Cause. Strive ye to act in accordance with what hath been revealed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Book. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the utterance of the All-Merciful and acted according to what he was commanded in His mighty Book. Consider this opportunity a bounty and know ye the value of this divine Day. By the life of God! It hath had no likeness nor will it ever have one.

Let not the might and power and riches of the people prevent you from the Truth. Consider the former ages and reflect upon what transpired in those days. Where is the might of princes and their wealth? Where is their power and dominion? Where are their ranks and their armies? God hath returned them to their graves and made them a lesson for His loved ones and chosen ones. Verily He is the Ruler, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Ere long all that is seen shall perish and pass away. Hold fast unto that which shall endure for you throughout the dominion of the earthly and heavenly kingdoms.

God willing, may ye be enkindled by the heat of the love of God—an enkindlement which the seas of the world cannot quench or extinguish. Verily He attracts whom He willeth through a word from His presence. He is, in truth, the One Who doeth what He pleaseth through His word "Be" and it is. Not an atom's weight of deeds is lost in God's sight. All that hath befallen you and all that ye have heard from the deniers and opposers in the path of Truth hath been recorded and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen. Soon shall the tongues of the world make mention of you and the Kingdom of Glory circle round about you.

Know ye your worth and recognize the value of these days and preserve your stations, for the misguided lie in wait in their ambush, ready to prevent God's loved ones from Him and deprive them of the water of life. Beseech ye God at all times to make you victorious through the Kawthar of steadfastness. Verily He is the Hearer, He is the Answerer, He is the Bestower, He is the Generous, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

The glory from Our presence be upon you and upon those who have cast away all else save Me and taken hold of that which they were commanded in My wondrous Book.

BH02123: O Husayn! The ear of God hath heard thy…

In the Name of the Beloved of all horizons.

O Husayn! The ear of God hath heard thy call, and the eye of God hath beheld thy humility, thy reverence, and thy turning unto Him. The Most Exalted Pen beareth witness unto thee, as a bounty from His presence—verily, He is the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the Bestower.

Thy letter hath, time and again, reached the servant standing before the Throne, yet the Pen of God had not moved within the arena of utterance. He letteth it flow as He willeth, and withholdeth it as He desireth.

Rejoice that the Wronged One, from the quarter of His Most Great Prison, maketh mention of thee and summoneth thee unto God, the One, the All-Good. Be content with whatsoever proceedeth from the presence of God—this is the decree of God, from before and from after; yet most of the people are in heedlessness.

The letter and writing thou didst address to the servant standing before the Throne reached, again and yet again, and attained unto the presence of the Lord of Decree. That servant laid them all before His Countenance. Only, in accordance with the all-embracing wisdom of God, the reins of the Pen were held; and when the appointed time arrived, the answer descended from the kingdom of divine bounty and was sent forth.

O Husayn! With consummate wisdom and earnestness arise. Many are the souls whose inner reality is other than their outward seeming. Observe, that ye may not be led in the ways of the treacherous and the lying. Not every word is worthy of acceptance, nor is confidence permissible in every soul. The people of God must be as true assayers among men, that they may distinguish the pure from the base.

If, in any place today, the clamour of the contentious should arise, it would but work injury to the Tree of Exultation. Rather, drink thou the wine of the love of God and give thereof to His friends. Not every soul is meet for the wine of true knowledge; the traitor hath come forth in the garb of the trustworthy, and the thief in the habit of a guardian and keeper.

As to the writing at the end, penned in the Name of God, it hath been seen. God willing, those souls in that land who have truly quaffed from the ocean of detachment and look toward the horizon of the divine standards will be strengthened in the remembrance of God and in His service.

Convey our greeting to the friends. Know the worth of the stations that now lie in darkness, and for the sake of these few fleeting days deprive not yourselves of the everlasting ranks. With utmost wisdom and resolve be engaged in the remembrance of God; He heareth and He seeth—He, verily, is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Beware lest ye shut yourselves out from that which hath been ordained for you in the Kingdom of God, the Lord of all worlds. Hold fast to the cord of justice—this is a command from the Lord of bounty—then walk upon the heights of the earth in all humility, with patience, calm, dignity, truthfulness, and purity.

As for thee, strive to be adorned with the attributes of God—generosity and the like. Blessed is he who arrayeth himself with His qualities, soareth in His air, and speaketh His beauteous praise.

By My life! There hath been foreordained for you that which the Pen is powerless to describe. Guard it, then, in My Name, the All-Subduing, the Mighty, the Faithful, the Steadfast.

Praise be to God, the Lord of all the worlds.

BH02185: Praise be to God, Who hath created all things…

Praise be to God, Who hath created all things and drawn them unto Himself by His sweetest call. And when faces turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon, He uttered yet another Word; and by it affliction appeared within the kingdom of creation, and through it He manifested the greater steadfastness and the lofty stations of those valiant souls who cast behind them all else save Him and came forward with radiant faces, bearing the Most Great Sign. These are servants whom fear hath not seized, nor have the tyrannical withheld them from drawing nigh unto the Kingdom of God, the Lord of the Names. Exalted, immeasurably exalted, is He Who created them, confirmed them, made them to know, and bestowed upon them His grace—on a Day whereon the earth was shaken and the mountains were scattered to dust.

It is submitted that the sublime letter hath reached this lowly servant; and from it there breathed the fragrance of the love of the Well-Beloved of the realm of being. It was adorned with the mention of the True Sovereign and embellished with praise of the Afnan, and from it, by the beauty of the Beloved, there

was bestowed such joy and gladness as words cannot encompass. This humble servant rendered thanks and was occupied with the praise and glorification of his Desire, beseeching the Almighty that He may confirm you in His remembrance and enable you to manifest that which beseemeth this blessed, mighty, and wondrous Day.

Afterward, when I ascended to present your words before the Countenance, there was revealed a Tablet—exalted and most holy—from the heaven of names, addressed in particular to Jinab Jud—upon him be the glory of God—and a second, especially for your honoured self. From the effulgent light of the Sun of loving-kindness the heart was illumined and the eye beheld that which moveth one to render thanks—yea, thanks upon thanks. And this lowly servant beseecheth the True One—glorified be His majesty—to confirm you and strengthen you in that which is His good-pleasure. Verily, He is the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Convey to the honoured one named by the Name of God the greeting of this lowly servant; and be assured that, so long as time endureth and place remaineth, and so long as day and night abide and the heart endureth, this servant will be occupied in the service of the Cause of God. Most of the time is passed in thoughts of what hath occurred, until at last service and the mention of the Beloved of the world become renewed.

Once again, convey, on behalf of this distant servant, greetings to the friends of that land; and exhort them to fulfil that which God hath commanded the peoples of the earth, that the chill of heedlessness may be dispelled by the warmth of remembrance, and that all may attain unto the ocean of the love of God—would that the people might know!

Also convey the greetings of this lowly servant to the one whose name is held dear in the presence of God. The events and letters have been laid in detail before the Exalted Presence, and an answer hath been sent—God willing it shall reach you. By my love! I rejoice at your meeting and remain mindful of you. God willing, cease not, neither falter, in speaking of the Friend and acting for His sake.

Glory be upon you, and upon those who are with you.

BH02426: O Muhammad-i-Mustafa, hearken unto the Call from the Crimson…

He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power!

O Muhammad-i-Mustafa, hearken unto the Call from the Crimson Tree upon the luminous spot, from the Most Exalted Pen: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bestower!

At times We have stayed the Pen, and at others caused to flow from it what thou beholdest—sometimes in the form of “There is none other God but Him,” and at other times “There is none other God but Me, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.” All attributes return unto Him, though He is sanctified above them, and all names circle round Him at eventide and at dawn. The thunder hath pealed and the lightning hath flashed, yet the people remain in wondrous sleep.

We have indeed found the fragrance of My love from thy letter which thou didst send to the servant who standeth before the Face. He came into Our presence and presented what thou hadst uttered in

remembrance of the loved ones. Say: We desire him who hath desired his Lord, and We turn unto him who hath turned unto God with spirit and fragrance.

Say: Hold fast unto pure justice and unto that which ye have been commanded in the Book. He hath enjoined upon you righteousness and piety—to this His Most Exalted Pen beareth witness, and behind it the Revealer of verses. We counsel you to fear God and to that whereby His Cause is exalted amongst the servants. Consort with all people with spirit and fragrance, and remind them with wisdom of that which will profit them in the beginning and the end.

None should turn his face [in travel] to the Wronged One. He beseecheth God to ordain for whosoever hath desired Him the reward of those who have attained unto the good-pleasure of their Lord, the Lord of all mankind. Grieve not at the world and its hardships. Ease hath been created for you and all comfort circleth round about you. Soon shall appear unto you that which He hath desired.

We have aforetime said: He shall enter who hath gone out, and he shall go out who hath entered. That which We desired hath appeared outwardly, and what We desired inwardly—of the first We inform thee that thou mayest be apprised by thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. He who was inside hath gone out and hath clung to corruption in the inmost mystery, and none is aware of this save God, the Mighty, the Bestower. Soon shall his fire become manifest, but God shall prevent it and cause it to return unto him. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Chosen One.

Well is it that thou hast written in reply to Muhammad. We send Our greetings upon his face and upon the faces of Our loved ones there, and We bid them to be calm and patient. Say: Hold fast unto the cord of contentment. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid you and ordain for you that which shall profit you in the Hereafter and in this world. He, verily, is the Powerful over what He willeth, and within His grasp is the kingdom of the realms of earth and heaven.

Convey My greetings to the one named Abu'l-Qasim and to My loved ones there, and to those who are with thee and thy wife. Give her the glad-tidings of My mention of her, which God hath made the most exalted of all mentions.

BH02575: One of the names of God is the Fashioner…

He is the Compassionate, the Yearning, the Wise One

One of the names of God is the Fashioner, and He has always loved and continues to love craftsmanship. Therefore, whoever among His servants manifests this name is beloved in the presence of the Wronged One. Craftsmanship is a volume from the volumes of divine knowledge and a treasure from the treasuries of divine wisdom. This is a science with meaning, for some sciences are limited to mere words, beginning and ending with words. Blessed art thou, O Husayn, for that which hath appeared from thee hath been presented before His face and hath won the adorning grace of acceptance. All things are connected to it in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Give thanks to God for this bounty and praise Him by night and day. Verily He hath aided thee, caused thee to recognize Him, and taught thee this wise craft.

We make mention in this place of thy father who ascended unto God in this Great Prison. Blessed is he in that he turned towards Baghdad and heard the call of the Wronged One when He was summoning between heaven and earth and calling unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed is he in that he attained unto this Most Great Remembrance and testified to that which God Himself testified—that there is none other God but Him, the Single One, the All-Informed. And We make mention of his son Husayn who entered the prison with the Manifestation of the Cause and attained to that which most of mankind hath not attained. We beseech God to absolve his sins and immerse him in the ocean of forgiveness. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

And We make mention of his other son and give him the glad-tidings of God's grace and mercy. We beseech God to cause the rain of His mercy, which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth, to descend upon him. Glory be upon you, O friends of God in the earth. Ye are they who have been faithful to the Covenant and have shown patience in hardship and adversity, and have attained unto that which was inscribed in the Tablets of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

We make mention in this place of thine uncle who was named Ahmad, and We beseech God to give him to drink at all times from the Kawthar of life and that which floweth from the right hand of His great throne. O Ahmad, rejoice in that the Wronged One maketh mention of thee—He Who was banished, exiled, afflicted, fettered and imprisoned in the path of God, the Lord of this manifest Prison. The glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon thee and upon those who have quaffed the choice wine in the name of their Lord, the Mighty, the Generous.

We counsel thee, O Husayn, and thy mother with that which beseemeth man. Thus doth the All-Knowing teach thee. Convey My greetings unto her face and give her the glad-tidings of My remembrance of her, and I am the Wronged One, the Stranger.

BH02730: O ʿAli-Akbar! We make mention of thee…

O ʿAli-Akbar! We make mention of thee from the precincts of My Most Great Prison, 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, and again blessed are ye, for having borne tribulations in My path and afflictions for the exaltation of My Word and the elevation of My Cause. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Seeing.

Blessed are they who have entered the fortress of My knowledge and soared in the atmosphere of My love and drunk the choice wine of My revelation and been seized by the wine of My utterance in such wise as to detach themselves from all else besides Me and turn unto My countenance and advance toward the horizon of My grace and cling to the cord of My bounty and hold fast to the hem of My generosity. These are they whose names are celebrated by the tongues of the world and before whose names all nations bow down. My tongue of grandeur beareth witness to this, and the kingdom of Mine utterance, and this Pen which moveth in the arena of knowledge; and I am the All-Informed.

Verily those who have attained unto imprisonment have attained unto the mention of My Most Exalted Pen, and this is more precious than all else—by the life of God, nothing that hath been created between earth and heaven can equal it. Blessed, then blessed is he who hath been adorned with the ornament of

steadfastness. He is among the most exalted of creatures in the Book of God. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Knowing.

Convey My greetings unto 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 tribulation in My path; drink ye now from the hand of My bounty My Most Glorious Wine and My Most Pure Kawthar. I say unto you: "Well is it with you! May it do you good!" in the Kingdom of Creation. Thus doth God make mention of you with the most excellent mention. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful.

Rejoice ye in My Name, then drink ye in remembrance of Me. We have turned toward you and We send greetings unto your faces from this beauteous spot. I was saddened by your grief, but am now gladdened since God maketh mention of you by His own Self, in 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 unto Mine enemies in gratitude for what they have done unto them, for through them they have attained unto 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 Scene. Exalted is He Who alloweth not the harm of the world nor the oppression of the nations to injure His loved ones. Glad tidings, then, to the soul that hath understood that which My glorious tongue hath uttered.

BH02817: O Ali! Your letter which you sent to Muhammad-Qabli-Ali…

He is the Dawning One from the horizon of the heaven of utterance.

O Ali! Your letter which you sent to Muhammad-Qabli-Ali, upon him be My Glory, has arrived and was read by the servant in attendance before the Throne. Verily your Lord is the Hearing, the Responding One. Observe the counsels of your Lord. We have mentioned you before, and before before, and We mention you at this time, and send greetings from the direction of My Most Great Prison to My loved ones who have attained to My days, acknowledged My sovereignty and confessed to that which God has testified—that there is no God but Me, the Protecting, the Mighty, the Generous.

All the friends should be observed to be so gladdened by the choice wine of utterance that the troubles of a world which appears as a mirage do not prevent those souls from the remembrance of the Lord of Return. Say: Take the cups of detachment with a power from Us, then drink from them through My wondrous remembrance. The divine call is ever raised up. The friends who have drunk of the choice wine of utterance and are turned toward the horizon of the All-Merciful should always be mindful and enkindled with the fire of love. Gladden all the souls who have turned toward God with certitude, whether female or male, young or old, with the fragrances of the Words of the Revealer of verses.

O Khudadad! We send greetings upon your face from this distant place, that you may thank your Lord, the Remembering, the Speaking, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Likewise Shahverdi and Aziz are mentioned in the Most Holy Court and adorned with the ornament of remembrance. For each one, sublime and lofty verses have been revealed and sent at this very time. God willing, may all attain to the

bounty of God and be illumined by the lights of the Sun of Truth. Glory be upon you and upon them and upon those who have attained to this Cause whereby the foot of every learned one has slipped and every mystic has been perturbed, save whom God has willed, the Lord of all who are in the heavens and earths.

The new friends, praise be to God, are successful and God willing they will become keys to good things. O Ali, convey greetings to the leaf of the land of Sad and gladden her with divine bounties. The people of that land must not fall short in serving her in any way, for she is from the remnants of the family of Sad. Previously a Tablet was specifically revealed and sent to her in that land. By My life, the end is hers and hers is a goodly ending. Verily your Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. And praise be to God, the Lord of all beings.

BH02732: Praise be to God, Who was and shall ever…

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

Praise be to God, Who was and shall ever be as He hath been, Who hath subdued the world through a movement of His Most Exalted Pen. Glorified, glorified be He from being known through mention or described through praise. He is the Self-Subsisting Who hath taken neither likeness nor partner unto Himself. He is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

Praise be unto Thee, O God of all beings and Educator of all created things, for having made the hearts of Thy loved ones treasuries of the pearls of Thy love and their breasts repositories of Thy remembrance in Thy kingdom. I beseech Thee, O Cleaver of the dawn and Subduer of the winds, by the Dayspring of glory, grandeur and prosperity, to ordain for them that which beseemeth Thy Name, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Bestower, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

It is submitted that your letter arrived and after learning of its contents, this servant presented it at a certain time before His presence. He said:

> “Blessed is he in that he hath drunk the wine of My love and held fast to the cord of his Lord’s grace, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.”

He said that whatever you have spent or may spend on yourself and your family is all beloved and adorned with the ornament of acceptance. God willing, you have ever been and shall ever be assisted to perform benevolent deeds and actions, and be honored with acceptance.

Two days ago your son came and was specifically requested, and for some time was present and honored before the Beloved’s presence. Perfect kindness was shown to him. I beseech the Most High to aid him and make him great beneath the shadow of His mercy and in the vicinity of His grace. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Likewise, on your behalf this evanescent servant attained the presence of the Desired One. Blessed art thou and I, and well is it with thee and me, and joyous tidings to thee and me. The Tablet which you had requested for my brother was graciously revealed from the Dawning-Place of favor and was sent. We beseech the Most High to make it a remembrance, honor and treasure for His accepted servants.

Please convey greetings on behalf of this evanescent one to each of the gentlemen who are present in that land. May His Honor Aqa Muhammad, upon him be the glory of God, be ever enkindled with the fire of the love of God in all conditions and be known by His Name. The glory be upon you, O loved ones of God in His lands and His friends in His countries.

The servant

BH02866: 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 hath believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, that he may give thanks unto his Lord and soar with rapture. Thus hath the Tongue of Revelation spoken from His exalted station. O Muhammad! The Lord of Destiny giveth thee glad tidings from the Most Great Scene that He hath heard thy call and hath answered thee with these verses whose number none can reckon. We have turned unto thee inasmuch as thou didst turn unto Us. Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Blessed art thou for having been engaged in the service of God. By My life! This is a praiseworthy station. We render thanks unto God for having enabled thee to attain unto this station and for having caused thee to be present before the Throne, while every ignorant and rejected one turned away therefrom. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist thee hereafter even as He assisted thee before. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Loving.

O Muhammad! The Supreme Pen hath been moved to make mention of thee and hath offered prayers on thy behalf. Do thou likewise pray that God, exalted be His glory, may protect this Wronged One from the evil of those who make a show of friendship. Say: O Lord of hosts and Revealer of the seen and unseen! Inscribe through Thy Pen of destiny a word of deliverance for Thyself. To give up one's life and to face countless afflictions and calamities in the path of the Good-Pleasure of the Friend hath been and shall ever be beloved of the soul. That which melteth the heart and consumeth the body is the appearance of enemies in the garb of loved ones.

O Muhammad! The Gazelle of the heavenly paradise is being pursued by the hunter of malice who lieth in ambush. This is a day wherein the wolf and the sheep drink from the same stream—that is to say, both the faithful and the faithless are present around the Truth at His table of bounty. We beseech God to make the heedless ones aware and not to deprive them of the morning breezes of this spiritual day.

Say: O Thou through Whom the horizon of divine unity was illumined and the ocean of detachment was stirred! I beseech Thee by the Kawthar which hath flowed from the fountainhead of Thy Most Exalted Pen to assist Thy servants to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy verses and the Treasury of the pearls of Thy knowledge and wisdom. Verily Thou art the One Whose power cannot be frustrated by the conditions of creation nor by the calumnies of those who surround Thee. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Most High, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of the kingdom of the heavens and the earth.

BH02988: Blessed art thou, O Javad, inasmuch as We have…

He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance.

Blessed art thou, O Javad, inasmuch as We have found thee steadfast in the Cause, in such wise that neither the hosts of the world deterred thee from the Ancient Lord, nor did worldly affairs keep thee from this Most Exalted Horizon. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

We have made mention of those who have believed in that land and have answered those whose petitions were presented at this Spot which God hath made the circling-point of the Concourse on high at all times. Hearken, O Javad, once again unto My most sweet Voice which hath been raised in the Kingdom of Creation:

> "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful."

We have heard thy call and witnessed thy standing firm in this Cause whereby eyes have been consoled, and We have made mention of thee through this Most Great Remembrance that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Revealer of verses. God willing, thou shouldst be occupied with the remembrance of the Lord of all beings at all times. Verily He maketh mention of him who maketh mention of Him, and He beholdeth him who hath arisen to serve His mighty Cause.

Convey My greetings to all the friends, especially to those leaves who dwell in that house and from whom the fragrances of divine love are wafted.

The Most Exalted Pen crieth out at all times and seasons, yet few indeed are the attentive ears. Verily not every ear is capable of hearing the call of the Lord of Names, nor is every heart worthy of His love. Blessed is the soul that hath today arisen to serve and is occupied with the remembrance of God, for praiseworthy deeds shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven.

Reflect upon the she-camel of Salih—when she was hamstrung in the path of friendship, all the tongues of the world, from that day unto the day that hath no end, have been and shall ever be engaged in her praise and glorification. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto My verses and My Pen hath been moved to make mention of it. Whatsoever existeth and is visible upon earth shall pass away, and that which shall endure is that which hath flowed from the Pen of thy Lord. Be thou grateful and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Ocean of Bounty, and glorification be unto Thee, O Beloved of them that know. Praise be unto God, the Lord of the worlds."

BH02961: To be typed

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BH03043: O thou who turnest thy gaze toward the Most…

He is the One Who hath risen from the Horizon of utterance.

O thou who turnest thy gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. It hath been raised from that hallowed plain where the call of the Spirit was uplifted, and before Him the call of the One Who held converse upon the Mount, and thereafter the cries of the Prophets and Messengers. They passed over this land, and when they heard it they inhaled the fragrance of the Raiment and cried: "Here am I, O God, here am I!" Thus doth He inform thee in Whose possession is the knowledge of all things—verily, I am the All-Knowing.

This is the Day whereon Sinai itself announceth the dawning-place of the Revelation, for it hath sensed the fragrance of the Well-Beloved and proclaimeth:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the world, for that Thou hast manifested the Manifestation of Thine own Self. I bear witness that Thou art powerful to do whatsoever Thou willest."

Thus doth the Most Exalted Pen recount unto thee—verily, I am the All-Informed.

Hijaz hath inhaled the perfume of the Raiment, and Batha crieth aloud and saith: "Praise be unto Thee, O Desire of them that truly know!" Among the people are those who have found and attained, and among them are such as have rejected this Most Great Announcement.

Thy name hath been mentioned in the Prison, and for thee hath this noble Tablet been sent down. Say:

"Praise be unto Thee, O God of the world, Desire of the nations, Thou Who art made manifest through the Most Great Name, for that Thou hast made known unto me the dawning-place of Thy verses and the day-spring of Thy clear proofs—while every learned one who clung to his learning and every sage who held fast to his idle fancies hath been veiled therefrom.

I beseech Thee, O God of the unseen and the seen, O Lord Who nurturest all existence, by the Name through which the breezes of Thy mercy have blown, and the Ark of Thy Cause hath sailed upon land and sea by Thy might and Thy dominion, that Thou wilt strengthen me in Thy service, in such wise that neither the affairs of Thy creatures nor the insinuations of the people of Thy realm shall debar me therefrom.

O my Lord! Take Thou my hand with the hand of Thy bounty and Thy loving-kindness, then protect me from Thine enemies who have cast aside Thy Book and Thy proof, and in Thy days have followed the passions which Thou didst forbid them.

O my Lord! Thou art the All-Possessing and I am the needy one. Inscribe then, with Thy Most Exalted Pen, that which shall profit me in every one of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art powerful to do what Thou wilt, and in Thy grasp is the kingdom of the heavens and of the earth. There is no God but Thee, the All-Powerful, the All-Mighty."

BH03197: To be typed

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BH03297: To be typed

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BH03507: Praise be unto the sovereign Pre-existent, sanctified above creation…

In the name of the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful.

Praise be unto the sovereign Pre-existent, sanctified above creation, Who through the breaths of the Pen of Knowledge hath raised upon the lofty standards of the world “Verily He is God.” He is sanctified above mention and utterance and all that hath appeared in the contingent world. Exalted is the All-Merciful, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

O promoter of My Cause! Reflect upon the intelligence and insight of some of the ignorant ones who have appeared in the guise of knowledge. They have desired with the hands of tyranny to deprive the lamp of justice of its light. Say: By the life of God! This Cause is founded upon a firm, steadfast and immovable foundation that neither the winds of rejection and opposition, nor the hosts of those who have turned away from God, the Lord of all worlds, can shake. This is that blessed Word which, like unto the sun, hath shone forth from the horizon of the divine Tablet. Blessed are they that perceive.

O friend! Counsel My loved ones and My chosen ones to observe the wisdom with which I have adorned the preamble of My Book of Laws and Ordinances. Thus doth He Who possesseth the Preserved Tablet of God command thee.

The servant who standeth before the Throne hath presented thy letter and read that which thy pen, thy tongue and thy heart have set in motion in remembrance of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We have heard it, accepted it, and answered thee with this wondrous Book. And when days had passed, thy other letter arrived which testified before the world to thy sincerity, thy turning to God and thy devotion to God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. From each word of thy words was wafted the fragrance of My love, to which My pen and My tongue bear witness. By My life! This manifest and pure bounty which hath shone forth from this luminous horizon sufficeth thee. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who love thee for the sake of God, the Goal of them that have recognized Him.

The servant desired to write to thee what he desired. We forbade him and informed him that My Most Exalted Pen desired to move in his remembrance as a bounty from His presence, and I am verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

BH03495: Pure praise befitteth the Ancient King Who, through…

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

Pure praise befitteth the Ancient King Who, through the breaths of His garment, brought dead bones to life. He is the Speaker of the Mount Who conversed with Moses. By His will did the whole world appear, and by His will shall it return. Verily, He is sanctified above all that hath appeared through letters and words. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Most High.

Thy mention hath been made before the Throne, and the Countenance of the Ancient Beauty hath turned toward thee, saying: Blessed art thou for having hearkened unto the call of thy Lord and turned toward Him. It behooveth thee to act according to that which thou hast been commanded in My Great Book. The whole world and whatsoever is therein cannot equal a single word that proceedeth from the mouth of the Beloved. To this testifieth every one endued with vision in the days of God, the Possessor of Destiny, and beyond him thy Lord, the Lord of the heavens and the earth. Ere long shall the excellence of the Divine Word be made manifest in the world, and likewise the station of those souls who have attained unto it. Well is it with them that understand.

In all conditions, occupy thyself with utmost joy and delight in the remembrance of the Beloved of all worlds. Reflect upon the matter of the ascetic of the world, namely Christ, and His mother, and likewise upon the events that transpired after the ascension of the Spirit. Give thanks unto God for having attained unto His recognition at a time when all the world turned away from Him, though the people followed Him. The True One, exalted be His utterance, hath engaged in these remembrances so that thou mayest not be sorrowful and mayest remember Him with perfect joy.

It would be more fitting and proper for thee to dwell with Jinab-i-Talib, upon him be the Glory of God. It behooveth thee to be with him, and it behooveth him to honor thy dwelling place. Verily thy Lord is the Expositor, the All-Wise. The Glory be upon thee and upon those women whom vain imaginings have not kept back from God, the True King, the Manifest.

BH03508: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

God testifieth that there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing. We have indeed informed all of the Day of God and His presence, yet when He came with the truth, every heedless sinner denied Him. Hearken unto that which the Manifestation of My Cause hath spoken and that which the servants have uttered, that thou mayest be of them that are endued with knowledge.

He saith—and His word is the sweetest—"I have taken a gem in His remembrance: He cannot be indicated by any indication, nor by what hath been revealed in the Bayan from one who speaketh with knowledge." After the dawning of that Word from the horizon of Will, doth it befit anyone to hesitate regarding this luminous, resplendent Revelation? Should anyone turn towards My most exalted horizon, would God torment him after what His tongue hath uttered in His mighty Book and what We have mentioned for thee in this clear Script?

Doth it beseem anyone to cling to the Bayan in his turning away from God, or to use it as proof when the All-Merciful hath come with His mighty kingdom? Verily, concerning Him Who cannot be indicated by any indication from Him Who revealed the Bayan nor by His Book, they say what those who denied God and His Messengers said not in former times. Thus hath My Pen spoken in this luminous Tablet.

Blessed is he who pondereth this Word which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Bayan, and what hath befallen the Wronged One from the party of the heedless. Say: By God! This is a Revelation which the Books have not comprehended, and which none hath understood save His Self, the One Who dominateth

the worlds. Say: Fear God, and weigh Him not by the Bayan. God hath made it but a leaf among the leaves of the garden of His presence, were ye of the fair-minded. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken unto thee.

By God's life! Whoso hath found the fragrance of My verses and the sweet savors of My robe hath soared in My atmosphere, hath sought My kingdom, hath lamented in his separation from Me, and hath shed tears over what hath befallen the Prisoner at the hands of them that have denied God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. The glory be upon thee and upon them that are with thee, who have attained unto this noble station.

BH03886: To be typed

To be typed.

BH03833: To be typed

To be typed.

BH03888: The Pen of Utterance, by the leave…

In the Name of the One God

The Pen of Utterance, by the leave of the All-Merciful, sailed upon the ocean of meanings, and when by the will of the True Sovereign it emerged, several drops fell from it and appeared in the form of letters. Then a breeze from the repository of the All-Merciful Will passed over them, causing the disconnected letters to combine, and the word "Verily I am God, there is no God but Him" became manifest. This blessed word arose like the sun from the horizon of the heaven of God's Book. Blessed is he who attains unto it, and woe unto every heedless doubter. Through the appearance of this word two universal effects became manifest in creation: fire and light. For whosoever turned toward it was accounted before God among the companions of the right hand who have attained the lights of His countenance, and whosoever turned away was mentioned as one of the people of fire.

Praise be to God that you have found life through the living waters which are known as the Kawthar of divine knowledge in God's Book, and have attained unto a new life. Preserve this station with the utmost diligence and effort. The world has never had, nor has, any faithfulness, as is observed at all times. Blessed is the soul who is not deprived and forbidden from the eternal Kingdom on account of this transient world. God's favor has been and will continue to be with you, as He has preserved you in numerous instances. Be grateful to thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

We give thee glad tidings with a word from Our presence and say: Verily thou art among the secure ones. It is incumbent upon thee to be steadfast in the Cause of God, and it is incumbent upon Him to protect thee through His sovereignty which prevails over the worlds. We beseech God to manifest through thee that whereby thy mention shall endure in His Kingdom and His dominion and in His perspicuous Book. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH04125: O My leaf! My Most Exalted Pen hath lamented…

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

O My leaf! My Most Exalted Pen hath lamented over what hath befallen you from Mine enemies who have cast the Book of God behind their backs and followed every accursed satan. All things have lamented over what hath befallen My Name Ha who arose to serve My Cause in such wise that the hosts could not deter him. To this all things bear witness, yet most of the people remain heedless. He sacrificed his soul in My path, whereat the seas lamented, the trees cried out, and the eyes of the Concourse on High wept, as did those who circle round My mighty throne. Blessed art thou, O My leaf, for the breezes of revelation have seized thee in such wise that thou hast witnessed in the love of God what no eye hath seen. Be thou thankful for thy Lord's loving-kindness. He is verily the Bestower, the Mighty, the Generous. He ordaineth what He willeth for whomsoever He desireth. His mercy hath preceded all existence. He is verily the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Grieve not over what hath befallen thee in My path. Say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord and my King, for having enabled me to be patient in Thy path and steadfast in Thy Cause. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen, to give me to drink, at all times, from the choice wine of steadfastness, for Thy Cause is mighty, mighty indeed—a might none hath comprehended save Thy all-knowing, all-informed Self.

O My leaf! Grieve not over thy son. He hath ascended unto God, the Lord of all worlds. We bear witness that he attained unto My presence and circumambulated My glorious and wondrous Kingdom. Be thou patient as thou wert patient before. Thus doth thy Lord, the Faithful Counsellor, command thee. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon those who have observed what is due to God regarding thee, and upon those who have acted according to what they were commanded in the Book of God, the King, the Truth, the Manifest One.

BH04258: The books of the world have borne witness unto…

He is the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious.

The books of the world have borne witness unto Him, their Revealer, through Whom the springtime of the Bayan hath come and the clouds of grace have rained down. The Torah hath testified to the One who sent down the verses; the Gospel crieth aloud: "The Most Sublime hath come!", yet the people remain sunk in a stupendous delusion. The Qur'an calleth out betwixt earth and heaven: "By God! The All-Knowing is come, and the Resurrection is fulfilled. Make haste, O people of insight!" And the Bayan circleth round the All-Merciful, crying out and proclaiming: "Woe betide him who hath broken the Covenant of God and His Testament!"

By My life! This is the Day whereon that which was hidden in the pre-eternity of pre-eternities hath been made manifest. Every letter of it hath testified unto this Manifestation, yet the people are wrapped in doubt and contention. All things have voiced the praise of God, and every cause hath bowed in lowliness before His sovereignty, which exerciseth dominion over all the horizons.

Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thou hast quaffed the Kawthar of Revelation from the hand of the bounties of thy Lord, the Revealer of the verses. Blessed—thrice blessed—is thy father, whom the Concourse on high received when he ascended unto God, the Lord of lords. He was of them in whose being the noble quality of steadfastness was discerned. How excellent is this station, which God hath exalted above many a station! My Most Exalted Pen hath made mention of him in such wise that the dwellers of Paradise remember him at eventide and at dawn.

Bliss be upon him, and upon thee, and upon thy mother who was drawn by the sweetness of the verses of thy Lord, the Lord of all mankind. It behoveth thee to arise for the service of the Cause, with remembrance and with exposition, and to remind the people of that which the All-Merciful hath sent down in the Book, that haply they may arise from the sleep of passion and turn their faces unto the Most Exalted Horizon. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Mighty, the Oft-Returning in grace. Glory be upon thee, and upon such as have cast away that which debarred them from God, the Lord of all existence.

BH04480: We have sent thee a remembrance from Our presence…

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

We have sent thee a remembrance from Our presence, when the Trusted One turned toward the Land of Ta by the leave of God, the Lord of Names. Verily He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth; there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. We beseech God to assist thee in all conditions and draw thee nigh unto Him in all worlds. Verily He is the Almighty over what hath been and what shall be.

When thy letter which thou didst send to the servant who standeth present arrived and was read before His face, the ocean of loving-kindness surged once again, that thou mightest give thanks unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of all who are in existence. Sorrow not over anything. By My life! He hath inscribed with His Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit thee in the Hereafter and in this first life. To this beareth witness He Who speaketh the truth. There is none other God but Him, the True One, the Knower of things unseen.

Thou art he who hath stood firm in the service of thy Lord and hath spoken His praise at eventide and at dawn. All things bear witness to thy remembrance and thy turning toward the Most Great Ocean and thine acceptance of My praiseworthy station. Thine eyes were solaced by beholding the Beauty and thine ears were favored by hearkening unto the call of this Wronged One. Thus did My Most Exalted Pen move when it was established upon the throne in its ruined prison. Glory be upon thee and upon those who are related to thee and upon those who have been set ablaze by the fire of God, the Mighty, the Loving.

O thou who gazeth toward My horizon! Give glad tidings of My remembrance and My days to the loved ones, then kindle in their hearts the fire of My love, that the circumstances of the world may not sadden them nor the utterances of every rejected misbeliever bar them.

BH04588: O ʿAli! O thou who circlest round the Throne!…

He is the Bestower, the Forgiving, the Mighty, the Generous

O ʿAli! O thou who circlest round the Throne! Hearken unto My most sweet call which, when it is raised up, draweth unto itself the Kingdom of Names, and causeth the mountains to pass with the speed of lightning in the kingdom of creation. Be thou of them that render thanks.

We have made mention of every name that was in thy letter and have sent it unto thee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. We have desired to make mention in this place of thy father who hath ascended unto God, the Lord of all worlds. We have, of a truth, forgiven him as a token of Our grace, and have purified him as a mercy from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is He Who judgeth as He pleaseth. Neither the hosts can frustrate Him nor the bounds contain Him. To this testifieth the Tongue of Grandeur from His mighty and glorious station.

O Abu-ʿAli! We have adorned thee with an ornament that the months and years and ages shall not tarnish, and We have embellished thee with a remembrance that shall never be followed by extinction. To this beareth witness My Most Exalted Pen in this noble Tablet. Blessed art thou for having attained unto this Most Great Remembrance, and blessed is thy son who hath been named Muhammad, and thy daughter who hath been named Sultan. Thus hath the Sun of Grace shone forth from the horizon of the tender mercy of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. He, verily, is the Ever-Forgiving, the Ancient of Days.

And We make mention of thy nephew who hath been named Muhammad qabl-i-Ibrahim. We give thee and him the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. Each one of you hath attained unto the mention of God, and the glance of His loving-kindness hath been directed towards you from this station at whose mention the Concourse on High rejoice and the lips of utterance smile in the kingdom of creation. Glorified be the Lord of Names, Who maketh mention of His servants as He pleaseth. There is none other God but Him, the Most Holy, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

BH04873: O My Name Mihdi! God willing, thou shalt drink…

He is God, exalted is He

O My Name Mihdi! God willing, thou shalt drink from the ocean of knowledge and on the mainland of insight utter the blessed words "Here am I, O my God, here am I." None but the seeing eye can perceive the vastness of the world of knowledge. God willing, from the lead of wisdom and the rock of certitude shall a firm and mighty foundation be built. Verily He is the All-Knowing, the Perspicuous.

The servant who attends before the Countenance hath presented a letter sent to thee by the Afnan who sought My presence, attained My meeting, drank the choice wine of reunion from the hand of My bounty, dwelt in My vicinity, heard My call and that which was uttered by My tongue in this station which hath been named by all names by God, the Originator of the heavens, wherein the Interlocutor of the Mount spoke and wherein appeared that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Mihdi! At the end of his letter was this verse:

> "We are ashamed that on the Day of Recompense we did not commit a sin worthy of His forgiveness."

This verse was mentioned repeatedly. Well spoken indeed! God willing, may they ever be the recipients of His special favors and be blessed with that which is beloved. Verily their Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Almighty, the Powerful.

We have turned from this station toward those who were with him from among My Afnan, who were present, who heard, and who attained that which God ordained in previous Books as a promise from Him—and He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Upon them be My glory, My grace, My loving-kindness and My mercy which have preceded all worlds.

BH04724: A remembrance from Us unto him who attained…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the Witness, the Seer, the All-Informed

A remembrance from Us unto him who attained the presence of this Wronged One when He was fallen into the hands of the heedless. I bear witness that he set out from his home, proceeding in the direction of the Frequented Fane and Blessed Station which the All-Merciful hath sent down in the Furqan, and attained unto that which he desired on the Day of God, the Lord of the worlds. The servant in attendance is at hand, and hath recited once again thy letter as a bounty on the part of God, the Almighty, the All-Praised.

Blessed be thy tongue for telling forth that which hath befallen the Daystar of Batha (Mecca), for whom the Celestial Concourse, and the inmates of Paradise in their noble habitation, have lamented. Blessed is he who extolleth the names of Ha' and Ha', and thereafter of him that was named Kazim, who laid down his life in the way of God, the Lord of the Day of Reckoning. I testify that neither martial hosts, nor the clamour of every wayward cleric, overawed him. By My life! We, verily, found him steadfast in the Cause of his Lord, in such wise that the inmates of Paradise, and those who circle the throne as bidden by Him Who is the All-Glorious, the Most Great, were filled with wonder. Erelong shall God reveal unto him that which hath been hidden from the face of His servants; He, verily is the Incomparable, the All-Knowing.

By the righteousness of God! They attained that which none had previously attained; thereto testifieth My Pen of Glory in this wondrous Tablet. From this Spot We salute thee, and all those who have attained unto the choice wine of steadfastness in this Cause, whereby the hearts of the learned have trembled, and the feet of the wise have slipped.

BH05149: O Leaf, upon thee be the Glory of God!…

O Leaf, upon thee be the Glory of God! From this station We send greetings to the leaf who has held fast to the Divine Lote-Tree and turned unto God, the Lord of all mankind. Thy remembrance hath been mentioned before the Throne and We have sent unto thee the fragrance of the Garment that thy heart may rejoice thereby in the days of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower.

In the Persian tongue We make mention: Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the wine of faith in the days of the All-Merciful and hast turned toward the Friend. God willing, thou must at all times remain steadfast in the Cause of the Lord of all beings and with utmost sanctity and detachment call the handmaidens of God to His pure and holy Divine Law.

Some time ago We summoned thee to attain the Most Holy Court and return to thy residence before winter, but until now this matter was delayed until the time passed. Now if thou returnest to thy homeland with the utmost joy and fragrance and engage in the mention of God, this will be and is more beloved in the sight of God, and whenever it is required, if God should will and desire, We shall summon thee. Thou must in all conditions fix thy gaze upon the good-pleasure of God and find joy in Him. And this land hath become somewhat disturbed due to the multitude of emigrants and visitors, therefore return is more beloved.

Verily, the Glory be upon you both and upon those who have believed in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH05060: This is a remembrance for him who hath inhaled…

In the Name of the Manifest, the Hidden.

This is a remembrance for him who hath inhaled My fragrance, quaffed the wine of My love, turned unto My Face, been enraptured by My verses, and come unto My manifest Horizon, that the attraction of My words may seize him time and again. Verily, I am the Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Whoso acknowledgeth My Manifestation hath, in truth, acknowledged God and His Scriptures from the beginning that hath no beginning. Thereunto bear witness My Books, My Scriptures, My Tablets, and this lucid, perspicuous Tablet. And whoso turneth away hath, verily, disbelieved in God in every age and century, and on this wondrous Day. Those who have clung to the Bayan yet turned aside from its Revealer—these are they whom all things belie, together with Him in Whose possession is the Preserved Tablet.

Give ear to that which the idolaters say in this tremendous Cause. Verily, he who hath forged a calumny concerning My being slain hath uttered that at which all created things are revolted. By My life! He is in manifest falsehood. Never hath the eye of creation beheld the like thereof; and I am the Witness, the All-Seeing.

It behoveth thee to abandon mention of him and of that which he wrought in the Days of God, the One, the All-Wise. We, indeed, have in all affairs put our trust in God, the Mighty, the All-Beautiful.

When thou hast attained unto My Tablet, and heard the moaning of My heart and the shrilling of My Pen, then make mention unto the people of what befell My Self at the hands of Mine enemies most bitter—that Self which We have guarded and lodged in Our nearness, beneath the Tree of Our loving-kindness that hath encompassed the heavens and the earth. And praise be to God, the Beloved of them that know.

BH05514: How many a night hath my yearning ascended…

He is the Most Holy, the All-Glorious.

How many a night hath my yearning ascended, and how many a day hath the wailing of my weeping been uplifted, by reason of what hath befallen Him through Whom God hath given glad-tidings unto all who are in the heavens and on the earth. The Books of God and His Scriptures have borne witness unto His

appearance; yet when the Truth came, they disbelieved in Him and in His shining, radiant Manifestation. And when He uttered the Most Exalted Word, the concourse of creation rose up to oppose Him, save those whom God strengthened with a might from His own presence. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Among the people are those who have said: “He hath laid claim to Lordship.” Say: By God! This is indeed that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath proclaimed, and which the Faithful, the Trustworthy, foretold unto you. Read ye the Bayan, that ye may come to know that whereof ye were heedless. Fear God, and be not of the neglectful. Thus hath the Tongue of Revelation spoken, and thus hath the Pen of inspiration moved within the arena of wisdom and exposition, if ye be of them that understand.

Be thou not grieved because of those who have dealt wrongfully. Rather, give thanks unto God for that thou hast been remembered before the Wronged One in His Most Great Prison. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having strengthened me to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy Cause. I bear witness that Thou art, in truth, powerful to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O Lord, ordain for me in Thy Kingdom that which beseemeth the Ocean of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the Giver, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Compassionate.

BH05555: To be typed

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BH05566: To be typed

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BH05749: He is the Most Great, the All-Glorious! A mention…

He is the Most Great, the All-Glorious! A mention from God, the Lord of earth, unto His servant who hath been named Mustafa, that he may rejoice and be numbered with them that are steadfast.

O Mustafa! Stand firm in the Cause. By the life of God! It is greater than all that is great. This is the Day whereon the branches have been scattered, and the mountains have passed away, and the heaven hath been cleft asunder, and the earth hath been rent in twain through the fear of God, the Almighty, the Powerful.

Among the people are they who have been attracted by the call of their Lord, and among them are they who have followed their own desires—these are indeed of the abject ones. The wine of vain imaginings hath seized the divines of the earth and its leaders, save whom God hath willed, the Lord of all worlds.

Cast behind thee all idle fancies. By God! He Who is known hath appeared, and the Self-Subsisting calleth aloud: “There is none other God besides Me, the Mighty, the Beauteous.”

We, verily, send Our greetings from this spot unto Our loved ones who have turned their faces toward My countenance, and have spoken in My praise, and have drawn nigh unto My exalted station. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken on this darksome night. Blessed is he who hath heard and attained, and woe betide him who hath denied this mighty grace.

They read the Book, yet deny Him Who hath revealed it. Thus have their souls prompted them. They are indeed among the lost.

Preserve what We have revealed unto thee, then recite it in His Name, the One Who hath dominion over all worlds.

BH05674: O Hadi! We have sent down to thee numerous…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O Hadi! We have sent down to thee numerous Tablets and have acquainted thee therein with that which thy Lord, the All-Knowing, hath willed in these days wherein covenants have been violated and pledges broken, and wherein the people have followed the dictates of their heedless selves. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thou art among those who have attained the presence of God and heard His call and associated with Him and drunk the choice wine of revelation from His white hand whereby the heavens and earth were illumined. We loved thee before and We love thee now as a token of Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Compassionate.

Thy letter hath come before Our presence and We discovered from it the fragrance of thy love and the burning fire of thy longing for God, the Lord of the worlds. We have answered thee with these verses that thou mayest read them and be of them that attain.

We had given permission to you both aforetime to turn towards the countenance of God, the Mighty, the Praised, but the time passed until the occasion was gone. Verily thy Lord is the Expositor, the All-Knowing.

We beseech God to aid thee in that whereby His Cause may be exalted and the sanctification of His Self may be manifested among His servants. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

Grieve not over anything. In all matters place thy trust in Him. Verily He is with His sincere servants.

BH05844: He Who revealed the Bayan hath enjoined upon all…

He is the Most High, the All-Glorious.

He Who revealed the Bayan hath enjoined upon all who have acknowledged it that they should believe in God when He shall appear from this noble, exalted station. Say: Beware lest that which hath been sent down in the Bayan debar you from God, the Lord of all the worlds. And after this Most Sublime Word, shall the Bayan profit anyone who turneth away? Nay, by the Lord of all the worlds! Say: By this is He verily made known; without it can He in no wise be recognized, nor can He be described by aught that

men possess. And God hath ever been a Witness over that which My tongue and My Pen have uttered in this mighty, exalted Book.

Say: He it is Who hath made the salvation of every soul dependent upon its acceptance. Behold, then, that which hath been sent down for you from the presence of One Who is all-knowing, all-wise. There is not in the Bayan a single word but My Covenant hath been derived therefrom, nor in it a single letter but it hath been revealed in My Most Great Name. Say: The Bayan is a testimony unto that which My Pen hath inscribed, and it beareth witness unto that Call which hath been raised betwixt earth and heaven, and hath announced unto the world the Most Great Manifestation. Blessed the one who heareth and recognizeth; woe betide the deniers!

Verily, We have expounded all things for thee, with a clear unfolding, in this Book, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord and become aware of My remembrance, through which the Tablets of God, the Mighty, the Most Beauteous, have been adorned.

BH06092: O Ruhani! The Supreme Pen testifies that repeatedly…

In the name of the All-Knowing Friend!

O Ruhani! The Supreme Pen testifies that repeatedly and successively thy mention hath been made before the Throne, and thou hast been and shalt be the recipient of divine favors. Thus have numerous Tablets been sent down from the heaven of the All-Merciful's mercy especially for that leaf. By the life of God! Every word thereof is the quickener of the dead and the manifestation of signs, and every letter thereof is, in the sight of God, more precious than all things. Know thou the worth of this most exalted station. Verily thy Lord is the Generous Giver.

Thou hast endured many hardships in the path of God. No matter hath been or shall be hidden from God, and no service hath been or shall be lost. Verily thy reward is with Him Who created thee and sustained thee and aided thee to turn toward His shining and luminous countenance. Blessed art thou for having outstripped most handmaids in thy recognition. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Convey My greetings to the handmaids in that land. God willing, may they all not be deprived of everlasting gifts on account of transient blessings, and may they at all times be occupied with the remembrance of the Beloved of all creation.

The Glory be upon thee and upon them.

BH06208: God testifies that there is no God but Him…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

God testifies that there is no God but Him, and that He Who speaks is indeed He Who declared in the eternity of eternities "Verily, I am God, the One, the Chosen."

Can those who have turned away from the Countenance distinguish between light and darkness? No, by the Lord of creation! They deny the Sun and its sovereignty, the proof and its evidence, and they say that

which neither the people of the Furqan nor those who turned away from God in past ages and centuries have said. And when asked “By what proof have you turned away from God?” they say what their forefathers said before. These are indeed among the people of error. They drink fetid water while imagining it to be the water of life. They worship the calf while deluding themselves that it is the Lord of creation. Say: Shame upon you for having turned away from the Supreme Horizon, and woe unto you for having strayed from the straight path!

Say: This is the Day in which the banners of the Manifestation have been raised, the Path has been laid, and the mountains have been scattered. We have seen thee turning toward Our horizon. We have sent down from Our kingdom that which will profit thee in Our realms. And verily, I am the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

BH06214: It is submitted to that Samandar of the Fire…

He is God

It is submitted to that Samandar of the Fire of Divine Love—upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God—that previously a packet of sublime and inaccessible Holy Tablets was sent addressed to His Honor Ibn-i-Abhar—upon him be the Glory of God. Due to wisdom, some Tablets that should have been sent in that same packet were delayed at that time. They are being sent this time. Your honor should deliver them to Ibn-i-Abhar. Some others will also be sent later. There is absolutely no opportunity for details. God willing, they will be submitted later. For now, this much will suffice.

Another submission: One Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablet has been revealed from the heaven of Will specifically for the Sayyids of Rasht, and mention of its receipt was recorded by the Supreme Pen. And mention of receipt of two other items was written by this servant in two separate pages. Similarly, [there is] one letter addressed to His Honor Aqa Siyyid ʿAli [Naqi] and Aqa Shahvirdi—upon them be the Glory of God. Your honor should deliver [them]. Glory be upon your honor and upon he who was named Nabil ibn Nabil by the tongue of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

The servant

BH06111: To be typed

To be typed.

BH06178: Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses…

He is sanctified above the mention of all who dwell within the realm of being.

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and made manifest the signs with a sovereignty that the hosts could not withstand, nor the might of those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of all existence, frustrate.

By God! The Most Great Outlook hath been adorned through the advent of the Lord of Decree, and the Spirit calleth aloud:

> “O concourse of men! Abandon that which ye possess, and lay hold on that which hath been vouchsafed you from the presence of God, the Mighty, the All-Loving.”

The first and choicest of days hath appeared; the dawn of the Bayan hath broken; and the Tongue of the All-Merciful, in the realm of creation, proclaimeth:

> “Verily, there is no God but Me, the True One, the Knower of things unseen.”

We have indeed heard thy call and discerned thy turning towards the Most Exalted Horizon. We have made mention of thee with this Most Great Remembrance, and have sent down for thee this blessed Tablet. Give thanks unto God therefor, and say:

> “Unto Thee be praise, O Thou Who hast strengthened me to recognize the dawning-place of Thy Revelation and the Manifestation of Thine own Self—He through Whose appearance the earth was cleft asunder, the heaven was rent in twain, and the cry was raised amidst the concourse of creation, whilst most of the people remain unaware.”

Thus have We made mention of thee, and sent down unto thee Our verses, that thou may rejoice and be numbered with those who give thanks.

BH06815: O people of Baha! Be as the cloud…

He is the Herald between earth and heaven.

O people of Baha! Be as the cloud that from you may be showered that which will refresh and animate the earth. This beseemeth him who hath turned unto God, the Lord of all men. Be ye of such character that the attributes of God may be manifested from you amidst all else. Thus have We commanded you before and in this Tablet which hath been adorned by the Most Exalted Pen in this station.

Verily those who have turned away have no portion in the Book. Say: We have summoned all unto the most exalted horizon. Among the people are those who have turned towards it and those who have strayed from the straight path. He who hath turned hath turned unto the Beloved of the world, and he who hath turned away is of those who have denied God throughout all ages.

Drink thou the Kawthar of bounty from the hand of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is my forelock, and thanks be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast mentioned me when I was wronged at the hands of the servants. Thus have I turned my face unto Thee and my Pen hath spoken that whereby Thy remembrance shall endure throughout the eternity of God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Bestowing.

BH06454: God willing, may you be blessed with the special…

In the name of the All-Seeing Knower!

God willing, may you be blessed with the special favors of God and drink at all times from the wine of oneness which hath been unsealed by the finger of the Lord’s will.

Your mention was made in the Most Great Prison, and thus you were remembered through this Most Great Remembrance which, in its primal reality, is the cause of life for all the peoples of the world. Be grateful to God for this, for He hath enabled you to attain unto that of which most of His servants remain heedless. He is verily the Helper, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We beseech Him, exalted be He, to illumine you with the lights of the Sun of Steadfastness and to ordain for you that which will gladden your heart. He is verily the Ordainer, the Giver, the Generous.

We implore God to assist His loved ones in that which will today cause the exaltation of His Cause, that their mention may endure forever. That which today causeth the exaltation of His Cause and manifesteth the sanctification and glorification of God amongst His creatures hath been and shall ever be praiseworthy character and goodly deeds. God willing, may all attain unto this and hold fast unto it.

Glory be upon thee and upon thy family and upon them that have believed in God, the Single One, the All-Informed.

BH06749: Let none of you molest him who is there…

He is the All-Wise Ruler!

Let none of you molest him who is there. O people! Leave the deluded one that those endowed with certitude may behold him. Whosoever molests him is not of Me, I am quit of him. Thus has the matter been decreed by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Pay no heed to him and his like. Leave them to themselves, then turn unto the Peerless, the All-Informed One. We have forbidden the shedding of blood in most of the Tablets. Beware lest ye perpetrate what ye have been forbidden in the Book of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Beautiful. They are dead, not living. The decree of life applies not unto them, were ye of them that comprehend. Leave the dead to consort with the dead. Sufficient unto them is what hath been sent down from the Supreme Pen. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful.

Verily, enjoin upon the loved ones of God to refrain from molesting that deluded person. A stern prohibition! In truth I say: if any soul molests him, he was not and is not reckoned as being of the Truth—and God suffices as a witness. His honor Ali, following Nabil, was commanded to proceed in your direction, but there was a delay. We ordained another in his place and sent him unto thee with a perspicuous Tablet.

BH06864: To be typed

To be typed.

BH07220: In My Name, the All-Subduing Over the World

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Say: Glory be unto Thee, O God of existence and Sovereign of the unseen and the seen! I beseech Thee by the Name through which the hearts of Thy loved ones were assured and the tongues of Thy chosen ones

were loosened in Thy remembrance and praise, to make me wholly detached unto Thee, seeking refuge in Thy bounty and taking shelter in Thy generosity.

O my Lord! I testify that Thou hast manifested Thyself and sent down Thy verses and established Thy balance and guided all to Thy path. Among the people are those who heard Thy call and turned to Thee, and among them are those who turned away and denied Thy favor and disputed Thy verses. O my Lord! I praise Thee and thank Thee for having made me turn toward Thee when most of Thy creatures turned away from Thee, and for having guided me to Thy horizon when most of Thy creation denied it. I beseech Thee, O Creator of heaven and Possessor of names, to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise in such wise that the hosts of Thy earth shall not prevent me. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Omnipotent.

BH07236: A Book sent down by the All-Merciful to him…

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

A Book sent down by the All-Merciful to him who desires to drink of the sealed wine through the hands of the bounty of his Lord, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. We have heard thy call and made mention of thee before, and on this night wherein the atoms proclaim that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. Thou hast been mentioned repeatedly in the presence of the Wronged One. Give thanks unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the gate of meeting was opened unto all who dwell in the kingdom of names, to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy Cause, gazing unto Thy horizon, speaking Thy praise, immersed in the ocean of Thy love, and soaring in the atmosphere of Thy nearness. Thou art He Who hath ever been supreme over all things and powerful over all who dwell on earth and in heaven. My outer and inner being testify to Thy greatness and might. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Loving.

BH06962: We have made clear the Cause and sent down…

He is the All-Knowing Speaker!

We have made clear the Cause and sent down the revelation as a bounty from Us, but the people do not understand. They who have awakened at the Call and arisen to serve the Cause—these are among the gems of existence in the sight of God, the Lord of the seen and unseen.

This is the Day wherein all things have spoken: “The Kingdom is God’s, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting!” He has prospered who has turned to the Most Great Ocean, and he has lost who has hesitated in this ordained Cause. By God! The proof cries out and the evidence proclaims, yet the people hear not, save those who have been given insight by God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

They behold God’s favor, then deny it. We called them to the light, yet they hasten to the fire. We guided them to the supreme horizon, yet they turn back on their heels.

Blessed art thou for having turned, heard and recognized the Goal. Be thou grateful to God for this, then preserve the pearls of knowledge through His Name, the One Who dominates over all that witnesses and is witnessed.

BH07002: To be typed

To be typed.

BH07074: A remembrance from the Mentioned One unto her who…

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

A remembrance from the Mentioned One unto her who hath believed in God, the One, the All-Informed.

O My handmaiden! We have heard thy call and have answered thee in this lofty, impregnable station which the oppressors have made a prison for the Orient of the Cause of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing.

Say: Glorified art Thou, O Thou in Whose grasp lie the reins of all created things, and in Whose right hand is the Kingdom of all contingent beings! Do Thou strengthen me, and all Thy handmaidens, in Thy remembrance and Thy praise; then inscribe for me and for them that which beseemeth the heaven of Thy bounty.

O my Lord! I am a handmaiden of Thy handmaidens, who hath turned unto the horizon of Thy favour and the ocean of Thy grace. Write down then for me that which shall profit me in my days; verily, Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

O my Lord! Suffer me not to be deprived of the gate of Thy munificence. Pardon my sins and trespasses through Thy loving care and Thy generosity. Verily, Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH07175: He hath illumined the horizon of the world…

He is the Most Exalted, the Self-Subsisting.

He hath illumined the horizon of the world with the Sun of His Name, the All-Subduing over all peoples. Verily, he who hath turned (unto Him) and recognized (His Cause) hath attained unto all good from the presence of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised; and he who hath turned away is indeed deprived of the mercy and bounties of God. Of this doth every fair-minded soul bear witness.

Lay hold on the cities of the hearts with the sword of utterance; thus hath the All-Merciful commanded you in His perspicuous Book.

Hold fast, O My chosen ones, unto the ordinances of God and His firm, unshakable decree. It behoveth every man to apprehend therefrom that which shall profit his own soul and the souls of (God's) servants, and whereby his rank may be exalted amongst the people. Verily, He is the Counsellor, the All-Informed.

We long to behold those who have turned unto the Most Exalted Horizon distinguished above others, that their stations before their all-knowing Lord may be made manifest amongst humankind.

Turn, then, your faces toward the Throne, that ye may hearken and be numbered with the assured in His guarded Book.

The glory rest upon thee, and upon such as have heard the Call from the Most Glorious Horizon and turned unto it with an illumined heart.

BH07182: Thy letter hath come into the presence…

He is the All-Merciful, the Compassionate.

Thy letter hath come into the presence of the Wronged One; We have read it and have become fully aware of that which thou didst desire in the path of God, the Lord of all the worlds.

Blessed art thou, in that thou hast sought to accomplish that which is good in the path of the Well-Beloved. We entreat Him to recompense thee with the fairest of rewards; verily, He is the Giver, the All-Bountiful. In His right hand is the kingdom of the Lord of the heavens and of the earth, and within His grasp are all who dwell in the realms of command and creation. He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth.

We beseech Him to ordain for thee the good of this world and of the world to come, and to confirm thee in steadfastness in this Cause—a Cause at which the feet have faltered, save such as thy Lord, the All-Subduing, the Mighty, the All-Wise, hath willed.

Be thou patient in whatsoever thou hast purposed for the sake of God, and put thy whole trust in Him in all thine affairs. He it is Who withholdeth and Who bestoweth in abundance upon whomsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Withholder, the Bestower, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Glory be upon thee, and upon all who have turned unto the Most Exalted Horizon and believed in God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. And praise be to God, the Lord of all the worlds.

BH07189: The Wronged One hath heard thy call and what…

He is God, exalted be His station, the Glory and the Power!

The Wronged One hath heard thy call and what was inscribed in thy letter, and answereth thee from His mighty prison. Verily He hath appeared to hear and to proclaim and to succor whosoever seeketh succor from his Ancient Lord. Blessed art thou for having heard the Call and turned unto Him from Whom most of mankind have turned away. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist thee to know Him and to confirm thee in steadfastness in His Cause. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thy letter was received and its contents were heard. God willing, may they be blessed with the outpourings of the rain of divine mercy. Praise be to the Goal of the world Who confirmed thee and guided thee to His straight path. God willing, thou shouldst, with perfect sanctity and detachment—that

is, with a heart purified from doubts and the allusions of the world—occupy thyself with the remembrance of the Lord of Names and preserve it as thy very life. Thus doth He counsel thee, with Whom is the knowledge of all things in a perspicuous Book. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH07306: To be typed

To be typed.

BH07800: The Book of God hath appeared in truth. It…

The Book of God hath appeared in truth. It guideth mankind unto God, the Lord of all the worlds, and announceth unto the people the advent of that which was promised in the Books of former times. Thus hath the All-Knowing foretold, and verily I am the Knower, the All-Informed.

We behold those who have turned towards the Countenance, and We hearken unto what the tongues of those who draw nigh do utter. It maketh mention of such as have cast aside their vain desires and turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. The All-Bountiful Lord maketh mention of His noble servant and counselleth him this day in that which befitteth the Cause of God, the Lord of the truly wise.

Say: O people! The Most Great Ocean is calling and is summoning you unto God, the All-Mighty, the All-Praised. This Day is not as the days that have passed aforetime. Know ye, then, its exalted station. Thus hath the Sun of Utterance shone forth from the horizon of knowledge in the days of thy Lord, the All-Wise.

Verily, We proclaim “God is the Most Great” before the faces of Our loved ones in that land, and announce unto them the glad-tidings of this comely, beauteous remembrance.

BH07966: O Kazim! The Wronged One hath heard thy call…

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

O Kazim! The Wronged One hath heard thy call, thy remembrance and thy supplication unto God Who created thee and fashioned thee. We perceived from it thy longing for God, thy turning toward the horizon of Revelation, and thy attraction to His verses which hold sway over the worlds. Blessed art thou for having turned, having heard, and having recognized the Beloved of the worlds.

We make mention of him who hath turned toward the Countenance and reveal for him that whereby his remembrance shall endure throughout the eternity of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Be thou steadfast in the Cause in such wise that neither the doubts of the world nor the hints of the suspicious shall cause thee to slip.

Say: O my Lord! Establish for me a seat of truth with Thee, then make me firm in this mighty Cause. O my Lord! Having caused me to recognize the ocean of Thy presence through Thy grace and Thy Manifestation through Thy loving-kindness, I beseech Thee not to deprive me of the hidden things of Thy mercy and the

evidences of Thy bounties. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and verily Thou art the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

BH08104: The beginning of the Cause is the recognition…

He is the Speaker in the burning bush

The beginning of the Cause is the recognition of God, exalted be His glory, and its end is steadfastness in His love. Thus has the Pen spoken from before the presence of the Lord of eternity—verily He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

We have commanded all in the Book to be trustworthy and steadfast. Blessed is he who acts according to what hath been commanded by God, the Lord of all men. Thy name was mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and there was revealed for thee that which will draw thee nigh unto God, the Lord of lords. They who have turned away, these are among the people of error in the Book.

When thou attainest unto thy Tablet, read what hath been revealed therein and say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having enabled me to turn towards the Dayspring of Thy mighty signs. I beseech Thee, O Sovereign of earth and heaven, by this Wronged One Who is imprisoned in the fortress of Akka, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH08536: The Most Exalted Pen testifies to the love, devotion…

In the Name of the Beloved of the World!

The Most Exalted Pen testifies to the love, devotion and attraction of that leaf. God willing, thou art enkindled with the fire of the Word—an enkindlement whose effects shall appear in the world. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the heavenly spiritual feast, and joyful art thou for having drunk the choice wine of the love of the Most Merciful in the realm of creation.

Convey wondrous and sublime mention to all the handmaidens of God in that land who have quaffed from the choice wine of utterance and who are turned toward the horizon of the Most Merciful, and say: The mention of each one of you hath been made in the Most Holy Court.

Strive ye, that through the name of the Beloved of the World, ye may preserve the pearls of the love of the Ancient Lord in the treasuries of hearts from thieves and robbers. This is the counsel of this Wronged One unto His leaves and handmaidens.

The glory be upon thee and upon them.

BH08398: In the Name of the Most Merciful! This…

In the Name of the Most Merciful! This is a Book sent down by the Ancient One to him who hath believed in God, the Single, the All-Knowing, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of God and be numbered among those who have attained. How many a servant hath heard the Call and turned away, following every ignorant remote one.

O ʿAyn! Hearken thou unto the Call of Husayn. Verily, He remembereth thee even as He remembered thee before, as a bounty from His presence. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

Thy letter hath arrived and the servant in attendance hath read it. Verily thy Lord is the Hearing, the Answering. Rejoice thou in My turning toward thee and My remembrance of thee, and say: O God of all existence! I beseech Thee by Thy patience and Thy forbearance to render me confirmed in Thy remembrance and Thy praise. Thou art He Who, O my God, hath made me to know Thy Manifestation, caused me to hear Thy Call, and taught me to turn toward Thy horizon. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful, the Exalted, the Bestowing, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH08417: We have seen thy letter and heard thy call…

He is the All-Knowing Answerer!

We have seen thy letter and heard thy call. Though thou mayest not be physically present in this land, thou art considered as being from this place. God willing, thou shalt be assisted in that which is pleasing to the Friend. The sun shineth and beameth forth from the heaven; its influence pervadeth all lands. I swear by the peerless Gem of the Ocean of Knowledge that this Wronged One hath at all times desired thy glory, exaltation and comfort, and I counsel thee to that which beseemeth thee. In truth I say: that which is thy companion and helper hath been and shall ever be the Word of Truth. O ʿAzziyyih! Hold thou fast unto it, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Be not distressed. Assuredly after hardship ease shall come, and divine joy shall be made manifest. Thus doth He Who speaketh with pure love for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds, remind thee.

BH08029: To be typed

To be typed.

BH08032: To be typed

To be typed.

BH08153: By God! The eye was created for the sake…

He is the All-Seeing, the Beholder.

By God! The eye was created for the sake of the Most Great Vision. This testifieth the Lord of Decree, He Who hath been imprisoned in this Most Mighty Prison. Say: He hath, in very truth, appeared with the truth, and He commandeth the people to that which is of benefit unto them and guideth them unto the straight Path of God. Blessed is the soul that hath been adorned with the vesture of noble character, and hath borne witness to that whereunto God Himself testified ere the creation of the heavens and the earth.

We counsel you, and Our loved ones, to trustworthiness and truthfulness, and to whatsoever shall exalt their stations amidst the servants. Verily, He is the Counsellor, the All-Knowing.

And when thou hast attained unto My Book and recitest My verses, give thanks and say:

> "Unto Thee be the glory, O Beloved of the world; unto Thee be the bounty, O Desire of the sincere!"

The glory be upon thee, upon thy father who turned unto the Qiblih of all horizons and ascended unto God, and upon thy mother who hearkened, responded, and attained unto the knowledge of God, the Lord of all worlds. Praise be to God, the Lord of all the worlds.

BH08270: The Sun of knowledge hath, in very truth, shone…

The Sun of knowledge hath, in very truth, shone forth from the horizon of the world; lo, that which was foretold hath come, and the seal of the choice sealed Wine hath been broken. Blessed the soul that hath renounced the world of man and turned toward that Horizon which hath been known by the Name of God.

Say: Remember, O people, how ye were wrapped in the darkness of idle fancies, and We made manifest unto you the Sun of certitude in this station which is in truth exalted. Beware lest the books of the world debar you from the Most Great Name. Leave behind that which is in the hands of men, and lay hold on that which, in the matter of the Tablets, ye were, through the Pen of God, in very truth promised.

There is no seal but it hath been broken by My Name, the All-Powerful; and there is no cause but it hath shone forth through a Name that was inscribed upon the Tablet. Thus have the verses been sent down, that thou mayest render thanks unto thy Lord and, through the Name of God, remain steadfast in His Cause.

BH08289: The Wronged One testifieth that there is none other…

In the Name of the Most Ancient One!

The Wronged One testifieth that there is none other God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Verily He speaketh amidst the world and summoneth the peoples unto God, the Lord of existence. We have indeed made clear Our proofs and sent down Our verses, yet the people understand not.

He who hath found and recognized My utterance, nothing whatsoever shall deter him from God, even should all the peoples of the world assail him with arrows and swords.

Say: O people! Shun grievous sins and hold fast unto what is right. Thus doth the Wronged One counsel you from this well-known station. All good is unto him who acteth in accordance with that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of the seen and unseen, is exalted.

When thou art carried away by the fragrance of utterance, turn thy face toward the All-Merciful and say: O my God! I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy love and detached from all else but Thee. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

BH08342: The moon hath borne witness and the sun hath…

He is the Speaker, He is the Hearer.

The moon hath borne witness and the sun hath testified that there is no God but Me, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. The star hath confessed and the heaven hath acknowledged that there is no God but He. Verily, I am the Most Holy, the Most Sanctified, the Mighty, the All-Loving. And the tongue hath avowed, and all things have attested, that there is no God but Me, the One Who exerciseth dominion over whatsoever hath been and shall be.

The rock hath cried out in the midst of all created beings: “Verily, there is no God but Me, the Speaker in the Kingdom.” And the Dove of the Cause, after having warbled upon the branches, hath shrilled: “Verily, there is no God but Me, the Witness unto all that hath been said and shall be said.” Yea, the Remembrance, by His very Self, maketh mention that there is no God but He, the Manifest yet Hidden.

Verily, if thou directest thy steps unto My heaven, thou wilt rehearse My verses. Arise, and make mention of thy Lord, who hath made mention of thee in the Praised Station.

BH08401: He hath arisen from the horizon of the Kingdom

He hath arisen from the horizon of the Kingdom.

A Book sent down by the Wronged One unto such as have turned toward His Countenance and long to quaff the sealed wine from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the All-Giving, the All-Bountiful, that My utterance may draw them unto the station of nearness and holiness, and strengthen them to remember this Remembrance whereby the proof of God hath been made manifest amongst His servants and the tongue of the Tablet hath declared: “There is none other God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.”

O thou bird that wingest thy flight in the air of divine knowledge! Read that which the All-Merciful hath sent down in the Tablets, that thou mayest become apprised of that which thou didst seek of His grace.

Nothing whatsoever escapeth His awareness of the deeds of men; verily, He is the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He, indeed, hath long ago revealed that which hath since come to pass, and that which shall yet come to pass thereafter.

Thy Lord maketh plain unto thee whatsoever He willeth, that thou mayest be numbered with them that are firm and steadfast.

Thy letter hath been presented; from it We inhaled the fragrance of thy love. We have answered thee with this wondrous Tablet, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord and make mention of Him at every moment.

Praise be to God, the Lord of all the worlds.

BH08430: By the life of God! Were it not…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted.

By the life of God! Were it not for the Glory, the Books would never have been sent down from the heaven of divine will. Verily, He is the One Who, by His own tongue, was mentioned in the pre-eternity of pre-eternities. Every Tablet hath been adorned with My Name, and every Book hath been made to depend upon My leave and My acceptance. This hath been testified to by My Herald, who came with wisdom and with exposition. How many a servant hath disbelieved in God by reason of that which he followed, clinging to idle fancies and vain imaginings.

Say: O people! Look not unto those who speak according to their passions; beware of them for your own sakes, and turn ye unto God, the Lord of all heads and souls.

O thou who hast advanced (unto this Court)! Dost thou behold any possessor of hearing who lendeth ear unto that which the Tongue of God doth utter? Or seest thou any endowed with sight who beholdeth that which was promised in the Book? Blessed the ear that hath attained unto attentive hearkening, and the eye that hath gazed upon My supreme Horizon, and the tongue that hath voiced the praise of God, the Lord of all being and creation.

BH08980: This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent…

He is the One manifest from the horizon of utterance

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down in the realm of creation and verily it is the Most Great Proof for all who are in the heavens and on earth, to this doth bear witness the Tongue of God, the Lord of all worlds. We have sent down the Command and made manifest the Proof, yet the people remain in evident delusion. They behold the Sun yet deny it—verily they are in grievous error. Thou seest them shown the Light and thou sayest “Behold this Light of your Lord, the Mighty, the Generous” but they say “We deny what the leader denieth.”

Say: O people of fairness, look not through his eyes but through Mine own, if ye be among the perceiving ones. By God, ye were commanded thus in the Bayan by God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

When thou hast attained unto the splendors of this Tablet, render praise unto Him for having mentioned thee from this mighty stronghold, He Who is the Manifestation of His own Self.

BH08690: We have enjoined upon all men the virtues…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great.

We have enjoined upon all men the virtues that are well-pleasing (unto Us), and whatsoever they have been commanded in the Book. We have desired for them naught save that which shall preserve them from the promptings of the self and passion, and draw them nigh unto the Most Exalted Horizon. Thereof testifieth the Lord of all being in this lofty station.

Say: O concourse of the Bayan! By God! The books of the world shall never avail you this day in lieu of this perspicuous Book. Say: Abandon that which ye possess, and lay fast hold on that which ye have been commanded from the presence of the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The Books, in very truth, were sent down for My remembrance, and the Scriptures that they might announce unto the people the Days that are Mine. Blessed is he who hath recognized the melody of the utterance and is of them that are well assured.

We have perceived the fragrance of thy love, and have exalted thy name in this distant station, that My magnification of thee may draw thee nigh unto the Kingdom of My good-pleasure. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Bountiful.

BH08820: Hallowed be He Who hath known, and made known…

Hallowed be He Who hath known, and made known unto men whatsoever He willed. Verily, He is the Manifest One in the Day of Return. Hallowed be He Who hath spoken, and caused all things to voice the praise of His own Self, which exerciseth sway over all lands. Hallowed be He Who hath known and hath taught His servants that which bringeth them nigh unto the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Say: Rejoice, O My loved ones, in this Day, wherein God maketh mention of you with His tongue made manifest, and exhorteth you unto steadfastness. Verily, He, verily, is the All-Mighty, the All-Knowing.

How many a soul have We counseled, how many a word have We unveiled, how many a knowledge have We expounded, and yet the people remain in heedlessness and veiled. Do thou hold fast unto the hem of the mercy of thy Lord, and shun those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the final end. Bahá be upon thee, and upon those who have turned unto God, the Lord of all dominion.

BH08877: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

He is the One Who dominates the Names, by His Most Glorious Name!

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh is the Hidden Treasure and the Guarded Secret. He hath come with the truth from the heaven of revelation for the life of the world. Blessed are the peoples who have cast away their vain imaginings and taken what they were bidden by God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. This is a day wherein the Divine Lote-Tree hath spoken and the Nightingale of Eternity warbleth before the face of the Lord of Names: Verily there is none other God but Him, the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed is he who hath acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath acknowledged in the Most Great Prison and hath drunk from this Ocean, each drop of which proclaimeth what the Bush proclaimed unto Moses: Verily there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Beloved.

BH09033: O Most Great, Most Ancient One!

O Most Great, Most Ancient One!

There is no mystery but it hath been revealed in truth, and no wisdom but the All-Wise hath sent it down. The pavilion of bounty hath been raised aloft, and the Lord of Eternity summoneth the peoples unto the Most Exalted Horizon which hath been illumined by the lights of His Most Glorious Name. This, verily, is the manifest station.

We have sent down the Command and expounded the verses that perchance men may ponder upon God's sovereignty and His firm and mighty Cause. Woe betide them for having denied and turned away from God, the Lord of all worlds! Say: Blessed are ye, O people of Baha, in that ye have quaffed the wine of everlasting life from the chalice of the loving-kindness of your Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate. Rejoice in what ye have been given from God—verily He giveth and withholdeth, and He is the All-Wise Judge.

When thou hearest the Call and art honored with the Tablet, prostrate thyself before the face of thy Peerless Lord.

BH09667: The servant who was present has come with your…

He is the All-Wise Ordainer

The servant who was present has come with your letter and presented it before the Face. Verily your Lord is the All-Hearing. Rejoice in that your letter has been favored with God's attention in this station which hath been named by the Most Beautiful Names in the Crimson Tablet. Thus hast thou been mentioned by the Pen of Revelation. Hearken and be of the thankful ones. Grieve not over anything, but put thy trust in God, the Lord of the worlds. Strive that there may appear from thee in service to the Cause that which will make mention of thee in every world of the worlds of thy Lord, the All-Knowing.

Thus hath the chalice of utterance overflowed from the presence of One mighty and powerful. The glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon those who have arisen to serve the Cause in all conditions.

BH09618: In my Name, the Most Glorious

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O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Glorious Name through which the gate of Thy bounty was opened to Thy creation, and the ocean of Thy knowledge surged amongst Thy creatures, and the sun of Thy generosity shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy mercy, to unite Thy loved ones and chosen ones. O Lord! Leave them not to themselves, but make them as one servant, and one light, and one name, that they may exemplify oneness in Thy land. O Lord! Make known to them that which appeareth from their unity in Thy countries and realms, and draw them nigh unto the ocean of Thy good-pleasure, then cause them to enter the depths of the sea of Thy oneness, and illumine them with the lights of detachment in Thy days.

Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

BH09229: Verily, they who have been awakened by the Call…

He is the Most Holy, the All-Glorious.

Verily, they who have been awakened by the Call—these are the people of Baha in the midst of mankind; and they who have remained heedless—these are, indeed, of the lost. The Sun of Beauty hath shone

forth from the horizon of manifestation, yet the eyes have been debarred from beholding it, for the ophthalmia of passion hath seized them. Thus doth the Lord of Names admonish every one endowed with a hearing ear and a seeing heart.

The breaths of Revelation have verily filled the horizons, while the people are immersed in a strange stupor. Is there among them a soul who speaketh with fairness? Is there among them one who turneth his face unto God, the All-Informed?

They were created for this Day, and in this Day were they promised the appearance of God and His sovereignty; yet when He did appear, they disbelieved and denied. By the life of God! they are in a manifest drunkenness. Thus have We sent down and made plain these words, that thou mayest give thanks unto God, the Lord of all the worlds.

BH09766: In My Name, the Most Glorious!

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Verily, We have sent down the Book, and have despatched unto every land that which beseemeth the Days of God, the Lord of all the worlds. Among the people are those whom the whisperings of idle fancies have debarred, and among them are those who have been guided by the Lamp of God, the Lord of this noble, exalted station. This is the Day whereon the sun of justice hath shone forth, and the path of God, the King, the All-Mighty, the All-Lauded, hath been made manifest.

Say: O people! Associate not aught with God and His sovereignty, and follow not the ways of the ignorant. Though ye were to turn unto the Easts and the Wests, ye would find for yourselves no helper save God, Who proclaimeth: Verily, no God is there but Me, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Thus have the verses been sent down, and thus have We revealed unto thee that which will enable thee to be of those who are firmly rooted and steadfast.

BH09771: We make mention of him who hath attained…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great!

We make mention of him who hath attained the light of recognition in the days of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, who hath taken hold of the Book of God with his right hand and hath acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken—the Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Loving.

Hearken unto that which the King of Kings proclaimeth unto thee: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Beloved. Be thou steadfast in all conditions in the Cause of thy Lord and vocal in His praise, that perchance the people may arise from the couch of heedlessness and turn toward God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen.

Thus have We made mention of thee as a favor from Our presence. Be thou thankful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Sovereign of existence!

BH10546: May you ever drink from the Kawthar of divine…

In the Name of the One All-Knowing God!

May you ever drink from the Kawthar of divine knowledge and be occupied with the remembrance of the Beloved of all possibilities.

Whosoever has drunk from that Kawthar through the name of God, the grace of God, and the confirmation of God—the troubles of this transient world shall not prevent him from eternal stations, nor shall the sorrows of this realm hold him back from the remembrance of the Ancient King.

The glory be upon you and upon those with you. Convey My greetings to the faces of those women who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

BH10948: O Aunt! The Master of Oneness calleth thee…

In the Name of the Ever-Abiding, the Bountiful One!

O Aunt! The Master of Oneness calleth thee and saith: With a hundred thousand tongues render thanks unto the Beloved of the worlds, inasmuch as He hath set thee ablaze with the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree and guided thee to the horizon of nearness. Blessed art thou and blessed is she who hath attained unto the lights of recognition in this Morn wherein the tongue of the All-Merciful speaketh: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

BH10901: O My Afnan! The Divine Lote-Tree bears witness…

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

O My Afnan! The Divine Lote-Tree bears witness that you turned to it and endured hardships in its path until you entered the Spot of Paradise and attained the presence and saw and heard the call of the Wronged One in His mighty prison, and achieved that which nothing on earth can equal. Verily your Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Grieve not over anything—you have reached the right-hand Valley and are among those who are secure. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!

BH10964: O Muhammad-Qabil-Hasan! By God's glory! If He speaks but…

He is the Most Holy, sanctified from all names

O Muhammad-Qabil-Hasan! By God's glory! If He speaks but one letter concerning a soul, verily it shall suffice him. His grace encompasses all and His mercy has preceded all things. What is incumbent upon you is steadfastness in His Cause and acting according to what has been revealed in the Book. Thus does the All-Knowing teach you. Give thanks and be among the grateful ones.

BH10797: The Sun of Manifestation has risen and the Ocean…

In the name of the God of knowledge!

The Sun of Manifestation has risen and the Ocean of bounty is surging. Blessed are they who have turned with perfect certitude to the horizon of the All-Merciful and have received their portion from the dawning-rays of the Sun of Truth and the waves of the Sea of inner meaning.

The servants and handmaidens must at all times beseech God not to deprive any from this greatest bounty. Verily He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH10839: Blessed art thou for having turned unto God…

He is the All-Giving, the Generous

Blessed art thou for having turned unto God and believed in Him, the Lord of all worlds, and for having drunk the choice wine of reunion from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having aided me and caused me to know Thee. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy mighty Cause and to ordain for me that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

BH11186: O Muhammad-Tahir! Hearken unto the call from the precincts…

He is the Most Exalted

O Muhammad-Tahir! Hearken unto the call from the precincts of My Most Great Prison. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Be thou content with whatsoever hath been ordained for thee by God, the Lord of existence. He verily ordaineth for whomsoever He willeth the reward of those who have attained unto every good thing in the days of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen.

BH11191: O Musa! We have previously mentioned thee from My…

He is the Most Great

O Musa! We have previously mentioned thee from My Most Exalted Pen, that thou mayest be assured of My mercy, My grace, My loving-kindness, My favors and My gifts. Beware lest anything prevent thee from the remembrance of thy Lord. Make mention of Him with wisdom and utterance, then give thanks unto thy Lord Who hath remembered thee in His mighty prison.

BH11166: O Zaynu'l-Abidin! Praise be unto thee for having turned…

He is the One

O Zaynu'l-Abidin! Praise be unto thee for having turned thy face towards the Countenance of God and for having had thy name flow from this Pen, from which have flowed My most beautiful names. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Cast aside what the people possess and hold fast unto that which is with thy Lord. And say:

> "O my God! I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in this mighty Cause."

BH11341: He is sanctified from all mention! O Ali! Thy…

He is sanctified from all mention! O Ali! Thy remembrance was presented before the Throne, and the glance of loving-kindness was directed towards thee. He counsels thee and the friends to that which accordeth with wisdom and is adorned with the good-pleasure of the Friend. Blessed are they that attain!

BH11228: He is the Single One! We make mention…

He is the Single One! We make mention in this station of a mother who circumambulated the Throne and her sister, and We counsel them to patience and perseverance, and We beseech God the Exalted to grant them success and ordain for them the good of this world and the next. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Generous.

BH11348: O Muhammad! We have desired to make mention…

He is the Most Holy

O Muhammad! We have desired to make mention of thee, that thou mayest be assured of God's loving-kindness—thy Lord and the Lord of all that is seen and unseen, and the Lord of the mighty Throne. We have made mention of thee in such wise as hath been witnessed by the Concourse on High and they who circle round the exalted Seat.

BH11346: O Muhammad-Qabli-Husayn! We make mention of thee from this…

He is the Most Great

O Muhammad-Qabli-Husayn! We make mention of thee from this station and counsel thee with what We have sent down in the Book. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Hold fast unto that which will exalt the Cause of God, then render thanks for having been mentioned in this Book.

BH11333: He is the Most Glorious. O Siyyid Qabil-ʿAli!…

He is the Most Glorious. O Siyyid Qabil-ʿAli! A leaf hath been presented before the Throne, sent by him who circumambuleth My presence, and therein was thy mention. We make mention of thee through this manifest mention. When thou attainest unto it and perceivest its fragrance, say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names, and glory be unto Thee, O Desire of them that have recognized Thee!"

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BH00991: Praise be to God Who is sanctified above all…

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Praise be to God Who is sanctified above all words and utterance, and exalted beyond all meanings and explanation. He is the One through Whom the proof and evidence have been made glorious, and before Whose manifestation the Daysprings of Glory have bowed down. Exalted is the All-Merciful through Whom the Hour hath come, the Resurrection hath been established, vision hath been dazzled, the moon hath been eclipsed, and every hidden matter hath been revealed quicker than the twinkling of an eye. Blessed is the one whom no human veil hath hindered and who hath turned unto God, the Lord of Destiny, through Whom the Nightingale of Eternity hath warbled upon the branches of the Tree of Faithfulness that there is none other God but He, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thereafter, this servant received thy letter and found therein that which gladdened and attracted Me. It was as though I beheld therein lofty trees, each bearing the fruits of inner meanings and utterance, and upon every branch thereof the birds of divine knowledge were singing their various melodies, for it was adorned with the mention of God, the Lord of all possibilities and the Revealer of all religions. After reading and becoming acquainted with its contents, I approached the Praiseworthy Station and presented what was therein before the face of our Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. He spoke, and His sweetest utterance is this:

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great

O ʿAli! The servant in attendance here hath brought thy letter and presented it before the Wronged One, through Whom the various parties have become divided—some turned away, some denied, and some pronounced judgment against Him without any proof or Book. Blessed art thou for having turned to the Supreme Horizon when most of mankind turned away from it, and for having heard the call of the All-Merciful and loved Him with spirit and fragrance. Take hold of the Book of God with a strength from Us, then recite it in such wise as to attract the hearts of those possessed of understanding. We have mentioned thee before, and at this time when the Wronged One walketh in this place which God hath made the most exalted of stations. Grieve not over anything, nor over what people say. Leave them to themselves and trust in God, the Lord of the beginning and the end. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken while in the Most Great Prison, surrounded by every heedless doubter. The glory be upon thee and upon thy family. Remember her from Me and give her the glad-tidings of My Word. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Bestower.

O ʿAli! God willing, through divine assistance thou shalt be numbered among the servants of the Cause and remain steadfast in the Cause of God, for the Day is very great and the Cause is very great. Strive that perchance thou mayest guide the people to the straight path of God and attract them to the Supreme Horizon. The people of the earth are very sluggish and cold. God willing, thou wilt attract hearts and souls through the warmth of the Divine Word. By My life! We have mentioned thee with a mention whose fragrance shall endure as long as the kingdom and the realm endure. Rejoice and be of those who are thankful. The manifestations of Satan have been and are lying in wait, and cawing and croaking have been and are being raised in every land. We have indeed informed all of this when We were in Iraq and in the Land of Mystery. To this beareth witness everyone who hath attained the presence of the Throne and hath read the verses of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. End.

Blessed art thou, O beloved one, for having attained unto the mention of God and His verses, and for having testified to that which God hath testified, and acknowledged that which He hath revealed in His wise Book. God willing, may you ever be one who serves the wine of the meeting with God. Give life to the dead and refresh the withered ones through the mention of the Friend. Concerning what you wrote about having attained the presence of His Honor the Name of God Jamal, upon him be all the most glorious Glory of God, and that he resolved your difficulties—blessed art thou for this. It is well known and evident that he speaketh according to the Book. The servant beseecheth his Lord to aid him in all conditions to serve Him and praise Him, for verily He is the Guardian of those who are nigh.

As to what you wrote concerning the Blessed Festivals, asking whether there are specific Tablets that must be recited for each of these Festivals, or whether any of the divine Tablets may be read—the recitation of verses during those days is beloved. The commandment of its obligation hath not been revealed, but the recitation of divine verses is assuredly beloved. Although specific Tablets have been revealed, the recitation of others is also beloved, for they have all been sent down from the presence of the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Regarding what you wrote about the shroud, five full-length cloths have been ordained to be wrapped one over another, and in this Most Great Dispensation, a concession hath been granted to the poor, that they may use perfume and rose water in place of cedar water and camphor. These ordinances must be carried out with wisdom, and in the Holy Land, due to wisdom, these matters are still conducted according to the previous Law, for were it otherwise, the clamor of all would be raised, and this would be contrary to wisdom. In all things, observe wisdom. The law of prayer was revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will some years ago, but it hath not yet been dispatched anywhere, lest it become a cause of trial for sanctified souls. The preservation of devoted souls taketh precedence with God over all deeds.

I beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, to assist you and to number you among the sincere ones in the Perspicuous Book. Furthermore, convey greetings on behalf of this evanescent one to the friends and say: Today requireth a man of steel and a heart and vision that are illumined, lest he stumble in the Cause of God and be deprived of recognition and witnessing. Stand firm in the Cause through the All-Conquering, All-Powerful Name—a standing that all the world shall be powerless to prevent. This beseemeth those who have entered the Crimson Ark in the Name of God, the Glorious, the Most Glorious.

Say: O masters and friends! Today is the day for the manifestation of service, the manifestation of steadfastness, and the manifestation of remembrance. Deprive not yourselves of everlasting fruits. Strive that ye may attain unto the remembrance of God and His Word. The world and all therein shall perish, and sovereignty shall remain with God, the Lord of eternity.

The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have heard, turned unto God, and attained unto the recognition of God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH01108: Praise be to the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, Who…

He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Grandeur.

Praise be to the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, Who by His command breathed into the Supreme Pen, whereupon appeared men who cast aside all likenesses and examples and arose to promote the Cause with a firmness more enduring than mountains. They are those whom nothing upon which the name of any created thing hath been placed could deter from God, the Ordainer of destinies. They are those through whom the horizons were illumined and the decree of the Covenant was manifested on the Day of Separation, and through whom the Most Great Servitude appeared among the concourse of creation, and every hesitant one hastened to the Most Sublime Horizon. Exalted is our Most Glorious Beloved, through one letter of Whom the Kingdom of Names was created and the Call was raised between earth and heaven that there is none other God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

I pray, I salute, and I glorify those who remember Him at morn and at eventide. These are servants who perceived the fragrance of the garment in the Day of God and will perceive it unto the eternity of eternities. Exalted is the Lord of the beginning and the end, through Whom the Nightingale of Eternity warbleth that there is none other God but He, the Bestower, the Generous. My spirit be a sacrifice unto your mention.

The servant hath attained to that which wafted from the right hand of your remembrance and your faithfulness, whereby were stirred the leaves of love which had sprouted from the Tree that was raised up in steadfast, firm and luminous hearts. God knoweth that its stirring hath moved me and its manifestations have affected me. I took the letter and ascended until I attained the presence of the Beloved and presented what was therein. Thereupon the sphere of utterance was set in motion and the Tongue of the Intended One spoke that which every witness and witnessed one is powerless to describe. By the life of God, I found myself incapable of recording what the Tongue of the Beloved uttered from the most exalted station.

Can the drop enumerate the waves of the sea? Can the atom define the effulgences of the sun? All things testify to my powerlessness, and all that was created by the Most Exalted Word to my evanescence. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist me and strengthen me in that which I have been commanded. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is He Who overshadoweth all possibilities and is powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His mighty and wondrous Word. And at the end of the utterance, the Tongue of the Intended One spoke: The Supreme Pen hath testified time and again to him and hath acknowledged his sincerity, his love, his devotion, his remembrance, his praise, and his standing in service to this Cause whereby the mountains were shaken. End.

And regarding what you mentioned concerning the prisoner, upon him be the Glory of God, it was presented and this is what the Beloved spoke in reply: We make mention of the prisoner who hath attained unto tribulation in the path of God, the Lord of Names. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist him and strengthen him in that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily, He is the Lord of the Throne and earth, and the Sovereign of the hereafter and of the former days. And as for what he desired regarding leaving the city, We have permitted him in what he desired and We counsel him with the Most Great Wisdom and give him the glad-tidings of the remembrance of the Wronged One, Who hath turned toward him from this Most Exalted Station. End.

And concerning what you mentioned about the Fast and what his honor Siyyid Javad, upon him be the Glory of God, wrote—the truth is with you. It would have been more fitting for him to inquire and write to you that whereby the light of certitude might be made manifest.

As for your mention of Muhammad Surur Effendi, upon him be the Glory of God [9 66], the servant beseeches God, his Lord, to give him to drink that which will cause him to speak in His Name and to arise to serve Him. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the One with power over all possibilities. That which is seen today upon the face of the earth shall pass away, and that which is done in the path of God, the Lord of Lords, shall endure.

As for what you mentioned regarding Darvish Ata, upon him be the Glory of God [9 66], the servant has presented and recited what he composed before His countenance. Praise be to God that he has attained to the mention and praise of God. I was gladdened to find the fragrance of your pleasure in him. I beseech the Lord to guide us by such a fragrance time after time, instance after instance, phase after phase, hour after hour, and moment after moment. Verily He is the Powerful, the Unconstrained.

As for what you desired regarding [attaining] the presence, the servant has presented it. Thus did the tongue of the Beloved speak:

> "O My servant! Thou knowest My loving-kindness, My love and My tenderness for him, but wisdom hath prevented Me from granting this request in these days, and We have postponed it to another day. Convey My Great Glory to him and give him the glad tidings of My beauteous mention."

The servant conveys His Great Glory to you in accordance with what was commanded. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist us in serving Him, obeying Him, mentioning Him, praising Him, and in that which will cause the exaltation of His Cause among His creation. Verily He is the Bestower, the Answerer.

As for what you mentioned regarding Khan, upon him be the Glory of God [9 66], the servant presented what your honor wrote concerning him. The Beloved said:

> "This demonstrates his orientation and his turning to God. We beseech God to make him firm and steadfast in what he was upon. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty. We convey from this station Our Great Glory upon him and upon all who have held fast to this firm cord, and We convey Our Great Glory upon the faces of My loved ones who are there, and We counsel them to the Most Great Steadfastness and that which will profit them in the Hereafter and in this world. Verily He is the Helper, the All-Wise."

The Glory be upon your honor and upon those who were with you, and upon those who have drunk from the Kawthar of divine knowledge from the hands of the bounty of our Lord, the Merciful. And praise be to God, the Master of the Day of Judgment.

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BH00499: He Who is established upon the Kingdom of Utterance!

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O sons of the Friend! Hearken unto the Call of your Glorious Lord. He makes mention of you, inasmuch as you turned towards Him when He was imprisoned, wronged and a stranger in this remote prison. By God! The Throne of the Lord hath been established upon the willow. Blessed is he who comprehendeth what We have revealed in the Book; he is indeed among those endued with vision in this noble scene. Rejoice in My remembrance and My turning towards you, and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast mentioned Thy loved ones from Thy Most Exalted Pen and hast turned towards them from Thy glorious and luminous station."

We make mention in this station of him who is named Aziz, that he may rejoice in this Most Great Remembrance and praise his Lord, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Thou art he whom the breeze of God awakened in His days, and whom the Spirit raised up unto this Cause, whereby all who are in the kingdom of command and creation were thunderstruck, save whom God willed, the Sovereign of sovereigns. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath heard My call, soared in My atmosphere, taken the cup of steadfastness in My love and drunk therefrom in My Name, the All-Compelling over what was and what shall be.

O My Tongue! Make mention of Shin and Ha in My Kingdom, who turned towards the Kaaba of existence and stood before the Throne in manifest humility. Say: By God! The Interlocutor of Sinai hath appeared and proclaimeth:

> "O people of the world! The Most Great Name hath appeared. Turn ye unto God with illumined hearts and be not of the heedless."

Blessed art thou for having attained unto the choice wine of My love, entered My prison, and witnessed that which brought solace to the eyes of those near unto God.

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who is named Isaac, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of the Lord of Hosts, Who hath come to give life unto the world, yet from Whom every obstinate infidel hath turned away. The world hath been honored by the advent of the Lord of Eternity, yet the people remain behind an evident veil. Blessed art thou for having heard and turned towards God, the Lord of the worlds.

We make mention of him who is named Nasrullah, who turned towards God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. This is the Day for which God's chosen ones of old lamented in their separation, yet when He appeared, every heedless doubter turned away. Thus hath the Kingdom of Utterance been stirred, and the All-Merciful hath revealed that whereby the hearts of those who have soared in the atmosphere of nearness and held fast unto His mighty cord were attracted.

O Ismail! Hearken unto that which hath been raised from the Mount of Knowledge, from the Divine Lote-Tree: "Verily, there is none other God besides Him, the Mighty, the Bestower." Blessed art thou for having turned towards God when every misbeliever and infidel turned away. Say: "Praise be unto Thee, O

my God, for having enabled me to recognize the Dayspring of Thy Cause and for having made known unto me that which was hidden from every ignorant one who claimed knowledge. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in this Cause, whose greatness the Scriptures and Tablets have testified to."

O Elias! The Wronged One in prison makes mention of thee, inasmuch as thou didst turn towards the Most Great Ocean and didst hear what the Tongue of Grandeur uttered on the Mount of Utterance when the All-Merciful came with manifest sovereignty. We have heard thy call and have answered thee through this Book, and We have witnessed thy turning towards Us and have turned towards thee from this glorious station. This is a Day wherein the Friend calleth out in the Most Holy Vale, and the Interlocutor declareth:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds, for the sweet savors of the garment of Thy Revelation have wafted over Thy domains and the breezes of Thy favors have blown over Thy servants."

Thus hath the ocean of utterance surged and the fragrance of My wisdom wafted forth, whereby the horizon of the heaven of My Cause, the wondrous, hath been illumined.

O Jacob! By God, the Jacob of old lamented in his separation from Me and uttered My remembrance and praise. Whenever the Sun of My Manifestation dawned upon him in the night, such longing seized him that sleep fled from his eyes. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Informed, the All-Knowing. Give thanks unto God for having taught thee and guided thee to this straight Path. Hold fast unto the cord of the Manifestation and say:

> "O Lord of the Mount! I beseech Thee not to withhold from me what Thou hast ordained in Thy Book of the wonders of Thy grace. Then assist me in that which will profit me in this world and the next. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

We make mention in this station of him who was named Muhammad-before-Rafi', that he may remember his Lord on the Sinai of the Spirit through what the All-Merciful hath revealed in His mighty Book. Whoso hath attained unto the Most Great Sea this day hath attained unto all good. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this from the most exalted station, yet most of the people are sunk in slumber. The horizon of Revelation hath been illumined, and the Mount hath taken flight, and the Tree calleth out with the loudest voice between earth and heaven, yet most of the people are as dead. Blessed is the one who hath rent asunder the veils and believed in the All-Bestowing Lord when He came with a mighty command.

We make mention of him who was named Khudadad, who hath adorned himself with the ornament of love on this Day wherein the Lord of Creation hath proclaimed: "There is none other God but Me, the Peerless, the All-Informed." Give thanks unto God for having aided thee in this wondrous Cause. How many a learned one hath been debarred from the ocean of knowledge, and how many a mystic hath been deprived of this Great Name, while thou hast attained unto it through the grace of God, the Goal of all mystics.

O Moses! Hearken unto the Call from the luminous Spot, from the crimson Tree beyond the sea of grandeur:

> "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing."

We have sent the Messengers and revealed the Books that they might give unto My servants the glad-tidings of My appearance in My days and remind them of this News whereby the heaven hath been cleft asunder, the earth hath been rent, and the mountains have taken flight. Blessed art thou for having heard the call of God when it was raised in truth, and for having drunk the choice wine of knowledge from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the Lord of all Religions.

O My Pen! Make mention of him who was named with Shin and Ha, that he may give thanks unto his Lord Who, with a sovereignty before which neither the hosts of the world nor the multitude of nations can stand, doeth what He willeth by His command. Verily, He is the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. By God! Neither the clamor of the people nor the growling of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds, did deter Him. Hold fast unto the Most Great Cord and cling to the hem of thy Most Holy and Gracious Lord. Say:

> "I beseech Thee by Thy Self to make me, in all conditions, one who uttereth Thy remembrance, who gazeth toward Thy horizon, and who standeth ready to serve Thee. Verily, Thou art the Almighty One Whom neither the affairs of creation nor the hosts of the world can frustrate."

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who was named Moses, who hath turned toward the wilderness wherein the Lord of all creation proclaimeth: "There is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed." We have created all beings that We might make known unto them Our path and draw them nigh unto Our kingdom and dominion, and honor them with Our presence in Our glorious and mighty Day. Yet when the signs of the Revelation appeared and the Lord of Resurrection came, they turned away from Him save whom God did choose, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Blessed art thou for having turned toward My ocean and desired My straight Path. Preserve what We have sent down unto thee. By God! Nothing that hath been created on earth can equal it, if thou be of them that know.

O son of Nasir! Praise be to God that through the grace of the Best-Beloved of the world, thou wert mentioned in the Most Holy Court which is the point round which circle the Concourse on High. The names mentioned in thy letter were presented by this servant before the Throne, and for each one there were revealed and sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will wondrous and sublime verses. Praise be to God that all have attained to God's grace. Verily the bounty is in His hand and His grasp; He bestoweth it upon whomsoever He willeth of His creation. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Powerful.

All the handmaidens of God who were mentioned in thy letter have been blessed with the mention of the True One. Say: O handmaidens of God! Praise be to God that ye have drunk from the wine of divine love and partaken of the ocean of recognition. I swear by the Most Great Name that ye are preferred above most of the women of the world, for every soul whose mention hath been recorded this day by the Most Exalted Pen shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven shall last. How many queens there were who failed to recognize their Lord and returned to dust with utmost regret. Rejoice then, O My handmaidens, in My days, and drink the Kawthar of My love in My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

Say: Today is the day of mention and praise, and today is the day to work for God. Strive ye that ye may attain to His good-pleasure, that is, remain steadfast in His love.

As to what thou didst mention regarding the blessed place, every good deed is today beloved and is accounted among the sovereign of deeds. However, the intention must be the benefit of all the peoples of the world. The purpose for which God, exalted and glorified be He, established religion was the unity and concord of all the world's peoples. This manifestation appears in different colors due to the diversity of mirrors. God willing, through divine grace all should be seen as one mirror, and all these differences, objections, conflicts and disputes should be erased and come to naught. His is the creation and the command. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. There is no God but Him, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Thy letter was received, and this servant, after perusing it, was so blessed that circumstances were arranged such that on that very day, nay that very hour, it was presented in the Most Holy Court. This was naught but from the grace of the True One, exalted be His majesty, universal be His bounty, and great be His glory. For each of the names that were mentioned, sublime and wondrous verses were revealed from the heaven of Will. Praise be to God, all were sustained by the living waters and attained unto God's infinite bounties.

His Holiness Ismu'llah-il-Jamal, upon him be all the most glorious Glory of God, mentioned some individuals several times in his petitions to the Most Holy Court, and in each instance the Sun of Grace dawned and appeared from the Horizon of favors. Blessed are those souls who have today attained unto the mention of their Lord. Likewise, some time ago Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Kazim, upon him be the Glory of God, wrote a letter to this servant wherein he mentioned the friends of God. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid all to remember and praise Him. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Powerful. Both those souls who have newly attained and those who previously drank from the Primal Cup were all mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen and attained His grace, and this servant copied and sent the wondrous, sublime and blessed verses from the original revelation that both the earlier and later souls might attain unto them and utter "Thine is the praise and the glory."

Concerning Mahall al-Baraka, when mention of it was made in the Most Holy Court He said: "God willing, may they be assisted to achieve this good." This matter must be consulted upon and then acted upon, but no one should be compelled. After it is realized, all will hear of it. Should any soul step forward with perfect eagerness, the Trustees may accept and receive from him, otherwise not. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist all to this great trust. Verily, He is the Lord of the Last and the First, and the Lord of the Throne and of the dust. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Wise. The Glory be upon you, O loved ones of God and His friends. Blessed are ye for having believed in God and remained steadfast in His mighty Cause.

BH00801: Praise be to God Who is one in His…

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

Praise be to God Who is one in His power and peerless in His might and grandeur, He to Whose loftiness and sovereignty all things bear witness, and to Whose transcendence and dominion the Supreme Pen testifies. He hath ever been sanctified beyond the description of all who would describe Him and the mention of all who would make mention of Him, and will forever remain as He hath always been. There is none other God but He, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. Blessings, peace, salutations and praise be upon the Manifestations of His Cause, the Dawning-Places of His Revelation, the Daysprings of His wisdom and the Daybreaks of His knowledge—they who have forsaken the world and taken hold of that which they were bidden by God, the Lord of eternity and Creator of nations. These are God's ambassadors and His chosen ones, His trustees and His loved ones. Whoso hath recognized them hath recognized God, and whoso hath turned towards them hath turned towards God. They have no will, nor judgment, nor movement, nor rest, nor mention save by God's leave and through His might and power.

And I invoke blessings and peace upon Him Who came with the truth, with a Book named the Furqan, whereby God distinguished between His servants and guided all unto His path, giving the near ones to drink from the cup of His bounty, the sincere ones from the ocean of His knowledge, and the pure in heart from the fountain of His presence. He it is Who was named by the most excellent names in the Book of Names, and by Muhammad in the kingdom of creation. Exalted be God, the Creator of the heavens, Who sent Him forth and adorned Him with the ornament of finality. He, verily, is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth. The clamor of all who dwell on earth shall not deter Him from that which He desireth. He doeth what He pleaseth through His sovereignty and ordaineth what He willeth. There is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

And afterwards, the letter of that honored one reached this Wronged One in the Most Great Prison, and whatsoever was mentioned therein was observed. It became evident that you have inhaled a fragrance from the true rose-garden and have been illumined by a ray from the Spiritual Sun. We beseech God, exalted and glorified be He, to cause you to be wholly turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon. Reflect upon the centuries and ages past and consider what caused Noah to lament, and what was the reason for the affliction of all the Prophets and Messengers. Fix your gaze upon this blessed verse which hath descended from the heaven of the Divine Unity and ponder it. His word, exalted and glorified be He:

> "O the misery of men! No Messenger cometh unto them but they laugh Him to scorn."

Hath there ever been a time when a light shone forth from the Dayspring of God's Cause and the people of the earth did not strive to extinguish it? And hath there ever been an instance when a word was manifested from the Dayspring of Revelation and the people of that age, whether learned or ignorant, did not deny it? With detached heart and illumined vision, ponder that which hath been mentioned and observe it. Call to mind the tribulations of the Seal of the Prophets and reflect upon their cause and reason. Although His Holiness—may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake—had come for the reformation of the world, all the divines of the idols and the Jews pronounced Him corrupt and issued the verdict for His death. And before Him, reflect upon Christ—who found not a place to rest His head any day, and all the people of that land rose up against Him save a few who were fishermen.

Blessed is the one who speaketh with equity and pondereth the divine Books with fairness. In one place He saith, exalted and glorified be His word:

> "Aforetime they did invoke for victory over those without Faith—when there came to them that which they recognized, they refused to believe in it: but the curse of God is on those without Faith."

By the Sun of Truth which shineth from the horizon of the heaven of divine knowledge! If that honored one were to comprehend the mysteries and allusions of this one blessed verse alone, it would suffice him—nay, all the peoples of the earth. God willing, may you drink from the ocean of knowledge through the grace of the All-Merciful and remain not deprived of the drops from the cloud of divine bounty. That which is visible today shall soon perish and vanish, and all bear witness to this word, for all have seen and continue to see this. Where are the Caesars and the sons of Caesars? Where are the Khosroes and the sons of Khosroes? Where are the Pharaohs and the sons of Pharaohs? Where are the tyrants and the sons of tyrants?

Reflect upon the Pharaohs of that land and their majesty and glory. How many souls were occupied with their protection, yet at the time of death and its arrival, none could prevent it. Where are the adorned palaces? Where are the embroidered couches? And where are those marshalled armies and those beautiful countenances? All, together with what they possessed, returned to dust with great remorse. Strive thou, through divine grace, to attain a station that shall endure as long as the Kingdom of God and His dominion shall last.

Say: O God of Hosts, Lord of all being, Sustainer of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by the sweet savors of Thy verses and the fragrances of the words of Him Who is the Manifestation of Thy Cause and the Dayspring of Thy names, to aid me in recognizing the Manifestation of Thyself. O my Lord! I am the poor one who hath hastened to the shore of the ocean of Thy riches. I beseech Thee by Thy sovereignty not to shut me out from the gate of Thy bounty, nor to deprive me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. O Lord! I am the ailing one who hath turned toward the ocean of Thy forgiveness and healing. Deal with me according to what beseemeth Thy generosity, Thy sovereignty, Thy grace and Thy beneficence. My tongue, my limbs and my veins bear witness to Thy power, Thy might, Thy grandeur and Thy majesty. Then I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit me in this world and the next. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We beseech God to assist that soul in the recitation of this prayer that he may taste the sweetness of the mention of God. Verily He is the Bestower, the Bountiful.

As to the claims about which you wrote, it is most clear and evident that whosoever is able to discharge a debt and yet neglecteth to do so hath acted contrary to God's good-pleasure. Those who are in debt must strive with the utmost diligence to settle it. The binding command of God concerning trustworthiness, honesty, and rights is clear and manifest in all the Books, Tablets, Scriptures and Holy Writings. Blessed is he whom the vanishing ornaments have not kept back from the everlasting adornment, and whom greed and negligence have not deprived of the light of the sun of trustworthiness. However, all these matters are contingent upon ability, for the claim is dependent upon ability; the former is not permissible except after the establishment of the latter.

“Then let there be respite until ease cometh” beareth witness to this utterance. However, that soul should rest assured in God’s bounty. God willing, the gate of divine favor shall be opened. Verily the Cause is in God’s hands. He giveth whatsoever He willeth to whomsoever He willeth. He is the Generous, the Bestower, the Merciful. Hath any thirsty one ever returned disappointed from the stream of the All-Merciful’s mercy? And hath any true seeker ever been debarred from the wine of His bounty? Nay, by His very Self! We beseech God that all may attain with true thirst and drink from the Kawthar of His knowledge. Verily He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

And peace be upon him who followeth the Command of God and attaineth unto the Salsabil of Divine Unity.

BH04335: To be typed

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BH05481: A Book hath the All-Merciful sent down for such…

He is sanctified above all mention and description.

A Book hath the All-Merciful sent down for such as turn their faces unto the Countenance and believe in God, the One, the All-Informed.

O Jawad! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of creation from this Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Sublime station: “Verily, there is no God but He, the Mighty, the All-Wise.”

We have heard thy cry and have answered thee with a Word which, did it shine forth from the horizon of the sovereignty of thy Lord, would cause all that hath been inscribed in the world to bow down in utter submission. Yet the people are sunk in manifest delusion.

Blessed the tongue that moveth to make mention of Me, the eye that turneth toward My horizon, and the face that is illumined with the radiance of My shining Countenance.

Read thou what the All-Merciful hath sent down for thee in this wondrous Tablet:

Say: O God of existence and Lord of hosts! I beseech Thee by that Most Exalted Word through which the denizens of Thy near presence took their flight into the air of Thy loving-kindness, and the sincere hastened to the arrows of the enemies in Thy path—that Thou wilt draw me, by Thy sweetest call, in such wise that the hosts of creation shall not hinder me from Thy love. Verily, Thou art He in Whose Name the standards have been uplifted and the banners reared on high. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

The glory be upon thee, and upon thy brother who turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon and attained unto this wondrous Cause.

BH07003: To be typed

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BH10263: A remembrance from the Wronged One unto him who…

He is the One Who standeth over all things.

A remembrance from the Wronged One unto him who hath believed in God, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting, that he may rejoice in My mention and make mention of Me with wisdom and utterance, perchance the people may abandon that which debarreth them from God, the Lord of whatsoever hath been and shall be.

Bear thou witness unto that whereunto God Himself hath borne witness, ere yet the Kaf was joined unto the Nun: He is God; there is no God but He. His is the majesty and the sovereignty. He doeth whatsoever He willeth by His word of command “Be”, and it is.

Give thanks for that thou hast inhaled the fragrance of the Raiment and hast turned thy face unto God, the Almighty, the All-Loving.

BH10421: O God of the world and Desire of all…

O God of the world and Desire of all nations! I beseech Thee by the Name through which the gate of Thy bounty hath been flung open unto all who are in Thy heaven and on Thy earth, and the lamp of Thy Word hath been kindled amidst Thy creatures and Thy servants, that Thou wilt strengthen me to remain steadfast in this Cause—a Cause at whose appearance every wayward soul hath lamented and every hypocrite hath been confounded.

O Lord! I am he who hath fled from his own self unto Thy Self, hath entrusted his will to Thy summons, and hath been satiated from the heaven of Thy grace and the ocean of Thy generosity. Grant that I may be given to drink from the Kawthar of Thy good pleasure, and draw me nigh unto Thee through Thy loving care and Thy tender bounties.

There is no God but Thee, the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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BH00411: O thou who dost circle round the Throne!…

Section 1: “O thou who dost circle round the Throne!…”

In the Name of the One God

O thou who dost circle round the Throne! The numerous letters which the loved ones of God—upon them be the Glory of God—have written to thee from the land of Kha were presented before the Throne, and this servant laid them all before His holy Presence. We beseech the Most High to aid them to remember and praise Him and to strengthen them to remain steadfast in this Cause in such wise that neither the veils nor the signs of the peoples of the earth shall hinder them. Verily He is the Revealer of verses, there is none other God but Him, the Holy, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Among these was mention of the Leaf of Paradise—upon her be the light of her Lord. Praise be to God, she hath drunk from the choice wine of immortality and hath attained the most exalted horizon. In most years mention of her hath been made from the Tongue of Grandeur. By the life of God! This sufficeth her, as doth testify that which was created by the Word of God, the Most High, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. God willing, a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet will be revealed especially for her and will afterwards be dispatched. Verily, give her the glad-tidings of this great bounty.

Mention was made of the ascension of Mulla Mirza Muhammad—upon him be the Glory of God. Verily We were present when his spirit ascended to the Most Exalted Companion. Blessed is he and joy be unto him! He is of them that heard the sound of the wings of the Bird of the Throne from this atmosphere which God hath sanctified above the mention of all who are on earth. Thus was the matter decreed, but most of the people are heedless.

O Muhammad! Rejoice in that the Supreme Pen maketh mention of thee from this Most Exalted, Most Glorious Station and sayeth: The first light that shone forth from the heaven of the Manifestation of thy Lord be upon thee, O thou who hast cast away vain imaginings and held fast unto certitude on a Day wherein trembling and trepidation seized the inhabitants of earth and heaven, save whom God did will, the Lord of all worlds. I testify that thou didst fulfill God's Covenant and His Testament, and didst circle round His Cause, and didst achieve the most great steadfastness when the limbs of all names did quake with fear. Thus doth the Lord of all creation make mention of thee in this wondrous Tablet. Joy be unto him who hath loved thee and visited thee, by virtue of that which hath flowed from the Pen of God, the Most High, the Most Great.

Likewise mention was made of the ascension of Mulla Muhammad-Husayn—upon him be the Glory of God. And the True One, exalted be His station, exalted be His sovereignty, and great be His might, maketh mention of him. By the pearls of the ocean of inner meanings! The entire world cannot equal one word of the divine words, and for every soul that hath attained unto a divine word there are ordained stations such that were but one of these to be revealed unto the people of the earth, all would be amazed and would exclaim "Would that we had been with him!" Verily We make mention in this station of Our servant Muhammad-Qabli-Husayn who hath ascended unto God, the Lord of Names, that it may be a remembrance and honor unto him for as long as God, the Lord of all worlds, shall endure.

We made mention of thee during thy life and We make mention of thee after thy ascension, as a grace from Us, and verily We are the All-Bountiful, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. The breeze of forgiveness did take thee at the time of thy ascension unto the All-Merciful. Thus did His grace encompass all who turned unto Him when He appeared with manifest sovereignty. The Glory which hath dawned and shone forth, and the Light which hath gleamed and flashed, be upon thee, O thou who didst believe in Him Who was promised when He came with truth through a Command that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth.

We make mention of Our loved ones in that place, that they may rejoice in the remembrance of God, the Lord of all men. God willing, all the friends of Truth must today be united and in full accord upon the universal Word of God. This blessed Word hath been heard at this moment from the rustling of the Most Exalted Pen, saying: The beginning of the Cause hath ever been and shall ever be faith in God, and its end

steadfastness in His love, for the dwellers of hell lie in ambush and appear with a hundred thousand wiles and deceits that perchance they may prevent steadfast souls from the Truth. Should anyone come unto you with the book of hell, leave him behind you and say:

> "We have believed in Him through Whom the horizon of utterance hath shone forth and the nightingale of the All-Merciful hath warbled upon the branches. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Manifest, the Concealed."

In all conditions, hold fast unto the cord of steadfastness. The clamor hath been raised and shall be raised in every city, even as We have informed all beforehand. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

All the names that were mentioned in the letter have attained unto the grace of God and have been remembered before the Throne. And the spiritual letter of her, upon whom be the Glory of God, was observed. The Most Exalted Pen hath testified to her acceptance, her faith, her love, and her submissiveness in days wherein every learned one turned away, every mystic was heedless, every mighty one objected, and every man denied, save whom God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting, did will.

They must at all times be occupied with the mention of the Beloved of all worlds, for through His grace they have drunk from the ocean of His knowledge, partaken of the stream of His mercy, and received their portion from the Kawthar of His love. By the life of God! This brief mention hath been and shall ever be an enduring trace, and shall remain as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endure—how much more the sanctified and exalted Tablets that were specifically revealed and sent down for her from the heaven of the Divine Will. We give her the glad tidings of My grace, My loving-kindness, and My mercy that have preceded all worlds. Whatever she desireth, God shall graciously bestow. However, what is beloved is that one should be seen as extinct in one's own will and desire, and living through the Will of God. This is a mighty and most exalted station.

The letter of Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli was noted. Praise be to God, again and again did he turn to God and endured hardships of travel in His path, traversing sea and land until he reached the shore of the Most Great Ocean. It behooveth him to render thanks unto God, his Lord, for having enabled him to attain His presence, to voice His praise, to stand before His gate and to present himself before His throne. Now must they occupy themselves with the remembrance of God, that perchance some withered one may be refreshed, or some sleeping one may be awakened, or some wanderer may find the straight path. Whosoever attaineth unto this service hath attained unto the most exalted station. He hath been and is remembered in the Most Holy Court. God hath loved and doth love faithfulness.

Section 2: "We counsel him and those who have believed…"

We counsel him and those who have believed to that whereby the Cause of God will be exalted among all else, and to steadfastness, the decree of which hath been revealed in most of the Tablets. At all times let them fix their gaze upon this blessed word and preserve it, for by God's testimony this blessed word is the essence of all utterance. It is the Lamp of utterance, the Ocean of utterance, the Heaven of utterance, the Sun of utterance, the Light of utterance, and the Spirit of utterance. This blessed word was revealed from the Pen of My Herald, the Primal Point, when one of the Letters of the Living asked concerning Him

Whom God shall make manifest—exalted be His grandeur, exalted be His might, exalted be His manifestation, exalted be His arising, exalted be His tribulation, and exalted be His imprisonment. Complete and sufficient explanations were revealed from the divine Kingdom of utterance, including this blessed word which is the essence of all utterance. His word, exalted and glorified be He:

> "And I have written the essence concerning His remembrance, and it is that He shall not be known by My mention nor by what hath been revealed in the Bayan. Yea, by His glory, that word is greater in God's estimation than the worship of all on earth, for the essence of all worship leadeth unto that. Therefore, as thou hast known God, know Him Whom God shall make manifest, for He is too glorious and exalted to be known through any but Himself or to be described by the description of His creatures. And verily, I am the first to believe in Him and in His verses."

This utterance must at all times be before the eyes of the loved ones of God, so that should any cawer be found, his tongue may be cut off by the sword of this word. Consider now those followers of the Bayan who have turned away from the Truth, how far they have strayed from the straight path and how they are deprived of the mighty Truth, although they have never had nor have any knowledge of the foundation of this Cause. By the life of God! They are more veiled than the people of the Furqan and the peoples of former times. Every fair-minded and insightful person beareth witness to this. One veil had not yet been rent when they became afflicted with a hundred thousand other veils. Behold! They are among the dead in the mighty Book. None shall today attain unto this most mighty, most glorious and most exalted station except through effacing what he hath previously heard. Rejoice, O My loved ones, in My remembrance of you, My turning toward you, and My directing My face toward your faces from this Station that is both near and far.

Drink ye, God willing, from the chalice of steadfastness in such wise that neither the books, nor the scriptures, nor the pages, nor the words, nor the utterances, nor the speech of the world shall keep you back from the Lord of Eternity—how much less the leaves of the infernal tree. Thus doth He Who hath in His possession the Preserved Tablet inform you. Most men are observed to be heedless today, but ere long they shall be observed in utter regret, remorse and lamentation.

Say or write to the brother of Jinab-i-Mirza Muhammad-ʿAli of Qa'in who now circleth round: O thou heedless one! For the sake of two fleeting days, deprive not thyself of the immortal Kingdom and for the vanities of the world shut not thyself out from the Lord of all mankind. While time remaineth and opportunity persisteth, arise to redress what thou hast missed. Reflect upon the peoples of ancient times. Where are their treasures and their buried wealth, their might and their riches, their power and their dominion, their lofty palaces and their trellised gardens, and their marshalled hosts? The hand of power hath brought them down from their palaces to their graves. This Persian verse is well suited to this occasion:

Take ye heed, O ye whose dark locks have usurped the place of warning; Take ye heed, O ye whose cheeks are sprinkled with white.

Hearken unto the voice of the Wronged One and from the wilderness of heedlessness turn thy face toward the realm of understanding and knowledge, that perchance in these last days thou mayest not remain deprived of the outpourings of the cloud of divine mercy. Reflect thou somewhat and adorn thyself with the ornament of fairness, that haply what hath been said may be heard with the ear of the soul, that it may deliver thee from the wilderness of heedlessness and lead thee to the heart-ravishing expanse of awareness. Verily He speaketh the truth and guideth the way, and praise be to God, the Mighty, the Glorious, the Beautiful.

The Most Exalted Pen, with the most exalted call, addresseth those who have turned towards God and other regions, and counseleth them with that which beseemeth the Day of God. All faithful, assured, contented and well-pleasing souls are remembered in the presence of the Wronged One, and all their names are recorded in the Divine Book. They must be so firm in the Cause of God that all the peoples of the earth shall be powerless to deter them, and shall find themselves impotent before the people of truth. O Ja'far! Mention was made of thee before the Throne, and We have mentioned thee with that whereby eyes are consoled. We make mention of those who have turned with radiant faces toward the Supreme Horizon and have believed in God, the Dawning-Place of verses. We have heard thy call and have known what thou didst desire. Verily thy Lord is the Answerer of prayer, the Bestower, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O My loved ones! Be not grieved by the world and what appeareth therein. By the life of God! That which hath been ordained for you is such as no pen can recount. Behold ye and call to mind the vestiges of the earth and its chronicles. Where are the kings and the sons of kings? Where are the nobles and the sons of nobles? Where are the Chosroes, the Pharaohs, and the Caesars? Where are their swords and their steeds and their dominion and their hosts? Where are they who subdued the world and prided themselves on its riches and ornaments and bounties? By My life! Those who have wronged now wail and cry out, and find for themselves neither protector, nor helper, nor supporter.

Thus have We adorned the heaven of the Tablet with the sun of wisdom of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. God willing, walk ye with perfect fellowship and love and unity upon His straight path and remain firm and steadfast in His Cause. Glory and wealth and strength and power and loftiness and elevation, and above that and far above that, all have been created for the loved ones of God. When the appointed time is fulfilled, it shall be made manifest in truth. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Knowing. Strive ye that through you may appear that which shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven.

Those souls who have drunk from the living waters are mentioned in the presence of the Countenance, though they may not be outwardly mentioned. Verily He is the Hearer, verily He is the Seer. He heareth and seeth and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH00831: Praise be to God Who hath taught us…

He is God, exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Power

Praise be to God Who hath taught us that He is the Doer, the Unconstrained. He doeth what He willeth, speaketh as He pleaseth, and expoundeth as He desireth. At times I hear from the Tongue of Grandeur that "I am the All-Knowing," and at other times that "I have been sanctified from it from time immemorial." Sometimes He proclaimeth with the most exalted call that "With Me is the knowledge of the heavens and earth," and at other times He calleth out and saith "With Me is naught save the knowledge of Mine own Self, and I am the Mighty, the All-Knowing." He is the One around Whose gate's courtyard no decree save truth can draw nigh, even should He decree for the earth what is decreed in heaven, and in Whose atmosphere no bird of forgetfulness can soar, even should He say "I have forgotten what was sent down from the heaven of My will in the scriptures and tablets."

Praise be to God Who hath made known to us His straight path and His Most Great Name, and hath manifested unto us that whereby every mouldering bone is quickened. I pray, offer salutations and glorify those whom the affairs of the world have not prevented from the Most Exalted Horizon, and whom the might of princes hath not weakened from standing firm in this Cause, whereby the limbs of all things have trembled. These are honored servants whom God hath described through the tongue of His Beloved, His Chosen One, the Seal of His Prophets and the Example to His chosen ones—by whom the Night Journey was adorned and the gate of knowledge was opened to all who dwell in the realm of possibility—as "honored servants, on whom there is no fear, neither shall they grieve."

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the Kingdom of Names! I beseech Thee by the Primal Point and the Most Exalted Word to ordain for Thy servants who have believed in Thee and Thy signs that which will draw them nearer unto Thee in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thereafter, this evanescent servant attained unto the honor of reading thy exalted letter. Praise be to God, it brought such joy as this servant is powerless to describe, for each of its words was adorned with the lights of the love of God. After its perusal and reading, it was presented before His presence. The Sun of loving-kindness dawned and shone forth from the Dayspring of grace. God willing, may they forever be blessed with the outpourings of the True Bestower in both the earthly and heavenly kingdoms. Verily, He is the Munificent Giver. Let them in all conditions observe and hold fast unto wisdom. Until they find ears to hear, let them not speak.

Previously this blessed word flowed from the Pen: "Cast the seeds of My divine wisdom in the pure earth of the heart, and water them with the water of certitude, that the hyacinths of knowledge and wisdom may spring up fresh and green from the holy city." And in another place He saith: "The wise ones among My servants are those who speak not till they find a listener, even as the cup-bearer who proffereth not the cup till he findeth one who seeketh it, and the lover who crieth not out from his soul until he gazeth upon the beauty of his beloved." Therefore must ye sow the seeds of knowledge and wisdom in the earth of search and conceal them, that divine wisdom may sprout from the heart and not from mere clay. For the people are intoxicated with the wine of pride and are unaware of the pure and holy Fountain. They strive according to their own understanding to prove a fault and raise an uproar. Verily, He loveth wisdom and commandeth you to observe wisdom, even as He commanded you aforetime. He, verily, is the True Counsellor, the Trustworthy. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

As to the question asked about the blessed Word—although the exact verse is not in view—O beloved of my heart and the one remembered in my heart, most utterances are revealed in the language of the people, and in the heavenly Books there are many such instances. No one has been or is aware of the consummate divine wisdom and inner mysteries of the Lord, except for that which He Himself reveals and commands His servants to follow.

The Primal Point—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him—in one place states that if anyone claims for Me special prophethood, guardianship or particular gateship, he has uttered falsehood and I am innocent of him. Yet in another place He speaks that which the reality of understanding is powerless to comprehend.

The True One, exalted be His station, is the possessor of the Most Great Infallibility, and the meaning of the Most Great Infallibility is that error, mistake and forgetfulness have no access whatsoever to that realm. This is the station of "He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth." If He declares the qiblih to be toward the east, it is the indubitable truth, and if He declares it to be toward the west, likewise. Even as in the Qur'an, the Beloved of all creation, in accordance with the command of the All-Merciful, turned toward the qiblih of Islam to which they turn today. "Were He to pronounce the earth to be heaven, no one hath the right to question why and wherefore." I swear by the Sun of Truth that were a breeze from the direction of this station to pass over the withered trees of possibility, all would be seen fresh and verdant. Blessed are they who understand.

As to the question about the inscription at the end of one of the blessed Tablets reading "Muhammad-Qabli-Ali, the mine of God's Command"—if this was not a scribal error, by the precedence of Muhammad before Ali is meant His Holiness Quddus—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him—who was known by the name Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli and who attained the supreme martyrdom in the land of Mim. Upon him and upon those with him be the glory of God, His light, and the loving-kindness and mercy of God.

As to the mention that He has said that whoever attributes miracles to this Most Great Manifestation has uttered falsehood and calumny—this word was revealed before the Manifestation, as a wisdom from His presence and protection for the servants. Had this evanescent servant found opportunity, he would have explained these matters in detail, but in any case he hopes for forgiveness.

Regarding the matter of the veil about which they wrote, this servant was confirmed in writing one and it was sent. God willing, they will attain unto it. As for the final veil, I beseech God to grant confirmation that perchance it may be written and dispatched.

My request and entreaty to your honor is to adorn each of the friends of God residing in that land with greetings from this evanescent one, and to express pure devotion. This evanescent servant beseeches God—glorified be His majesty—to aid and confirm all to that which He loves and is pleased with. Verily He is the confirmer of His devoted servants. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. Glory and remembrance and greetings be upon you and upon them and upon every steadfast believer.

The servant In Muharram 1298

As to the manner of preserving the sacred talisman after performing ablutions: Wholly detached from all else, and turning to God, the Lord of Earth and Heaven, one should sit facing the Qiblih. Then recite the verse of power which is inscribed in the first line, followed by the Names of God which are recorded in the second line. Then, with the utmost humility, reverence, detachment, attention and sincerity, fold it and keep it without opening it again. And if at any time, for any reason, it is opened, all that was mentioned must be performed anew.

BH04213: This is a remembrance from Us unto him who…

He is the Manifest, that hath shone forth from His Most Exalted Horizon.

This is a remembrance from Us unto him who hath quaffed the wine of mystical knowledge when the fragrance of the garment of the All-Merciful was diffused throughout the realm of contingent being, that it might draw him unto a station where he would speak and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all worlds, for having made known unto me the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation, the Manifestation of Thy Cause, and the Day-Spring of Thy signs. I bear witness, even as Thou didst bear witness ere the creation of the heavens and the earth, that there is none other God but Him. He quickeneth and He causeth to die; in His grasp lieth the kingdom of command and creation; He giveth and He withholdeth; He is the One, the Single, the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful."

Thy letter hath reached the Wronged One in the Most Great Prison, and was read by the servant standing in His presence. We have answered thee with this perspicuous Book, that it may be a treasure and an honour for thee from the presence of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

From thy words We inhaled the fragrance of thy love, and have sent down unto thee that whereby thou mayest perceive the perfume of the Beloved. Verily, He is the Bestower, the All-Bountiful.

Blessed art thou in that thou hast cast aside idle fancies and, in the Name of thy Lord, hast turned unto the horizon of certitude. He maketh mention of whomsoever maketh mention of Him, and turneth toward whomsoever turneth toward Him; verily, He is the All-Hearing, the All-Responding. Rejoice in that thou hast attained unto this Most Great Cause, before whose potency hearts have been shaken and the feet of the knowing have stumbled.

Praise thou God for having been numbered among the people from whose midst the Desire of all the worlds hath shone forth. Rejoice in this supreme bounty, then render thanks unto thy Lord, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Glory be upon thee and upon such as hold fast unto this firm Cord. And praise be to God, the Lord of all the worlds.

BH05266: In the Name of the one God! Praise be…

In the Name of the one God! Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the lights of the Sun of Truth which, by the command of the Lord of all beings, hath shone forth from the Most Exalted Horizon, and

thou hast drunk from the sealed wine which is the love of the Desired One. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of the Cause that all the treasures of the earth cannot equal this station. May God grant that thou mayest ever remain successful in attaining this bounty and steadfast in this station.

Thy letter hath arrived and whatsoever was mentioned therein was observed. Blessed art thou for having turned thyself and advanced toward the Horizon from which most of the servants have turned aside, save those whom God, the Lord of this mighty Cause, hath willed.

All people throughout the ages and centuries awaited the Day of God, seeking the Divine Manifestation with lamentation and tears, yet when the dawn of the Day of Revelation broke and the world was illumined by the lights of His countenance, all were found heedless, nay, turned away.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, for having assisted me, taught me, and enabled me to recognize the Sun of Thy Manifestation and the Ocean of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by Thy Self, to make me firm and steadfast in this Cause whereby the tribes of the earth have been shaken. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest and in Thy grasp is the kingdom of all things. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH05500: This is a Book inscribed, to which the All-Compelling…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

This is a Book inscribed, to which the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting beareth witness. It hath been sent down in truth from this praiseworthy station. None denieth it save every rejected misbeliever. Whoso denieth it hath denied his Lord from time immemorial, as attesteth to this the Lord of all being, Who proclaimeth:

> "There is none other God but Me, the One Who ruleth over what hath been and what shall be."

Verily, he who hath acknowledged that which hath come down from the heaven of grace is numbered among the people of Baha, as beareth witness to this the Dayspring of Revelation. And whoso denieth it is among the people who are held back. By My life! That which hath been sent down in the Tablet rejoiceth the eyes of them who have believed in God, the Mighty, the Loving. In His hand is the dominion of utterance—He sendeth down what He willeth. He, verily, is the Single One, the All-Kindly.

We send greetings from this station to the faces of those whom vain desire hath not held back from the Lord of all mankind, and who have turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon in the days of their Lord, the Possessor of the seen and unseen.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the kingdom of names and in Whose right hand is the control of all things! I beseech Thee by Thy most beautiful names to send down for me from the heaven of Thy mercy that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and preserve me from all else beside Thee. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, unto Whose power and might all atoms bear witness. There is none other God but Thee, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

BH06275: A Book from Us to him who has turned…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

A Book from Us to him who has turned to the horizon of his Lord's will, the Mighty, the Bestower, that the verses of God may draw him to a station which God hath made sanctified from all mention.

Thy letter hath come before Us and We have heard thy call and We have turned to thee from this Prison that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. God willing, thou shalt become so enkindled with the fire of the love of God that its effects shall become manifest in the world. Thy letter arrived and the glance of favor hath turned toward thee. God willing, thou hast been and wilt be successful in that which He loveth and is pleasing unto Him.

Say: O my Lord and my King and my Beloved and my Goal and my Object of Worship! I beseech Thee to aid me in that which Thy good-pleasure lieth, in such wise that I may cause my will and desire to become extinct and nonexistent in Thy will and desire. I desire naught save what Thou hast desired. Thou seest me, O my God, turning unto Thee and speaking Thy praise and glory. I beseech Thee to make me purified from all that Thy good-pleasure abhorreth and to ordain for me what beseemeth the heaven of Thy grace and bounty. Verily Thou art the Most Exalted, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Wise.

BH06704: The Book of God speaks in the world: Verily…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

The Book of God speaks in the world: Verily there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. He has appeared in truth and revealed what He willed with a sovereignty that has conquered all who are in the earth and heaven.

Give thanks to God for having aided you to recognize His Cause and guided you to the straight path, from which every ignorant one who claimed knowledge turned away, and every learned one who followed suppositions and idle fancies. I counsel you, O My loved ones, to manifest the supreme steadfastness in this Cause, whereby the idol and the idolaters have wailed. Put your trust in God under all conditions and hold fast to what has been sent down for you with power and sovereignty. Remember Him by night and by day, then follow what He has revealed in the scriptures and tablets. When one who barks comes to you with papers of fire or with the book of the nethermost realm, cast them behind you, turning to God, the Lord of the final end. Thus does the Wronged One remember you from this Prison, around which circle the near angels at eventide and at dawn. Glory be upon you and upon your son and upon all who have turned to God, the Lord of all men.

BH07371: O a¸¤usayn! God grant thou shalt ever be bright…

O a¸¤usayn! God grant thou shalt ever be bright and radiant, beaming with the light of the Sun of Truth, and mayest unloose thy tongue in magnifying the Name of God, which is the most laudable of all acts.

Consider the multitude of souls who seemed to be intensely eager and athirst, yet when the Ocean of living waters did surge forth in the world of being, they remained deprived thereof, inasmuch as they

failed to relinquish idle fancy and to become consciously aware of Him Who is the Object of all knowledge. This failure is in recompense for the deeds their hands had formerly wrought.

Render thou thanks unto the Beloved of the world for having graciously aided thee to attain confirmation in this glorious Cause. Entreat Him moreover to make His loved ones steadfast therein, for the inflammatory writings of the mischief-makers are widespread and the clamor of the foreboders of evil is raised high. Happy are they that have cast behind their backs all else save God and have held fast unto that which the Lord of strength and power hath enjoined upon them.

His Glory be upon thee and upon such as have been enabled to recognize and embrace this mighty Cause.

BH08396: This is the Book which the All-Merciful hath sent…

He is the One dawning from the horizon of utterance!

This is the Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down for all who are in the realm of possibility. Verily it is the Kawthar of life for those who have turned toward the Supreme Horizon and have acknowledged that which the Lord of all beings hath acknowledged. These are the servants whom God hath described in the Scrolls and Tablets. Blessed is every one who hath turned toward Him, whom the veils of the people have not deterred, and who is strong, having rent asunder the veils of those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of lords.

Be thou grateful to God for having turned toward thee the face of the Wronged One and mentioned thee in such wise that thy mention shall endure throughout centuries and ages.

O My loved ones! We counsel you to fear God and to manifest supreme steadfastness in this Cause whereby souls have been perturbed and idols have lamented. Should the evil whisperer come unto you with the scroll of the wicked, leave it behind you and speak forth that whereby the luminary of proof shineth resplendent throughout all creation. Thus hath the Wronged One spoken that thou mayest rejoice and render thanks unto thy Lord, the Possessor of all names.

BH01144: Praise be to God Who hath revealed the Hidden…

In the name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord!

Praise be to God Who hath revealed the Hidden Treasure and the Concealed Secret. He is the One at Whose revelation the Kingdom of Utterance appeared amidst all creation, whereupon the Throne was established and the All-Merciful was seated thereon. He spoke the Primal Word, whereby all things between earth and heaven were transformed. Thereupon the near ones, the sincere ones, and the believers turned towards the highest heaven, which is the station of certitude and assurance, while the opposers and the ungodly turned towards the nethermost depths, which is the station of rejection and denial. Exalted is God Who distinguished between all created things through a word from His presence. He is the Almighty Whom the might of kings hath not weakened and Whom armies have not hindered. He hath spoken as He desired and revealed what He wished through His command and His sovereignty. He is the One to Whose sovereignty all created things have testified, and to Whose grandeur and power all

existence hath borne witness. He hath subdued the world through a word from His presence and cast aside the nations for turning away from His countenance, save those who cast away vain imaginings and turned towards the horizon of certitude in the name of their Lord, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Glorified art Thou, O God of Names, Creator of the heavens and Maker of all things! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the ocean of knowledge surged and the fragrance of Thy garment was diffused, O Thou in Whose hand is the Kingdom of Utterance, to send down from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will enable Thy servants to arise for Thy remembrance and service. Then assist them in such wise that the clamor of the people shall not prevent them from turning unto Thee. Verily Thou art the Almighty Whom nothing can frustrate and no affair can hinder. Thou doest as Thou pleasest and ordainest as Thou willest. Thou art, in truth, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O My loved one! The servant hath attained unto thy letter and perceived from it the sweet fragrances of thy love for our Beloved and your Beloved, the Object of desire of all in the heavens and the earth. When it was read and its contents known, I approached the Sanctuary of the Supreme Concourse, attained the presence of the Throne, and presented what was therein. Thereupon the Tongue of the Beloved spoke that which attracteth hearts, saying:

God willing, may they be blessed by divine grace and illumined by the lights of His countenance. May they speak with perfect wisdom and utterance in praise of the Beloved of all creation, and may they not be saddened that suitable means are not readily available. All power, might, bounty, mercy and grace are directed towards the friends of Truth, and shall be manifested as circumstances require. Should they reflect upon the Divine Manifestations, they would become aware of what hath been mentioned. The heedless and sleeping servants are observed—were but a single cry to be raised, all would suddenly perish. One must speak with moderation and act with wisdom, that the heedless may be adorned with the robe of understanding and the sleeping ones may be graced with the ornament of wakefulness. I swear by the ocean of the All-Merciful's utterance, were that which is concealed to be revealed, thou wouldst observe all to be seekers, aspirants, and those who turn towards God. Grieve not over anything. In all matters place thy trust in God, Who created thee, sustained thee, and gave thee to drink of the Kawthar of reunion. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous. Verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Concerning what you wrote about the letter M, it was mentioned in the Most Holy Presence. He said:

> "Today he must hold fast to that which will ensure his salvation and deliverance in this world and the next. If he acts upon what We have commanded, he will surely attain unto that which God has intended. We have made mention of him as a token of Our grace. Verily, He is the Self-Sufficient, Independent of the mention of all the worlds."

Beseech God that He may assist him to that which befits this blessed Day. Would that he had comprehended the Day of God! Should he attain unto this station, he would attain unto that which is intended. This much has been revealed in the Book of God through your intercession. Although comprehension of this station is difficult at present, as he does not reflect, yet this Word is greater than

all that he has seen and heard of earthly ornaments and riches. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the Manifest. In any case, one must proceed and speak with wisdom, that perchance they may discover and hold fast unto that which is best for them.

In all circumstances it is best that that spiritual friend be mindful of wisdom and act with wisdom, for if there be lack of wisdom they will not draw near to hear the Word of Truth. Ere long the Hand of Divine Power shall reveal that which He has willed. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

His honor Aqa Siyyid ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God, brought your letter which you had sent to him, and it was seen. This evanescent servant beseeches the Self-Sufficient, the Exalted, that He may assist you to mention Him, to praise Him and to serve His Cause, and that He may sanctify the people of the world from the defilement of self and desire, and lead them to true tranquility, which is the station of certitude in God. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

The Branches of the Divine Lote-Tree—may my spirit and the spirits of all the worlds be sacrificed for the dust of their footsteps—remember you with wondrous praise and sublime glorification, and likewise those who circle round and stand before the Throne convey their sincere greetings. Glory be upon you and upon those who have cast away what they possessed and taken hold of that which was commanded by God, the Almighty, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH01170: Praise be to God, the One, the Single…

He is God, exalted be His glory in greatness and power!

Praise be to God, the One, the Single, the Eternal, the Unique, the Transcendent, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, Who hath caused all to know His straight Path. He, verily, is the Great Announcement which the All-Merciful hath sent down in the Qur'an. Blessed is he who hath turned towards Him and attained, and woe unto the heedless who have cast God behind their backs, turning unto every ignorant remote one. The Spirit, the glory and the splendor rest upon those who have hearkened unto the call of their Creator and answered Him on a Day wherein the dwellers of earth were overcome with drunkenness, save whom God willed, the Lord of all worlds. These are servants whose loftiness is attested by the Supreme Pen, through Whose movement all things have appeared. Exalted is the Lord of creation and the Master of the Beginning and the End, Who hath come with manifest sovereignty.

Thereafter, thy letter arrived at the beginning of the sacred month of Muharram, and likewise another letter a few days prior. What thou hadst written concerning the tribulations that had befallen caused infinite sorrow. However, O My beloved, the deeds of the servants themselves become embodied. Observe how many successive afflictions and oppression and tyranny have been visited upon the assured and tranquil souls by heedless and wayward people. If it would end with this much, it would still be well, but the Servant seeth in the land of Ta what is hidden from all eyes and sight. Beseech God to guide the people, that the sun of justice may shine forth from behind the clouds and deliver the world from the darkness of oppression. Grieve not for what hath befallen thee and what hath befallen the loved ones of God. By the life of God! Whosoever hath ascended is recorded among the martyrs in God's Book. Blessed

are they and joy be unto them for having turned unto Him and attained martyrdom in the days of the appearance of the Dayspring of their Lord's verses, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Should one become aware of the truth, he would feel a hundred thousand regrets for his continued existence and would exclaim with a hundred thousand tongues, "Would that I had been among the martyrs!" Regret is for those souls who were afflicted by the swords of vengeance and returned to the lowest of the low. Be not sorrowful in any matter, but with utmost joy and fragrance speak in remembrance of the Beloved of all creation. Praise be to God that you and the friends of God have attained to that which hath been the purpose of all worlds, before and after. This is a matter whose mention and station shall not perish with the apparent revolutions of earthly dominion. Blessed are the souls who have ascended with divine love and hastened to the Supreme Companion. Joy be unto them, happiness be unto them, and blessed be they.

In these days two packets arrived from Varqa, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of Names. He had mentioned the gatherings and meetings of the friends, and especially the details of that assembly and the names of those gathered were submitted before the Presence. Loving-kindness was shown to each one, one after another. We beseech the Exalted One to assist them and confirm them in what beseemeth His glorious and wondrous Day. God willing, this servant shall submit a response to his letter. Convey on behalf of this evanescent one greetings to him and all other friends, and give them all the glad-tidings of the effulgences of the sun of divine favor. Nothing escapeth His knowledge, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. As to what you wrote requesting permission to bring someone with you, this was presented and permission was granted. You may bring whomever you wish. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, heareth and answereth, and He is the Near, the Watchful. The Glory be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who have attained to the recognition of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

His exalted Word in the Kitab-i-Aqdas states:

> "O Land of Kaf and Ra! We, verily, see thee in a state which pleaseth not God, and We see from thee that which none knoweth except God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. And We perceive that which secretly and stealthily proceedeth from thee. With Us is the knowledge of all things in a Tablet that is manifest."

In these days, Mirza Ahmad-i-Kirmani, despite having sent several petitions to the Most Holy Court expressing repentance and contrition and seeking forgiveness from the Ocean of Generosity, has arrived in the great city and obtained from the satans certain infernal papers which he has distributed. Outwardly he shows agreement and unity with the people of concord, while inwardly he is united with the people of discord—though even in this he speaks falsely. The servant sees him like a chameleon, changing color at every moment. O my beloved! This hypocrite is observed to be like wax, taking any form. Inform the friends of God about this rebellious infidel that they may be aware. Eight or nine years ago, a word was spoken to Jinab-i-Amin—upon him be the Glory of God—in person regarding the Land of Kaf and Ra. His honor must have heard it.

The servant beseeches the Lord of the worlds and the Sovereign of nations to protect His loved ones from the schemes of every schemer and the artifices of every deceiver, and to strengthen them in the supreme steadfastness in this most mighty, most holy, most powerful and impregnable Cause.

The servant 14 Muharram [1298]

BH00074: In the Name of our Lord, the Most Great…

Section 1: "In the Name of our Lord, the Most…"

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Praise be to God Who hath revealed Himself through the influence of His Most Exalted Pen to all who dwell in the kingdom of creation. Then did every tongue speak, every ailment heal, every ignorant learn, every poor one become enriched, every seated one arise, every stationary one hasten forward. Through Him all faces turned and all souls drew near, and the dove of utterance warbled upon the branches of the Tree of Proof. Verily there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. The glory shining from the horizon of the will of the All-Merciful be upon the daysprings of divine knowledge and the dawning-places of certitude—they who have arisen on their feet, who have spoken with their tongues, who have gestured with their sleeves, and who have indicated with their eyes and eyebrows toward God, their Creator, their Fashioner, their Provider, their Quickener, and their Slayer. These are servants to whose acceptance, sincerity, humility, submissiveness and steadfastness in this Cause the Most Exalted Pen hath testified—the Cause whereby the mountains have crumbled and the faces of the people of error, who have turned away from the final outcome and accepted every heedless impostor, have been darkened.

Glory be unto Thee, O God, Lord of Names and Ruler of earth and heaven! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the Pen moved upon the Tablet and revealed Thy servants and creatures, to assist Thy chosen ones to serve Thy Cause in such wise that neither the opposition of the divines nor the oppression of the princes shall deter them. Then, O my God, brighten their eyes with the lights of Thy countenance and illumine their hearts with the splendor of Thy knowledge. Moreover, manifest through them in the realm of creation that which shall endure throughout the dominion of Thy kingdom and Thy sovereignty. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And furthermore, O essence of my heart and delight of my soul, the fragrance of sincerity unto God, the True One, was diffused when I opened thy letter. By the life of the Beloved! I found therein what trees find in the rain. When I read and understood it, I desired the hidden mystery and the treasured secret. When I presented myself and attained the honor of His presence, the sun of permission shone forth and I submitted its contents before His countenance. Then the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which was as spirit to bodies, light to eyes, the water of life to the thirsty, and the choice wine of divine knowledge to the peoples of the contingent world.

He, exalted be His glory and mighty His dominion, said: "O thou who drinkest from the cup of My love! Hearken unto My call from around My shrine. Verily, there is no God but Me, the Self-Subsisting, the Eternal. We have heard thy call and have answered thee through Our grace. This is thy first letter which

the servant in attendance before the Throne hath brought and read by Our command. Verily thy Lord is the Powerful, the Wise. Well is it with thee, O thou who hast turned to the Countenance and attained unto this Station which hath been named with the Most Beautiful Names in the Book of Names, and hast heard the call of the Wronged One when He was speaking in His Name, the Dominant over what was and what shall be. Thou hast attained unto that whereby thy mention shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven.

Be thou ablaze with the fire of the Cause and radiant with this Light whereby all who dwell in the kingdoms of the unseen and the seen have been illumined. Blessed art thou for having desired to serve thy Lord and for having spoken among the servants that which thou didst hear and witness in this praiseworthy Station. Remind the people of the Most Great Steadfastness and give them the glad tidings of My loving-kindness, My bounty and My mercy which have preceded existence. We counsel them to be steadfast in such wise that neither the book of the sinful nor the leaves of the infernal tree shall deter them. Say: Should anyone bring you the book of the wicked, leave it behind you, then read what the All-Merciful hath revealed in a preserved tablet."

Convey My greetings to all the friends from this Wronged One and say: In numerous Tablets mention hath been made of the Cause and its greatness, and of steadfastness and its station, that all may, through divine bounty, attain unto such a state wherein neither the world, nor its conditions, nor its manifestations, nor its might may debar them from the horizon of the All-Merciful. Mention of the cawer and the birds of night was revealed in Tablets during Our sojourn in Iraq and in the Land of Mystery and in the Most Great Prison, and sent to all regions that all might become aware and act in accordance with that which God hath willed. It was observed that certain souls were deprived of the warbling of the Nightingale of the Divine Manifestation by the mewing of a cat, despite their claim to high ranks of steadfastness. God willing, the fragrances of the All-Merciful must needs be so diffused in that land that none shall find occasion to hesitate. Be thou steadfast in the service of thy Lord, and vocal in His remembrance and praise amongst the servants. Thus doth the Mother Book command thee.

O beloved of My heart! Strange it is that certain souls cannot distinguish between a foul odor and the fragrance of musk. Consider the people of the Bayan who are now turned away—they walk exactly in the path of the people of the Furqan, yet call themselves people of the Bayan, and with the utmost deceit and guile are occupied in leading holy souls astray. Among them is Mirza Ahmad of Kirman who at first showed the utmost devotion and sincerity, but later, due to his madness and reprehensible deeds, was cast aside. He went to certain cities in the land of Kha, speaking that which his self and passion commanded. When his inner secrets were exposed and he was frustrated, he returned and sent several petitions to the Most Holy Court with complete supplication, penitence and remorse.

He then went to the land of Ha and took refuge with one of the holy souls, who sent a petition to the Most Holy Court interceding for him. Later he went to the great city and broke the Covenant, sending forth certain vain satanic utterances to various regions. By the life of God, one is astonished at such souls! Now several petitions from this unjust one exist wherein he hath shown such helplessness that whoever would see them would be convinced of his sincerity, acceptance and faith. Yet wherever he went, his

deeds and words became the interpreter of his inner reality, and now they have expelled him from the great city. God protect us and the company of the believers from his deceit and the deceit of his like.

Before the faithful he appears in complete agreement and claims faith and certitude, while before the unfaithful he appears in complete accord. In these days he obtained a book of hellfire and sent it to Abadih in Shiraz, and from there they sent a copy of that hellish book to one of the friends in this land. The details thereof were submitted to the Most Holy Court.

This utterance was revealed from the tongue of the All-Merciful—exalted be His glory:

> "Those who are nourished by the fruits of the Supreme Pen are not barred from the Lord of Eternity by the books of the world, much less by such delirious utterances."

Likewise, in a Tablet to one of the sons of Khalil who is in those regions, these blessed and decisive words were revealed—holy be His glory: "In the first year, these blessed words were heard from the Most Exalted Pen: 'Blessed are they who have recognized this wondrous Cause and turned unto this wondrous Path. This lofty and most exalted station cannot be attained except through the effacement of all that was before and through attentive ears. Well is it with him who hath attained unto this most glorious and most resplendent station.'"

I beseech God to aid all to hearken unto the divine Word. By Him Who is peerless in utterance and unique in speech! If the peoples of the world were to hearken to these two passages that have been mentioned, they would assuredly discover the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful and would be so enkindled by the heat of the love of the Lord of all beings that they would regard all else besides God as non-existent and evanescent. How sweet is that fragrance when it is diffused amongst the peoples! The servant beseecheth his Lord to aid all to recognize this Cause through which the foundations of existence were shaken, save those whom God, the Lord of the seen and unseen, hath willed.

Reflect upon this verse revealed in the Most Holy Book, which was sent down upon the initial arrival at the Most Great Prison. His glory be exalted! He saith:

> "O Land of Kaf and Ra! We, verily, behold thee in a state which God does not approve. We see therein that which none knoweth except God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. And We perceive that which secretly passeth from thee. With Us is the knowledge of all things recorded in a perspicuous Book."

God, our Lord, the Lord of our fathers, and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth, hath spoken truly. We have believed in Him and in His knowledge which hath preceded all created things, and in His mercy which hath encompassed the worlds. You yourself know that when the Most Holy Book was revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will, even Ahmad was not outwardly present. From the allusions in the revealed verses, he must have had a companion in that land. However, afterwards the Ancient Tongue gave glad-tidings to that land, saying:

> "Grieve not at this. God will raise up therein men of mighty strength who will remember Me with such remembrance that neither the misgivings of the learned nor the doubts of the

suspicious will keep them back. These shall behold their Lord with their own eyes and shall cause Him to triumph by their own selves. These, verily, are of those who are steadfast."

Blessed is the eye that hath seen and the ear that hath heard that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered at all times. Several years ago, one day Jinab-i-Amin—upon him be the Glory of God—was present in the Most Holy Court. The Countenance of the Ancient One turned to him and said:

"Verily, We perceived a foul odor from the Land of Kaf and Ra."

And this evanescent servant wrote this matter several years ago in reply to one of the friends. Glory be to God! How far these suspicious souls appear to be from the straight path, despite the revealed verses, the manifest proofs, the shining evidences, and the visible signs! They wander and walk in the wilderness of idle fancies. They have not understood the meaning of the Day of God—for had they understood it, they would not have remained veiled for less than that, but would have turned with their whole being toward the Most Great Ocean and hastened thereto. It seems they are heedless of the Greatest Trump and unaware of the Most Great Call.

One of the Letters of the Living inquired of the Primal Point—may the spirit of all else but Him be His sacrifice—concerning "Him Whom God shall make manifest" Who is mentioned in the Bayan. Such an answer was revealed from the Source of the Command that every fair-minded soul would perceive that this station hath no need of mention, description, definition or praise. Rather, it is sanctified above all that hath been or shall be said, for no one's knowledge hath ever encompassed Him or ever shall, and no soul's understanding hath ever fathomed Him or ever will. This servant is astonished at what the heedless souls have understood and to what they cling. In any case, the Primal Point—may the spirit of all else but Him be His sacrifice—spoke these exalted words in response to the questioner. His mighty Word states:

"I have indeed received thy letter, and that which is contained therein is a gem. Were it not for what is in it, I would not have answered thee on this paper, nor at this moment with the most exalted words that could be ordained in creation. How great is the mention of Him about Whom thou hast inquired! That indeed is more exalted, more mighty, more glorious, more inaccessible, and more holy than can be comprehended by hearts through their knowledge, or spirits through their prostration before Him, or souls through their praise of Him, or bodies through their mention of His glory. How momentous is thy question, and how insignificant thy being! Can the sun which is but a mirror of His manifestation in the Point of the Bayan ask about the Sun before Whose countenance those very suns, if they be true suns, prostrate themselves on the day of His manifestation? Otherwise they are unworthy of His sacred loftiness and the exaltation of His remembrance. Were it not that thou art from the First Vahid, I would have imposed limits upon thee for having asked about the God Who created thee, sustained thee, caused thee to die, and raised thee up in this form through the Point of the Bayan in that Manifestation unique in being. Say first, when thou wishest to bring His remembrance to thy mind: 'Glory be to God, the Lord of the Kingdom and the Realm' nineteen times…"

If the people of the Bayan or the people of the world were illumined with the light of fairness and would observe and ponder these crystalline words which have shone forth from the dawning-place of the heaven of divine knowledge, they would all surely turn with their whole being to the Ocean of Life. They have taken the essence of the entire Bayan and mentioned it in the most wondrous utterance. In truth, this blessed word is an incomparable gem and is reckoned as a peerless utterance in the Book. It is the unique pearl of the ocean of knowledge and the singular word of the Kingdom of utterance. His mighty Word states:

Section 2: "And I have written a gem concerning His…"

> "And I have written a gem concerning His mention, which is that He cannot be known through My allusion nor through what is mentioned in the Bayan. Yea, by His glory, that word is greater in the sight of God than the worship of all who are on earth, for the essence of all worship leads to that. Therefore, as thou hast known God, know Him Whom God shall make manifest, for He is more glorious and more exalted than to be known through any other than Himself or to be indicated by the allusion of His creatures. Verily, I am 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 no God but Him, and all are upheld by His command."

With these clear utterances, conclusive words, exalted verses, and irrefutable proofs, the people of the Bayan have avoided mention of Divinity and have arisen in opposition and objection to such a degree that cannot be described. Consider the loftiness of this Cause, its exaltation, its glory and its station, and then observe the baseness of these ignorant people. Like unto the followers of the Furqan, they desired to introduce for a thousand or two thousand years the game of successorship, and likewise to appoint Imams, Chiefs and Nobles. The Supreme Pen in this Most Great Revelation proclaims:

> "This is the Day of God, did ye but know it, and this is the Day of Revelation, did ye but witness it. None is mentioned therein save God alone, did ye but perceive it. He hath come with the truth, sanctified above every witness and witnessed thing, and exalted beyond all that hath flowed from the Pen and been uttered by the tongue, did ye but know it."

Each faction among the factions has clung to a word, turning away from its Owner, its Revealer, and its Creator. Some have said that the station of Divinity is too great—one cannot accept this station from anyone. These have denied what the Point of the Bayan uttered and that wherewith the Books of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, have given glad tidings. The Point of the Bayan—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake—declares: "Verily, He speaks in all things, saying: I am God,"' and likewise says: "Should He be established upon the dust, every atom of dust would proclaim: This is the Throne whereon the All-Merciful hath been established."'

The Point of Revelation is today mentioned in the tongue of the people of Baha with these words: "Verily, He hath ever been sanctified above the mention of Names, and above them, below them, and beside them. He cannot be known through aught else nor described by aught other than Him. All things have testified that He is, verily, the Sanctified, the Exalted above all allusions, utterances, evidences, unities

and eternities. Some have objected that He must appear at the time of Mustaghath, while the time for His appearance had not yet come. These shameless people would set a time for the Ancient King, of Whom the Point of the Bayan says: He is sanctified above My mention and allusion.' This mention of Mustaghath which He made was to prevent the outsider, and He made this word alone a cause for the testing of the people.

How can He Who, by the testimony of the Point of the Bayan Himself, cannot be known through the entire Bayan, be known through the word Mustaghath, which is but a part of the Bayan, while verily, He cannot be known through the Bayan'? Moreover, He says that if He should appear at this time, it is incumbent upon all to acknowledge that Blessed Tree. In the Kitab-i-Hayakil the mystery of Mustaghath is evident—blessed are they that know. And He gave glad tidings to this same questioner, who was one of the Letters of the Living and who is still living, that he would attain His presence. His mighty Word declares: ʻPerchance in eight years, on the day of His manifestation, thou shalt attain the presence of God.

If thou dost not attain it at the beginning, thou shalt attain it at the end. But be thou assured that the Cause is greater than every great thing, and the Remembrance is mightier than every mighty thing."'

They who hold fast to the Most Great Name should meditate upon these sublime words, lest they be debarred by mere words from the ocean of inner meanings and be prevented by mention of "Him Whom God shall make manifest" from His sovereignty. O by my Lord! Verily this Cause is greater than every great thing, and this Remembrance is mightier than every mighty thing. Blessed are they who understand, and joy be to those who are insightful and contemplative.

This evanescent servant has repeatedly mentioned these remembrances in letters to the friends. However, as in these days the braying of the ravens that was promised has been raised and the book of perdition has appeared, it is mentioned again so that that Beloved One may make the friends aware, that the people of Baha may witness what befitteth them and may manifest the most great steadfastness. God willing, all should observe the verses of Truth, nay rather memorize them, that they may at all times be blessed with the sweetness of the water of divine knowledge.

As to what you wrote that after attaining the divine presence, you witnessed another station granted by the establishment of the Chosen Beauty, such that all those aspects and conditions of previous steadfastness were, compared to what followed, but wavering itself and the very essence of agitation. And likewise you beseeched the Exalted Truth, magnified be His grandeur and glorified His majesty, to cause you to attain a station wherein you would, in His path of love, detach yourself from soul and spirit, from name and fame, from being and nothingness, from honor and dishonor. All these matters were presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Threshold, exalted be His greatness. This is what the Tongue of the All-Merciful uttered in the Kingdom of Utterance. God willing, may it be witnessed with perfect sanctity and detachment and whatsoever beseemeth the Day of God, and may the station of the most great martyrdom be attained.

Today, service to the Cause is among the greatest of deeds. Assured souls must engage in teaching the Cause of God with perfect wisdom, that the fragrance of the garment of the All-Merciful may be diffused

in all directions. This martyrdom is not limited to the shedding of blood, for it is possible for one to be recorded in the Book of the Lord of Names as a martyr while still possessing the bounty of life. Blessed art thou for having desired to sacrifice all that thou hast and art and all that is with thee in My path.

At this juncture, this evanescent servant sets forth before you the utterance of the All-Merciful that was revealed concerning the station of martyrdom of the King of Martyrs, that all the friends may gather the sublime and exalted pearls from the ocean of divine utterance. Thus speaks He, exalted be His glory, addressing ʿAli-before-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of destiny:

"All the chosen ones of God must, God willing, arise to that which will promote the Cause of God, and act accordingly. Let them ponder which deeds today will cause the elevation of the servants and the advancement of the Cause. Conflict, contention and corruption have been forbidden in most of the Tablets, and this blessed word hath descended from the heaven of the divine will: ʿThe Cause of God must be promoted through wisdom and utterance, not through the sword of steel or aught else.' Many such utterances are found in the divine verses. The possessors of insight have, God willing, seen and understood. In this case, the people of truth must ponder what will remove the veils of the people and cause the exaltation and elevation of God's Cause.

"O ʿAli! Reflect upon that which hath flowed from the Pen. In life, sacrifice thyself in the path of Truth. This is a martyrdom that is not limited to pen, tongue, utterance and tablets. The Letter Ha', upon him be from all glory its most glorious, attained unto this supreme martyrdom, even before his outward martyrdom, for he had no will, desire or thought of his own. All these he sacrificed for the Beloved, and afterwards attained unto outward martyrdom, offering up his life in the path of the True Beloved. He removed the crown of life from his head and cast it at the feet of his Friend. Blessed is he who hath recognized this station, and blessed is he who hath found the fragrance of the utterance of the All-Merciful.

"Verily, whosoever hath truly surrendered himself unto God and become effaced from self in His path, such a one will not consider his own station, rank, fame or name, but will fix his gaze upon the Cause of God and that which establisheth His wisdom. I swear by the Sun of My utterance! He who hath attained unto that which My Pen hath spoken hath indeed prospered in all the worlds of My dominion. Beware lest anything debar you from My straight path. All must strive with the utmost effort to acquire the word of divine good-pleasure. The people are ignorant and heedless. A teacher is needed, and if that teacher acts in accordance with the command of God, surely the light of his utterance will illumine the world and draw the peoples to the direction of the Ancient Beauty.

> "O ʿAli! Since God—exalted be His glory and magnified be His grandeur—hath sanctified the promotion of His Cause from conflict, contention, the drawing of swords and the like, therefore must we hold fast to the cord of goodly deeds and spiritual qualities. If anyone acts for the sake of God according to what hath been mentioned, this will surely have an effect in the world and will rend asunder the thick veils, for that which God hath ordained as the cause and means for the victory and advancement of His Cause is indeed penetrating and effective. To this testifieth every discerning soul."

This evanescent servant, from the time of the preliminary events in the Land of Sad, hath been uttering "Would that I had been with them!" Truly they attained unto a station the yearning for which shall forever remain with those who are nigh unto God, the sincere ones, and the likes of this evanescent servant. Now we beseech the Exalted Truth that He may cause both you and this servant to attain unto this martyrdom which hath flowed from the Supreme Pen, that we may, in our lifetime, sacrifice ourselves in service to the Friend and attain unto that which God hath willed.

As to what you wrote about the Mashriqu'l-Adhkar being designated in the land of Ta, and likewise being established and becoming established through God's grace in other lands—these matters were presented at the Most Holy Court. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in reply:

"'Blessed is the spot, and the house, and the place, and the city, and the heart, and the mountain, and the refuge, and the cave, and the valley, and the land, and the sea, and the island, and the meadow where mention of God hath been made, and His praise glorified.' This binding decree was revealed in the Most Holy Book. However, these matters are contingent upon wisdom. In all cases one must look to the horizon of wisdom, for the corrupt ones and troublemakers lie in wait, seeking to find a pretext to raise an uproar.

"Among the followers of the Furqan, naught remaineth of the fundamental divine laws and God's religion save a name. All are wandering in the wilderness of idle fancies and vain imaginings, clinging to the ignorant ones of the earth. Nevertheless, they have striven and continue to strive with the utmost effort to extinguish the divine light that hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of knowledge. Fie upon them and those who follow them! By the lights of the Ancient Countenance that endureth after the passing of all things—the people of the Bayan are seen to be more veiled, more lost, and more debased, for after the rending of veils and the burning away of allusions and glory-clouds, they have clung to the vain imaginings of the past. They have taken for themselves an idol besides God. Lo! They are among the most lost in the perspicuous Book.

> "The raising of Mashriqu'l-Adhkars in the cities and regions of the land of Kha is beloved, for it accordeth with the Book of God and His ways. But it must be concealed from all save trustworthy, steadfast souls. Blessed is the soul that hath arisen to serve the Cause, and blessed is the servant who hath traveled through the lands to spread the signs of the Lord of Creation. However, in the lands of Ta and Ya and Shin and elsewhere, one must be patient and hold fast to the cord of patience until the Sun of the Cause shineth forth from the horizon of permission, for in these places the manifestation of such matters lieth outside the requirements of wisdom. Would that the heedless people would understand their own manifest interests! We see them in profound ignorance. Should any soul understand what is truly good for him, he would not exchange a single letter of God's commandments for the whole world. Alas! Alas! Their deeds have deprived them of God's mercy, His knowledge and His commandments."

Section 3: "As to the matter of the Blessed Spot…"

As to the matter of the Blessed Spot—it is most beloved, and an explicit command hath previously been revealed by the Supreme Pen. However, its affairs must remain concealed, for some of the friends are weak and with the slightest hesitation or doubt they make mention of it, while the oppressive souls lie in wait. If they do not interfere, they may demand payment of funds. The taking of funds is not and was not acceptable, but such matters may cause grief to holy souls. Therefore, the utmost wisdom must be observed in all affairs. We beseech God to assist that person in serving the Cause. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth, and in His grasp is the dominion of the kingdom of the heavens and the earth. Consider how God hath designated this Blessed Spot for the good of all on earth; nevertheless, should they become aware of it, they would arise in lamentation and wailing and cry "O Religion!"

You mentioned you had sent numerous letters with no response received over a long period, even ages and centuries passed with no word, until recently when Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin (may the glory of God, the True Sovereign, the Manifest, be upon him) sent your letters addressed to this ephemeral one. He wrote that correspondence had been delayed en route, and likewise regarding the box of paper and pens—they wrote these days that the box has now arrived. The point is that apparently no news was received, otherwise the response would not have been neglected. God willing, may you be so enkindled by the fire of divine love that you become the cause of igniting frozen souls. Thus far was the response to one of your esteemed letters, and then another joy-bestowing letter cheered this grieving heart. Complete delight was obtained from its fragrances, for it began with mention of your Beloved and our Beloved and the Beloved of all in the heavens and earth. Subsequently it was presented at the Most Holy Court. His utterance, exalted be His grandeur:

"God willing, may they attain to that which they have beseeched from the Exalted Truth. Blessed is he who has turned to the Supreme Horizon, who has drunk of the Kawthar of immortality and the Tasnim of the divine presence from the hand of bounty of the Lord of Names. And God willing, may they speak and make mention of the Truth, sanctified from all things, that perchance dead souls may be quickened by the breaths of remembrance and attain to the station of 'Verily, unto Him shall we return.' The Day is manifest, and this is the Day which all have been promised, and the lights of the Sun of Truth are visible, yet the ignorant ones of the earth have turned away from it, for the nature of the bat has overcome those souls. Therefore are they deprived of the rays of the Sun of inner meanings. Convey greetings from the Lord of Names to the friends in the land of Kha. Verily We give them glad tidings of My remembrance and My mention and My loving-kindness, and We remember them as a grace from Us. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Compassionate.

Those souls who have ascended the heights of certitude and have drunk from the Salsabil of life in the days of the All-Merciful are all remembered in the presence of the Wronged One. Say: O trees of the garden of divine love! The rains of mercy are ever flowing and descending. God willing, may the conditions of the world and the oppression of nations not deprive you thereof. By the life of God! The world and all therein are transient. Strive that ye may drink from the Euphrates of the mercy of the All-Merciful. By the Divine Essence! Whosoever drinks thereof is adorned with eternal life and an everlasting

ornament, and arises to serve his Lord in such wise that neither the blame of the blamer nor the derision of the infidels who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds, can turn him aside.

O friends! Gather together with joy and fragrance, and with perfect wisdom and utterance, and drink of the most pure and luminous wine in the name of the Lord of Power. Verily it is My wondrous love, My cherished word, and My holy, transcendent, sublime remembrance. Be not saddened by the calamities of the world. By God! The ocean of joy yearns for your presence, for every good thing hath been created for you and will appear according to the requirements of time. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen give you glad tidings from this Most Great Prison as a bounty from Him, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous."

With regard to what was mentioned about your attention being directed to the land of Kha, and your entry into the land of Ba, and your sojourn there for nine full days, and the manifestation of the fire of love among souls turning to God—praise and thanks be to God Who confirmed you in mention, praise and service to His Cause. God willing, the breezes of discord will be cut off from all directions and the sweet fragrances of unity and harmony will waft among the friends. The first and foremost cause for the exaltation of God's Cause among His servants is unity and accord, as well as virtuous character and conduct. God willing, may all attain unto these.

Regarding what you wrote about the Sadat of Shahmirzad, upon them be the Glory of God, and their arising to make mention and offer praise and serve the Cause—this was presented at the Most Holy Court and He said:

> "God willing, may they ever attain to this most glorious and exalted station. We make mention of them as We mentioned them before, and We counsel them with that whereby God's Cause will be exalted in cities and lands."

Likewise, what you mentioned about various countries and lands was a source of joy and gladness. God willing, may they at all times manifest the fire of divine love with an ever-increasing flame, and strive each day to witness themselves occupying a station in the love of God higher than that of the previous day.

Concerning what you wrote about the sons of Khalil and the friends in that land, all was presented at the Most Holy and Supreme Court. His utterance, exalted be His grandeur: "O My loved ones in Kha! Hearken unto the call of God, your Lord, the Most Glorious. He makes mention of you with that which will cause your remembrance and your spirits to endure in God's Kingdom, the Lord of the worlds. Vie ye with each other in the service of God and of His Cause. This is indeed what profiteth you in this world, and in that which is to come. Your Lord, the God of Mercy, is the All-Informed, the All-Knowing. Grieve not at the things ye witness in this day. The day shall come whereon the tongues of the nations will proclaim:"The earth is God's, the Almighty, the Single, the Incomparable, the All-Knowing!" Thus have We illumined the horizon of the heaven of utterance with this luminous, holy, radiant Light. We counsel you, O My loved ones, with trustworthiness, truthfulness, and to act in accordance with what ye have been commanded in My Gracious Book. Glory be upon you and upon those who love you, from God, the One, the Single, the All-Wise."

Regarding what was mentioned about your visit to the land of Sad and your mention of divine favors for the descendants of the Name of God, Ha, upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory—it is known and evident that whosoever shows love today to these descendants is beloved of God. Praise be to God that you have been and are successful, and this righteous deed was accepted at the Most Holy and Supreme Court. Blessed art thou and joy be unto thee! Letters have been received from Aqa Mirza Ism and the son of the martyr, upon him be the Glory of God, and likewise they had written a letter to this servant for which a reply was sent. Praise be to God they are adorned with the ornament of divine love, and this garment has been and is befitting for all souls, were the people of the world to be adorned therewith.

Concerning what you wrote about representing this evanescent one, this was my utmost desire—praise be to God for this! In truth, this matter is among the greatest attainments. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to bestow a mighty reward. I bear witness that there is no God but Him, and that whosoever hath visited them is as one who hath visited the Lord of eternity upon the Most Great Throne. This blessed word did this servant hear from the Tongue of Grandeur, and the peerless portrait was accepted in the most excellent state at the Most Holy Court, and they illumined it with the lights of the Throne, saying:

> "This is among the most glorious gifts that hath been presented before the face of the Lord of Names. Blessed is he and those whose names were mentioned before the Throne. Thus doth God remember His devoted servants."

Although this evanescent servant has caused you trouble and, as the Persians say, has been long-winded, yet since the primary purpose and true desire was to make mention of the Goal of all the worlds and His loved ones, there was and is no harm in it. The replies to the friends and dignitaries of that land have been and are being submitted, and God willing, will be sent gradually, as sending thick packets would not be wise. Likewise, some exalted, blessed, and holy Tablets have been revealed from the heaven of will in response to the petition of His Honor A.H.M., upon him be the glory of God, and the names mentioned in his petition. If God willeth, these will be sent later.

Another matter: news arrived from Hadba that His Honor, the spiritual friend Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be the glory of God, is returning. Therefore, nothing was submitted to him this time. I beseech the Most High to strengthen him in all conditions and ordain for him the good of both worlds. His petitions were presented at the Most Holy Court and responses were revealed which, God willing, will be sent.

I convey my greetings and utter servitude to the honored friend Mulla Ali, upon him be the glory of God, and likewise to His Honor Ibn-i-Shahid, upon them both be the glory of God, and to Aqa Khudadad and Aqa Azizu'llah and other dignitaries, upon them be the glory of God. All that was sent to this servant was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, and this servant has also submitted replies to some. I beseech God for the ability to succeed in sending them later.

Concerning what was mentioned that His Honor Mulla Ghulam-Rida from Shahrud wrote to you that there is a small amount of the Huququ'llah with this atom, and there are several poor and distressed people in this city, and moreover some Tablets and writings need to be copied and sent to the surroundings of this land—is it permissible to spend this amount on these purposes? Similar matters have previously been presented at the Most Holy Court. The firm ruling is that in every city, whatever exists or

will exist of the Huqúqu'lláh must be presented at the Most Holy Court, and whatever ruling is issued should be carried out, so that every matter may be orderly. However, in this specific case, permission was granted for whatever His Honor Mulla Ghulam-Rida intended to do, though hereafter it would be preferable that they act according to what was revealed in the Most Holy Book, so that all may be adorned with the ornament of the will of the Beloved of the worlds.

The mention of the honored mother, upon her be the Glory of God, and others was made in the Most Holy and Exalted Presence. Thus spoke the Tongue of Power and Might: May all abide and rest beneath the gaze of loving-kindness and the shade of the Tree of Mercy. We, from this station, send Our glorification upon their faces and make mention of them through the verses of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed are they for having attained unto the verses of God, His remembrance and His knowledge in His days. This is none other than a glorious station. The Glory be upon them and upon those women who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

We make mention in this station of thy brother whose letter was present before the Throne. Give him the glad-tidings of Our remembrance of him that he may be of the thankful ones. We have read his letter and have answered it. We shall soon send him, if God willeth, a gracious Tablet through which he will discover the fragrance of My remembrance and My utterance. Verily thy Lord is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. The Glory of God be upon him from God, the Lord of the worlds.

It is submitted that the Most Great Branch—may my spirit, my being, and my essence be sacrificed for the dust of His blessed footsteps—has for some time gone to a place which is two days' journey from this land. God willing, after His return, whatever was submitted to Him concerning the degrees of sincerity, nothingness and self-effacement will be conveyed, and the expression of His favor will be sent to your honor. Glory and praise be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who have attained unto this mighty Cause.

The servant 27 Muharram 1298

BH00985: The throne hath been established and upon it hath…

In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord!

The throne hath been established and upon it hath been seated the Ancient Beauty, Who hath called out in the most exalted voice among the nations: "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed." Thereupon did the Nightingale of Immortality warble upon the branches of the Tree of Utterance: "The appointed time hath passed and the Promised One hath come with manifest sovereignty." How excellent is he who hath heard, turned unto, and answered his Ancient Lord! He is assuredly among those who are brought near in a noble Book.

Thereafter, when I heard the warbling of the bird of thy longing and yearning, and was drawn by the mention of the Beloved and the praise of the Desired One which thou hadst made as a crown for thy letter, I repaired to the Most Exalted Goal and the Dayspring of the signs of our Great Lord. When I attained His presence, I presented what was in thy letter. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, exalted be His glory:

> "O Husayn! Rejoice that the face of the Beloved hath turned toward thee from this Station which hath been named with the Most Beautiful Names and with that which none hath known save God, the Lord of all worlds. The servant in attendance hath brought thy letter and presented its contents. Thy Lord verily is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing. Be thou assured through thy Lord's grace—He hath forgiven thee as a bounty from His presence. He verily is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Preserve thou this most exalted Station and place thy trust at all times in the One, the All-Informed."

We have desired in this Station to make mention of him who ascended unto Us and attained the Supreme Companion, the Station whereby the eyes of those brought near were solaced. He was named Lutf-Ali in the Kingdom of Names, and there was revealed for him from the Most Exalted Pen that which hath perfumed with its fragrance the heavens and the earth. Blessed art thou, O Lutf-Ali, in that the Desired One maketh mention of thee from this luminous horizon. The mercy that floweth from the chalice of thy Lord's benevolence be upon thee, O thou who didst believe in God and turn unto Him when every heedless one turned away. Thou art he who remained faithful to God's Covenant and His Testament, and answered His call when it was raised amongst the servants. Thy Lord is verily the Faithful Witness. Thou art he whom the veils withheld not from the Lord of Lords. Thou didst turn unto the Most Exalted Horizon and didst attain unto the knowledge of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who remembereth thee after thee even as thy Lord, the Speaker, the True, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, hath remembered thee.

O Most Exalted Pen! Turn Thy face unto him who was named Najaf-ʿAli, then make mention of him in such wise that his remembrance may endure in God's Kingdom, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Thou art he who shattered the idol of fancy and took hold of the Book of Certitude in the name of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. I bear witness that thou didst believe in God when He appeared with the truth and didst drink My choice sealed wine. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who visiteth thee purely for the sake of God, the Sovereign of the Kingdom. Rejoice in that the Most Exalted Pen hath testified for thee in His praiseworthy station. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath attained unto this mention, which nothing on earth can equal, yet most people comprehend not.

O Husayn! Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto divine bounty. Thou must at all times act in a manner befitting the Day of God, and what befitteth this Day is steadfastness in the Cause of Truth, for the cawing ones have been and are lying in wait. This is a Day wherein all must fix their gaze upon the Truth itself, for verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Give thanks unto God for having revealed unto thee that wherefrom thou dost find the fragrance of His favor, which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. He hath, of a truth, forgiven thy sin and those of His loved ones who ascended there, as a bounty from His presence. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We give glad tidings to Our loved ones there of Our attention to them from this glorious station. O friends! The Most Exalted Pen is moved to mention you, and the Tongue of Grandeur speaks your names. Strive that ye may preserve this greatest bounty in the name of the Lord of Eternity, for the adornments of the world are the source of heedlessness and the wellspring of pride. How many souls counted

themselves among the most learned, yet when the divine Word—which was the true touchstone—appeared, all returned to their stations save whom God wished. The people of the Bayan are seen today to be more veiled than the people of the Furqan, for they cling exactly to the same tales as before and have not inhaled the fragrance of the Day of God. The dwellers of the Crimson Ark—namely the people of Baha—have, with Abraham's strength, shattered the idols of vain imaginings and idle fancies. Blessed are they, then blessed are they! God willing, the friends of Truth in that land and other regions have attained and continue to attain to this lofty, most exalted station. The glory of God, the One, the All-Informed, be upon them.

This evanescent one requests that you convey expressions of utter nothingness and self-effacement to each of the loved ones of God. The servant beseeches his Lord to grant them success, to strengthen them, to draw them nigh, to exalt them, to honor them, to ordain for them the good of the hereafter and of this world, and to make them among those whom no blame of the blamer, nor the gloating of the misbeliever, nor the oppression of the oppressor, nor the transgression of any froward tyrant can turn away from God.

The evanescence of the world is evident and clear, requiring no proof or argument. Therefore, the possessor of insight does not deprive himself of the Most Great Vision on account of it. O friends! Time has passed and days have gone by, and the Day of God, through the infinite bounty of the Lord, is present and you have attained unto its recognition. Strive that ye may be assisted in that which befits this blessed Day. The Primal Point—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake—hath said that all exist that their names might be mentioned but once in the Holy Presence. Praise be to God that ye have attained this greatest bounty and reached this most great favor. God willing, ye shall be successful in preserving it as well. Verily He is the Generous, the Bountiful; verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. There is no God but He, the King, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Glory, mercy, majesty and grandeur be upon you and upon the fruits and leaves of the Tree of Knowledge in that place and in all regions. And praise be to God, the Revealer of verses.

The servant 27 Muharram 1298

Regarding what was written about the letters, news of this had already arrived from the Land of Ha and continues to arrive, and praise be to God, it was adorned with the ornament of acceptance.

BH00979: In the Name of Our Lord, the Most Great…

In the Name of Our Lord, the Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Generous, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious!

Praise be to Him Who hath, with the finger of might, rent asunder the veils of creation and hath cried out with the most exalted call betwixt earth and heaven that there is none other God but He, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. We praise and thank Him for having made known unto us His path and for having taught us that which was hidden from all who dwell on earth. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful Who desired to quicken the world through His Most Great Name. Yet when He came with the Kingdom of Utterance amongst the peoples, every heedless one turned away, every ignorant one waxed proud, and

every learned one objected, save those whom the veils of names withheld not from the Creator of heaven, and whom the cawing of the crows drove not away from the Most Exalted Horizon.

These arose and stood firm in service to the Cause, giving voice to the praise of their Creator and Fashioner amidst all peoples. These are honored servants upon whom no fear shall come, nor shall they grieve. Blessed are they, and again blessed are they, for having fulfilled their covenant and their pledge, for having cast behind them the books of idle fancies and taken hold of the Book of God, the Sovereign, the Just, the True, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

To continue: Your letter reached Me, and when I had read and learned of its contents, I repaired to the station and laid it before the face of our Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which diffused the fragrance of the All-Merciful throughout all creation. He spoke, exalted be His majesty and magnificent be His sovereignty:

O Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli! There hath come before the Wronged One that which thou didst send in the name of My servant who is present, and We have learned what was contained therein. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed is the face that hath turned unto His Face, and the heart that hath turned towards Him, and the tongue that hath spoken His beauteous praise.

Bear thou witness to that which God did testify before the creation of the heavens and earth—that there is none other God but I, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Give thanks for His having aided thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of His signs and the Dayspring of His Cause, when every renowned scholar remained heedless thereof. The grace is in His hands—He singleth out whom He willeth through His command. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Blessed is he who hath cast away idle fancies and taken hold of the Book of God with clear certitude. Act thou in accordance with that which hath been enjoined upon thee by God—this is better for thee than all that hath been created in the heavens and earths. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

God will soon manifest the stations of His loved ones on earth. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. Hold thou fast to the hem of the robe of thy Lord's grace, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Beware lest riches hold thee back from the ultimate goal, or earthly concerns grieve thee on this Day wherein the ocean of joy and gladness hath surged in the name of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Most Praised.

Kings and subjects, rich and poor, shall all perish, but that which hath been sent down unto thee from the kingdom of thy Lord, the Kind, the Merciful, shall endure. God willing, may ye speak, purified from worldly things, in remembrance of the Lord of Names, and be turned towards His horizon. These are the final days—strive ye to attain the divine bounties. Praise be to God that ye have heard His call and turned towards His horizon.

Now must ye hold fast to the cord of steadfastness, for mighty indeed is this Cause. At all times take refuge with the True One, that He may protect you from the harm of the barking ones, the opposers, and the deniers. The barking hath been raised and shall continue to be raised. We have informed all of this

beforehand. Verily He loveth His loved ones and hath informed them beforehand of all that hath appeared from afar and shall appear hereafter.

Should anyone come unto you with the book of the nethermost depths, leave him behind you and place your trust in God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. God willing, the loved ones of God must be observed to be so steadfast that all who dwell on earth shall be powerless to prevent them. We counsel you to manifest supreme steadfastness and that whereby the Cause of God is exalted between earth and heaven. He, verily, is the All-Commanding, the All-Knowing.

Today the Cause must be assisted through deeds and goodly character. By the life of God! Goodly deeds and praiseworthy character are sharper than swords and more penetrating than the essence of steel. By these two must ye render assistance. Thus doth God counsel you as a favor from Him. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds. Thus ends the blessed verses that have been sent down. The favor of God is manifest and evident. God willing, may ye ever gaze towards His horizon and attain His grace. By the life of God! This is the Day of mention and utterance. Blessed are they that attain.

Concerning your questions about Huququ'llah and endowed properties: endowments revert to the Truth, as hath been revealed in the Book of God. However, in view of the wisdom which all are commanded to observe today, such funds should be spent on the same purposes as before, lest the clamor of the heedless be raised. As for Huququ'llah, it is the source of blessing and the manifestation of bounty and loving-kindness for the servants. He, verily, is independent of what hath been and what shall be. Until two years ago, the matter of Huquq was concealed, and even after it was revealed, this was due to grace. Should anyone be enabled to act in accordance with what hath been revealed in the Most Holy Book, this would assuredly be best, most exalted and most befitting for him. This ordinance is binding when possible. He, verily, speaketh the truth and guideth to the Way.

Concerning what you wrote about your parents and brother, it was presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. Praise be to God, they were adorned with the ornament of divine mercy. Mention of your sister was also made at the Most Exalted Presence. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

> "God willing, may they act in accordance with what God loveth and speak that which He desireth."

This station is most lofty. Blessed is he who attaineth unto it, and blessed is he who drinketh from the ocean of the utterance of his Lord, the Generous, the Bestower.

This servant's humble request is that you convey to the friends in that land mentions of glorification, praise and the sincerity of this evanescent servant. The Glory be upon you and upon them, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. The servant.

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Concerning what you wrote about the berries, that you were not successful [in delivering them], it was presented. His exalted Word:

"Grieve not over this. We have accepted it from thee before its arrival before the Face. Verily thy Lord is the Generous One, and His Self is the One Who dominateth the worlds."

BH01331: After praise to Him Who is independent of me…

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Invincible, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

After praise to Him Who is independent of me and my like, I submit that all the noble letters which were sent to his eminence Jud, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, were presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, and answers descended from the heaven of grace and were dispatched. God willing, they will attain unto them.

This servant wrote a letter to his eminence Ibn-i-Asdaq the Most Holy, upon them both be the Glory of God. His honor should make a copy of it, but in such a way that the original letter does not change, meaning it should not become blackened, and they should compare it with utmost care. If his holiness the Name of God Jamal, upon him be the Glory of God, is present, send one copy to him, otherwise send it to his eminence ʿAli-Qabli-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, the Lord of Power, for certain matters have been written therein which today will cause some to become informed.

This evanescent servant has, in most of his petitions, mentioned to the extent possible that which he knew would cause steadfastness and assurance of the friends, and has not, nor will he, fall short to the extent of his capacity. Since in this letter some verses and expressions of the Primal Point, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him, have been mentioned, therefore it will not be fruitless if the friends of God take note of it. The assured, steadfast, content and well-pleasing souls must, with perfect kindness and wisdom, convey that which causes the exaltation and ascendancy of the steadfastness of souls.

I beseech God that the servants may, with attentive ears, hearken unto what is contained therein and attain unto the station of the Most Great Martyrdom in such wise that they shall see naught but God, indeed, shall regard all else as non-existent. However, in making the copy they must exercise great care that it matches exactly, and they should send the original letter quickly, for until now six letters have been received from his eminence Ibn-i-Asdaq, upon them both be the Glory of God, and now this one letter has been sent in reply. This servant is ever remiss and has hoped and hopes for forgiveness from all.

Another submission is that you had mentioned Aqa Faraj'u'llah. This was presented in the Most Holy Court, and a special Tablet was revealed and sent. Deliver it to him.

Another submission: A packet arrived from his eminence Ibn-i-Abhar, upon them both be the Glory of God, with several petitions. It is hoped that, God willing, their reply will be sent later. There was one petition from the leaf who is the sister of Sultanu'sh-Shuhada. Its reply was revealed and sent. Deliver it to his eminence Ibn-i-Abhar that he may deliver it.

Another submission: Convey pure greetings on behalf of this evanescent servant to the friends and the gentlemen. This servant hopes that all will arise to serve and make mention and praise of the Beloved of all horizons with perfect unity and harmony. Out of intense love, this servant wishes to mention one by one the gentlemen of that land and the friends of God, but the petition is that he finds no opportunity.

For a long time I have wanted to send a mention to the honored master, his eminence Kadkhuda, upon him be the Glory of God, but have not yet been successful. However, since at all times I am occupied with transcribing divine verses and the affairs of the friends in this land, surely all will overlook this evanescent one's shortcomings.

Further, in service to his eminence the master Aqa Muhammad-Javad, upon him be the Glory of God, even if I submit numerous petitions, I still consider myself remiss. In all conditions the eye of hope is open and the hand of supplication raised.

Another submission from this evanescent one is that I convey with a hundred thousand tongues and utterances pure greetings to the spiritual beloved, namely his eminence my brother, upon him be the Glory of God. All the friends of this land send greetings.

Glory be upon your honor and upon those who have attained to the mention of God, our Beloved and your Beloved and the Beloved of all the worlds. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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Another submission is that the packet of the honored master, his eminence Aqa Muhammad-Baqir, upon him be the Glory of God, also arrived. God willing, may they be blessed by divine grace in all conditions. Some time ago, in the letter of his holiness Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin, upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory, mention of them was made by the Tongue of Grandeur, and this servant wrote and sent it, and a Tablet was also specifically revealed for them from the heaven of will, but it has been delayed for some time. God willing, it will be sent in these days, and this servant also hopes to be enabled to submit a reply. The purpose is that if that beloved one writes anything there, convey this evanescent one's greetings and pure regards.

BH00462: Praise be to God Who hath made the Revelation…

In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord

Praise be to God Who hath made the Revelation a magnet to draw unto itself the followers of all religions throughout creation, and through it hath caused all things to proclaim that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been sanctified beyond the remembrance of all created things and exalted above the description of all beings. Every sovereign hath acknowledged his powerlessness before the manifestations of His might, and every possessor of dominion hath confessed his servitude before the revelations of His command. Glory be unto Him, glory be unto Him, above the mention of aught else but Him or the praise of any besides Him. He hath appeared and made manifest whatsoever He hath willed, whereby all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck, save those whom the hand of grace did seize and deliver from the darkness of ignorance. He is the One Who cannot be known through oneness, and the Beloved Who cannot be described by what the creatures possess. He hath established Himself upon the throne and raised His most exalted call throughout the kingdom of creation, whereupon the Spirit did speak at the dawning of the lights of Revelation.

Here am I, O Thou through Whose light of countenance Thy dwellings have been adorned, and by Whose fragrant vesture every possessor of smell hath been refreshed. I testify that through Thee the Path was raised up, the Balance was set, those in the graves were stirred to life, and the Speaker of the Mount did speak. Exalted, exalted is Thy remembrance above the mention of this non-existent, forgotten one. Exalted, exalted is Thy praise above the praise of this remote and veiled one. I beseech Thee by that Name through which every distant one drew nigh, every sick one was healed, every abased one was glorified, every hungry one was fed, every poor one was enriched, every sinful one was forgiven, every ignorant one gained knowledge, every seated one arose, and every tonguetied one spoke forth—to send down from the heaven of Thy mercy upon Thy loved ones that which will draw them nigh unto the precincts of Thy grace and bounty, will aid them to remember and praise Thee, and will enable them to serve Thy Cause. O my Lord! Thou art the All-Bountiful, possessed of great favor. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

And now, O my beloved, what hath flowed from thy pen in praise of God, our Lord and your Lord, our Beloved and your Beloved, hath brought Me joy. This servant beseecheth his Lord to preserve you and enable you to do that which beseemeth the days of God, our Goal and your Goal and the Goal of all the worlds. When I read and became aware of what was contained in thy luminous letter, I approached the Most Exalted Station and the Supreme Horizon, until I attained the presence of the Countenance and presented what was therein before the Throne. Thereupon the Tongue of the All-Merciful spoke in the Kingdom of Utterance, saying, exalted be His grandeur:

O servant! Make mention of him on My behalf and give him the glad tidings of My remembrance, My loving-kindness, My bounty and My mercy which have preceded all created things. We have mentioned him before and make mention of him at this moment wherein the Wronged One proclaims that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Blessed is he who hath inhaled the fragrance of the All-Merciful in His days and hath arisen to serve the Cause with spirit and joy. This is the Day of Utterance. Blessed is he who hath held fast unto it, and woe betide every denying infidel. O thou who art mentioned at the Throne! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One.

He maketh mention of thee from this spot which hath been named the Most Great Prison in the Scriptures and Tablets. We send Our salutations from this Spot unto thee and unto My loved ones who have cast behind them idle fancies and vain imaginings. Say: O loved ones of God! Hold fast unto the wisdom which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Book, then make peace among yourselves. This behooveth him who hath believed in God, the Lord of Lords. Say: Take ye the Book of God as a command from Him, then observe what hath been sent down therein of laws. O people of the earth! Cast behind you the principles of your own selves and take the principles of your Lord, the Possessor of the Final End.

Cling ye to the hem of steadfastness in all conditions in such wise that the veils of the parties may not withhold you. Thus hath the horizon of the heaven of proof been illumined with the light of utterance. Blessed is he who hath turned unto it, and woe unto every heedless doubter.

Your honor hath, by God's grace, attained His presence and been mentioned with that Most Great Remembrance, one letter of which the entire world cannot equal. God willing, may this supreme bounty and mighty gift not fade from your sight and may you preserve it through God's grace and favor. For this

evanescent servant hath repeatedly heard from the tongue of Grandeur concerning the world's upheavals and changes that which, were it to be mentioned, would cause grief. Therefore at all times I beseech the true Source and spiritual Protector to establish all beneath the shade of the Ultimate Tree and the Most Exalted Word. He is verily the Powerful, the Helper, the Bestower, the Generous.

Your honor should, by day and night, remind the heedless people with wisdom and utterance, that perchance a soul might attain to the goal and awaken from the intoxication of the wine of pride to consciousness. For this is the Day of sobriety, and this sobriety shall appear after obliteration. God willing, may the opposers be illumined by the light of acceptance and may those who have turned to Him observe the divine Will and Purpose. This evanescent one makes mention of all and begs of all not to forget this evanescent one in gatherings where God's loved ones are occupied with His remembrance, that perchance the hand of power may establish this servant and His friends firmly in this Most Great, Most Mighty Cause. He is verily the Powerful, the Almighty.

Another matter: This evanescent one is greatly ashamed at the delay in responding, but God is witness that this was not due to negligence nor from any lack of sincerity. All bear witness that this servant is occupied with writing day and night. In any case, I have hoped and continue to hope for forgiveness from your honor and the other gentlemen.

Another matter: I convey greetings and salutations to his honor Aqa Shahvirdi, upon him be the Glory of God. Some time ago a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was specifically revealed for him from the heaven of favor and was sent.

Likewise, specially for Jinab-i-Aqa Khodadad and Aqa Azizu'llah, upon them be the Glory of God, and some of the loved ones of the land of Kha, upon them be the Glory of God, some of it was sent and some was delayed in sending due to wisdom, and then some obstacles arose. In any case, it has arrived and continues to arrive. God willing, they will attain unto it. They are mentioned in the Most Holy Court and are recipients of divine favors. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid them and assist them in what He loves and is pleased with. Verily He is the Possessor of Names and Creator of Heaven. There is no God but Him, the Forgiving, the Generous.

News has arrived from the land of Kha, both from before and after. Praise be to God, all are occupied with mention, praise, glorification and thanksgiving to the Truth. While this evanescent servant was occupied with mentioning you and Jinab-i-Aqa Shahvirdi, the command to appear was issued from the Most Holy Court. When I ascended and attained the presence, the Beloved spoke:

"We love to mention him who is named Shahvirdi, that the attraction of his Lord's utterance may seize him in this Day wherein most of the tribes of the earth have turned away. Verily He is the Reckoner, the All-Knowing. We have sent down for thee a Tablet before, and in these days, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Mighty, the Great. Blessed art thou for having turned to the face of thy Lord, attained His presence, and heard the call of the Wronged One from this manifest station. Beware lest anything prevent thee from God, the Lord of the worlds. Pay no attention to the people and what issues from their mouths. Leave them to themselves and trust in God, the Powerful, the Mighty.

Soon will God erase the traces of those who turned away and will establish through His Most Exalted Pen the traces of those who have turned to Him, who have cast away what is with the people and taken what they were commanded by the Ancient Ordainer. We make mention of Our loved ones there and give them glad tidings through this mighty remembrance. Proclaim the greatness of God before the faces of My loved ones in Kha and remind them with this beautiful remembrance. The Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have said: ʿPraise be to God, the Lord of the worlds."'

God willing, you have ever been and will ever be the recipient of God's favors and adorned with the ornament of His mention. The two packages of leaves that were sent, one by your brother and the other by Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Ibrahim, upon them be the Glory of God, arrived. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid them and grant them the good of this world and the next. He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

And regarding what you wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa Khodadad, upon him be the Glory of God, it was presented in the Most Holy Court, and he became the recipient of the effulgent lights of the Sun of divine favor. Praise be to God, he was aided to serve the Cause. In these days, mention of him flowed several times from the Tongue of God. Blessed is he and blessed is he who has attained unto this wise remembrance.

And regarding what you wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Asadu'llah, it was presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. This is what the Tongue of the Beloved spoke in reply.

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing

O Asadu'llah! God willing, mayest thou be favored with divine grace and be turned toward Him from Whom the people have turned away. This is a most mighty and wondrous day, for He hath appeared in the garment of He' and speaketh in the station of the manifest I'. Those souls who for one thousand two hundred years and more awaited the Sun of Manifestation, spending their days and nights in lamentation, all were bewildered and dumbfounded at the time of its dawning, and became opposers and deniers, save whom God willed. During this period they would inquire of those whom they deemed to be in authority, asking "What is that blessed Word which shall proceed from the mouth of the Qa'im, causing all the holy ones to flee from Him?

What is this Word?" They expressed great bewilderment regarding this matter, and even now remain unaware, still waiting to witness it. Glory be to God! Some fled like frightened wild asses before even attaining the presence of the Dawning-Place of Divine Revelation and the Speaker of Divine utterance, or hearing His Word. They drink from the pool of vain imaginings while remaining deprived of the choice wine of certitude. The Water of Life hath appeared and the Sun of Manifestation hath risen, while they move about behind green and white turbans, bowing down before and worshipping their idols. Beseech ye God that He may rend asunder the veils and guide all to the ocean of knowledge. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

O Asad! God's loving-kindness required it and He made mention of thee. Know thou the value of this precious pearl and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of all worlds!" I counsel thee and the friends of God to manifest supreme steadfastness, for the Cause is mighty great and the Day most momentous.

Say: “Glory be to Thee, O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thou didst subdue the world and distinguish between the nations, to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit me in this world and the next. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, clinging to the cord of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee not to deny me that which lieth with Thee, then decree for me through Thy generosity that which beseemeth Thy grace and favors. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.”

As for what was written regarding Mirza Jalal and Mirza ʿAta’u’llah, upon them be the glory of God, that they are present—mention was made of them and they were favored with God’s grace. God willing, may they act in accordance with that which He loveth and is pleased with. This evanescent servant conveyeth his greetings to them and to all the friends in that land. The glory be upon you from thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

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Section 1: “In the Name of our Lord, the Most…”

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Great, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Praise be to God Who hath subdued all who are in creation through the strains of His Most Exalted Pen, whereby the trumpet was sounded and all who are in earth and heaven were thunderstruck, save whom God, the Lord of Names, did will. He is the One through Whom the hidden secret was revealed, and the mystic symbol unveiled, and the concealed Name made manifest, whereby the great terror appeared amongst mankind and a hidden Cause emerged swifter than the twinkling of an eye. Blessed is he who hath cast away what the people possess and taken what he was bidden by the Ordainer of Destiny, through Whom the Greatest Scene was adorned and supreme joy was manifested among the nations. I pray and send salutations upon those who have attained unto the most great steadfastness in this Cause, whereby the hearts of the possessors of understanding were perturbed. These are servants whom vain desires have not kept back from the Lord of Names. They have arisen in such wise as to astound all hearts and minds.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name all necks have bowed throughout the horizons! I beseech Thee by the imprint of Thy feet in Thy domains, and by the fragrance of Thy raiment in Thy lands, and by the sweetness of Thy utterance amongst Thy creation, to aid Thy loved ones to champion Thy Cause and to protect them from the evil of Thine enemies. Verily Thou art the Almighty Whom the powers of the world cannot frustrate, nor can the influences of the nations weaken. Thou hast ever been powerful through Thy might and sovereign through Thy will. Thou doest what Thou pleasest and ordainest what Thou desirest. Thou art the Generous Bestower.

Furthermore, the servant heard the sound of the wings of the bird of Thy utterance upon the branches of the tree of Thy words, and it was warbling in praise of God, my Beloved and thy Beloved, my Purpose and thy Purpose, and the Purpose of all who are in the heavens and the earth. When I heard and found and knew, I was present and submitted at a station wherein my mention and my allusion were cut off. The Point of the Bayan had testified to this before in His exalted words when He wrote this essence in His remembrance:

> "He cannot be indicated by My indication, nor by what was revealed in the Bayan. How can He Who was sanctified beyond the indication of the Point and what was sent down in the Bayan be described by My description, or be characterized by My attributes, or be known by My utterances which speak of the limitations of My being and My station?"

Glorified art Thou, O my God and my Purpose and the Ultimate End of my desire! I beseech Thee by Thy Preserved Tablet and Thy Hidden Knowledge to forgive me and have mercy upon me and remit my transgressions. O Lord! I am the sinner and Thou art the Forgiving One; I am the transgressor and Thou art the Kind, the Generous.

When what was in your letter was presented, the Countenance of the Ancient Beauty turned toward me and spoke that which caused the fragrance of utterance to waft throughout the world. He said, exalted be His grandeur:

> "O Varqa! Rejoice in that We have caused thee to hear the rustling of the Lote-Tree of knowledge, the flowing of the waters of utterance, the shrill voice of the Pen of the All-Merciful, and the warbling of the Bird of inner meanings from this sacred, pure, subtle, gentle, mighty and impregnable atmosphere. We have mentioned thee before, and before that before, and We mention thee at this time. Then those whose names thou didst mention—thy Lord is verily the Answerer, the Counter, the All-Knowing. We have observed, and We are the All-Seeing. We have known, and We are the All-Informed. We have detailed the remembrance for thee, and We are the All-Bountiful. We have set forth the verses, and We are the All-Powerful. We have manifested the evidences, and We are the Strong, the Trustworthy. The roaring of men cannot frustrate Us, nor the mewing of cats. Verily thy Lord calleth and speaketh and saith, though the wolf howleth and attacketh with manifest tyranny. Convey My greetings to My loved ones who have cast aside all else save Me, who have arisen to serve My Cause and have spoken My praise. These are servants upon whom the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise pray, and behind them is the Tongue of Grandeur in this noble station. By the life of God! That which hath been ordained for them is such that pens are powerless to describe it. To this testifieth the Preserved Tablet which is with Him. Blessed is the house wherein My remembrance is raised and which is honored by My loved ones who have turned to the ocean of My knowledge and the heaven of My mercy and the sun of My loving-kindness that hath preceded all worlds."

You had written that you were gathered in the house of Haji Aqa Muhammad and Aqa Mirza ʿAli-Naqi with a group of the friends of God, and Haji Aqa Muhammad requested that a petition be submitted to the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Threshold on behalf of those present at the gathering. This

detail was presented at the Holy Threshold, and that beloved one's supplication was also presented before His face. This is what the Desired One spoke in reply. He said, exalted be His grandeur:

> "O Varqa! We have heard thy call time after time, and We have known that wherewith thou didst supplicate God, the Lord of the mighty Throne, and We have answered thee again and again, and We mention those whose names were in thy letter as a bounty from Us. Verily He loveth to remember him who remembereth Him, and desireth him who desireth Him. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Remind My loved ones on My behalf and glorify their faces with My Name, the Gladdening, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Today all must be adorned with the ornament of steadfastness, for the devils lie in wait and have been lying in wait, and the croaking hath been raised and shall be raised. Before this these tidings were revealed and sent down from the Pen of the Unconstrained. Well is it with them that understand. Say: O loved ones of the All-Merciful! Hearken unto the call of God. Verily He calleth you and counseleth you to observe the most great steadfastness and that whereby His firm and mighty Cause may be uplifted. Should anyone bring you the book of Hell or the leaves of Zaqqum, cast them behind you, remaining steadfast in this Cause whereby the hearts of the learned were disturbed and the feet of all on earth have slipped save those whom God hath willed, the Mighty, the Powerful."

We make mention in this station of the master of the house wherein was raised the remembrance of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. O Muhammad! The Countenance of the Ancient Beauty hath turned toward thee from this Most Exalted Horizon, the station wherein was established the throne of the Lord of Names, and He mentioneth thee with that which attracteth minds. Rejoice thou in My mention of thee and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names, and glory be unto Thee, O Creator of Heaven, for having remembered me in the Most Great Prison and revealed unto me that which was hidden from the nations. I bear witness that Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

We make mention of Nabil who traversed the lands and journeyed through countries for My Name and chose exile for love of Me. He was named Muhammad in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Loving. I testify that he cast away all that the people possessed and took what was commanded by God, the Lord of existence. He endured in the path of God what no one on earth hath known. Thus doth the Wronged One remember him that it may be a treasure for him throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Blessed art thou and joy be unto thee for thy patience. We beseech God to assist thee in a manner befitting this Day which hath been adorned by its mention in the Torah, the Gospel and the Psalms.

O Nabil-i-A'zam! Hearken unto the Call from beyond the sea of grandeur: "Verily there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bestower." This is a day wherein the Throne was established upon the water and the heaven of knowledge was adorned with the luminary of My Name, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Blessed is the strong one who hath held fast to the cord of the grace of his Lord, and the speaker who hath uttered the praise of God, the Lord of all mankind. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken: Rejoice and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Revealer of the verses, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose

grasp is the kingdom of earth and heaven." Glory from Us be upon those whom the hosts could not frighten and whom the veils could not hinder.

O Ali-Qabl-i-Naqi! We have heard thy mention and have remembered thee with this mighty remembrance. Verily, He Who remembereth thee was named Jehovah in the Torah, the Spirit of Truth in the Gospel, and the Great News in the Qur'an. By My life! He desired from the Books naught but My Book, and from the Bayan naught but My manifestation and My wise remembrance. Blessed is he who hath found the fragrance of God in His days, and blessed is he who hath clung to His luminous hem. Doth anyone hear the verses of his Lord, and is there any soul who findeth the sweetness in the utterance of his Lord, the Speaker, the All-Seeing? Thus have We adorned the sea of knowledge with the ark of utterance and the heaven of certitude with the luminary of My mighty Name.

O Muhammad-Qabl-i-Yusuf! The Most Exalted Pen hath turned unto thee from this Most Holy, Most Great, Most Mighty, Most Sublime Station. Thou hast attained that which none would attain even were they to expend all the treasures of the earth in the path of God, the King, the Most High, the Most Great. Preserve thou the pearls of knowledge in the vessels of thy heart through My Name, the Mighty, the Powerful. Blessed art thou for having turned and advanced and heard the Call of God, the Lord of the worlds. Be thou steadfast in the love of thy Lord in such wise that the allusions of the opposers shall not cause thee to slip.

O youth! Remember when thou wert present before the Throne and didst hear that which the Tongue of Grandeur uttered in His glorious station. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee and enabled thee to recognize this Cause whereby all things proclaimed:

> "The kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen."

Blessed is the soul that hath cast away what it possessed and was moved by the Will of God, the Lord of Kings. We summon all unto the Most Sublime Horizon and counsel them to observe that which hath been revealed in My Preserved Tablet. Glory be upon thee and upon thy father and upon those who have drunk from the Most Great Sea through My Name, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved.

O Mihdi! Hearken unto My call which hath been raised from My prison abode that the call may attract thee unto a station wherein the conditions of the world shall not sadden thee nor shall the veils of the heedless shut thee out. Blessed art thou and thy father. The Most Exalted Pen hath testified to his recognition and submission when most of the servants turned away from the Countenance. Thus have We remembered thee as a bounty from Us that thou mayest be of the thankful ones.

O Ali-Qabl-Askar! Bear thou witness unto that whereunto God did Himself bear witness ere the creation of all things: that there is none other God but Me, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. By God's life! Soon shall the world and whatsoever it containeth of kings and subjects, of rich and poor, pass away, and there shall endure for thee that which hath been revealed by My Most Exalted Pen in this glorious station. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, then render thanks unto thy Lord for having sent down unto thee that which cheereth the hearts of them that are nigh unto Him. Hold thou fast unto the cord of grace and cleave unto the hem of thy Lord's mercy, and say: I beseech Thee, O Sovereign of the world and Manifestation of the Most Great Name, to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy

trusted ones, whom the vanities of the world have not kept back from turning towards Thy horizon. O my Lord! Thou art the All-Bountiful, and I stand before the door of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee not to deny me that which is with Thee. Verily, Thou art God, the Lord of the mighty throne.

We make mention in this station of him who hath been named Yusuf, who turned his face toward Mine own and believed in My signs, and attained unto My recognition when most of My creatures turned away from Me. Thus doth God remember him who seeketh Him on a day wherein every proud and stubborn one hath turned aside from Him. Thy name hath been mentioned; therefore have We remembered thee in this Tablet, than which nothing on earth can compare, as thy Lord, the All-Informed, doth testify. Let not the gestures of the people grieve you, nor the denial of those who have turned away from My straight path. God shall soon seize them with His justice, and shall exalt the names of those who have believed in Him when He came with manifest sovereignty.

Section 2: "We counsel you to manifest supreme steadfastness…"

We counsel you to manifest supreme steadfastness and to observe that which God hath revealed in His mighty Book. Soon shall the earth and all that are upon it be rolled up, and sovereignty shall remain with God, the Lord of all worlds.

O thou bird that soareth in Mine atmosphere! Convey the verses of thy Lord. Verily they draw them nigh unto the One, the All-Informed, and strengthen them in that whereunto they were called, and give them to drink from the Kawthar of utterance in My wondrous Name. Thus have the rains descended and the seas surged by the command of thy Lord, the Almighty.

We make mention of Our servants and Our loved ones whose names were not mentioned in thy letter, and We give them glad tidings of God's grace and mercy, and We send Our greetings upon their faces from this mighty Prison. Ask thou God to assist them and strengthen them in that which He loveth and which pleaseth Him, and to make them among those who are firmly established. And We remember My handmaidens who have believed in God and His signs, and who have drunk the choice wine of revelation from the hands of His bounty. Verily thy Lord is the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

Praise be to God that the loved ones of God in that land have attained unto the wondrous and exalted divine verses. Let them know the value of this supreme bounty. Were the veil to be lifted and the station revealed, all would fall prostrate and everyone on earth would enter beneath the shade of a single word. O beloved of my heart! Most of the people of the earth are heedless and unaware, and even those souls who have attained some measure of recognition and have drunk from the ocean of knowledge have not arisen as befits the Day of God, save whom God, thy Lord, willeth.

Consider the people of the Bayan—though they count themselves among the most exalted of creation, they are seen to be several degrees lower than other religions. Some have made arguments about "Him Whom God shall make manifest" yet remained deprived of His presence. They have clung to the Bayan while being barred from the One Who revealed it, even though the Point of the Bayan—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake—hath said in the fifteenth chapter of the third Vahid, these exalted words: "None knoweth the time of the Revelation except God. Whenever it appears, all must

acknowledge the Point of Truth and render thanks unto God." He also said: "The whole of the Bayan is only like a ring upon His blessed finger", and in another place He said: "The entire Bayan is but a leaf amongst the leaves of His Paradise." Nevertheless these ignorant people have contented themselves with mere fancy and remained veiled from the Dawning-Place of certitude.

The humility, submissiveness, and self-effacement of the Point of the Bayan is clear and evident throughout the Bayan. He saith that He is sanctified from being known through any recognition of His own or through what is revealed in the Bayan. Reflect upon these blessed words which have issued from the Dawning-Place of the Bayan, the Point of the Bayan—may the spirit of all beings be sacrificed for His sake. This is the same word which this evanescent one mentioned at the beginning of this discourse, and this blessed word is the essence of the entire Bayan, as attested by the Point Himself. His exalted words are: "I have written the essence concerning His remembrance: He shall not be known through My allusions, nor through what hath been revealed in the Bayan.

Nay, by His glory, this word is greater in God's estimation than the worship of all who are on earth, for the essence of all worship leadeth to this. Therefore, as thou hast recognized God, recognize Him Whom God shall make manifest, for He is too glorious and exalted to be known through any but Himself or to be described by the allusions of His creatures. Verily, I am the first to believe in Him and in His signs, 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 no God but Him, all are upheld by His command." He further saith, exalted be His words: "Know thou that on that Day none shall be recognized save God, none shall be worshipped but Him, none shall be described except Him, none shall be loved but Him, and none shall be sought except Him."

This blessed passage correspondeth with what was revealed in previous Books concerning this most great Revelation. Nevertheless, these confused masses who attribute themselves to the Bayan have sought to extinguish the divine Light with the foul winds of their falsehoods. Fie upon them and their loyalty! Glory be to God! These heedless people argue based on vain imaginings of the past and resorted to a hundred thousand schemes and deceptions that perchance they might prevent a soul from the straight path. Would that they were truthful in what they claim! Among them is Mirza Ahmad-i-Kirmani. Several petitions from him reached the Most Holy Court, and later when he began speaking nonsense, as it was not accepted, he arose in opposition.

After some time, multiple petitions filled with repentance and contrition arrived from him, and some also interceded. Nevertheless, in these days he has again arisen in hypocrisy and joined the source of clamor. He was in the great city, and according to reports, due to his reprehensible deeds and contradictory statements, he was expelled from that place as well. In any case, since such as he and his like are found, therefore these words were mentioned so that you may inform the friends that perchance they may attain unto the wine of steadfastness and not be deprived by the likes of such vain souls. Verily, He guideth whom He willeth unto His straight path.

In the Kitab-i-Aqdas this blessed verse was revealed, His words, exalted be His grandeur:

> "O Land of Kaf and Ra! We, verily, behold thee in a state which God doth not approve. We perceive that which none perceiveth save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. And we discover that which passeth in thy innermost heart. With Us is the knowledge of all things recorded in a lucid Tablet."

This blessed verse in the Kitab-i-Aqdas was revealed at a time when even the name of Ahmad was not outwardly mentioned. The servant beseecheth his Lord to protect His weak servants from these ones. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

This far-removed soul is seen to be exceedingly changeful: at one time repentant and craving forgiveness, at another perfidious and godless; yet in these days he hath assumed another hue—leagued with the hypocrite, and, in the presence of the faithful, professing loyalty. The curse of God be upon the lying people!

O Beloved of my heart! Have such as these not been made aware of the changes, the divergences, the upheavals, of this world? Or do they not behold how it is that man—though at every moment he hearkeneth unto the cry of extinction rising from all things, and witnesseth with his own eyes the tokens of separation—can yet remain heedless, occupy himself with that which beseemeth him not, and commit deeds whose harm shall abide and endure for ever?

Know that the summons is of many kinds. All created things, though they be outwardly seen in utter silence and stillness, are yet, by them that possess true hearing, apprehended as raising their cry—ceaselessly reminding man, through their own transformation and change, and counselling him. The morn hath its dawning, its rising, its radiance; the eve its setting, its decline. From every side the call is lifted up; yet attentive ears are nowhere to be found. In every place and station the signs of God are present; yet vision is lacking.

From God, with ten thousand tongues, I beseech and humbly supplicate that He may strengthen His servants in that which is for their good. By the Most Great Luminary! could they but, even in some small measure, empty themselves and reflect, they would deliver their whole being from the seas of idle surmise and vain imaginings, and would be drawn into the pavilion of the one true Friend. Much could be said; and these are days for utterance; yet opportunity is rare. God willing, I hope that thou mayest find occasion, and speak that which should be spoken. I will present this matter to the presence of the illustrious Nabil—upon him be the Most Glorious Splendour of Baha'u'llah—that, while time remaineth, and opportunity remaineth, and the temple remaineth, and the tongue remaineth, thou mayest, God willing, utter that which shall guide, and lead others to guidance.

The exalted letter which was addressed to this evanescent servant came as the bestower of meaning to the temples of words and the joy-giver to the world of sorrows, and after it was read it was presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in reply, His words, exalted be His grandeur:

> "They speak truly in what they have mentioned, for if reports of their movements had not come repeatedly, surely that which is suspended in the Kingdom of Divine Will would have been revealed in their name. God willing, may they be confirmed in all conditions to the

> remembrance and praise of Truth and may they speak that which is befitting and worthy of this victorious Day. The Glory be upon him from the presence of the Mighty, the Wise."

Another matter is to announce that another letter from that beloved one arrived, and you had written that in the house of Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza ʿA.B.N. upon him be 96 69 [Baha'u'llah], a group of divine friends were present in that gathering and were speaking in praise of the Most Great Countenance. These matters were presented to the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Threshold, and these exalted words descended from the heaven of will—exalted be His grandeur:

"God testifies that there is no God but Him, and He Who sits upon the throne of imprisonment, He is indeed the One to Whom the books of the world have testified and toward Whose direction the Messengers of nations have turned, and He is indeed the One through Whom every hidden mystery and every wise command has been made manifest. He makes mention of the ʿAyn and the Ba, and gives him glad tidings of God's grace and mercy that he may rejoice and be among the thankful ones. We have remembered him and make mention of his house wherein the remembrance of God, the Exalted, the Great, was raised. O Varqa! That which shall endure for him throughout the duration of God's earthly and heavenly kingdoms is the expression of favor that has flowed from the Most Exalted Pen concerning him and has been recorded in the Crimson Book.

God willing, may he be enabled to preserve it. The disturbing conditions of the world have darkened it and prevented its freshness, purity and delicacy. God willing, may they attain to His grace and hold fast to the cord of steadfastness. Give him My glad tidings and remind him of that which befitteth the days of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The Glory be upon him and his family from the Forgiving, the Generous.

"We make mention in this station of him who is named with Alif and Ha, who hath believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. He is among those who have turned to the Supreme Horizon and responded to their Lord when the Call was raised from His noble station. We have adorned his head with the crown of faith and his heart with the ornament of recognition. Verily his Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Mighty, the Compassionate. We counsel thee to remain steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of the people have slipped who cast the Covenant of God behind their backs and followed what they were commanded by every foolish learned one. Act according to what We have commanded thee in the Book and say: ʿPraise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast caused me to know the Dawning-Place of Thy verses and the Treasury of Thy mysteries. I beseech Thee to enable me to do that which befitteth Thy mighty and wondrous Day.'

> "We counsel thee and those who have believed to fear God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thy letter hath come before the Face wherein was mention of My loved ones. We have remembered thee and them as a grace from Us and have sent it to thee by the hand of him who is named Muhammad-Qabli-Ali. When thou hast attained and visited, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Wronged One, the Stranger.' Verily the Glorious One mentioneth His servant, the Friend, who hath heard and responded to his Ancient Lord. Thou art he who hath turned to the Most Great Ocean after the turning away of the peoples and hast drunk My sealed wine in My Name, the Strong, the Trustworthy. Say: O loved ones of the All-Merciful in all lands! By

the True One! The wine is My love and My words do pour it forth. Blessed is he who hath drawn nigh and drunk thereof through My beautiful remembrance. O Friend! Rejoice in this Most Great Remembrance. All the treasures of the world cannot equal it, to this doth the Lord of Eternity bear witness in this mighty station. This is a station wherein every Prophet hath rejoiced, every Messenger circled round, every Intended One aimed at, and every trusted Spirit descended. Blessed is the ear that hath heard My call and the soul that hath arisen to serve the Cause of its Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful."

Section 3: "And in another place, you had mentioned…"

And in another place, you had mentioned that in the residence of Aqa Mirza Ghulam-Ali, son of Jinab-i-Dhabih, and Aqa Yusuf, upon them be the glory of God, a number of the friends of God were present and were engaged in the mention of the Friend. This detail was also presented before His presence. Mention was made of Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Ghulam-Ali and Jinab-i-Aqa Yusuf and certain others among the assured souls gathered in the house of Jinab-i-Haji Aqa Muhammad, upon him and them be the glory of God, and especially for the rest, in this station, from the Kingdom of Will was revealed: Should a soul observe the bounty and loving-kindness and mercy of God, he would in truth be bewildered.

O My beloved and My love! After noon, which is the time of rest for the Ancient Beauty, may His glory be exalted, this servant presented anew, one by one, as commanded, thy letters, and the answer was revealed from the Kingdom of grace, and in relation to each of the names mentioned in thy letter, the Sun of bounty did shine forth and became manifest—may the world's spirit be a sacrifice for His bounty. In truth one becomes bewildered. It behooveth us to bow down and say: Thine is the praise, O gracious Commander, and Thine the bounty, O ancient Bestower of favors, and Thine the mercy, O Thou Who art merciful to the heavens and the earth.

And concerning what thou didst write that in the house of the aforementioned son, Jinab-i-Aqa Sin, and others, upon them be the glory of God, were present, after this was presented, this blessed verse was revealed from the heaven of divine loving-kindness:

He is the All-Knowing Expositor

O Aqa Sin! Rejoice in that the Wronged One maketh mention of thee from this spot which God hath made the Dawning-place of His greatest signs and the Source of His mighty Command. We counsel thee to wisdom in all conditions and command thee to that which beseemeth man in this wondrous Day. We have heard thy call and have answered thee, and have seen thy turning to Us and We have turned to thee, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Generous Bestower. Look not upon the world and its conditions. Reflect upon the former ages and be of those who are discerning.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of the world and Who hast appeared through the Most Great Name! I beseech Thee by the Word through which the trumpet was blown and the Day of Resurrection appeared, to make me steadfast, firm and upright in Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp is the kingdom of names. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. O my Lord! Ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy loved

ones, then send down from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will make me detached from all else save Thee. Verily, Thou art the Bestower, the Merciful.

We make mention of the Lion whose name was mentioned before the Presence of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting, that he may rejoice and thank his Lord Who created him and aided him to recognize this inevitable Cause through which the great terror appeared among mankind and all things proclaimed: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Loving. Beware lest anything hold thee back from God. Hold fast unto the cord of bounty and cling to the hem of the mercy of thy Lord, the Forgiving. We have made mention of thee as a bounty from Us. When thou attainest unto this, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Lord of existence.

O Nightingale! O thou who soarest in the atmosphere of the love of the Lord of Names! Give glad tidings unto Shir-Muhammad and remind him of the verses of his Lord, that he may rejoice in the appearance of the loving-kindness of his gracious Lord. We have mentioned all names as a bounty from Us, and We make mention of those who have arisen and have said: "Here am I, O God of the worlds!" Blessed is he who hath attained unto the fruits of the tree of My Most Exalted Pen. He is assuredly among those possessed of certitude in a perspicuous Book.

Say: Glorified art Thou, O Creator of Paradise and Fashioner of all created things! I beseech Thee by the Name through which humanity was attracted and the Spirit cried out in the wilderness, to make me among those whom circumstances have not prevented from Thy Hidden Name, which walketh at this time and summoneth all unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Muhammad-Qabl-i-Taqi! Thy mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and He hath mentioned thee with verses wherewith nothing that hath been or shall be can vie, nor can aught created between the Kaf and the Nun equal them. Verily, He remembereth thee from His prison, and those who have believed in the Self-Subsisting, the Self-Existent. Remember thy Lord through what He hath taught thee of His path and what He hath revealed unto thee, whereby the fragrance of His garment hath been diffused throughout the realms of the invisible and the visible. Beseech God to make thee steadfast in this Cause and powerful through His Name, the Mighty, the Powerful. The splendor shining from the horizon of eternity be upon those who have attained unto the mention of God, Creator of heaven, and have acknowledged that which the Tongue of Eternity hath spoken: verily there is none other God but I, the Mighty, the Loving.

We make mention of him who was the last to visit you. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Bestower. He loveth His servants and remembereth them at eventide and at dawn. Blessed is he who seeketh His presence, who speaketh in remembrance of Him, whose countenance is turned towards Him, and whose heart hath won the light of recognition. We send Our greetings from this station to those who have believed in God, the Revealer of verses. End.

Praise be to God, time and again, the friends of God who dwell in that land have been blessed with His infinite divine favors. This evanescent servant conveyeth to all greetings and salutations, and submitteth that these are the days for which all divine Prophets and Messengers have waited. Therefore, one must arise with complete dedication to His mention and praise. That beloved one should counsel all with

wisdom, for this is among the firm and established divine commandments revealed in the Book. They should not trust every soul, nor display their precious pearls before every eye. They should deal with people with the utmost kindness, love and forbearance. Repeatedly have such words been heard from the tongue of Him Who revealeth the verses. He would say that today righteous deeds and praiseworthy character are the promoters of the Cause of God. It is hoped that all shall be assisted to achieve that which is acceptable in the presence of God.

Regarding what you wrote about the second ʿUbaydullah, that rebellious oppressor, and his tyranny and transgression—it caused grief and sorrow. By God's life! As long as the sun of justice remains behind the clouds of oppression, such matters have occurred and will continue to occur in the world. Justice is like a nightingale seen caught in the talons of the owl of tyranny. Although that oppressor's tyranny has exceeded all bounds and description, yet when closely observed, the people of this time truly deserve it, for they have perpetrated far worse against the people of truth. That Beloved One is witness that in most of the tablets and writings, all servants have been forbidden from corruption, conflict, strife and unseemly deeds.

Nevertheless, what occurred, occurred. The brother of Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Husayn (Letter of the Living, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory) was eleven years old when that reckless oppressor removed his head with a cannon ball. In some places they perpetrated what the pen is powerless to describe. I beseech God to bestow justice upon the people. Consider the fire of oppression that was ignited in the land of Sad—two descendants of the Prophet were martyred without cause or reason, merely for worldly ornaments and a few coins. The curse of God be upon the oppressors! If the effects of that oppression were limited to what has already appeared, it would be well enough, but it is observed that the fruits of those deeds and their sparks will later appear in certain lands. I beseech the Almighty to grant His servants success in turning to Him, for if they achieve repentance, all matters will be reformed. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous.

What is being conveyed has been understood from the revealed verses—God forbid! He is indeed the Perceiver, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

That which has flowed from the Supreme Pen in God's Book has appeared and will appear, and in the Most Holy Book there are also certain allusions. Soon will appear what He has foretold in His Mighty Book. In this Most Great Revelation, future events have been explicitly stated—blessed are they who understand. Beyond this one cannot venture—the Command is in God's hands, the Lord of all worlds.

In this recent incident, whatever befell the friends and whatever losses they sustained will certainly be compensated in the most perfect and complete manner. In any case, the profit is with God's friends. Whoever exists is blessed with the days of God and His recognition, and whoever has drunk the cup of martyrdom is seen in the highest Paradise with utmost joy and delight. If the station of martyrdom were to be revealed to the worlds in less than can be counted, you would see all drawn to the place of sacrifice. Now people are withered, nay dead. Their movements are like those of artificial figures moved by machinery—sometimes an artificial hand is raised, sometimes an artificial foot strikes the ground, and all these movements appear without consciousness. Although at present all are heedless and the worth of

God's friends is hidden from sight and eyes, yet when the appointed time comes, that which is hidden will be revealed. How fitting is what was said before:

> "Wait until you see as parts those who today are whole. Wait until you see as flowers those who are thorns today."

The divine friends who are steadfast in the Cause should not be saddened by losses that have befallen them. Rather, they should be seen in the utmost joy and delight, and be certain that they are among the people of profit in all conditions. Would that this servant could partake of the cup from which the friends have drunk, and receive a portion of their losses. Most matters are veiled by His will—were the veil to be lifted, the earth would be seen as other than the earth. Furthermore, if there be delay in sending petitions, this is due to the many occupations of this evanescent one; there is no other reason possible. That beloved one himself is witness and testifier to this. Therefore they must accept the excuse of this evanescent one and forgive. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Forgiving, the Kind.

And regarding His Honor Haji Mirza Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God—since this evanescent one has already conveyed something, no further submission is made. Wherever they may be, may they abide under the shadow of God's mercy and favor. They had sought permission to come to this land; permission was granted. God willing, may they be assisted in attaining that which they desire.

Furthermore, after the revelation of verses, this servant, as proxy for that beloved one, attained the honor of pilgrimage and circumambulation, and it was accepted at the Divine Throne. I praise Him and thank Him for His grace, His mercy, His favor, His generosity, His bounty and His gift.

Furthermore, His Holiness the Most Mighty Branch and His Holiness the Greater Branch—may my spirit, my being and my essence be sacrificed for the dust beneath their feet—remember that beloved one with wondrous mention and magnify him with the most exalted, most holy and most glorious greeting. Glory be upon your honor and upon those with you and upon the loved ones of God who have heard and responded.

The servant 11 Safar 1298

BH00515: Praise be befitting unto our Beloved, Who hath been…

In the name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Praise be befitting unto our Beloved, Who hath been from everlasting and will continue unto everlasting. Every bearer of a name taketh pride in His Name, and every possessor of glory becometh renowned through His mention. Through His all-encompassing mercy and His pre-existent grace, He hath manifested Himself and shone forth upon all the worlds with the light of His countenance, and hath spoken forth the blessed word:

> "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

He is the One All-Knowing, the Sovereign Who doeth what He willeth. He is the Goal of all worlds and the Beloved of all mankind.

Blessed are they who have attained unto the hearing of His call and have turned toward His horizon. These are the servants whose stations and attributes have been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Qur'an and in all former Books. These are they whom fear seizeth not in the path of God, nor are they touched by grief. These are they whom neither the denunciations of the enemy nor the mockery of the ignorant could hold back from the Most Exalted Horizon, and whom neither the hints of the peoples nor worldly conditions could debar from steadfastness in the Cause of the Lord of Names. These are the pearls of the ocean of steadfastness and the gems of existence. Upon them be the glory of God and the glory of all who are in the kingdom of creation. I beseech God to ever adorn these souls with the ornament of steadfastness, for none save God Himself possesseth the Most Great Infallibility. I ask of and implore God to preserve these servants beneath the canopy of His grace and to strengthen them to be steadfast in all conditions. He is the Powerful One Whom nothing whatsoever can frustrate. Verily, He is the Single, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Powerful.

And furthermore, the servant hath been blessed with hearkening to the melody of thy pen which was raised up in the remembrance of God, our Beloved and your Beloved and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and the earth. Praise be to God, time and again, repeatedly! This servant hath been favored with the correspondence of that spiritual friend, and after perusal it was laid before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. This is what the Tongue of Revelation hath sent down as a token of His grace upon thee. His words, exalted be His grandeur:

"O Kamal! The Kingdom of utterance is at all times shining forth and manifesting itself in such wise that no likeness or parallel hath been or shall ever be seen for it. The melody of the Supreme Pen hath ever been raised, and the Speaker of Sinai is speaking. Blessed is the state of the one who hath hearkened and who hath arisen with complete steadfastness to serve the Cause of the Lord of all beings.

"We have illumined the darkened world with the lamp of divine favor, yet treacherous souls have shunned this light that their unseemly deeds might remain concealed. We have caused the lights of the Countenance to shine forth from the horizon of will, yet the blind remained deprived thereof. We have made manifest the Ocean of Life at the pole of contingent being and guided all unto it, such that the Lord of Eternity and the Most Great Name did with His blessed tongue utter the words 'Hasten! Hasten!' Yet souls weighed down with heavy burdens were prevented from drawing nigh unto it.

"O Kamal! The Wronged One of the horizons hath borne all tribulations and exalted the Cause of God with such strength and power that every fair-minded one hath been amazed thereby and hath exclaimed 'This is naught but a mighty grace!' Nevertheless, the people of the Bayan, clinging to that which profiteth them not, have remained deprived of the Countenance of Divine Unity and barred from God's all-embracing Word. They have contented themselves with croaking and have turned away from the melody of the Supreme Pen.

"Reflect upon the essence of the Bayan which hath flowed from the Pen of the Herald. He saith: 'I have written an essence concerning His remembrance, which is that He shall not be known through My allusions nor through what hath been revealed in the Bayan.' In truth, this blessed word is the essence and spirit of the Bayan, by the testimony of the Primal Point. Nevertheless, the people of the Bayan have remained deprived of the Source and the Manifestation, while seeking to establish their own faith

through the utterances of the Primal Point. We bear witness that He testifieth to their unbelief, their hypocrisy, their turning away, and their heedlessness. Say: O ye unbelievers! I worship not that which ye worship.

"Him Whom the Point of the Bayan hath described as being sanctified above His allusions and what was revealed in the Bayan—from Him have they turned away, while still counting themselves among the people of the Bayan. O Kamal! The Day is the Day of God. Blessed is the soul that hath become detached and free from all else but Him. Such a one is of the people of Baha and the companions of the Crimson Ark. To this beareth witness the Lord of Names in this luminous station.

> "We have revealed unto thee that which will gladden thy heart, and We have sent it to thee that thou mayest read and be of the thankful ones. And from this station We send Our greetings upon the faces of My loved ones who have soared in the atmosphere of My love, who have arisen to serve My Cause, and who have spoken forth My beauteous remembrance."

God willing, may all be blessed by divine favor. All assured and sanctified souls have been mentioned by the Divine Pen and recorded in the Book. Blessed are they, then blessed are they! Give unto all the glad-tidings of God's special favors and make them joyous. Today is the Day of the manifestation of human stations. Strive ye that there may be made manifest through you that which is meet and seemly.

O My loved ones! Rejoice in My Name and hold fast to My firm cord. All praise be unto God, the Lord of all worlds! From this utterance of the True One, exalted be His glory, the stations of grace and favor bestowed upon that beloved one and the friends of God become evident. Every fair-minded person stands amazed at what they witness of the greatness of divine bounty, generosity, grace and favor.

All the names that were in your letter were presented before the Throne, and for each one a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed and sent. God willing, they will attain unto them, and the friends will become so enkindled with the heat of divine love that its effects will become manifest. However, in all matters wisdom must be observed, lest anything arise from which the odor of corruption might be detected. The people are weak, and God, exalted be His grandeur, is generous. The sword of forbearance and patience is sharper than the sword of violence and wrath. Blessed is he who holds fast to that which is befitting, for he is accounted among the helpers of God, our Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Praise be to God, Tablets wondrous and sublime were revealed specifically for Nabil-i-Qa'ini and he of the name Javad, upon them be the glory of God, and likewise for those souls who were mentioned in their letters. Out of wisdom, one package was sent to the Land of Qaf for delivery, and one to Hadba. God willing, they will arrive and they will attain unto them.

Further to this, after your letters addressed to this servant were presented in the Most Holy Court, three names were mentioned on the back of one letter. After these were presented, these verses were revealed from the Kingdom of God's grace—exalted be His grandeur:

He is the Witness, the All-Hearing

O Muhammad! The Wronged One makes mention of thee with that which will draw thee near unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Forsake the world and hold fast unto the Most Great Name, which hath

come from the heaven of utterance with manifest sovereignty. None should grieve over the world and what appeareth therein. Thus doth mention flow from His presence in a preserved Book. O My loved ones! Rejoice in My Name, then help your Lord, the All-Merciful, through wisdom and utterance. Thus hath the matter been decreed, but the people do not understand. Glory be upon the people of Baha who have remained faithful to God's Covenant, the Lord of the seen and unseen.

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

A mention from the presence of the Glory unto him who hath turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon, that the breaths of remembrance may attract him to a station wherein he shall behold naught in creation save the effulgences of the light of his Lord's countenance, the All-Bountiful. This is a day wherein that which the All-Merciful revealed in the Qur'an hath been made manifest through His words: "All things shall perish save His luminous Face." O Muhammad-i-Taqi! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee from this spot round which circle all great names. Hold fast unto the Sure Handle and cleave unto the hem of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We have made mention of those who have turned unto God and We mention them as a grace from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bounteous, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

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

O Muhammad-Qabel-Rida! The world shall pass away, and sovereignty will remain with God, the Lord of all men. Where is the clashing of the swords of enemies? Where is the neighing of the steeds of the mighty? Where are the gardens of princes? Where are the pavilions of the great? Where are their ranks and their armies? Where are their palaces and their affairs? By God's life, they now dwell in their graves, yet people remain heedless of what appeared in former ages. Thus have they been prevented from what hath been revealed by God, the Lord of Lords. Blessed is he who pondereth the evidences of God's power and holdeth fast to what hath been sent down in the Book. Glory be unto the people of Baha who have held fast to the cord of certitude and cast behind them all idle fancies and vain imaginings.

Such is the grace of this station that for each name that was mentioned in the presence of His countenance, whether living or dead, there hath been revealed from the heaven of God's Will a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet. Who can with tongue or pen give due thanks for His blessings?

May the spirit of the world be a sacrifice for His grace! God willing, may the friends of Truth at all times reflect and arise with perfect steadfastness to serve His Cause. At this time numerous exalted Tablets have been revealed specifically for your honor, including one Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet specifically for Jinab-i-Nur, upon him be the Glory of God, and likewise specifically for Varaqih-Ahl, upon her be the Glory of God, and mention was also made from the Blessed Tongue of the two sister leaves, upon them be the Glory of God. May they, God willing, attain divine favors and drink cup after cup from the ocean of love. Verily, she who attained His presence—We have mentioned her in the Scriptures and Tablets. God willing, may they dwell at rest beneath the shade of the divine Tree of Providence. O Kamal! Convey My greetings to them both and give them glad tidings of My mercy that hath preceded all created things.

Another matter: It would be most beloved if you would make copies of whatever reacheth those parts and review them with utmost care, sending them to certain souls scattered throughout the villages, that

the sweet fragrances of the utterance of the Most Merciful may at all times be diffused among the loved ones.

Furthermore, to each of the friends of God who have drunk of the sealed wine and who gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon, this evanescent servant offers mention of evanescence and nothingness. May they, God willing, be sustained at all times by the fruits of the divine Tree of Providence. Likewise, this evanescent servant conveyeth most wondrous, most exalted, most glorious greetings to each and every one of those related to that beloved one. Glory be upon you and upon those with you, and upon those who have attained unto the Most Great Steadfastness in this Most Great, Most Mighty Cause.

The servant 27 Safar 1298

BH00033: Praise be to God, Who is unique in utterance…

Section 1: "Praise be to God, Who is unique…"

In the Name of our Most Great, Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord!

Praise be to God, Who is unique in utterance and peerless in expression, before Whose Word the oceans of inner meanings bow down when spoken by the tongue of His Will, and all the books of the world prostrate themselves at the revelation of but a single letter of His verses. Through a movement of His finger, the Supreme Pen moves in the Kingdom of Creation and decrees the fate of the last and the first. Every eloquent one has confessed inability before His utterance, and every articulate one has acknowledged inadequacy before His exalted Word, by which He has distinguished between all peoples. Verily it is the drawn sword of God, His established Balance, His extended Path, and His luminous Lamp.

Indeed, it is the Most Great Trump and the Most Glorious Bugle. Exalted is He by Whose Name all books, scriptures and psalms are adorned. He is the One Who was called by all His Most Beautiful Names in the ancient scriptures, He Who was named Jehovah in the Torah, the Comforter and Spirit of Truth in the Gospel, and the Great Announcement in the Qur'an, and was given other names in books which none knoweth save God, the Lord of the Throne and the earth. He it is Who sent down the Bayan for His mention and gave glad tidings to the servants of His appearance and coming.

Blessed is the ear that hath heard what the Primal Point uttered in the Qayyumu'l-Asma regarding this Most Manifest Revelation and Hidden Mystery, saying:

> "O Most Great Master! I am nothing unless Thy power hath raised me up to the Cause. I rely on none but Thee and seek refuge in naught save Thee. Verily, Thou art sufficient in truth."

Is there one with the sense of smell to perceive the fragrance of the All-Merciful's utterance in creation? Is there one with sight to behold the proof and evidence? Is there one with hearing to hear the call of the Lord of Religions Who hath come with power and sovereignty? By God's life! All that is thereon shall perish, and this is the face of our Lord, the All-Merciful.

Glory be to Thee, O God, by Whose Name the sun of Thy Will hath shone forth from the horizon of heaven and the ark of Thy Purpose hath sailed upon the ocean of grandeur! I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thou hast subdued all things and made it the Sovereign of all names, to aid Thy loved ones in that which Thou lovest and approvest, and to ordain for them from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall protect them from those who have turned away from Thy most great signs. O Lord! They are servants who have turned to Thee, cast aside all else but Thee, and taken hold of that which they were commanded in Thy days. O Lord! Make known to them what Thou hast ordained for them through Thy bounty and favor, then inspire them with what Thou hast treasured for them in Thy Kingdom. Thou art He, O my God, Whom the affairs of creation cannot frustrate, nor can the might of the powerful or the dominion of princes weaken.

I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Remembrance and Thy Most Sublime Word to bless the Afnan of the Tree of Thy Cause, whom Thou hast related to Thyself and made as ensigns among Thy creation and hast mentioned in most of Thy Tablets. They are those whom Thou hast named the Afnan by the tongue of Thy grandeur and distinguished by this name among Thy creation and creatures. O Lord! Send down upon them from the clouds of Thy mercy that which befitteth Thy greatness and power. Then assist them, O my God, through Thy grace and bounty, and send down upon them a blessing from Thy presence. Thou art He, O my God, Who hath called them to Thyself by Thy Own Self and ordained for them that which my tongue and the tongues of Thy servants are powerless to mention. Verily, Thou art the Almighty Whom nothing can frustrate and the Sovereign Whom nothing can prevent. Thou hast been from everlasting God, and there was nothing with Thee, and Thou shalt be even as Thou wert before. Verily, Thou art the Witness, the Seer, the Hearer, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

May my soul be a sacrifice to the remembrance of you. The choice Wine of your utterance hath intoxicated me—this Wine that hath surged within the oceans of your words, words that proclaim your love; a love which is our aim, and your aim, and the aim of all who dwell in the heavens and on the earth. Verily it is the Interpreter who readeth the secrets of hearts, and rendereth into speech that which lieth hidden. God knoweth that this is an intoxication that desireth not sobriety, neither loveth sobriety, nor is sobriety able to assail it. This servant beseecheth his Lord that He may increase this intoxication which hath seized me through the Wine of the love of the chosen ones and the pure ones of God. When, therefore, I attained, and read, and came to know, I laid it before the Face; whereupon the Tongue of Grandeur uttered:

“O My Afnan! O thou who hast attained unto the Kawthar of My bounty and gazed upon My horizon! Verily the Cause is mighty, mighty, and the creation weak, weak. We have manifested the Cause, but the people turn away from it. We have sent down the verses, but they hear not. The appointed time has come and the Manifestation of clear signs has appeared, yet the people understand not. That which was promised in God’s Books has been revealed, yet the people are heedless thereof. We have explained what was hidden in God’s knowledge and revealed what was treasured in God’s storehouse, yet most of the people perceive not.

“The proof has been completed, the heavenly table has been sent down, and the evidence has come, yet the people recognize it not. They have cast aside what is with God and taken what is with their leaders

who have turned away from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. They are learned ones in their own sight, but ignorant ones before the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. They have clung to that which perishes, turning away from that which endures. Thus have their souls enticed them, and they know not. They are occupied with fleeting days, heedless of what is with God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Had they known, they would have lamented for themselves, but today they are veiled. By God's life! This is the Day of Rising, yet they sit still; the Day of Utterance, yet they remain silent.

"Say: O company of mystics! The ocean of life has surged, yet you turn away from it. This is the Day of Awakening, yet you slumber. Have you found the breezes of revelation and turned away? Have you seen the signs and denied them? What ails you that you perceive not? The dwellers of the highest Paradise have been attracted by the wine of the Merciful's utterance, while you sport with your vain imaginations and understand not. Say: O people! Reflect upon the former generations. Where are the tyrants and the pharaohs? Where are their ranks and their thousands? Where are the clashing of their swords and the ladies of their palaces? Where are the roaring of their heroes and the sighing of their desires and deeds?

Where are their strongholds and their gatherings? Their unity and their assemblies have been scattered, and their might and glory have been dispersed. Say: Fear God, O people, and follow not every rejected transgressor. Say: Beware lest the affairs of creation prevent you from the Truth. What you see today shall perish, but what has been ordained by God, the Mighty, the Loving, shall endure. Blessed art thou, O thou who soarest in My atmosphere, turnest to My face, and holdest fast to the cord of My grace, while My servants and My creatures who were created by My all-compelling Word that rules over what was and what shall be, have turned away from Me." End.

The servant thanks God for what He has taught us and bestowed upon us, and for what He has sent down for your honor that causes hearts to rejoice and eyes to be consoled.

Concerning what you wrote about the Most Exalted Leaf, His blessed consort, upon her be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, that you had consulted with the distinguished teacher, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God—this matter is beloved and acceptable before the Throne. Whatever is deemed expedient and in accordance with wisdom, act upon it. If His Honor accompanies them, it would certainly be most fitting. Some time ago, this servant heard these words from the Ancient Tongue. All matters are manifest and evident before the Throne. Verily, He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

This servant beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to prepare the world for the manifestation of that which is now concealed. Most people are observed to be heedless and unaware even of their own best interests. If counsel is given and words of advice offered, it will yield no fruit. They wander in the wilderness of vain imaginings, occupied with their own desires, oblivious even to their apparent interests.

One incident comes to mind which I submit to your honor to demonstrate people's level of understanding. In the days when the Ancient Beauty, exalted be His grandeur, was in the great city, one day Kamil Pasha, who was one of the ministers of the Sublime State, was present before Him. Among his submissions, he mentioned that he had learned several languages, and enumerated them one by one, exceeding ten or twelve. The Ancient Beauty asked,

> "What is the fruit of these multiple languages? It is most regrettable that precious life should be spent on such matters."

Whatever pearls of utterance emerged from the treasury of the All-Merciful's knowledge, he accepted and acknowledged with utmost joy and delight, yet he was observed to be deprived of acting upon them. If people would truly act upon what has flowed from the Supreme Pen, all would attain perfect ease and comfort in all worlds.

Regarding the matter of language, that which suffices for all has been revealed from the heaven of the All-Merciful's will in the Most Holy Book, and a most mighty and holy Tablet has been revealed in Persian on this subject. If they would act upon it, it would suffice for all, and there would be no need for learning various languages. They waste their lives and lose their time, occupied with what their desires command them. How much hardship they bear for the sake of their own pride, as they now take pride in learning various languages.

In this regard, that which has been revealed from the Supreme Pen is this, exalted be His grandeur:

> "We have decreed in the Most Holy Book: O members of parliaments throughout the world! Choose ye a single language for the use of all on earth, and adopt ye likewise a common script. God, verily, maketh plain for you that which shall profit you and enable you to be independent of others. He, of a truth, is the Most Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

This binding command has been revealed from the Ancient Realm for the people of the world in general and the members of parliaments in particular, for the execution of commands, laws and ordinances revealed in the Book has been entrusted to the men of the Houses of Justice of God. This decree is the greatest means for unity and the supreme cause for association and fellowship among the peoples of the lands.

It is observed that due to the diversity of languages among the peoples of the earth, most nations are deprived of association, fellowship, and the acquisition of knowledge and wisdom from one another. Therefore, through pure bounty and grace, all are commanded to choose a language—whether newly created or selected from existing tongues of the earth—and all shall speak it. In this way, the whole earth shall be seen as one city, for all will understand each other's speech and comprehend one another's intent. This is the cause of the world's advancement and elevation. Should a person journey from his homeland and enter any city, it would be as though he had entered his own dwelling. Hold fast to this, O people of the assemblies in cities and lands!

If one reflects even briefly, he will perceive that whatsoever hath been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will hath been pure bounty, and its benefit returneth unto all. Yet some souls drink from the breast of heedlessness to such extent that they turn away from that which is manifestly beneficial and superior, both rationally and traditionally, closing their eyes to the Divine wisdom which is the cause and means of the world's progress and the elevation of its peoples. These, verily, are in manifest loss.

Each group speaketh its own tongue—the Turk in Turkish, the Persian in Persian, the Arab in Arabic, and the Europeans in their various languages. These different languages are current among these parties and

specific to the aforementioned peoples. Another language hath been ordained that all people of the world shall generally speak it, so that all may know each other's speech and find their purpose. This is the portal of love, fellowship, affection and unity, and it is the Greatest Interpreter and the Key to the Ancient Treasury.

How many souls have been observed spending all their time learning various languages! What a pity that man should spend his life, which is the most precious thing in existence, on such matters! Their purpose in undertaking these labors is to learn different languages so as to understand the intent of various peoples and what they possess. Now if they would act upon what hath been commanded, it would suffice them all, and they would be freed from these countless toils.

The Arabic language is the most expansive of all languages. Should anyone become aware of the breadth and scope of this eloquent tongue, he would choose it. The Persian language is also very sweet. The Tongue of God in this Revelation hath spoken in both Arabic and Persian, though Persian hath not had and doth not have the expansiveness of Arabic. Indeed, most languages of the earth are limited in comparison. This is the superiority that hath been mentioned. However, the intent is that the people of the earth should choose one language and all humanity should speak it. This is what God hath decreed, and this is what would benefit the people, were they to know. Likewise, besides the specific scripts of different peoples, one script should be chosen and all people should generally engage in writing it. Eventually all scripts would become one script and all tongues shall converge into one tongue. These two shall become the means of unity for the hearts and souls of the peoples of the world, and the diverse territories of the earth shall be seen as one territory.

Section 2: "By the life of God! If the peoples…"

By the life of God! If the peoples of the earth were to attain to that which hath been revealed in the Book, and the Sun of Justice were to shine forth from behind the clouds, all the world would be seen as one soul. Then would there be seen neither crookedness nor curvature in the earth. O peoples of the earth! He teacheth you that which is best for you. Hold fast unto it, for He is verily the Counselor, the Sincere, the Manifest, the Governor, the Compassionate, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Consider now: if the peoples of the earth were to act upon that which floweth from the tongue of grandeur, all would find themselves wealthy, content and free. That which would bring ease to the peoples of the earth—from it they remain heedless, and that which causeth pollution, hardship and affliction of souls—to it they cling. However, that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen shall assuredly come to pass. Ere long, people of insight and understanding shall observe that there is no escape save through acting upon that which hath been revealed in the Divine Book. Consider how in past years, through the selfish desires of but a few souls, what measure of tribulations and ordeals were visited upon the peoples of the earth. Each day the intensity and affliction increaseth, until at last they will hold fast unto that which hath been revealed from the tongue of grandeur concerning the degrees of peace, and act accordingly.

His word, exalted be His glory:

“He is the Sincere Counselor, the Trustworthy.

“Regard the world as a human body which, though created whole and perfect, has been afflicted with divers ailments by reason of various causes. Its sickness waxed more severe, as it fell into the hands of unskilled physicians who, having given full rein to their personal desires, have erred grievously. And if at times, through the care of an able physician, a member of that body was healed, the rest remained afflicted as before.

“And now it is in the hands of those who are intoxicated with the wine of pride. If some of these endeavor to heal it, their purpose is but to profit thereby, whether by name or rank. Such men are not capable of fully removing these grievous afflictions, save to a prescribed degree. And that most great remedy, which constitutes the sovereign cure for the healing of all the world, is the union of all its peoples in one universal Cause, one common Faith—a union which can in no wise be achieved except through the power of a skilled, perfect and inspired Physician.

“Whenever that Luminary shone forth from the horizon of the Divine Will, and that consummate Physician appeared from the dawning-place of celestial wisdom, the diverse physicians became as clouds, veiling His splendors and revelations. Thus did the people of the earth persist in their conflicts, and the world’s malady remained unhealed. Those physicians who were powerless to effect this mighty cure not only prevented this divine Physician from treating the illness, but became as intervening veils.

“Behold in these days how the Ancient Beauty, the Most Great Name, hath unveiled the veils and sacrificed Himself for the life of the world and the unity and salvation of all its peoples. Yet all have risen against Him till at last He was imprisoned in the most desolate of cities, and they have shut all doors of ingress and egress. They have mistaken the friend for a stranger, counted the loved one as a foe, supposed the reformer to be a mischief-maker.

“O ye possessed of riches and power! Now that ye have become as clouds and prevented the world and its peoples from the effulgent rays of the Sun of Justice and from countless bounties, and have regarded supreme rest as hardship and the greatest blessing as a calamity, hearken at least unto the counsels of that Loving One regarding those matters which ensure the order of the realm and the tranquility of its peoples. Each year ye add to your expenditures and place this burden upon your subjects—this is utterly remote from justice and equity. This is naught but the effect of the tempestuous winds of self and desire that blow and surge between. These cannot be stilled save through a binding peace, which is the greatest means for strengthening the foundations of the edifice of nation and state.

“There is now no remedy but to merge water with oil. Since complete peace and unity cannot be achieved, this peace must be used as a remedy so that the world’s malady may be somewhat alleviated. The peace of kings is conducive to the tranquility of their subjects and peoples. In such case they would need no armaments or provisions save to the extent necessary for protecting their territories and domains. After this is assured, a small expenditure would suffice, the subjects would be at ease, and the rulers themselves would be free from care. Should any king rise against another following the establishment of peace, all other kings must, united, prevent him.

“It is strange that they have not yet engaged in this momentous matter. Although some are hindered from accepting this peace, which is conducive to the tranquility of all, by their apparent might of sovereignty and multitude of armies, this is mere illusion and ever shall be. For the honor and glory of man lie in that which befits his station, not in outward means. The discerning observe the ruler to be ruled, count the wealthy as poor, and consider the mighty as weak. Consider the rulers: their governance, wealth, and power depend upon their subjects. Therefore in the eyes of the discerning, these things add nothing to the station of man.

“The essence of humanity lies hidden within man and must be revealed through the burnish of education—this is the station of man. Whatever depends on others has no connection to human reality. Therefore they must not look to paucity or abundance, nor to outward might and grandeur, but must engage in establishing the Most Great Peace.

“Kings are the manifestations of divine power. It is most regrettable that such noble souls should bear such burdensome affairs. If they would truly entrust the reins of affairs to trustworthy, assured, and wise souls, they would find themselves free and at rest. Blessed is the king who arises to aid God’s Cause, to manifest His command, and to illuminate the world with the light of justice. It is incumbent upon all on earth to love him and make mention of his good name. This is what has flowed from the Pen of the Lord of Eternity. We beseech God to assist the peoples in that which profits them and to make known to them what benefits them in this world and the next. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

> “Thus has the Sun of Utterance shone forth from the horizon of the will of your Lord, the Most Merciful. Turn ye unto it and follow not every remote ignorant one.”

This Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablet was revealed from the heaven of the Will of the Ancient King upon first arrival at the Most Great Prison. This evanescent servant beseecheth and imploreth God, exalted be His glory, that through His complete power He may grant hearing ears unto mankind, that all may attain unto the grace of hearkening unto the divine verses. Yet the deeds of men have been and continue to be an impediment.

Observe ye what transpired in the land of Sad: although from the beginning of the manifestation of the Ancient Beauty all were forbidden from conflict, corruption and contention—and all are aware of this matter—nevertheless they inflicted upon those two wronged ones (though they had stolen no one’s property and no oppression or tyranny was witnessed from them toward any soul, nay rather they were the dawning-places of kindness, mercy and favor) that which pen and tongue are powerless to describe. These abhorrent deeds have been and continue to be the cause of the appearance of the rebellious and tyrannical second ʿUbaydu’llah. How many souls perished and what harm befell both government and people. At this point a word was heard from the blessed tongue, mention of which is not permitted at this time. In any case, we beseech God to aid the heedless souls to return, that what has occurred may suffice. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

In truth, today all are seen to be struck down by the trumpet blast, save whom God willeth. Strange it is that some among the people of the Bayan are more veiled than previous peoples, and some have manifested such deception and guile as hath never been witnessed before—that is, this evanescent

servant hath not seen its like in his lifetime. For example, Mirza Ahmad-i-Kirmani, about whom you yourself had written details, manifested such deception as would astonish the mind. His words, exalted be His grandeur, in the Most Holy Book are:

> "O Land of Kaf and Ra! We, verily, behold thee in a state which God doth not approve. We perceive from thee that which none knoweth except God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. And We observe what proceedeth from thee in utmost secrecy. With Us is the knowledge of all things recorded in a lucid Tablet."

These sublime words were revealed from the heaven of divine Will at a time when there was not even outward mention of Ahmad.

After several years, successive petitions arrived from him—at times accepting, at others turning away, writhing like a serpent and changing colors like a chameleon. At each moment he appeared in a different hue and in each instant clung to a different branch. I testify that he is in manifest loss. During the days he tarried in the great city, he sent numerous petitions to the Most Holy Court, and likewise many letters to this servant and to His Honor the Name of God 66 (M.H.), upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God. All indicated and betokened repentance, contrition, return, lamentation and supplication. An answer was revealed from the heaven of grace, ending with words to this effect:

> "Thou art forgiven by divine pardon if thou remainest steadfast in the Cause."

However his condition was known beforehand, and from the blessed verse of the Most Holy Book his state could be understood, and from the allusive utterance of the Aim of all the worlds it was thus comprehended that some remnant of his remained extant and concealed in that land. Knowledge is with God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

In the days of departure from Iraq, mention was made in the divine Tablets of the clamourers and the birds of night, and all were warned; likewise, in the Land of Mystery, reference was made in the revealed verses to heedless, atheistic souls. And in certain Tablets were revealed these wondrous and exalted words:

> "When there shall come to you a cawer with the Book of Perdition or with leaves of fire, cast them behind you, then know that he is indeed the cawer promised in the Books of God, the All-Glorious, the Most Great."

That which was hidden is known unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Numerous verses have been revealed with this meaning. We beseech the Most High to strengthen the hearts of His loved ones and make them manifest in such wise that neither what hath been mentioned in the past nor what shall be mentioned in the future may deter them. Verily, He is the Preserver, the Helper, the Almighty, the Powerful.

Glory be to God—exalted be His majesty—things have become so evident that no people on earth have any grounds for denial or objection. All divine Books of old are replete with this Most Great Remembrance, and all that hath occurred and shall occur in this Revelation was recorded in previous

Books. In one of the Tablets the divine tongue speaketh this word, saying that the divine land is manifest and visible in the land of Syria, and His call is raised from Zion—Zion being a location in these lands. This is why Isaiah saith: "And I will place salvation in Zion for Israel." Consider this verse spoken by Isaiah wherein he saith: "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that gave news of peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!" May my spirit be a sacrifice for the exposition thereof.

He giveth tidings of the advent of the Herald, Who is the Primal Point—may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake—and He hath given word that the Herald would dwell upon the mountains, namely Chihriq and Mah-Ku, as all are aware. And He saith the Herald gave news of "peace", from which two meanings can be derived: one referring to the Abode of Peace which was the seat of the Throne, and the other referring to the true peace for all the world which was manifested at the first entry of the Ancient Beauty into the Ridvan. Three verses were uttered by the Tongue of Grandeur at the first entry into the Ridvan, one of which was that the decree of the sword was abolished in this Revelation. This is the true peace which verily all the peoples of the world have attained and shall attain. This is why He saith in other passages that victory must be achieved through wisdom and utterance and whatsoever beseemeth man, both now and in the future.

By the life of the Beloved! If they would but hearken unto a single blessed verse with ears sanctified from idle fancy, all would turn to the supreme horizon. Likewise He giveth tidings of the seat of the Throne at the end of the verse in His words "that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!" And now the standard of God is raised upon Zion and the call of God is lifted up from it and all the holy lands. How sweet is this phrase in this verse where He saith "that bringeth good tidings of good"—and this is the good whereof the Primal Point—may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake—saith, glorified be His mention: "Then in the year nine ye shall attain unto all good."

Had this servant found opportunity, he would have mentioned some of the allusions in the divine Books which were revealed aforetime regarding this Most Great Revelation, but time and occasion are in no wise seen, and this matter hath caused this servant embarrassment, inasmuch as there have been and continue to be delays in presenting necessary responses. However, since all are aware that this servant is occupied day and night, no matter how much delay there may be, it hath been and shall be accompanied by kindness, favor and pardon. Glory be to God! This evanescent servant is bewildered—nay, in this station bewilderment is seen to be thunderstruck. Greatest of all strange and wondrous things is the heedlessness and rebellion of mankind and the veils of the people of the Bayan, for no sooner have they rent asunder one veil than they have become entangled in a hundred thousand others. Yet the Cause hath been made so manifest as never before since the beginning of creation, and verses have been sent down in such fashion as none have ever witnessed, and evidences have appeared in such wise as to leave no room for hesitation in any fair-minded person.

Section 3: "The Primal Point—may the spirit…"

The Primal Point—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him—hath revealed the essence of the entire Bayan in the guise of a single statement. His exalted Word declares:

> "I have written an essence concerning His remembrance, and it is this: He shall not be known by My allusions, nor by what hath been mentioned in the Bayan. Nay, by His glory, that word is, in God's estimation, greater than the worship of all who are on earth, for the essence of all worship leadeth unto this. Therefore, as thou hast known God, know Him Who shall be made manifest, for He is too glorious and exalted to be known except through Himself or to be described by the allusions of His creation. I am the first servant to believe in Him and His verses, and to partake of the choice fruits from the gardens of His words in the paradise of His knowledge. Yea, by His glory! He is the Truth, there is no God but Him, all abide by His bidding."

By God! This blessed word is the unique pearl of the ocean of the Bayan and the singular sun in the heaven of understanding, for it is an impregnable barrier against the Gog of ignorance and the Magog of passion. So sublime is this blessed word that the Ancient Beauty—glorified be His grandeur—hath made mention of it in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet revealed in honor of the revered Teacher, upon him be all the most glorious and resplendent glory. This word is as a sword against the wayward ones of the Bayan, leaving no room for objection by anyone.

O beloved of my heart! Most astonishing of all is that none hath understood, nor doth understand, the root of the matter, yet they speak whatsoever their idle fancies prompt them to speak. Behold the baseness of their station, that some of the ignorant ones have sought to adduce proofs from "Him Whom God shall make manifest" while remaining deprived of His very Self. I testify that the Revealer of the Bayan disavoweth them. In the fifteenth chapter of the third Vahid of the Bayan, these blessed words are recorded. His exalted Word declares: "None knoweth the time of the Revelation save God. Whenever it occurs, all must acknowledge the Point of Truth and render thanks unto God." He further states: "The whole of the Bayan is but as a ring upon His blessed finger and a leaf among the leaves of His Paradise."

Nevertheless, the buzzing of flies hath been raised, and the ignorant ones of the earth cling to it. The Water of Life appeareth before all faces, yet the people remain heedless and veiled therefrom, turning instead to stagnant pools. Such is the condition of the people and of those who have taken for themselves lords other than God. It is as though they had never heard mention of the Day of God nor caught any fragrance thereof. Thus do they occupy themselves with the mention of idols and the manifestations of vain imaginings. The Primal Point—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him—declareth in one instance, these exalted words:

> "Know thou that on that Day none shall be known except God, none worshipped but Him, none described save Him, none loved except Him, and none sought besides Him."

These blessed words cry out in the most exalted utterance between earth and heaven that today belongeth to God alone and is known and recorded in the divine Books as the Day of God—a Day wherein none is mentioned save Him. Yet now certain people occupy themselves with the vain imaginings of the past, which today have no mention or place in the Most Holy Court, and they have wished to veil the Sun of Grace behind the clouds of their idle fancies and to deprive the Divine Lamp of its light through tempestuous winds. Today is a different day and for it there is a different station. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to make known unto His servants what hath been concealed from them, to draw them nigh unto

Him, and to bestow upon them that which hath been sent down from the heaven of His bounty. Verily, He is the Protector of them that remember Him and the Answerer of them that call upon Him.

These utterances of the Primal Point—may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake—which were mentioned, this evanescent servant hath repeatedly set forth in petitions addressed to the friends of God, that perchance the souls that are veiled by vain imaginings might at least realize that this Day is sanctified and free from all limitations, veils, and whatsoever is possessed by men. He hath been and shall ever be known through His Own Self. No thing can frustrate Him, no cause can weaken Him, and no veil can conceal Him. Today most people are deprived of sight and hearing. Blessed is he who beholdeth Him with his own eyes, detached from all else but Him, and who knoweth Him by His Own Self, casting aside all else. I beseech the One True Goal that He may illumine the realm of knowledge with the lights of the sun of steadfastness and brighten the horizons of hearts with the Luminary of the All-Merciful's utterance. Verily, He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Furthermore, this evanescent servant attained unto another letter from that exalted personage dated the eighth of the month of Sha'ban. Praise be to God, it brought joy and delight. Later, at a certain time, it was presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in reply:

He is the Most Ancient

O My Afnan! We have desired to impart unto thee that which My Most Exalted Pen spoke aforetime in My first address to thee. Verily, thy Lord is the Mighty, the Loving.

He is the Most Great

The Promise hath come, and He Who was promised hath appeared, and the people are in evident turmoil. The ocean of life hath surged, yet they hasten unto death. The fragrance of the All-Merciful hath wafted, yet they turn away therefrom. They have taken to the brackish water and cast aside the sweet flowing stream. What aileth them that they perceive not? They occupy themselves with dust, turning away from the Munificent Lord. 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 Thou God of the seen and unseen!"

Say: O people of Baha! Are ye slumbering, or hath the wine of selfish desire intoxicated you and prevented you from remembering God, the Lord of existence? Say: This is the Day of Rising—how is it that ye remain seated? This is the Day of the Call—how is it that ye remain silent? Arise in My Name, then speak with wisdom and utterance, that haply the people of possibility may turn unto the All-Merciful, Who calleth in this forbidden spot.

Say: Have ye heard and remained patient? Fear God and be not of them that 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 yearning would seize them to such degree that they would dance and be unaware thereof. Say: Do ye reject the cup of immortality and take the fetid water of extinction from the hand of every rejected transgressor? Say: Hath the teacher of passion taught you this, or your own selves? Be truthful with Me, O people, and follow not every veiled prevaricator.

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 and My Tongue uttered and My limbs testified. Blessed is he who hath drawn nigh and taken the Tablet of God with the hand of power and drunk therefrom that which was inscribed in My Preserved Tablet.

O thou who drinkest from My cup and speakest in My Name! Render thanks for what hath been sent down unto thee from the heaven of bounty, this sealed Book. O My Afnan! All atoms are witnessed in rapture and ecstasy at the divine call and the shrill voice of the Celestial Pen, while the heedless servants wander in the wilderness of idle fancies and vain imaginings.

Say: By God's life! He cannot be known through aught else, nor can He be seen through any eye save His own. He is, verily, the News which none hath ever known before, and which no soul hath encompassed save God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: By God! This is indeed the Great News with whose mention the Books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, have been adorned. Say: What is with Him is not what is with you, nor doth He walk in your ways. He hath come with the truth and made manifest His straight path. His throne was established, at His first arrival, upon God's heights—thereby was fulfilled what was recorded in the Books of the Messengers.

Land and sea have been honored by His presence, His meeting, and the fragrant breezes of His luminous garment. This is a Day wherein none is mentioned save God alone, and wherein everything is weighed by the balance of God Who walketh and speaketh before the faces of the world. The Lord of Eternity hath come with manifest sovereignty. Say: The proof circleth round the Throne, and the evidence calleth out in His Name, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

O My Afnan! Drink from every letter of thy Lord's verses the wine of immortality, then give thanks to thy Lord, the Bountiful, the Most Generous. Then make mention of My loved ones on My behalf and give them the glad tidings of My grace and mercy, and remind them of that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an and the Bayan, and before them in the Torah and the Gospel. By God! There hath dripped from the chalice of Mine utterance the sealed wine which was described in the Book by One all-wise, all-knowing.

The praise be to God! The Tongue of Grandeur hath time and again manifested loving-kindness and bounty, and at the time of revelation, such was the surging of the ocean of utterance that this evanescent one beheld himself as but a tiny fish clinging to a rock. How then can he be capable of conveying that which the Tongue of God hath spoken? He wisheth to mention to the honored gentlemen that in these wondrous and exalted verses, mention hath been made of the Balance. Therefore, this evanescent

servant desired to make mention of the Tablet of the Balance which was previously revealed, that all may attain unto the sweetness of divine utterance. His word, exalted be His glory:

In My Name, the All-Knowing, the Responsive

The Hour hath struck, and the Trumpet hath been blown, and the Balance proclaimeth: "I am the All-Knowing Distinguisher. Before the face of all mankind do I reveal and manifest the deeds of the peoples, and I am the All-Informed Witness. Not an atom remaineth that I have not revealed, and I am the Just, the Upright One. The Hand of Justice hath made me to stand equitable in the Days of God, the Lord of all worlds." This is the Day whereon the Bugle doth sound, and the Bell doth ring, and the Trumpet proclaimeth: "The Kingdom is God's, the Possessor of this wondrous Day."

O thou that 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 Most High, the Most Great."

This evanescent servant, in relation to what he presenteth, hath loved and continueth to love to make mention of whatsoever Divine utterances and heavenly verses come to his attention, for this servant is certain that His Holiness deriveth joy from their reading and beholding. This Day is the Day of remembrance and utterance, yet the heedless have no portion thereof. This is the Day whereof David spoke in the Psalms:

> "Let the rivers clap their hands; let the mountains sing together for joy before the Lord, for He cometh to judge the earth."

All the divine Books are replete with mention of this blessed Day and that which hath been manifested therein. Yet it is observed that whatsoever hath been mentioned in the Books hath left no trace upon hearts harder than solid rock. Despite the explicit mention of the Divine Day and the Manifestation of God in previous Books, the people remain heedless and veiled. Consider the Bayan and its people. The Primal Point—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him—hath said: "In the year nine ye shall attain unto the presence of God," and likewise He hath said: "Then in the year nine ye shall attain unto all good." Nevertheless, some are seen to remain veiled from the Manifestation of God, despite how greatly His Holiness emphasized this matter, even saying that ye should not remain veiled from that Sun of Truth by the Bayan and the Vahid of the Bayan.

Section 4: "His word, exalted and glorified be He: "Beware…"

His word, exalted and glorified be He: "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 in His presence. And beware, beware lest thou be veiled by the words that have been revealed in the Bayan," unto the end of His blessed words. And in one place He saith—exalted be His remembrance: "Whosoever looketh upon that Tree with other than the eye of God, for him the decree of salvation shall not be valid."

Now the heedless people, with their veiled sight, have attempted to know God—glorified be He above what they imagine! And likewise in another place, these pearls of utterance have appeared from the ocean of knowledge of the Point of the Bayan—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him. His word, exalted and glorified be He:

> "This is why none among the people of the Bayan shall attain salvation except through beholding Him Whom God shall make manifest in their own beings, not through beholding Him Who hath already been made manifest."

Consider ye this blessed verse, and behold how He hath taught mankind. By the express text He declareth: "Look unto Him, and not unto the Point [of the Bayan]." One of the Letters of the Living asked, concerning Him Whom God shall make manifest—glorified be His majesty and exalted His sovereignty—and the Tongue of the Bayan rebuked him, saying—glorious and mighty is He—"How great is the remembrance of Him of Whom thou hast inquired! And verily that One is too high, too mighty, too glorious, too unapproachable, too holy, for hearts to encompass by knowing Him, or for spirits to bow down before Him, or for souls to praise Him, or for bodies to make mention of the splendour of His beauty.

How great was thy question, and how small thine own being! Is the sun that shineth in the mirrors of His Manifestation in the Point of the Bayan to ask of that Sun before Whose dawning those suns, on the day of His appearing, shall prostrate themselves—if they be true suns; otherwise, it behoveth them not, by reason of the loftiness of His sanctity and the exaltation of His mention. Yet, but for the fact that thou wast of the First Unity, I would have appointed for thee a limit, inasmuch as thou hast asked concerning God—He Who created thee, and sustained thee, and caused thee to die, and shall raise thee up in this thy temple—by the Point of the Bayan, in that Revelation peerless in all existence." End.

Now observe on what level the deniers occupy and on what station the Cause. Every thing beareth witness to His sanctification and exaltation above whatsoever the tongue of the world hath mentioned or will mention. This is a word which none will deny save every deluded doubter. He saith—exalted and glorified be His word:

> "Perchance in the eighth year on the day of His manifestation thou wilt attain unto the presence of God. If thou attainest not at first, thou wilt attain at last. But be thou assured that the Cause is greater than every great thing, and that the Remembrance is mightier than every mighty thing."

The addressee was Mulla Baqir, a Letter of the Living, upon him be the glory of God, to whom He saith that perchance in the eighth year thou wilt attain unto the presence of God, and if thou dost not attain this most mighty, most exalted, most glorious station at the beginning of the eighth, thou wilt attain unto His presence at its end, which coincideth with the beginning of the ninth. And this same Letter of the Living did attain the presence of God in the ninth year and twice directed his steps toward the Prison and attained His presence, and in these days he hath ascended unto the Supreme Horizon. Upon him be the glory of God and the glory of the angels that draw nigh.

Likewise did they give the glad tidings to Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be the glory of God, that he would attain unto the presence of Him Whom God shall make manifest, and this exalted address was revealed concerning him wherein He saith: "Verily thou, O Third Letter that believeth in Him Whom God shall make manifest." And in the days when the Most Great Luminary rose above the horizon of Iraq, he attained unto the presence of the throne and was honored with the station of faith. Thereafter there befell him that which befell him. The curse of God be upon the people, the wrongdoers! Details regarding this wronged one have been revealed and recorded in the Book of Badi'. Now observe ye the Ancient King Who saith that all the Bayan is like a ring upon His finger which He turneth howsoever He willeth, through whatsoever He willeth, for whatsoever He willeth. And He saith: "Be not veiled from that Sun of Truth by the whole of the Bayan and its Vahids." Despite this firm and irrefutable command, they have clung to a single word thereof, which is the name Mustaghath, and have remained deprived of the Purpose of the world.

These attentive ears, penetrating eyes, enlightened breasts and illumined hearts say "Know Him through Him and not through aught else." Yet what have they said and what have they done! And still they fail to perceive that they are forbidden but a word from the ocean of the Bayan and deprived by a single utterance from the Kingdom of divine utterance, and they remain wholly unaware of their deeds. They are occupied precisely with the games of Jabulqa and Jabulsa. Today, should He so will it, with but a single word He can cause whatsoever in the Bayan was confirmed to return to denial. He doeth whatsoever He willeth and shall not be asked of His doings. Verily He is powerful over all things.

Even as the Primal Point—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake—saith, exalted be His mention: "It is permitted unto Him Whom God shall make manifest to reject him than whom there is none higher on earth, for this creation lieth within His grasp and all are obedient unto Him." He likewise hath power to endow all who are on earth with the raiment of prophethood, even as He saith, exalted be His mention: "For verily were He to make all who are on earth prophets, they would become prophets before God." Here endeth the passage. All names are honored, glorified and ennobled through their turning unto Him; otherwise they are not worthy of mention.

Say: The Prophet is he who hath hearkened unto My Call and believed in My Self, and the Apostle is he who hath delivered My Messages, and the Imam is he who hath stood before My countenance and prospered in My days, and the Guardian is he who hath entered the stronghold of My guardianship and detached himself from all else but Me, and the Successor is he who hath bequeathed unto himself and then unto the servants My love and remembrance. Thus hath the Sun of utterance shone forth from the horizon of the will of your Lord, the All-Merciful, in this sacred, mighty, inaccessible and impregnable Paradise.

At this point the Primal Point—may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake—beseeches that whatsoever letters Thou hast numbered in the Bayan, save the Book of the Most High, Thou mayest transform and efface them, and in their stead create from the luminous letters whatsoever Thou lovest. And after sublime and transcendent utterances, He continues until it culminates in the Most Great Name, exalted be His grandeur. And it is most beloved to mention the original supplication of His Holiness, that all may partake of the Kawthar of utterance. His word, exalted and mighty be He:

> “I beseech Thee by Thy grace, O my God, to adorn all my works in a mighty Book with the most excellent and impregnable calligraphy, than which there existeth none more exalted in Thy knowledge, in such wise that Thou mayest transform all the letters which Thou hast numbered, save the Book of the Most High, that Thou mayest efface them through Thy power and create in their place luminous letters according to what Thou lovest and art pleased with, in the uttermost heights above and beyond the most exalted horizon, until it culminateth in Thy Name, the Most Exalted, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious, the Most Beautiful, the Most High, the Most Splendid. Verily, Thou hast power over all things.”

By God! Should any soul attain, in a measure beyond counting, unto fairness and insight, he would witness the fire of love of the Primal Point—may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake—enkindled in the mention of the appearance of the Lord of Names, and would comprehend it. What benefit is there when the lethargy of heedlessness hath prevented the people from the ultimate purpose, the most exalted summit, and the furthermost goal? O Beloved of my heart! The fire that hath been kindled within this evanescent servant doth verily inspire him to these mentions, else the Truth, exalted be His glory, is sanctified and elevated above whatsoever hath been or may be mentioned. And by the testimony of the Point of the Bayan—may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake—He hath not been and shall not be known by what is in the Bayan.

Exalted be His greatness and His mention and His sovereignty! Likewise, it is hoped that some hesitant souls who wander in the wilderness of bewilderment and are bound by veils and allusions may perchance become aware and find their way to the straight path of God. The Command is in His grasp. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. And He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Another submission is that his honor Aqa Muhammad Khan, upon him be the Glory of God, together with two others arrived and attained the Most Holy Presence, and the lamp that reflected the hearts of the pure ones arrived safely through them. However, until now the Ancient Beauty has not visited the garden. God willing, it shall be done according to the command. For some time the Most Great Prison was the seat of the Throne, and now it has been one month since the mansion has been honored and blessed by the Holy Footsteps. We beseech God, our Beloved and your Beloved, our Goal and your Goal, to ordain for your honor that which befitteth His Gracious Name. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. The Glory be upon your honor from the presence of One Mighty, All-Knowing. The Most Great Branch and the Greater Branch—may my being and essence be a sacrifice unto the dust of Their feet—remember that beloved one with most exalted mention and convey Most Holy, Most Glorious greetings. Likewise all those who circle round the Prison Land, each one presents their utter nothingness and evanescence in service to your honor.

Another submission of this evanescent one is that in all conditions enjoin the friends of God to wisdom, lest they become heedless of it and be deprived of that which God hath intended. The day before, the Tongue of Grandeur uttered these words: “O thou who art present! Let none comprehend the purpose of the sublime and glorious verses and imagine otherwise. Write to the Afnan to inform all that in no circumstance is the decree of wisdom abrogated.” And concerning what was revealed in the verses “This is the Day of awakening yet ye are sleeping” and “This is the Day of arising yet ye are seated”—the

intention is the teaching of God's Cause, that upright souls may arise to teach it with wisdom. By My Self that presideth over all things, nothing else was or is intended. And in answer to one of the friends, these firm and decisive passages were sent down from the heaven of oneness—they are mentioned so that all may become aware of God's grace, mercy and kindness, and fix their gaze upon that which He hath willed. His words, exalted be His grandeur:

"Beware, beware lest thou do what thou wrote at the end of thy letter. These are the deeds of the ignorant and the acts of the heedless. By the Most Great Name, should one of the friends cause harm to another, it is as though he hath harmed the Truth Itself. Conflict, contention, corruption, murder and the like have been strictly forbidden in God's Book. Repent unto God for what thou didst intend in thy soul, then turn to Him and say:

'O my God! I beseech Thee by the Most Exalted Word to ordain for me the word of forgiveness, for I desired what Thou didst not desire and what Thou forbade in Thy Book. I beseech Thee to remit my sins and immerse me in the ocean of Thy forgiveness. Thou art verily the Forgiving, the Generous.'

Whatever wrong any oppressor hath manifested, leave him to the Truth Itself. Divine justice is all-pervading and all-encompassing. There hath not been and is no need for corruption, conflict, contention, murder and plunder. The triumph of the Cause hath been and shall be through utterance, and all else proceedeth from selfish desires. May God protect us and you, O concourse of those who have turned unto Him." End.

Likewise in the Tablet of Ism'u'llah al-Jamal—may all glory from every Abha Glory be upon him—these blessed words were revealed, exalted be His grandeur and His truth:

> "If all apparent power, which in truth has had and has no station before God, should become manifest, and if a swordsman should appear before us with evil intent, we would certainly not oppose him but would leave him to himself."

A friend of God intended harm toward one of the people and mentioned his intention in a letter he sent to this servant. This servant presented it in the Most Holy Court, and the aforementioned revealed verses descended in reply to him from the heaven of God's will and were sent to him. God willing, may the Truth confirm all to relinquish their own desires and fix their gaze upon the Will of God. Verily He speaks the truth and guides the way, and praise be to God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

Another submission: The envelope for His Honor Ism'u'llah al-Jamal—may all glory from every Abha Glory be upon him—should reach him quickly. Haste is required. The Glory be upon you.

The servant 11 Rabi'u'l-Avval 1298

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BH01582: In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy…

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious.

The essence of praise and its quintessence befitteth that eternal King Who hath, from time immemorial and unto everlasting, sanctified the hem of His chosen ones from the praise and glorification of this servant and his like. What relation can there be between the lowly earth and the exalted, elevated heaven? Glorified be He Who hath manifested and revealed the Word, and raised it up in truth, and made victory to reside in utterance, and hath spoken that whereby His mercy hath encompassed all in the realm of possibility, save those who arose and fled from the shadow of His grace. Exalted is the All-Merciful above being known through what hath been mentioned from the beginning that hath no beginning, or being remembered unto the end that hath no end.

All descriptions and mentions have returned and shall return unto those who have cast away their desires and turned toward the Supreme Horizon, and heard and answered our Most Glorious Lord, and bore for God's sake the derision of enemies and trials and tribulations. These are servants whom God hath mentioned in His Scriptures, Books and Tablets, and made them the Hands of His Cause amongst His servants. Through them the clouds have rained, and vegetation hath sprouted in valleys and upon hills, and the decree of the Book was raised up. These are servants upon whom the Concourse on High and those who circle round the Throne pray at eventide and at dawn.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou by Whose Name the gates of heaven were opened! I beseech Thee by the sovereignty of Names to assist Thy chosen ones to make mention of Thee and glorify Thee and that which beseemeth Thy days. Then protect them from the evil of Thine enemies who cast Thy Book behind their backs and turned away from Thy Beauty and disputed Thy proof and Thy testimony. Then ordain for them, O my God and God of all things visible and invisible, that which Thou hast ordained for those who offered up their spirits and their bodies in Thy path. Then manifest what Thou hast destined for them through Thy bounty and favors. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

My spirit be a sacrifice for your mention and my soul be a ransom for your steadfastness. This evanescent servant perceiveth his own shortcoming to such degree that he is ashamed even to express his deficiency and counteth even this among the gravest of sins, for some time ago I was honored to receive Thy blessed handwriting, yet I was negligent in offering a response. Once when I intended to present a petition, it was observed that a most exalted and holy Tablet had descended from the heaven of divine Will and the Tongue of Grandeur spoke this word:

> "O servant, stay thy pen, for the Supreme Pen maketh mention of him as a token of His grace."

Until this time I have been and continue to be gladdened by the sweetness of the Merciful's utterance. I praise Him and thank Him throughout the duration of the kingdom and the heavenly realm, for the effulgences of the Sun of favor are directed toward your eminence. In such circumstance, mention of this

evanescent one, who is like unto nothingness itself, was in no wise worthy or befitting. In these days, one night while engaged in recording verses in the presence of the Throne, amid the revelation your mention appeared from the Tongue of Grandeur and one most holy and exalted Tablet specifically for your eminence was revealed and dispatched. God willing, you will attain unto its perusal.

This is the day of mention and praise, the day of enthusiasm and fervor, but this evanescent one's tongue is tired and body weak, and moreover commanded to wisdom. He beseecheth God, exalted be His might and glory, to raise up servants who may guide the people to the ocean of knowledge through wisdom and utterance, and speak that which is meet to be spoken. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. Through His Name every door was opened and every wise command was made manifest. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. The glory shining forth from the horizon of eternity be upon your eminence and upon those with you and upon those who love you and hearken to your word concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds.

All those circling round and standing before the Throne present their utter evanescence, nothingness and pure sincerity in service to your eminence.

The servant, 11 Rabi'u'l-Avval 1298

The Most Great Branches, may my spirit and being be sacrificed for the dust of their footsteps, remember your eminence with holy mention and most exalted and glorious praise.

BH01861: In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great…

In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord! Praise be to God Who was in the eternity of eternities and will be even as He was. There is no God but He, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

O my God! I beseech Thee by the Light that shineth forth from the horizon of Thy Will, and by the Name through which the gate of meeting with Thee was opened, to assist Thy servants and creatures in that which will cause Thy Cause to be exalted and the standards of Thy guidance to be raised amidst Thy creation. Ordain for them that which will solace their eyes and gladden their hearts. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

To continue: This evanescent servant has, on your behalf, fulfilled what was promised—that is, as requested by you, he attained the presence of the Goal of the world's peoples. Well is it with me and with you! Your letter was received. Praise be to God that you have been blessed with the bounty of health, which is the greatest of divine bounties. God willing, you will be assisted in that which befitteth this divine Day, for any deed that appeareth today purely for the sake of God, even if it be but a single word, is like unto a seed deposited in pure, good and blessed soil—it will surely bring forth lofty and wondrous ears of corn. Today is the day of sowing and planting, today is the day of planting trees. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto what God hath desired in His days, blessed is the servant who hath remained steadfast in His Cause and love, blessed is he who hath heard His call, and blessed is he who hath found the fragrance of His garment and acknowledged Him with his tongue.

I swear by the Sun of divine knowledge that if, until the end that hath no end, a soul were to continue mentioning and praising this wondrous, glorious Day, it would be seen as non-existent, null and void compared to what hath been ordained for it by the Most Exalted Pen. Unto God be the reward of the doers, unto God be the deeds of those who have turned unto Him, unto God be the praise of those brought nigh, unto God be the remembrance of those who remember Him. This Day belongeth unto God, exalted be His grandeur and the sovereignty of His might, and whatsoever is associated with Him is beloved and is the goal of the hearts of His sincere servants.

You and I must at all times beseech the All-Merciful to assist and confirm these servants in matters that will cause the people of the world to be mindful, that perchance we may be enabled to guide a soul to the gate of the Friend, or rend asunder the veil of one who is veiled through the blessed Name of the Friend. If we fail to achieve these things and the like thereof, we will have wasted our lives and departed this world with utmost regret, for that which occupieth and delighteth the people hath yielded and yieldeth no fruit, as all tongues have confessed, since its end is change, extinction and nothingness. This is a matter that, beyond hearsay, every eye hath witnessed: Where is Khosrow and his palace? Where is Shaddad and his paradise? The decree of God hath turned them to dust.

I beseech God to preserve these servants through His special grace and to assist them in that which pleaseth Him. Verily He is the Powerful, and verily He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed. The splendor of God rest upon him who wrote thy letter, upon thee, and upon every just servant in God and His firm and mighty Cause.

BH00867: Praise be to God Who hath ordained victory through…

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious

Praise be to God Who hath ordained victory through His consummate wisdom and hath commanded it unto all created beings who have believed in God, the Lord of Oneness. He is the One Who hath, through His grace, lifted up the decree of the sword and established in its place the decree of utterance, whereby the fragrance of His name, the Most Merciful, hath been wafted throughout all creation. Exalted, exalted is our Lord Who cannot be described by the learning of the divines and the people of mystical knowledge. Blessed is he who hath held fast unto that which God, the Lord of all religions, hath commanded in His Book. And woe unto him who hath cast aside wisdom and utterance, and through his idle fancies hath seized upon that which was forbidden him in the Scriptures and Tablets. Blessed is he who hath arisen to promote the Cause of his Lord through goodly character and deeds. The servant beareth witness that he is among the prosperous ones in the Book of God, the Sender of winds. And praise be to God Who hath sent down from His Most Exalted Pen that which hath enraptured the sincere ones in the kingdom of creation, and hath revealed for His loved ones that which hath caused spirits to soar.

To continue: the Servant hath attained unto that which thou didst previously send, as though it had opened the gate of joy. When I read and understood and learned of it, I approached the Praiseworthy Station and presented it before the throne of our Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which pens and souls are powerless to recount, and He revealed for each name that was in thy letter that which caused the breezes of loving-kindness to waft between earth and heaven. To

this beareth witness the Tablet of the Beloved Ones which the All-Bestowing hath revealed and sent unto thee, that thou mayest read it and share it with those who have turned to the Supreme Horizon and have attained unto the Most Great Steadfastness. By the life of the Beloved! Nothing that hath been created in earth and heaven can compare with it. To this beareth witness the Lord of Names, Who is established upon the throne in this noble station.

While I was engaged in writing this leaf, the Beloved of the world summoned me and said, exalted be His grandeur and mighty be His utterance.

Write to his honor Andalib: O Andalib! Fix your gaze upon this decisive, firm and comprehensive blessed Word which hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of God's Book, and counsel all therewith, that perchance they may know with perfect certitude that the triumph of God's Cause hath not been and is not through the sword, contention, strife and corruption. And that blessed Word which hath been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book is this:

> "We have lifted the law of the sword and have established in its place the law of expression. Well is it with them who possess understanding and who have held fast unto that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Book."

Despite this decisive and firm Word, it is observed that some still remain in doubt and misgiving, and through their personal delusions are engaged in interpreting the word of victory. Say: What aileth you that ye comprehend not and perceive not? Verily have We counseled all to show kindness, compassion and care. Well is it with him who hath attained unto My purpose, and woe unto the heedless. It would seem they place their own will before the Will of God, or regard what hath been sent down from the Kingdom of Utterance as jest, or God forbid, see the Truth as powerless and weak. Say: Woe unto you! Verily He is the Strong, the Powerful. Verily He is the Mighty, the Supreme. Verily He is the Victorious, the All-Wise. Verily He is the Subduer over His creation and He is the All-Knowing. Therefore beseech God that He may confirm His loved ones in goodly deeds and pleasing conduct, and in that which the Book of God, the Speaking, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, hath decreed.

Today is a different day and a different heaven is upraised and a different sea is surging. It cannot and will not be compared with before and after. Say: Today the sun of bounty is manifest and the ocean of grace is before all faces. Move in this spiritual atmosphere with the wings of spirit, and keep yourselves detached, free and sanctified from the impurities, allusions and dust of the vicissitudes of time. Wings soiled with mud are not worthy of flight nor capable of ascension.

O ʿAndalib! Say: Today an illumined heart is needed, an expanded breast and penetrating vision. Perchance ye may leave behind what ye have heard and relate what ye behold. Man needeth human qualities. Alas! Alas! Words cannot bear these meanings and the pen findeth itself powerless to translate. The Command is in the hand of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Praise be unto Him! Verily He speaketh the truth and He is the Most Merciful of the merciful.

O ʿAndalib! That which thou didst send through the servant who was present and his honor Ism-i-Jud, upon both of them be My glory, from the epistles was presented at the Most Holy Court. Through pure grace, sublime and exalted verses were revealed and sent specially for all the souls mentioned therein,

both living and dead. God willing, they shall attain unto them. The mention of God is life for the dead and a bounty for the loved ones. Know thou the value of this favor and speak forth in praise and thanksgiving to God. Blessed be thy tongue for what it hath sung, and thy heart for what it hath composed, and thy thought for the virgin meanings of recognition that have appeared from it in praise of God, the Lord of proof and evidence.

Divine favor is manifest and evident upon that beloved one and those true friends. God willing, may all attain to that which is beloved in His presence. That honored one who, praise be to God, has in these divine days succeeded in offering praise unto the Truth—the entire world has been and remains incapable of adequately thanking Him for this supreme bounty. God willing, may you set ablaze the souls in those lands with the fire of divine love. A word that issues forth from a detached heart has been and ever shall be effective. This is what I have heard from the mouth of my Lord's will, the Perspicuous, the Wise. Convey greetings and make mention to all on behalf of this evanescent servant.

O friends! Today is a momentous day. Strive to deposit enduring traces in this perishable ruin. While time remains, we must all count it as precious and occupy ourselves with that which is befitting and worthy. What is lost today, when shall it be recovered and who shall recover it?

At this moment it behooveth this servant to call upon the Lord of the mystics and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and earth, saying:

O God of the world and Goal of the nations! I beseech Thee by the Name through which the gate of Thy most exalted Paradise was opened to all who are in the kingdom of creation, and through which the Call was raised between earth and heaven, to assist Thy chosen ones to celebrate Thy praise and glorification, and inspire them with that which Thou hast willed through Thy knowledge. O Lord! Deprive them not of the ocean of Thy good-pleasure, nor keep them distant from the sanctuaries of Thy nearness. O Lord! Regard them not according to what they possess, but behold the heaven of Thy bounty and riches, and the helplessness of Thy creation and the poverty of Thy servants. Thou art the One before Whose manifestation and appearance the kingdom of power bowed low. There is no God but Thee, the Giving, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Generous.

Glory be upon you and upon those who were attracted by the sweetness of the Call when it was raised between earth and heaven, and upon every one who turned unto God when He came with manifest sovereignty. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH00364: In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy…

Section 1: "In the Name of our Lord, the Most…"

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Impregnable, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Praise be to God Who taught the Supreme Pen that by which the denizens of the Kingdom of Names were attracted, and revealed therefrom that whereby those who have turned to the Most Glorious Horizon drew near, and those who have approached the Dawning-Place of Names, and those sincere ones who

have attained to such a station that they speak not except by His leave and move not except by His command. These are servants whose praise and tribute the tongues of pens are powerless to render, and whose station and rank the pen of the world is incapable to describe. These are servants who have arisen to serve the Cause with wisdom and utterance. God hath sanctified their hearts from the insinuations of those who are veiled, who have cast away, denied, and turned away from God, the Revealer of verses.

O thou who art imprisoned for the love of God and His Cause, and who hast migrated in His path! The breezes of the morn of your love and sincerity toward God, our Beloved and your Beloved, have awakened me, and I was gladdened by the traces of your pen which moved in praise of our Creator and your Creator. When I opened and read it, I presented it before the Throne. These are the words which my Beloved and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and earth caused me to hear—His word, exalted be His glory:

O Husayn! Thou hast been favored with the grace of God and hast borne tribulations and afflictions in His path. However, what is most important today is steadfastness in His Cause and to restrain hand and tongue from God's creation. The victory of the Cause is now confined to goodly deeds, praiseworthy conduct, revealed wisdom, and exalted utterances which can be derived from the Book of God regarding the loftiness and transcendence of the Cause. I swear by the Sun of the heaven of God's Command that should anyone today intend harm against this Wronged One, We would certainly not oppose him. This Cause has another station, another rank, and cannot be compared with the past or future. The people of Baha must raise their gaze and move above the earth and all that hath been and will be termed as heaven. Were We to unveil to those who are heedless what We have unveiled to you, all would hasten to the seat of nearness, sanctity and beauty, and would turn to the Self-Subsisting, the Most High. Blessed are they who are slain but slay not, who bear afflictions in the path of the Beloved but intend harm to no one. This is the station of My loved ones and chosen ones.

O Husayn! What have they gained from the world and what benefit have they seen? By the life of God, all of it cannot equal a single breeze that wafteth from the paradise of God's bounty. What life is that which death doth not overtake, and what prosperity is that which ruin doth not seize? If one is deprived of the wine of divine love and is unaware of His realms, or is in despair, with what can he console himself or find joy? By My life, all are immersed in idle fancies and vain imaginings. Beseech ye God that He may cause all to attain unto the fragrances of His days, that they may perceive the fragrance of the true rose-garden and discover the purpose of creation.

At the beginning of Ridvan, the Ancient Tongue spoke three verses. In one verse, He removed strife, contention, corruption, killing and plunder from the world. All must fix their gaze upon that which God hath willed. The world never was nor is worthy of attachment, for every eye beholdeth its change and extinction. The world itself is a complete book, and all of it telleth of its own revolution, variation, transformation and extinction. Blessed are they that perceive, blessed are they that hear.

Some time ago, one of the friends of God sent this servant a letter, and at its end mentioned an intent to harm one of the people. It is quite clear that he intended this for God's sake, as that person had perpetrated a great injustice in the land. After this was presented in the Most Holy Court, these exalted words descended from the heaven of will—His word, exalted be His glory:

Beware, beware lest thou commit what thou hast written at the end of thy letter. These are the deeds of the ignorant and the acts of the heedless. I swear by the Most Great Name that if any of the friends should harm anyone, it is as though he hath harmed God Himself. Conflict, contention, corruption, killing and the like have been strictly forbidden in the Book of God. Turn thou unto God from what thou hast intended in thy soul, then return unto Him and say:

O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Word to inscribe for me the word of forgiveness, for I have desired within myself that which Thou didst not desire and which Thou didst forbid in Thy Book. I beseech Thee to absolve me of my misdeeds and to immerse me in the ocean of Thy forgiveness. Verily, Thou art the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

Every injustice that hath proceeded from an oppressor, leave it to the True One Himself. The hand of divine justice is all-encompassing and all-powerful. There hath never been, nor is there now, any need for corruption, conflict, disputation, murder and plunder. The triumph of the Cause hath been and ever will be through utterance, and all else proceedeth from the promptings of self. God protect us and you, O concourse of those who have turned towards Him.

It is abundantly clear that this person is unaware of what hath been revealed by the Most Exalted Pen concerning triumph. For had they been aware, they would never have undertaken such actions that contradict divine ordinances and bring harm to the Cause. Those like yourself should convey to others some of what hath been mentioned in this letter, that all may walk the straight path and hold fast to what the True One, exalted be His glory and greatness, hath ordained as the triumph of His Cause, and may awaken the heedless. One pure deed and one goodly attribute hath guided and will continue to guide multitudes. In ancient times, a person known as Hanzala, through one word spoken with sincerity, guided a king and many of his subjects. As the details thereof are recorded in previous books, this servant hath refrained from mentioning them.

In truth, this servant is perplexed and knoweth not how long certain matters shall remain confusing to some of the friends. I beseech the True One to assist all to achieve that which pleaseth Him and to enable them to fulfill what hath been recorded in the Book by the Most Exalted Pen. By His very Self, the triumph achieved through one goodly deed is superior and more perfect than a hundred thousand swords. Today all must free themselves from their own will, desire, conjectures, imaginings and fancies, and fix their gaze upon the Will of God. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto the heedless.

Concerning what thou didst write about the honored mother of the sacred household, upon her be the Glory of God, it is clear and evident. However, until now no mention of such matters hath been made to anyone. God willing, all affairs shall be and are being set aright.

With regard to what you wrote concerning the mention of Jinab-i-Ismu'llah (upon whom be all the Glory of God, the Most Glorious), and likewise concerning his acting with wisdom, this detail was presented at the Most Holy Court. This firm and blessed word emerged from the Kingdom of Utterance—He says, exalted be His grandeur:

> "Blessed is he who holdeth fast unto it and followeth that which hath been commanded by the One Who is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

May my namesake Jamal, through God's eternal favors, be ever successful and act according to what God desires, becoming a cause of unity and concord in such wise that differences may be removed from among the friends. We, from this station, send Our greetings upon him and upon those with him, and upon those who observe the rights of God regarding His loved ones, and upon those who hold fast to wisdom, turning away from all else. Thus hath the Book decreed from God, the Mighty, the Bestower. We have made mention of Jamal and have sent to him in these days that which hath illumined the horizons. By My life! Wisdom is to teach My Cause with fragrance and spirituality, with remembrance and utterance, and with that which adorns the world with the ornament of love and fellowship. God willing, may they be ever focused on truth, joyous in His love, and successful through His grace. O Jamal! We have counseled thee with wisdom and counsel thee with wisdom and with that which will unite all in one station. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing Teacher.

Section 2: "Convey My greetings to My loved ones…"

Convey My greetings to My loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of My mercy and My grace. Prolonged stay in the lands of Y and Sh is not permitted. Any of the friends who enter these two lands must, after staying a few days, proceed to another land. Verily He knoweth, decreeth, seeth and speaketh, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing.

As for what you wrote about the aforementioned person speaking vain words in other lands as well—it is strange that the friends of God give ear to such nonsensical utterances of heedless souls. Such persons should be left to themselves—neither opposition nor association is acceptable. Leave them to their vain imaginings. Praise be to God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

And concerning what you wrote about the honored and esteemed gentlemen Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Siyyid Ali, Aqa Ghulam-Husayn, and Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Baqir (upon them be the Glory of God) having shown their kindness in the previous post—it has not yet reached this ephemeral one, though news has come that their packet has arrived in the Prison Land. However, since this servant is now occupied with writing verses before the Throne outside the Prison Land, he has not yet been blessed with their kindness, though in truth it is considered as received, for whatever reaches Jinab-i-Samandar (upon whom be all the Glory of God, the Most Glorious) will reach him unless divine decree prevents it. In any case, mention of them was made in the Most Holy Court. This is what the Desired One hath revealed for them, that their mention may endure as long as the Kingdom endureth.

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

Remember My loved ones who have believed in God, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. He is a light unto them that see and a fire unto them that deny God, the Lord of existence. O Ali! Hearken unto My call, for it shall draw thee in such wise that neither the veils of the world nor the might of armies shall hold thee back. If thou findest the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful, thou wilt forsake all creation and proclaim with wisdom:

> "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen."

Thus hath the Supreme Pen spoken in the Kingdom of creation and summoned all unto God, the Mighty, the Loving. Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord's bounty and trust in Him in all matters. The glory that shineth forth from the mouth of the Will of the All-Merciful be upon those who have cast away vain imaginings, who have taken the choice sealed wine and drunk in His Name, the Best-Beloved.

He is the One Who speaketh through evidence

We have heard the call of those who have turned toward the Countenance when Its lights shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of God's Manifestation, the Mighty, the Great, and We have answered them through Our grace with that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken. Exalted is He Who hath sent down this clear utterance. The heaven hath been cleft asunder, the earth hath been rent, and earthquakes have seized the tribes of the earth, yet the peoples remain behind a thick veil. They hear God's verses and deny them, they behold God's evidences and turn away from them, for they follow every ignorant remote one. Say: O people! The ocean of utterance hath surged and the All-Merciful hath come with proof and evidence. Fear God and be not of the heedless. Blessed be thy name, O youth, shouldst thou hold fast to that which beseemeth this mighty, sublime Name. When thou findest the fragrance of thy Lord's verses, render thanks unto Him Who possesseth a preserved tablet.

He is the One manifest above the world through His Name, the Self-Subsisting

O Muhammad-Baqir! Hearken unto that wherewith the Wronged One remembereth thee. He calleth thee and all in the world unto God, the Lord of Lords. Say: By God, O people! He hath sacrificed Himself and all He possessed in God's path. Fear God, O people, and follow not every aggressive tyrant. Behold the Dayspring of the Cause with His eye in this Revelation. This is what ye were commanded in the Scriptures and Tablets. Those who have cast God behind their backs shall soon be seized by the breezes of chastisement from all directions. Rejoice, O people of Baha, in that the Lord of Names hath guided you to the straight path. Say: Forsake what ye possess and take what ye are commanded by God, the Lord of the beginning and the end. Be thankful that the Wronged One hath remembered thee with that which all the treasures of the world cannot equal. The Lord of Eternity beareth witness to this in this station round which the Supreme Paradise circleth at eventide and at dawn.

Praise be to God that the mentioned souls have attained divine bounty. Today, whosoever hath attained God's bounty is accounted among the gems of existence before the Throne. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to aid this servant and all the friends to preserve what hath been granted. Verily, He is the Generous, the Bountiful. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. On behalf of this evanescent servant, convey greetings to them and to each of the friends. God knoweth that this evanescent servant mentioneth God's loved ones before the Throne and asketh for them that which will benefit them and draw them nigh unto God, the Goal of the mystics. The blessed Divine Branches—may my spirit, my being, and my essence be sacrificed for the dust of their feet—remember that noble one with most wondrous, most impregnable, most holy, most great, most exalted mention, and likewise those who circle round and stand before the prison-land convey their greetings with utmost sincerity and love. Glory be upon you and upon those with you and upon those whose names you mentioned and who have attained the bounty of God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant 23 Rabi'u'l-Avval 1298

BH01273: The Praise lamenteth and saith: "I am not worthy…

He is God, Exalted be His Glory, the Greatness and the Power

The Praise lamenteth and saith: "I am not worthy of Him Who cannot be described in words nor mentioned through similitudes." And the Thanksgiving weepeth and saith: "Is there any way unto Him Who cannot be praised throughout all eternity? He is, verily, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High."

Thereafter, Thy sweet remembrance hath awakened me, and what hath been diffused therefrom of the fragrance of the love of our Lord, the Most High, the All-Glorious, hath gladdened me. When I read and understood, I presented myself before His Presence and submitted what was in thy letter. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, exalted be His glory: "O Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin! The Wronged One mentioneth thee from this manifest station and announceth unto thee what hath been ordained for thee from the Most Exalted Pen. Thy Lord is, verily, the Announcer, the All-Knowing. Blessed is he who hath loved thee and loveth thee, and who hath heard from thee the verses of God, the Lord of the worlds. Thou art he whose heart We have adorned with My love, whose tongue with My remembrance, whose eyes with beholding My horizon, whose hand with taking My Book, and whose feet with steadfastness in My Cause. Art thou able to thank thy Lord for His favor, His grace, and His bounties? Verily, He thanketh Himself on thy behalf, as a mercy from Him unto thee. He is, verily, the Bestower, the Generous.

Make mention of My loved ones on My behalf, then recite unto them what hath been revealed from My Pen, and give them the glad-tidings of My remembrance and My favor. Say: Beware lest sorrows overtake you while the Dawning-Place of joy mentioneth you with His wondrous remembrance. Rejoice in God, your Lord. He remembereth you with that which the most exalted Paradise cannot equal, how much less what hath been created on earth. By the life of God! Were ye to become aware of His favor, ye would thank and praise Him until the spirit ascendeth unto the Most Exalted Companion. He Who speaketh the truth beareth witness unto this. There is none other God but He, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Verily, We make mention of Our loved ones in Nun and Jim, and We remind them of what hath been sent down from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Make mention of them on My behalf and glorify their faces from Me. Say: By God! This is the Day of Remembrance, did ye but know it, and this is the Day of Praise, did ye but recognize it, and this is the Day of Love and Unity, did ye but understand it, and this is the Day of the Balance, did ye but believe it. By God, the Truth! The Balance hath been set up, whereby all deeds shall be weighed from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. And this is the Day of Reform, the Day of Steadfastness and Certitude, the Day of Wisdom and Utterance. Blessed are the people who hear and act. Thus have We mentioned those who were from thy land, as a favor from Us unto thee. He is, verily, the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Loving.

And We make mention of Abdullah, whose letter was presented before the Face and submitted by the servant in attendance before the Throne, and We answered him with these verses: O Abdullah! We heard thy call when We were outside the prison, and We have sent down unto thee this Tablet. Rejoice in thy Lord's favor, then thank Him by night and by day. Grieve not over anything. Verily, thy Lord's favor hath

encompassed all created things. Glorify the faces of those who are with thee on My behalf, and give them the glad-tidings of the mercy of Him Who speaketh the truth from the most exalted station.

And We make mention of Ali-Qabli-Akbar, whose letter the servant present before the Face hath submitted, that he may thank his Lord, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Rejoice thou in My remembrance, then act according to what hath been ordained in My Book. Thy Lord is, verily, the Teacher, the Acquainter, the Explainer, the Mighty, the Beloved.

We make mention at the end of the Tablet of My handmaidens in that place who have believed in God when He came with His name, the Self-Subsisting. Rejoice, O My leaves, in the remembrance of God, then thank Him for what He hath sent down unto you that which shall endure as long as the Kingdom and the Dominion endure. End.

My spirit be a sacrifice for your mention. I submit that the remaining Tablets which were previously mentioned are now being sent. And all that was sent previously should reach either Jinab-i-Haji Kamaluddin, upon him be the Glory of God, or Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Baqir, upon him be the Glory of God, that they may deliver them.

This servant found no opportunity this time to respond in detail to your letter. God willing, it will be submitted later. Convey on behalf of this evanescent one greetings and salutations to all the friends in that land who have drunk and are drinking from the choice wine of your utterance. May Jinab-i-Mihman, upon her be the Glory of God, be blessed through divine grace. The servant heard mention of her from the Tongue of Grandeur on this blessed and beloved night. And whatever Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Sadiq, upon him be the Glory of God, had mentioned was submitted to the Most Holy Court. They said a response will be sent. Verily We make mention of him and the one named Hasan who attained to My service for a number of years. Nothing escapes His knowledge. He is possessed of great faithfulness. The Glory be upon your honor and upon those with you, and upon him and upon him and upon them (m.) and upon them (f.) from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds.

The servant 23 Rabi'u'l-Avval 1298

BH01319: Praise be to God Who sent down the heavenly…

He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power!

Praise be to God Who sent down the heavenly table, made manifest His bounty, and brought forth that which lay hidden in the treasuries of knowledge and wisdom, and gave utterance to that which drew the hearts of those who have cast away all else besides Him and turned with their hearts toward His most exalted horizon. Exalted is our Lord, the Master of all beings, Who hath caused His servants to recognize His clear verses according to His will and desire. He is verily the Sovereign of creation and the Lord of the Day of Return. And peace and blessings be upon God's ambassadors, His Prophets, His chosen ones and His loved ones, and upon the Seal of His Messengers through whom God distinguished between His servants. My spirit be a sacrifice for your remembrance!

The breezes of your love stirred me when I read what was inscribed in your luminous letter mentioning God, the Lord of all names and Creator of heaven. I presented what I read before His Countenance, and He—sweet are His words—said:

> "Verily, he hath been under the glances of My loving-kindness and beneath the canopy of My grace. I have mentioned him with My tongue, turned toward him with My face, beckoned to him with My finger, and indicated to him with My brow, unto a station that changeth not and hath no end. He must preserve this precious pearl in the name of God, the Lord of all worlds. He is verily the Protector, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. And We remember My loved ones in that place who have held fast to what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Book."

That which was sent from the land of Shin in the name of Ha and Sin, upon him be the glory of God, hath arrived. I presented it before His Countenance, and this evanescent servant hath responded and sent it to your presence that you may forward it to him. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Best of Senders. And concerning what you wrote about Shaykh Salman, upon him be the glory of God, and the imprisoned one, upon him be the glory of God, I beseech the Exalted One to assist all to do what He loveth and is pleased with, to strengthen them in showing kindness to their brethren, and to aid them in achieving unity and harmony. He is verily the Master of His servants and the Inspirer of right conduct.

I presented your mention before His Countenance, and this is what the Kingdom of Utterance proclaimed:

> "O Salman! The Wronged One hath heard thy mention and thy cry, both before and after, and hath answered thee with that which hath diffused the fragrance of loving-kindness. We beseech the Exalted One to assist thee to be patient and forbearing in all conditions, and to ordain for thee the best in this world and the next. Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God, my Purpose, and Master of my being, Who beholdeth my outer and inner self! I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thou hast guided the sincere ones to Thy straight path and made known to those near unto Thee Thy abounding grace, to write down for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen what Thou hast written for Thy chosen servants. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp is the kingdom of names. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful."

O beloved of my heart! Should there be any delay in answering your noble letter, this is due to my many occupations and writings, and my trust in you, my reliance upon you, and my confidence in your love. My Lord and your Lord beareth witness to this. Glory be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who are there among God's sincere loved ones. And concerning what you mentioned about ʿAbdu'l-Ghani, upon him be the glory of God, let him rejoice in what hath befallen him. How many servants have been martyred in God's path, how many breasts have been pierced through love of God, how many heads have been raised upon spears for God's Cause, and how much blood hath been shed in God's path! He must rejoice in all conditions and praise God, his Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

It behooveth us to look to God's will and purpose, and to what He loveth and is pleased with, not to what our desires crave, our wills desire, and our hearts delight in. The whole matter is in His hands. It is for us

to thank Him, praise Him, glorify Him, sanctify Him, mention Him, and extol Him in hardship and ease, in adversity and tribulation, and in all that cometh upon His servants in this world. He knoweth and understandeth; we have no knowledge of the outcome of our affairs, nor of what will benefit us, preserve us, and deliver us. Our Creator, our Maker, our Provider, our Life-Giver, and our Death-Bringer beareth witness to this, as He hath testified in His gracious Book which He revealed unto him who adorned the Night Journey, and in the Books of the Messengers. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

The servant, on 23 Rabi'u'l-Avval 1298

I submit to you not to send to the city what is mentioned in this letter until I send the reply of the Doctor, upon him be the glory of God, to you so that you may send them together.

BH11880: Glorified art Thou, O Thou Who causeth the winds…

In the name of our Most Mighty, Most Great, Ever-Forgiving, Most Generous Lord!

Glorified art Thou, O Thou Who causeth the winds to blow and cleaveth the dawn! I beseech Thee by Thy Command, before which nothing that hath been created in earth or heaven can stand, and by the light of Thy countenance which hath encompassed all things, and by Thy most sweet call amongst the people of creation, to send down from the heaven of Thy bounty and the clouds of Thy grace upon Thy creation and Thy creatures that which will adorn them with the ornament of certitude and draw them nigh unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of all worlds.

O my Lord! Thou seest those who have held fast to the cord of Thy obedience and clung to the hem of Thy commandments, and who have arisen to make mention of Thee and to serve Thy Cause, and have spent what Thou hast given them in Thy path. These are they whom Thou hast described in Thy glorious Book with Thy most mighty, most great and most sublime words:

> "and who prefer others before themselves, though poverty be their portion, and such as are preserved from their own avarice—these are they who prosper."

O my Lord! Write down for them both from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will draw them nigh unto Thee in every condition, then give them to drink, with the hand of Thy bounty, from the Kawthar of certitude and assurance.

O our Lord, the All-Merciful! Thou art He Who hath ever been mighty to do as He pleaseth and will ever continue to be as Thou hast been from time immemorial. All created things have testified to Thy oneness and singleness, and all contingent beings to Thy greatness and power. I beseech Thee not to make Thy chosen ones be of those who hesitated after having hastened, and who were forbidden after having been commanded. Verily Thou art the Almighty, before Whose manifestation the Pharaohs of the earth and their hosts, and the tyrants of the lands and their ranks were powerless. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The sum of fifty tumans sent by their honors Aqa Muhammad Husayn and Aqa Muhammad Rida, upon them be the Glory of God, through Shaykh Salman, upon him be the Glory of God, reached this evanescent servant in the month of Rabi'u'th-Thani 1298.

BH04233: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose Name…

In the Name of our Lord, Who is the Supreme Ruler over all names

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the ocean of utterance hath surged in the kingdom of creation, through Whose Will the spheres of expression have been set in motion throughout all possibility, and through Whose Decree power and might have been manifested unto the righteous and the chosen ones. I beseech Thee by Him Who conversed upon Sinai, through Whom the trumpet was sounded and the resurrection appeared, to assist Thy loved ones and Thy chosen ones to accomplish that which Thou hast commanded them in Thy Book.

O Lord! Thou seest them turning toward Thee, voicing Thy praise, gazing toward Thy horizon, and clinging to the cord of Thy loving-kindness. I implore Thee to send down upon them that which will draw them closer to Thee in all conditions and cause them to celebrate Thy remembrance at morn and eventide. O Lord! Do not disappoint them of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy pure ones and the choicest of Thy creation, who have cast aside all else but Thee and have taken hold of Thy Book through Thy Name and Thy power. O Lord! Accept from them what they have wrought in Thy days, then make it a treasure for them in Thy celestial dominion and Thy realm of might.

Verily, Thou art He from Whose knowledge nothing whatsoever escapeth. Thou hearest and seest all things, and Thou art, in truth, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

BH05190: In the Name of our Lord, the Most Ancient…

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Ancient, the Most Great, the Most Generous, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious!

O God of Names and Creator of heaven, Who hast manifested Thyself through Thy Most Great, Most Exalted Name! I testify that Thou hast ever been sanctified above the mention of all created things and exalted above the praise of all contingent beings. Thou hast been and art single, unique and one, and wilt continue to be as Thou hast been from time immemorial. There is none other God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Prison and what Thou didst endure from the peoples, to ordain through the Pen of Thy decree that which will draw Thy chosen ones nigh unto the ocean of Thy wisdom and the horizon of Thy knowledge. O Lord! They are they who heard Thy call and responded to Thee in Thy days. Preserve them, through Thy might and power and sovereignty, from the evil of those who turned away from meeting with Thee and denied Thy signs.

O Lord! Thou art He through Whose name the seas surged and the winds blew. Send down upon them from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will bring peace to their hearts, joy to their eyes, and gladness to their breasts. Verily Thou art He Whom the hosts of the world cannot frustrate, nor can the clamor of the nations prevent. Thou givest and withholdest. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Most High, the Most Great.

The sum of forty-seven tumans sent by Aqa Haydar, Mashhadi Husayn and Aqa ʿAli-Akbar, upon them be the glory of God, through Shaykh Salman, upon him be the glory of God, reached this evanescent servant in the month of Rabi'u'th-Thani 1298.

BH05406: Glorified art Thou, O God of the unseen…

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Glorified art Thou, O God of the unseen and the seen, Who hast appeared on this promised Day! I testify, and all created things and the tongues of all beings testify, that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee. Thou hast ever been supreme over all names and sovereign over all things. Thou art He, O my God, unto Whose riches all who dwell in Thy earth and heaven have testified, and to Whose power all who abide in the dominion of Thy Cause and creation have borne witness. Thou hast created all beings and sent unto them Thy Messengers and Thy Books and Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets to bring them the glad-tidings of what Thou hast ordained for them through Thy bounty and favors.

O Lord! I beseech Thee by the appearance of Thy Self and the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and the Source of Thy Cause, to aid Thy loved ones to remember Thee and praise Thee and serve Thy Cause. O Lord! Thou art the Generous One and in Thy grasp are the reins of all created things and the control of all beings. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him who hath turned to Thee and arisen to serve Thee. Aid him then, O my God, through Thy bounty and favors that his mention may thereby be exalted among Thy creation. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

The items sent by that honored person and the honored person bearing the same name, Ibn-i-Lutf, and Muhammad-Qabl-ʿAli and Raj—upon thee and upon them be the Glory of God—were received by this servant through the honored Shaykh—upon him be the Glory of God—in the month of Rabi'u'th-Thani 1298.

BH05998: O Thou through the light of Whose countenance…

In the Name of our Lord, the All-Powerful, the Supreme, the Mighty, the All-Knowing

O Thou through the light of Whose countenance the hearts of them that are nigh unto Thee are illumined, and unto the ocean of Whose bounty the hearts of the sincere ones have hastened! Thou hast ever been, O my God, sanctified from the conditions of Thy creation and exalted above the hints of Thy creatures. Through Thy bounty Thou hast manifested and caused to appear that which draweth the servants nigh unto the ocean of Thy mercy and the horizon of Thy Manifestation. Among them are those who have heard and turned towards Thee, and among them are those who, when they heard, turned away and denied Thy proof and disbelieved in Thy signs. O Lord! Thou seest those who have turned towards Thee in the hands of the idolaters.

I beseech Thee by the arms of Thy power and the manifestations of Thy might to preserve them from the evil of the enemies of Thy Self and to grant them, through Thy bounty and Thy gifts, the good of this world and of the world to come. O Lord! Thou art the Strong and they are the weak before Thy gate. Assist them in Thy remembrance and praise and in that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Verily

Thou art the Lord of the worlds and the One manifest through the Most Great Name. There is none other God but Thee, the Single One, the All-Powerful, the All-Informed.

The sum of fifty-seven tumans together with one sword and three pieces of pilgrim's garments sent by Ibn-i-Fath-i-A'zam, upon both of whom be the Glory of God, through Shaykh Salman, upon whom be the Glory of God, reached this evanescent servant in the month of Rabi'u'th-Thani 1298.

BH00128: Praise be to God Who hath manifested through wisdom…

Section 1: "Praise be to God Who hath manifested through…"

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatness and the Power

Praise be to God Who hath manifested through wisdom, revealed His Cause through wisdom, commanded all through wisdom, and made victory to reside in utterance and wisdom. Exalted is the Lord of wisdom and the Manifestor of wisdom, Who hath made it sharper than swords, more penetrating than spears, and more piercing than arrows. Praise be to God Who, when He was established upon the throne in the garden named Ridvan, uttered three decisive verses: by the first He abolished the law of the sword and established in its place mention and utterance; by the second He manifested all names unto all things. Exalted is the Creator of heaven Who spoke that whereby the earth and all therein were attracted, save those who clung to what they possessed and cast away what was with God, the Lord of all mankind. I pray, offer salutations, and glorify those who acted according to what they were commanded and followed what God revealed in the scriptures and tablets.

My spirit be a sacrifice for your remembrance! The servant hath attained to that which shone forth from the horizon of your pen, which moveth only to celebrate the praise and glory of God, to manifest His Cause and exalt His Word. When my heart was illumined by that radiant light, I approached the seat of the throne. When I arrived, I presented what was in your letter. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in the kingdom of utterance—and verily He is the proof for all who dwell in the realm of possibility—saying, exalted be His glory:

In My Name, the Wronged One

O My Name! Be thou ready to hearken unto the call of thy Lord. Verily, the Self-Subsisting remembereth thee with the most exalted remembrance, the Beloved calleth thee with the sweetest call, He Who is remembered mentioneth thee with the most glorious mention, and the Desired One turneth toward thee with His face that endureth after the passing of all things. Exalted is the Lord of Names Who, when established upon the throne, uttered a word whereby the earth and all therein were shaken, save every heedless one who clung to an idol among idols. Say: O people of Iran! The All-Merciful hath come to draw you nigh and teach you what behooveth man. You turned away and denied until you pronounced judgment against Him by Whom the eyes of the messengers whom God sent unto His servants were solaced.

Say: He commanded you to goodness, but you chose evil, and there appeared from you that which caused the trees to lament. Say: By God! The Interlocutor of the Mount hath come! He is the One

promised unto you in the scriptures and tablets. Say: Beware lest your conditions prevent you from God, the Lord of lords. Leave what you possess and hold fast to that which the Mother Book hath uttered before all faces, as a command from God, the Mighty, the Unconstrained.

O Zayn! Glorify on My behalf those among My loved ones who have cast aside all else but Me and have drunk the choice wine of My mercy from the hand of My bounty. Then command them according to what hath been sent down from the heaven of My will and the kingdom of My purpose. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Bestower. We have counseled them with wisdom and with that which will elevate their stations in the contingent world. Say: Be ye God's trustees on earth and the emblems of His remembrance amidst mankind. Consort with all people in a spirit of joy and fragrance, such that no heart be saddened by you nor the hearts of those whom God hath created by His command be troubled. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

O My loved ones in Al-Hadba and other lands! By the life of God, the Supreme Pen hath turned toward you and maketh mention of you with the most glorious remembrance, revealing unto you the pearls from the ocean of your Lord's wisdom, the Lord of all days. Blessed is he for whom God hath ordained a portion of that which hath appeared from the ocean of His grace, which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have recognized the decree of the Beginning and the Return.

O Zayn! God willing, thou shalt be illumined and radiant through divine grace. Praise be to God that thou hast not been negligent in serving the Cause and spreading the divine verses. This station is most exalted. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord, the All-Knowing.

O Zayn of the near ones! We have summoned all servants to the highest horizon and guided them to the divine ocean of knowledge. Likewise, We have commanded all to aid the Cause, and We have mentioned with clearest utterance the assistance that hath been revealed in the divine words. Nevertheless, it is observed that some are heedless of the meaning of assistance and what God hath intended thereby, that is, they have not understood. A hundred thousand regrets that the people of Baha are still unaware! Some have interpreted and continue to interpret assistance according to their own desires, although from the Supreme Pen countless times hath this most glorious word been revealed: The assistance of God's Cause hath been and is through wisdom and utterance, not through violence and corruption. We have forbidden all from conflict and corruption, yet they have not desisted, for they are unaware of the purpose. And souls who arise for God's sake and remind the people are and have been rare. Therefore, most remain in their own vain imaginings.

Inform the people of Nun and Jim of the divine commandments. All must hold fast to that which the Truth uttereth and must prefer God's Will to their own will and know God's Purpose to be sovereign and paramount over their purpose. At times the Truth, exalted be His glory, with a single word subdues and conquers the world. Whosoever hath been blessed to read the Surih of Ra'is and its like becometh somewhat aware of divine power. And at times when they cause harm to the Self of Truth, the Truth is seen to remain quiet and patient. All matters proceed according to wisdom, but since the servants are unaware, they are sometimes content and sometimes complainant.

In this Most Great Revelation, the decree of the sword, corruption, conflict, disputation and the like have been strictly forbidden in the Book. If today someone should manifest evil intent toward the Wronged One, We would certainly not oppose him. In this Revelation, the ocean of loving-kindness is surging, the sea of grace is manifest, and the sun of generosity is shining. Some of the friends in the land of Nun and Jim are unaware of these stations. Convey greetings to them from the Truth and explain the meaning of assistance so that all may become aware of what is beloved in God's sight. Although the hearts of the loved ones are wounded by the deeds of the oppressors—indeed the serpent and the wolf have committed that which hath caused the Messenger to lament in the most exalted Paradise, and the Holy Maiden in the highest Heaven, and the Supreme Pen in this most glorious station—nevertheless, obedience to God's command and submission to His ordinances are necessary and obligatory. All ears and eyes must be attentive to see what will appear from the horizon of the Cause.

Let eyes be watchful to see what will appear from the horizon of the Cause and what command will issue from the Tongue of Grandeur. If anyone should commit that which is contrary to the will of God and His manifest command, the injury thereof will revert upon the Truth Itself. Should anyone today harass or injure any of God's enemies, he hath not aided the Truth and will not be accounted among its helpers in the Book, for he hath acted against God's command and moreover hath caused injury to the Truth and His loved ones. All matters are conditional upon the confirmation and acceptance of the Truth. O My loved ones! Set aside whatsoever ye wish and desire, and take what ye are commanded by God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Place your trust in God concerning what hath come upon you and hold fast to patience and forbearance. This is better for you, as His wise Book doth testify.

Some time ago, in answer to one of the friends who imagined he was rendering assistance but who in reality was causing harm to the Cause, these exalted words were revealed from the Dayspring of the Will of the Lord of Names and Attributes. His words, exalted be His grandeur: Beware, beware lest thou do what thou wrote at the end of thy letter. These are the deeds of the ignorant and the acts of the heedless. I swear by the Most Great Name that if any of the friends should injure anyone, it is as though he hath injured the Truth Itself. Conflict, disputation, corruption, murder and the like have been strictly forbidden in God's Book. Turn unto God in repentance for what thou didst intend, then return unto Him and say:

O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Word to ordain for me the word of forgiveness, for I have intended in my soul that which Thou didst not desire and which Thou didst forbid in Thy Book. I beseech Thee to remit my evil deeds and immerse me in the ocean of Thy forgiveness. Verily, Thou art the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

Every injustice manifested by an oppressor—leave him to the Truth Itself. The hand of divine justice is all-encompassing and all-pervasive. There is no need for corruption, conflict, disputation, murder and pillage. The victory of the Cause hath been and will be through utterance, and anything else stems from the promptings of self. God protect us and you, O concourse of those who have turned unto Him.

Many such exalted words have been revealed in these days so that all the friends may become aware of the divine will and not commit that which would cause harm to God's Cause and injury to His chosen ones and holy ones. Verily He knoweth and judgeth, and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

Regarding what you wrote about him who ascended to the Supreme Companion and what remained of him—these matters were presented before the Most Holy Court. He said: “We have accepted this and have entrusted it to Zein. He may do with it as he pleaseth.” He also said: “The luminous countenance—upon him be My glory and My light—We have likewise entrusted to Zein.” Both matters have been accepted and are referred to you. The Command is in His hand, and He is the Commander, the All-Wise.

As to what you mentioned concerning Aqa Muhammad Husayn, mention of him had previously been made in the Most Holy Court, and a most mighty and impenetrable Tablet specially revealed for him from the heaven of loving-kindness was dispatched along with Tablets for the land of H, which were sent from the direction of the land of Qaf. God willing, he will attain unto these. And again mention of him was made in the Most Holy Court, and the Sun of loving-kindness shone forth and appeared from the horizon of grace. God willing, he will attain unto these glad-tidings.

Likewise mention of Aqa ʿAbdu’l-Vahhab was made in the Most Exalted Holy Court. This is what the Tongue of the All-Merciful spoke forth in the Kingdom of Utterance:

He is the Most Great

O Vahhab! The Wronged One Who hath spoken forth what He was commanded by God, the Lord of the worlds, maketh mention of thee. The world hath been illumined by the Luminary of Revelation, and yet most of the people are heedless. Among them are those who heard and denied, those who saw and turned away, and those who turned with clear certitude toward God. Blessed is the heart that hath attained unto recognition and the eye that hath beheld His luminous horizon. Hold fast unto the cord of the Cause in such wise that the intimations of the ungodly deter thee not. Act in accordance with what thou hast been commanded in the Book of God. He will aid thee and be with thee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

He is the Most Holy

We make mention of him who was named with Alif and Qaf (Aqa Jan), that he may hear what was heard by the ears of them who are nigh, who have cast the world behind them and turned with clear certitude toward the Lord of Eternity. These are servants whom neither swords deterred nor arrows frightened in this firm and wise Cause. When thou attainest unto the Book of thy Lord, take hold of it with such strength as is vouchsafed by God, the Strong, the Mighty. This is a Day wherein fruits have appeared and mysteries been revealed, and yet most of the people remain heedless. This is the Day of Recompense, and yet most of mankind remain turned away. Blessed is he who turned toward God when the Call was raised from His noble station. The glory shining forth from the horizon of grace be upon them that have believed in God, the Mighty, the Great.

And as to what was written concerning Aqa Muhammad Javad, upon him be 966 [Baha’u’llah], this is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke forth:

He is the One Who speaketh the truth

O Muhammad-Javad! Verily We behold the two matters in the two most evident mysteries: once We made mention of the land of Sad in that which caused the world to smile, and once in that which caused the Lord of nations to lament. Observe then the mercy of God and His grace, and what the serpent hath wrought. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O land of Sad! We counsel thee regarding the trusts of God and His chosen ones. Thus did We counsel thee aforetime when My Most Exalted Pen moved and lamented over what befell the Cause at the hands of them that wronged and denied the right of God when He came with manifest sovereignty.

Say: O My loved ones! Sorrows have overtaken you by reason of what hath befallen you. Rejoice ye this day in that the countenance of the Ancient Beauty hath turned toward you from His most exalted horizon and maketh mention of you in that which caused the hearts of the sincere ones to be attracted. Thus hath My tongue spoken forth in My Kingdom of utterance as a token of My grace, and I am verily the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. The glory be upon thee and upon My loved ones who have migrated in My path and borne hardships in My love, and upon every assured and steadfast one.

Concerning the two maidservants about whom you wrote, regarding what they had done, this was presented at the Most Holy Court. No response issued forth from the Dayspring of the Cause, and they commanded to present another matter. Therefore this servant is uncertain whether they will later be blessed with the word of forgiveness or not. The Command is in the hand of God, the Powerful, the Mighty.

Regarding the matter of the departed wife of Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God, which you wrote about—this was presented. He, exalted be His grandeur, said:

> “Verily she hath attained unto forgiveness. We made mention of her before with beautiful remembrance.”

Now she is free from the turbidities of this dust-laden world and, with utmost joy and fragrance, is dwelling and moving in the Supreme Horizon. Upon her be the Glory of God, His mercy, His praise and His remembrance. End quote.

And likewise, concerning Karbila’i Aqa Jan, these clear verses were sent down from the heaven of loving-kindness. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

Section 2: “In My Name, the Rememberer and the Remembered…”

In My Name, the Rememberer and the Remembered

O Letter Qaf between the two Alifs! Hearken unto the Call of the Meeting Place of the Two Seas from these two Most Exalted Names, at whose appearance the heaven was cleft asunder, the earth was split open, the Cry was raised in truth, and every firm pillar was shaken. Through them the Qaim appeared and gave glad tidings to the people of the Qayyum, at Whose manifestation the birds warbled upon the trees. God hath come with a Cause before which all the hosts of the earth combined cannot stand. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in His mighty prison. Say: Through My Name the Kingdom of Names appeared, and through My Call the Call was raised from the Dawning-Place of Glory, and by My Command

all who are in the heavens and earth were thunderstruck, save those whom We preserved, rescued and delivered. And I am verily the Powerful over what I will, and I am the Mighty. Thus were the hosts of revelation arrayed in the form of words in these lines which have appeared in this luminous Tablet. When thou attainest unto My Book, rejoice and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the worlds!

Whatever wealth they plundered in the land of Sad, and from every drop of blood that was unjustly shed in that land, countless beings have perished and continue to perish. Likewise, slumber hath not overtaken and will not overtake the wealth of Truth—it is ever wakeful and aware. Assuredly shall the oppressors be tormented by the fruits of their deeds. From the manifestation of one deed of Ubaidullah the Second, there appeared and was committed that which Ubaidullah the First had shunned. Lo! The curse of God be upon the wrongdoing people! Nothing hath appeared or will appear without cause and effect. Consider how many souls have perished and how many towns and dwellings have returned to dust and are now seen as barren plains.

This is the portion today, and what shall come to pass hereafter God alone knoweth. Think not that the loved ones who were slain amid this by the swords of oppressors were lost. I swear by the Sun of the Kingdom of Truth that every soul among the friends of God who in that event drank the cup of martyrdom ascended to the Supreme Horizon and now dwelleth at rest beneath the canopies of God's mercy. Were those stations to be revealed even to the extent of a needle's eye, all would cry out "Would that I had been with them!" And every friend who suffered outward loss—that was and is complete gain. The people of Baha have been and are in magnificent gain.

If in any day of days and time of times, some loss should occur in accordance with divine wisdom's requirements, one must not grieve over it. God will assuredly adorn it with the ornament of supreme gain. Verily He is the Truth, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. End.

As you wrote stating that His honor Aqa Azizu'llah from the Land of Kha had requested that you mention him in the Most Holy Court and seek bounties on behalf of the friends in the Land of Kha—Mulla Ali, Aqa Mirza Kazim, Aqa Khudadad, Aqa Shahvardi and others, upon them be the Glory of God—all were mentioned in the Most Holy Court. In these days especially, from the heaven of Will, Most Holy Tablets have been revealed for each one, and likewise exalted and wondrous verses concerning the loved ones of the Land of Kha have flowed from the Supreme Pen. Now two posts specifically for the Land of Kha have gone, and another will go this week, and likewise next week or the week after. Yes, previously there were delays for some time, through His wisdom, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. They commanded that His honor Zayn should give them glad tidings of the Tablets and what was revealed for them.

Furthermore, regarding those two handmaidens who after being mentioned were not blessed with the expression of favor, at this time the Tongue of the All-Merciful spoke these words:

> "O thou servant who art present, We once declared to His honor Zayn that if he were to intercede for even the most wretched of people, We would accept it. Therefore divine forgiveness encompassed their condition. He is verily the Forgiving, the Generous."

End.

It is submitted that truly their deeds were most reprehensible. It was purely through kindness to that honored one that the word of forgiveness was heard from the mouth of the All-Merciful's grace. His is the praise and favor.

Furthermore, He commanded to write to His honor Zayn that he should observe great wisdom. The power of Islam has begun to weaken. This has not been and is not except due to the heedlessness of the heedless ones and the oppression of the oppressors. No one has attempted to remedy it and what is worse, they have not even understood the cause of the weakness. In their vain imaginings they have increased their ignorant zeal and useless prejudices. Therefore great care must be taken. Some people are introduced in the name of friendship, love and acceptance so they may become informed of the Cause. In any case, they have placed and do place spies. All friends should observe wisdom. They should not believe every speaker, accept every seeker, trust every newcomer, or reveal to every flatterer. Thus does the Wronged One counsel His loved ones and friends out of His grace.

In these matters great care must be taken. If they would observe with the eye of fairness and keep in view the side of truth, all would approach this Most Exalted Cause with complete humility. But since they soar on the wings of passion and look with the eye of tyranny, therefore the veiling of signs and tokens is most fitting and appropriate. Now they know the pain for they see it, but they are heedless of the Physician and remedy. They have considered pure justice as oppression and pure good as evil. Thus have their souls seduced them while they perceive not.

The mention of Mulla ʿAli-Akbar—upon him rest the most glorious splendours of Baha'u'llah—was laid before the Most Holy Presence. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered:

"O Ali-Akbar! The Speaker of Sinai in this Dispensation hath spoken thus:"Glory is not his who loveth his country, but glory is his who loveth the world." This utterance hath, ere this, shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of God's holy Tablet. Well is it with them that comprehend! O Ali, make all aware that they may discover and understand the true meaning of assistance as revealed in God's Book from the heaven of His Will. Let them not consider corruption to be reform, nor count murder and plunder among the means of rendering aid. True assistance is through utterance and that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Book. Under all conditions, exert your utmost effort that the fragrance of discord may be wholly dispelled and the sun of unity and concord may shine forth from the horizons of hearts. God willing, the fruits of this endeavor shall appear and its effects become manifest through earnest striving.

"O Zayn! In these special days a most wondrous and impregnable Tablet was revealed and sent to the aforementioned soul. God willing, may he attain to that which He loveth and is pleased with, and may he achieve true martyrdom in this divine Day. Convey to him My glad-tidings and mention unto him that which My tongue hath uttered in the kingdom of My utterance." End.

As for what thou didst write concerning Haji Kazem, Mirza Hasan and Aqa Ali, upon them be the Glory of God, this is what the Tongue of the All-Merciful hath spoken:

He is the Most Holy

O Kazim! Thy mention hath come before the Wronged One, and this mighty, impregnable Tablet hath been revealed for thee. We have mentioned thee before and mention thee now as a favor from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Grieve not over anything. Rejoice in that the Most Exalted Pen remembereth thee from this sublime station. Today, every soul must engage in service to the Cause, and the service and triumph of the Cause hath been and shall ever be teaching, as well as unity and harmony among the loved ones, and showing consideration and fellowship toward one another. O Kazem! Hold fast unto that which God hath desired, for it is better for thee than that which thou desirest. Thy Lord is indeed the All-Wise, the All-Informed. God willing, mayest thou be occupied in service to God's Cause with supreme steadfastness. Today this service taketh precedence over all deeds. Thus doth the Clear Book command thee. O Kazem! We make mention of the Kazem who was martyred in My path and sacrificed his soul for love of Me. By God's life! He hath attained to a station whose description hath left the tongues of the mystics powerless.

He is the Most Great, the Most Glorious

O Hasan! There hath befallen this Name that which caused Hussein to lament in the Most Exalted Kingdom and made the eyes of the denizens of Paradise to shed tears, yet the wrongdoers are in evident joy. Soon shall the breezes of chastisement from God, the Lord of all worlds, overtake them. Blessed is the visitor who visiteth him and the seeker who seeketh his holy resting place. We make mention of him and his brother as a favor from Us, and We are the All-Mentioning, the All-Knowing. God willing, mayest thou be blessed with divine favors and act according to that which God hath desired. Given the upheaval in these realms, pilgrimage to this land is not advisable. Trusting in God, remain occupied with the mention of the Beloved of all creation in the lands of Iran. He recordeth for those who hold fast to goodness the reward of them that have attained. Glory be upon those who have hearkened to My call and acted according to that which was commanded by Me.

In the name of the Peerless Lord, the All-Knowing

O Ali! My name Zayn mentioned thee, and the Supreme Pen hath turned toward thee from this Most Glorious Station that perchance thou mayest be set ablaze by the fire of divine love in such wise that thou mayest become freed from thine own will and desire and wish, and hold fast unto the Will of God. With utmost joy and fragrance, busy thyself with the remembrance of the Goal of all the worlds. To turn towards these lands is contrary to wisdom. Whosoever is with God, God shall be with him. This is the unique pearl of the ocean of knowledge: "Be thou for Me that I may be for thee." Thus hath the Tongue spoken in the Kingdom of Utterance. Blessed is he who hath heard and rendered thanks.

He is the Most Great, the Most Ancient

O Ali-Qabli-Akbar! Beware lest thy desire prevent thee from the Will of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Verily He knoweth, judgeth, seeth and remembereth. Thy Lord is indeed the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Be thou as one extinct before the manifestations of His Cause and content with what God hath ordained in the Book. It behooveth thee to move by My Will and walk in My Path. Thus doth the Revealer of verses teach thee. Give thanks unto God for having revealed unto thee these verses whereby the horizons have been illumined. By the life of God! All that hath been created on earth cannot equal

one word thereof. He Who hath spoken beareth witness that there is none other God but Me, the One, the Chosen One.

And regarding what thou didst mention about Mulla Alijan, upon him be the glory of God, God willing whatever hath been revealed in these stations along with the two pages of questions concerning the Most Holy Book and the Book of Prayers shall be sent. At present this servant is engaged outside the city in the presence of His Countenance, and what hath been revealed in these stations is not at hand.

Concerning what thou didst write about Haji Muhammad who is among the relatives of the honored guest, upon her be the glory of God, it hath been presented and there hath been heard from the Tongue of Grandeur that which sufficeth him throughout the duration of the kingdom and the realm. The servant conveyeth greetings unto him and giveth him glad-tidings of the favors of God, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Forgiving, the Generous.

And concerning what thou didst mention about the wife of Muhammad-Qabli-Ali, upon him be the glory of God, it hath been presented before His Countenance and the Desired One hath answered in such wise that all the tongues of the world have become submissive to it and the Pen hath moved upon it from time immemorial. And this is a mention that appeareth thus; otherwise, what have I to do with mentioning one whom none among all created things hath known? Exalted, exalted is He above my description and the description of those above me. Give that leaf glad-tidings of God's mention.

The servant hath attained the presence and presented that which was submitted by him who was named Muhammad-Qabli-Sadiq. When the Desired One heard it, He spoke—and His utterance is the sweetest—"Blessed is he for having spoken with kindness and mentioned that which was befitting to mention. Joy be unto him and unto whosoever hath turned unto him in the path of God." O Zayn! Such deeds as these are most beloved in the sight of the Wronged One. Convey My greetings unto them both and give them glad-tidings of My mention. Say: "O My servant, upon thee be My glory! O Hasan! Thou hast heard and acted upon what the Tongue of God spoke aforetime in His words 'Do good as God hath dealt well with thee."' We make mention of the loved ones of God in that place and convey Our greetings unto them, and We pray for those who have held fast unto righteousness and acted according to what they were commanded in the Book. Give them glad-tidings and remind them. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Bestower. The Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon My handmaidens who have believed in God, the Lord of Lords.

Another submission: since a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet has been specifically revealed from the heaven of God's will for his honor Aqa Mirza 'Abdu'llah, upon him be the glory of God and His favors, this servant did not presume further, and surely this excuse is acceptable. We beseech the Most High to assist us in serving His Cause in all conditions. Mention of self-effacement and nothingness from this servant is suspended and contingent upon your honor's favors. God willing, may all drink from the ocean of divine knowledge with utmost joy and gladness, with certitude and assurance, and be occupied with the mention of the Peerless Friend. Glory be upon your honor and upon those who hearken to your words and your utterance in the Cause of God, the Lord of existence.

Another submission regarding His Holiness Ismu'llah-i-Asdaq, upon him be, from all glory, its most glorious: This Most Holy, Most Exalted utterance was revealed at this time, His mighty and glorious Word:

> "Verily We make mention of Our Name, the Most Truthful, who traveled through the lands until he attained the presence at the Gate and heard what Moses heard on the Mount of Knowledge from the tongue of the loving-kindness of his Lord, the All-Merciful. Blessed is he and blessed is he who maketh mention of him through that which hath been sent down from the Supreme Pen from God, the Cleaver of the dawn and the Lord of Names."

End.

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Section 1: "Waves of praise and glory befit and beseem…"

In the Name of our Most Great, Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord

Waves of praise and glory befit and beseem the Beloved One Who, through His wondrous favor, abolished the law of the sword and raised in its stead the standard of utterance. He summoned all on earth to the most exalted horizon and commanded the triumph of His Cause, limiting victory to utterance alone, that the sincere ones, the near ones, the assured ones, and the wise ones might, through the wisdom revealed and the utterances of the Lord of Oneness, awaken the heedless people and draw them to the pavilion of divine majesty. Blessed are they who have found the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful and acted according to His good-pleasure. My spirit and the spirit of all in the world be a sacrifice for His tenderness! He hath abolished the law of the sword and forbidden all that causeth grief, let alone anything beyond that. Exalted, exalted be His bounty and exalted be His mercy! I beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist all to fulfill what He hath commanded them in His Book and to make known to them the stations of goodly character and pure, sincere deeds.

Should all on earth discover the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful, they would assuredly turn to naught else and would forever circle round His will. I implore God, exalted be His glory, that through His loved ones they may comprehend the purpose of victory as set forth in the Book of God, that all may discover the fragrance of deeds performed for God's sake and arise to do that which is beloved this day.

O my God and God of all things, my Beloved and the Beloved of all in earth and heaven! I beseech Thee to shower from the clouds of Thy bounty the rain of knowledge and understanding upon the good soil of assured souls, that all may testify with absolute certainty to Thy power and refer the requital of the transgressors and oppressors unto Thee, while they themselves consort with all the peoples of the world with the utmost kindness and mercy. Verily, He is the Triumphant, the Powerful, the Forceful, the Mighty, the All-Powerful.

O beloved of my heart! Your letter which dawned from the horizon of love and affection on the first of Safar taught melody to the bird of the heart and guided the nightingale of the soul to the rose garden of

divine knowledge. May you ever be confirmed and assisted in this righteous deed. After becoming aware, that which neither nourishes nor satisfies turned towards the Mother Book, and the ephemeral drop turned towards the eternal ocean. After attaining presence in the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Court, your supplication was presented to its conclusion. This is what was revealed from the Kingdom of utterance of our Lord, the Most Merciful. His word, exalted be His glory:

> "O Ali! We have heard that wherewith thou hast praised God. It behooveth thee to hear at this time that which appeareth from the Kingdom of praise. We have found in thy words the fragrance of humility, submissiveness and steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of Names, and We desired to attract thee in such wise that thou wouldst find the fragrance of might, power and grandeur. O Ali! Mine ear hath heard that wherewith thou didst commune with God at a time when My tongue was speaking, saying that the remembrance, utterance and praise which appeared from the mines of God's knowledge, the dawning-places of His revelation and the treasuries of His mercy were for My Self, and I am the Hearer, the Beholder, the Answerer, the Mighty, the Wise. The servant presented thy letter and read what was therein before the Wronged One, Who hath confined His affairs to the mention of God, the Lord of the worlds. Convey My greetings to My loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of My grace, My bounty, My mercy, My favors and My gifts. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Generous."

Give thou the glad-tidings of God's grace to all and make them joyous through His bounty. Say: Let all fix their gaze upon this blessed word which hath appeared from the horizon of the preserved tablet:

> "Verily the victory of My Cause is through My Self and is within the grasp of My power and the right hand of My might. Blessed is the soul that findeth the fragrance of what We have mentioned in this exalted station. We requite with justice and judge with truth, and I am the Powerful, the Mighty."

All must place their trust in God and fix their gaze upon His will. For every matter a time hath been set in God's Book. When it cometh to pass that which He hath willed shall be made manifest. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Wise.

In this Most Great Revelation, victory hath been and shall be through the Word of Truth. Ponder the Surih of Ra'is and the like thereof that ye may become aware of the power of the divine Word. Whatsoever events of the time that flowed from the Pen of the Most Merciful aforetime were with utmost clarity. None had any way to escape or delay. Today all the friends must manifest complete unity and harmony, and likewise through goodly deeds and virtuous character. These matters in this Revelation are the hosts of victory and are reckoned before the Throne as helpers of the Cause. Had the friends from the beginning of days heeded with ears of submission and contentment the counsels of the Beloved of all creation, now would the divine Word be seen manifest and evident in the world. Conflict and contention and deeds and actions that were not pleasing caused delay and were the cause of postponement. My Perspicuous Book beareth witness to this. O Ali! Make all aware of the divine will, that all may discover the meaning of victory and attain unto God's will.

In some tablets wherein mention hath been made of arising, calling and proclamation, what is intended is arising to teach God's Cause. And by "cry" is meant the arising to teach God's Cause, and this with perfect wisdom. Today wisdom takes precedence over most deeds. In one place this blessed verse was revealed: "This is the Day of awakening, yet ye are sleeping." And likewise in another place: "This is the Day of the Call, yet ye are silent," and so forth. And likewise similar to that blessed word which thou thyself hast mentioned is Our utterance aforetime: "The necks have been stretched forth in hypocrisy." And I swear by My Self, the Truth—what was meant was not material swords and instruments of war, nor is it now.

The Truth is true—whatsoever is revealed from the Supreme Pen is itself the cause and means of the world's peace and tranquility. Say: None may interpret My words according to his desires or explain them as he pleases. Man's station is too exalted to turn to these unworthy, forbidden things. Today love is beloved and kindness is desired, and unity and concord are themselves the cause and means for the manifestation of God's grace and blessing, from the presence of God, the Forgiving, the Generous. Inform all, that they may free themselves from their vain imaginings and hold fast to that which God hath willed. Blessed are they that act. The people of Sad who have drunk of the choice wine and become wanderers in God's path have been and are in Our sight.

By God's life! They are beneath the glance of His favor. Say: Be not grieved at what hath befallen you. God hath made it a treasure for you. He, verily, is the Trusted, the Faithful One.

Your tribulations and afflictions are as treasures and are preserved in the divine repositories of God's trust. With utmost joy and gladness, speak in praise of the Revealer of verses, and at all times drink of the choice sealed wine from His blessed chalice. You drink, and He saith "May it be pleasant"; you partake, and He uttereth "May it be wholesome." Every deed in this world hath produced and will produce an effect. Be assured of God's grace and mercy, and take what ye are bidden with joy and radiance. He, verily, is the Witness, the Observer, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

As to what thou hast mentioned concerning Muhammad-Qabli-Javad and his wife, this is what God, the Lord of creation, hath revealed:

In My Name, the All-Knowing

Knowledge crieth out saying:

> "O concourse of divines! God hath manifested me that I might guide you to the Path and draw you nigh unto the Kingdom of understanding, yet ye have clung to me and turned away from God, the Lord of all worlds, and through me ye have waxed proud before Him Who created you, and were of the wrongdoers."

By God, the Truth! I am innocent of you, and to this He Who hath come with a mighty Cause doth testify. The atoms themselves have borne witness to your ignorance and your turning away and your opposition to the All-Informed One. O thou who hast turned to the Countenance! Give thanks unto God for having preserved thee from these people and caused thee to recognize Him Who is adorned with His own remembrance. God, the Mighty, the Wise, hath written. The glory be upon thee and upon thy wife and

My handmaidens and upon My servants who have cast the world behind their backs and acted according to what they were bidden in a gracious Tablet.

He is the One Who ruleth over all names.

O thou who art named after My Name! Hearken unto My call, then act in a manner befitting this Name at Whose appearance the pillars of idolatry were shaken and every firm and mighty foundation was made to tremble. Hold fast unto the cord of truthfulness and trustworthiness, and cleave unto that which will exalt the Cause of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Blessed is thy father who took the cup of reunion from the hand of My loving-kindness and drank in My presence in My gracious Name. Shouldst thou hear My call, it would attract thee to a station wherein thou wouldst behold naught in creation save the manifestations of My loving-kindness and the evidences of My power, and wouldst find naught but the fragrances of My luminous garment. We counsel thee and thy mother with that which beseemeth these days. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. From this station We send Our greetings to thy brother, that he may give thanks unto his Lord, the Merciful.

Concerning what thou didst write about a letter received from the people of N and J expressing distress about the incident in the Land of Sad, this was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Presence. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in reply, exalted be His majesty: O Ali, O thou who gazest toward My horizon, O thou who art mentioned in My presence! By My life, were they to look with Mine eye they would be thankful, but today they do not understand. Observe how the Hand of Power hath manifested such bounty regarding the two brilliant Lights. He hath assigned them a station in the highest paradise while their enemies are in the lowest depths.

Exalted, exalted is He Who hath raised them up and revealed their station which was concealed from the eyes of men. By God's life, all the divine messengers yearn and hope for their station. Were the veil to be lifted, all on earth would exclaim at the greatness of that mighty and sublime station. Those two oppressors are not and never were worthy of mention. Say: Leave them to themselves. Sufficient unto them is what they have wrought in the days of God, the King, the Almighty, the Powerful. God willing, they should engage in teaching the Cause of God with the utmost joy and fragrance. God will soon reveal what He willeth. With Him is the knowledge of the heavens and earth, and He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Beware lest ye commit what ye have been forbidden in the Book of God, or perpetrate that which would cause corruption in the land. Fear ye God, O My loved ones, and be possessed of gracious patience. The existence or non-existence of the people of tyranny, lewdness, oppression and transgression hath brought no benefit to the people of truth and the two Lights mentioned. Rather, should a contrary matter appear, its flames would bring great harm to the Cause of God.

This word hath been sent down from the Kingdom of utterance in the name of the Beauty, upon Him be the Glory of God. This Most Great Revelation is the revelation of universal mercy. By the Truth itself, were all outward power—which in reality hath never had, nor hath, any station before God—to be made manifest, and were a swordsman to stand before Us with evil intent, We would most certainly not oppose him but would leave him to himself. End.

O My loved ones! Rejoice ye in My remembrance. We make mention of you from this station with a remembrance that shall never fade, and We greet you with such a greeting that, when it appeareth from the Dayspring of utterance, all things possible cry out in praise, and all things proclaim: "All praise be to God, the Lord of this manifest Cause!" By the life of God! All that ye behold today cannot compare with this remembrance. He Who hath subdued the world through His Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous, beareth witness to this.

This is the divine assistance that hath flowed and continueth to flow from the Supreme Pen. He, verily, is the Helper, the Almighty. Every word that proceedeth from the tongue of grandeur hath influence upon the world, and its effects must needs become manifest in the realm of creation. This is a day wherein all the friends of God must fix their gaze upon the supreme horizon. The Glory be upon you, O My loved ones in that realm, and the praise be upon you from One mighty and powerful.

Section 2: "O ʿAli-Akbar! In these days, whatsoever hath been…"

O ʿAli-Akbar! In these days, whatsoever hath been sent down from the heaven of divine Will hath concerned the meaning of assistance, lest any ignorant one should commit that which might prevent the flow of God's hidden bounties. Inform the friends of all that hath proceeded from the Pen of the Most Merciful, that perchance they may lift their gaze from the dust and, sanctified from deeds that neither nourish nor profit, may turn their faces to the Kingdom of God's Will. Verily, He speaketh the truth, and He, verily, is the Single, the One, the All-Wise. End.

Now for nigh upon twenty days, of all that hath appeared from the Supreme Pen, one portion thereof hath concerned the word "assistance," that perchance the servants may become aware and act in accordance with what God hath willed. Although in these days the blessed constitution is somewhat indisposed in its outward form, yet neither by night nor by day hath there been any pause in the manifestation of grace, the exaltation of the Word, and the diffusion of verses and signs. Were it possible, this servant would kiss the feet of each one of the friends and entreat them not to commit that which causeth grief to the Ancient Beauty. What hath occurred sufficeth. By the Truth itself, such deeds are a barrier that preventeth the flow of hidden bounties. Were they aware of this, they would lament. Heedlessness hath overtaken the dwellers of earth, save those whom God hath willed.

In regard to your mention of visiting the Most Great Martyr, God's Name Ha, upon Him be all His most glorious Glory, it was submitted before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. He, exalted be His grandeur, said:

> "We have permitted him to visit those whom the Concourse on High visited and for whom the Sadratu'l-Muntaha lamented. He verily enableth whomsoever seeketh his Lord and casteth behind him all else."

This evanescent servant begs that you make the pilgrimage once on my behalf. Verily, He does not allow to be lost the reward of those who do good.

And regarding what you wrote about your intention after the pilgrimage to visit the friends of God in those regions and console and comfort them, these matters were submitted before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. Then my ears heard what my Lord uttered:

> "O servant in attendance! Write to Ali-Qabli-Akbar, upon him be My Glory, to proceed with wisdom and utterance to the lands he desires. By the life of God, this is a blessed deed! Today, souls at rest must proceed with the Book of God to cities and villages that perchance a soul might guide a lost soul and make it aware of the dawning of the Sun of Truth. If proper attention is paid, surely results will follow. Set ablaze the contingent world with the fire of utterance and cause it to flame, and acquaint all with what God intended by the meaning of assistance, that all may arise to that which is worthy and befitting of the Divine Day. Blessed is the soul that is slain but slayeth not, that is sacrificed but sacrificeth not, that is struck but striketh not. These souls are recorded and inscribed among the people of Baha in the Crimson Book. O Ali! When thou passest through My lands and enterest My countries, glorify My loved ones and acquaint them with the ocean of My loving-kindness, the sun of My grace, and the heaven of My bounty. Remind them of that which gladdeneth their hearts and give them the glad tidings that I have mentioned their names by the Pen of My Will in My Preserved Tablet."

End.

And regarding what you wrote that at the time of writing, Aqa ʿAbdu'l-Karim from S and Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Ibrahim from K, upon them be the Glory of God, arrived and requested that mention be made of them in the Most Holy Presence—excellent is what they desired and excellent is what they intended, for this station is very great. Although now, due to the all-encompassing mercy and grace, its value is veiled, surely the veil will one day be lifted and what is hidden will be revealed. The Primal Point, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him, says that all exist so that they might be mentioned once in His presence. Mention of both was submitted in the Most Holy Presence as requested. This is what appeared from the Kingdom of the All-Merciful's utterance. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

> "O Karim! We have heard thy call and what thou didst desire was witnessed in the Most Holy Presence. Ask God to enable thee to perform that which is pleasing unto Him. If thou attainest to this station, that is, if thou holdest fast to the laws of the Book in the path of God, detached from all else, surely thou shalt be honored and successful in what thou hast desired. Be thankful that the Wronged One hath mentioned thee and revealed for thee that from which every fair-minded one who hath recognized his Lord's Manifestation, the Forgiving, the Generous, doth inhale the fragrance."

O Muhammad-Qabli-Ibrahim! The servant in attendance before Us hath made mention of thee, and We too make mention of thee. Be thou aware of this and be of the thankful ones. He loveth him who hath loved Him, remembereth him who hath remembered Him, and turneth unto him who hath turned unto Him—a favor from His presence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful. When thou attainest unto My verses and art seized by the rapture of My utterance, thou shalt find thyself in supreme joy. He shall exalt thee to a station wherein thou shalt behold the world and its conditions, its treasures, its traces and its princes as a shadow that moveth at every instant. Everything among all things, every branch among the branches,

and every leaf among the leaves shall remind thee of Him. Thus doth thy Lord make mention of thee from this glorious station. Associate with all people and ponder upon what thou seest, that thou mayest witness in all things the wisdom of thy Lord, the Commander, the All-Wise. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

As to what thou didst write concerning Aqa Muhammad-Rida and Aqa Abu'l-Hasan, upon them be the Glory of God, it was presented before the Throne. He showed favor unto them and said:

> "Blessed be they and their father who attained unto the recognition of God when every learned one denied Him and every mystic turned away from Him, save those whom God wished, the Lord of all worlds. We make mention in this station of him who is named Ahmad, that he may arise to serve the Cause and give thanks unto his Lord, the Almighty. We have heard thy call and make mention of thee through this utterance whereby every great matter hath been established. The servant present hath read thy letter which thou didst send to Nabil-i-Qabli-ʿAli, and We answer thee with that which My Most Exalted Pen hath been moved to write, from the presence of One All-Wise. Hold fast unto the cord of the Cause and cling to the hem of grace and say: O my God! I beseech Thee by Him Who accepted the harm of the world for the exaltation of Thy Most Exalted Word and the elevation of Thy Cause between earth and heaven, to ordain for me through Thy grace that which Thou hast ordained for Thy assured servants who have taken the choice wine in Thy Name and have drunk thereof through Thy wise remembrance. O Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee and detached from all else but Thee, and Thou witnesseth what hath befallen me in Thy path. I beseech Thee to make me in all conditions turned toward Thee and speaking in Thy praise and glorification. Ordain for me, O my God, that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Forgiving, the Bountiful."

End.

Praise be to God that the aforementioned names have been adorned with the ornament of the recognition of the One Lord, and the effulgences of the Sun of Verses have encompassed them all. Unto Him be praise and glory, and may the spirit of the world be a sacrifice for His bounty. You had made mention of one of the steadfast believing women, upon her be the Glory of God and whatsoever hath been ordained for her by divine decree, and likewise mention of the noble sister of His Holiness Ismu'llah Ha, and mention of the Leaf, daughter of Ismu'llah Asdaq, and mention of the loved ones of that land, upon them be the Glory of God, whose names were inscribed in that beloved one's letter—all were presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence.

The Sun of loving-kindness hath dawned upon them all, but in view of that same word which was mentioned, some indisposition appeared in the blessed temperament, and the appearance of verses and the waves of the ocean of utterance were suspended in the heaven of God's will. God willing, it is hoped that henceforth all shall become the recipients of special favors. Let them not be saddened by the delay, for assuredly in this delay there have been and will be additional bounties. Your honor should give glad-tidings to all. Praise be to God that the names of the sanctified souls and their condition of love for God

and His Cause, their turning to Him and their humility before Him, were presented at the Divine Throne, and all attained the honor of being heard by the Lord of Names. Blessed are they and upon them be glory.

Give glad-tidings to that assured leaf that divine favors and the Word of God, which is in truth an enduring effect, shall surely encompass her. Let her not grieve over what hath come to pass, for greater than this hath befallen the True One Himself and His chosen ones. The expressions of lowliness, evanescence and nothingness of this servant to the gentlemen and divine friends who are present in that land are contingent upon that Beloved One's favor. God willing, you will convey them in a befitting and worthy manner. I present my greetings and salutations to the honored master and revered lord, Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Abu-Talib and Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Taqi, upon them both be the Glory of God, and I give them the glad-tidings that their letters which they had written to this servant, as well as their petition, were presented before the Presence.

Perfect loving-kindness hath shone forth from the Dayspring of grace, and especially regarding the names that were in the letter of Muhammad-Qabli-Taqi, upon him be the Glory of God, exalted and holy Tablets have been revealed from the heaven of God's will. God willing, they shall be sent hereafter, and this servant too, according to his poverty and lowliness, hath submitted his petition to them and to Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Abu-Talib. I beseech God that, God willing, I may be enabled to send them afterwards.

Another submission is that two packets have been sent from the sacred household—one for the honored Thamarih Varaqatu'l-Hamra, upon her be all His most glorious splendor, and another packet addressed to the wife of Ha before Sin, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah] from the people of Ta and Fa. Your honor should deliver them. It was intended that these two packets be given to Muhammad before ʿAli, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah] from the people of Dahaj, at the time of his departure, but it was delayed for a reason. Another submission: they instructed this servant to convey to that beloved one that sometimes when your honor shows kindness to this servant, that is, sends notes, specifically inquire about and write regarding the conditions of the honored Thamarih, upon her be the glory of God. And concerning what was written about how the carpet should be sent, Karbila'i Ahmad himself has written the details about that. And coincidentally, some time ago two carpets were requested from the honored Samandar, upon him be the glory of God, as carpets were much needed. This carpet too should be sent according to their wisdom, in whatever way those two are being sent, whether from those directions or another direction.

Final submission: all the circumambulators of the Prison Land, which has been called the Holy Land and Most Beautiful Names, whether those dwelling there or emigrants or visitors, remember that beloved one with most wondrous mentions and express their sincerity. Beyond this, this pen and this tongue and expression are not capable or worthy to mention and convey the glorification and manifestations of the favors and kindnesses of the Branches of the Divine Blessed Tree—may all existence be sacrificed for them. The blessed handwriting of His Holiness the Branch of God addressed to Aqa Mirza Hasan has been written; your honor should deliver it. Another submission is that eighteen tumans have been transferred for the honored Samandar, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], to deliver to your honor to give to Ha before Sin from the people of Ta and Fa. The details are that the honored ʿAzim, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah] and His favors, has ascended, and this amount remained from his estate. Although he himself had willed

and left it here, the command was issued that it must reach his heirs, therefore you must give it to Aqa Mirza Husayn so that he may deliver it to the heirs of the elevated one.

BH01740: O thou who hast turned thy face towards…

In the Name of the One All-Knowing God!

O thou who hast turned thy face towards the Countenance! We have guided all servants to the Most Exalted Horizon, and likewise commanded them to aid the Cause of God. Nevertheless, it is observed that some of the friends have failed to comprehend this most exalted and glorious station. Ye must convey and impart to all what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken concerning assistance. By the life of God! The teaching of God's Cause hath been and shall ever be through wisdom and utterance, and whatsoever is besides this springeth from the promptings of self.

Say: O servants of the All-Merciful! Ye have been created for the advancement, prosperity, and exaltation of those who dwell on earth. Occupy yourselves with that which befitteth the station of man. Contention, corruption, and destruction befit you not. Say: Fear ye, O My loved ones, the shedding of blood and whatsoever ye have been forbidden in My Most Wise Book. All must associate with the peoples of the world with radiant faces and illumined hearts, that perchance they may hearken from the people of Truth, glorified be His majesty, that which conduceth to maturity, attainment, and guidance.

Today, every soul must occupy himself with his own reformation, and manifest pure deeds and praiseworthy, acceptable conduct. Yea, the Most Exalted Pen beareth witness to the oppression and transgression of the ignorant and heedless souls, and commandeth you to patience and forbearance, and to act in accordance with what hath been revealed in the Book. By My life! Their heedlessness, remoteness, denial, and objection to Him Who created them and brought them into being sufficeth them. No punishment hath been or shall be greater than heedlessness. By Him in Whose grasp is the dominion of the heavens and earth! Were they to become aware of their own deeds, they would cut themselves to pieces with all the swords of the world.

Leave them to themselves, placing your trust in the All-Powerful, the Almighty. God is awake and aware, powerful and mighty. Be ye assured of the power of your Lord and the might of your Master, the All-Compelling, the Almighty. Hold fast unto what is good in all circumstances, and leave what is reprehensible to its people. One goodly word uttered with sincerity is more beloved in the sight of God than a hundred thousand swords raised in His Name, for in this Revelation the ocean of mercy is surging, the sun of bounty is shining, and all are forbidden from that which causeth injury, fear, and distress. Convey these utterances of the Beloved of all creation to everyone, that perchance in the days of wakefulness they may not occupy themselves with sleep, and in the days of righteousness they may not busy themselves with building the flimsiest of houses.

O Asad! Thy letter hath come, wherein thou didst commune with God with these words—thy words:

> "In Thy Name, the All-Forgiving, the Concealer of faults, the Kind, the Merciful! Verily, he who hath committed every transgression in all Thy worlds and hath turned towards the ocean of

> Thy forgiveness, O my Beloved! Wilt Thou forgive him in all the worlds or punish him with all Thy punishment?"

We have heard thy call, thy cry, and thy lamentation, and He saith: Yea, by My Self! We have forgiven thee, guided thee, drawn thee nigh, caused thee to speak, and acquainted thee with My straight and manifest path. Yea, by My Self! He is the Concealer of faults, the All-Forgiving, the Helper, the Succourer, the Mighty, the August, the All-Wise.

The breezes of My loving-kindness seized thee in such wise that thou didst enter into My love, attain unto the presence of the Countenance, and drink the choice wine of reunion from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, and didst hear the call of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Well is it with thee, and pleasant it is with thee, and with those who have attained unto that which hath been decreed in My Manifest Book. Strive to unite hearts and bring them together; thus doth command thee the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing. The Tree of My loving-kindness hath stirred, the ocean of My bounty hath surged, and My Pen hath spoken, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Invincible. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have followed God's command and observed the rights of His chosen ones, at whose mention His wondrous and swift Pen hath moved.

BH02069: O ʿAli! God willing, mayest thou be blessed…

In the Name of the Friend, the Manifest, the Evident

O ʿAli! God willing, mayest thou be blessed by the fragrances of the divine garment of utterance and receive thy portion from the outpourings of the cloud of the All-Merciful's mercy. From the time of thy return until now thou hast been blessed with the favors of the Lord of the worlds. Be thou steadfast in serving thy Lord with wisdom. He will assist thee through His grace and aid thee through His command. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful.

In several places thy mention hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen:

> "Look neither to the right nor to the left. Behold the horizon of thy Lord's will, then remember Him with sincerity for His sake. Verily He heareth and seeth and is with those who are with Him, as He hath ever been. He is the True One, the Herald, the Wise."

O Muhammad! The Single, the One, in the Most Great Prison, summoned all unto God and manifested proof and evidence with the most exalted utterance. Some, upon merely hearing, drank without hesitation from the wine of revelation, while others, due to intervening veils, were deprived and prevented from the horizon of manifestation. The cause and reason for these matters is that there appeareth not, as befitteth, a teacher who is detached from all save God and who speaketh for God's sake, turning toward all. The people need educators. Souls who are steadfast, firm, content and pleasing must at all times be occupied with teaching the Cause of God with perfect wisdom.

O son of My Most Truthful Name! Upon thee be My loving-kindness, My mercy and My glory. Give glad tidings to the servants of My bounty and remind them of that which hath been revealed in My Book. In most of the divine Tablets the purpose of assistance hath been mentioned with utmost clarity.

Nevertheless, it is observed that most have not attained proper understanding. Some petitions arrived from various places—it was observed that they had considered corruption as assistance and deemed the injury of God's servants as beloved. This is naught but due to the friends' lack of awareness. I swear by the sun of the horizon of utterance that if today any soul is content with the injury of another, it is as though he were content with injury to the Self of Truth. All must become aware of this decisive divine word and attain unto hearing it. Most strange it is that souls have not, until now, comprehended the meaning of assistance. By the life of God! He verily assisteth His Cause through wisdom and utterance. This is what the All-Merciful hath revealed in most Tablets. Thy Lord is verily the Explainer, the Wise.

Divine wisdom hath been and shall ever be dominant and triumphant. One pure deed is like unto a lamp between heaven and earth—it showeth the way and guideth the heedless unto itself. Say: Hearken, O people, unto that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in His Most Great, Most Holy, Most Luminous Book. Convey My greetings to all souls who have drunk of the sealed wine, and say: In the divine days ye must appear in such wise that the clouds of the opposers, the hints of the corrupters, and the veils of the heedless shall not prevent you from the straight path. Hold fast unto God and leave all else behind you, remaining steadfast in this Cause whereby the pillars in the contingent world were shaken. Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those who are with thee and upon thy family from the presence of the Gracious, the Generous.

BH03700: This is a Book which the Wronged One hath…

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

This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down unto him who hath believed in God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Therein He mentioneth that which draweth hearts unto the Supreme Horizon, this Station wherefrom the Tongue proclaimeth: "There is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

The ears have been blessed by hearkening unto My Most Exalted Call, and the eyes by beholding My Most Exalted Horizon, and the hearts by recognizing My Most Glorious Name, and the tongues by uttering My praise, the Mighty, the Beauteous.

Say: O people of the earth! Fear ye God, and follow not your desires. Follow Him Who hath come unto you with the kingdom of proof from the All-Merciful. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen spoken in this luminous station. By God! The gate of heaven hath been opened, and the Lord of Names hath come with the kingdom of signs, yet most of the people remain heedless.

Say: Arise to fulfill My Cause, and proclaim before all faces: "O people! Fear ye God and be not of the wrongdoers." He hath come, by Whose beauty the eyes of the Concourse on High have been solaced, and there hath been sent down from the heaven of bounty and grace that which hath drawn unto it the hearts of them who are nigh unto God. Open your eyes, for the Hidden Name of God hath appeared, and that which was treasured from time immemorial, if ye be of them who know.

This is He Whom the Books of God and His Prophets and Messengers have foretold. This is the Day of Remembrance and Utterance, and this is the Day of Service and Praise. Blessed is he who hath arisen to serve the Cause—he is indeed among those who have attained in My wondrous Book.

Thus have We sent down the verses and expounded them in truth as a grace from Our presence, and I am verily the Speaker, the All-Knowing. Beware lest the veils of the world withhold thee, or the doubts of the nations who have denied God, the Lord of all worlds, prevent thee.

Glory be unto the people of Baha who have turned unto the Hands of Bounty and Grace, who have taken the Wine of Eternal Life and drunk in the name of their Lord, the Powerful, the Mighty. Praise be to God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH04032: Glorified be He Who uttered the First Word…

In the Name of Him Who speaks upon the Branches

Glorified be He Who uttered the First Word and caused the people of Baha to speak it in the Kingdom of Creation. Verily, there is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He is the One by Whom the Books of God, both before and after, were adorned, yet most of the people are heedless. Through Him the Kingdom of Utterance moved and the Sun of Knowledge shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the Tablet, by the command of the Mighty, the Wise.

O thou who gazest toward My horizon and hast attained unto the Kawthar of My love! Hearken unto My call. Verily, He mentioneth thee as a favor from Him, that thou mayest be of the thankful. Thy letter hath arrived and the Servant present read it. When it was completed, We took it with the hand of loving-kindness and beheld it as a favor from Us. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. We found from it the fragrance of sincerity, to this My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness, as doth he who was present before the throne of thy Lord, the Most High, the Great.

Blessed is the face that hath turned unto the Face of God and the heart that hath turned to His luminous horizon. Be thou assured of thy Lord's favor. Verily He ordaineth for whomsoever He willeth that which profiteth him in every world of His worlds. He is, verily, the Powerful, the Mighty. We have sent down for every name that was in thy letter that which will solace his eyes and gladden the hearts of them that know.

Say: O loved ones of the All-Merciful! When the manifestation of Satan cometh unto you with the book of wickedness, cast it behind you, placing your trust in God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Say: Be ye as flames of fire in the love of your Lord, the Possessor of this wondrous Day. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have cast the world behind their backs and taken hold of that which they were bidden in a perspicuous Book.

BH06010: The Day mentioned in the divine Books hath appeared…

In the name of the one true God!

The Day mentioned in the divine Books hath appeared, and the countenance of the Promised One is manifest, yet the heedless servants are seen to be, for the most part, turning away and denying. They walk in the wilderness of idle fancies, unaware of the Sun of certitude which hath dawned from the horizon of God's will, exalted be His glory.

Whosoever hath today recognized the truth and drunk from the choice wine of steadfastness is mentioned by the Concourse on High in God's Book. Blessed art thou for having recognized and turned to the One, the Peerless, when most of the servants turned away from Him. Joy be unto thee for having attained unto the Day of God which was mentioned in the Scriptures of God, the Lord of the worlds.

Thou must remain steadfast in God's Cause with the utmost firmness, for We have previously announced that the braying will be raised and the book of wickedness and pages of fire will be spread abroad. God willing, the people of Baha will appear in such wise that none shall be able to prevent them. By God's life! They are indeed honored servants, they are indeed servants brought nigh.

Convey My greetings to My loved ones there and gladden them with My wondrous remembrance. The glory be upon thee and upon them from the presence of One mighty, praiseworthy.

BH06649: The Wronged One has turned His face from this…

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

The Wronged One has turned His face from this praiseworthy station toward him who was named Muhammad-Taqi, that He might draw him to a station wherein naught stirs save the breezes of My grace, wherein naught wafts save the sweet fragrances of My verses' flowers, and wherein naught is planted save the trees of My bounty, beneath whose shade take rest the trustees among My creation and the chosen ones among My servants—they who have forsaken the world for love of Me and have arisen to serve the Cause through My All-Knowing, All-Wise Name.

Blessed is he who has drunk from the wellspring of My Pen the wine of My utterance, and from the cups of My words the Kawthar of My knowledge. He is indeed of the people of Baha in the Crimson Book and in this perspicuous Tablet.

Hold fast, O peoples of the earth, to that which ye have been commanded in the Book of God. He verily commands you to that which will draw you nigh unto a station wherein naught is seen save the radiance of My shining and luminous countenance.

The kingdom shall pass away, while the King of Kings proclaimeth in the Kingdom and maketh mention of His loved ones in such wise that their remembrance shall endure through the eternity of His most beautiful names. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

BH08701: We make mention of him whom the attraction…

He is the Most Exalted, the Most High

We make mention of him whom the attraction of his Lord's verses so seized that he cast away idle fancies and turned to the horizon of certitude. Blessed art thou in that thou hast attained unto the days of thy Lord after they were denied by every learned one who claimed knowledge without proof from God, the Lord of all worlds. Behold the divines of this age who worship their own desires while imagining they worship the One, the All-Informed. He testifies with the tongue of His dawning Revelation that they have denied God when He came with the truth with mighty sovereignty. They pronounced judgment against those who attained the lights of the Countenance, shed their blood and plundered their possessions. By the life of God! They are in manifest loss. When thou didst discover the fragrance of the garment from thy Lord's utterance, praise Him and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who didst remember me when I was among the ignorant ones.

BH08781: The Peerless Friend declares: Praise be to God…

In the Name of the Goal of all the worlds

The Peerless Friend declares: Praise be to God that thou hast been favored with divine grace and art soaring in the atmosphere of His love. In the first year, from the rustling of the Most Exalted Pen was heard this blessed word:

> "Blessed are they who have recognized this wondrous Cause and have turned towards this wondrous Path."

This exalted and most glorious station cannot be attained except through the effacement of all that was before, and through attentive ears. How excellent is he who hath attained unto this most mighty, most glorious station! Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thy letter hath reached the presence of the Wronged One, and He hath revealed for thee this perspicuous Book. Under all conditions fix thy gaze upon the Supreme Horizon and hold fast unto the cord of grace. Be thou assured of the favor of thy Lord. He will manifest unto thee that which He hath willed. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH09255: We have heard the call of those who were…

He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful!

We have heard the call of those who were attracted by the fragrances of Revelation when the horizon of utterance was illumined by the Sun of My mention, the Mighty, the Luminous. The ocean of knowledge hath appeared and the sun of understanding hath shone forth, yet the people remain among the heedless. They have cast the decree of God behind their backs and followed every ignorant one far removed from truth. We have manifested knowledge that the servants might be guided unto My path, yet they have grown proud against the All-Informed One. Thus have We been treated by those who pride themselves on knowledge when He Who is known came with His name, the Self-Subsisting, and spoke that before which the Books of the Messengers have bowed down. Rejoice thou in that the Wronged One hath remembered thee and turned toward thee from this exalted Station.

BH09602: Hearken to the Call of the All-Glorious, for He…

He is the Manifest, the Speaking, the Knowing

Hearken to the Call of the All-Glorious, for He hath come with His most great and supreme majesty. By God! The Throne hath been established upon the water, and He Who is the Lord of Names hath seated Himself thereon with manifest sovereignty.

Behold the people and their heedlessness after their expectation, and their turning away after their hopes, that thou mayest find thyself in a state of joy from God, the Lord of the worlds. They would weep through the nights and days, yet when the Lord of all beings came, they pronounced judgment against Him with grievous wrong.

Thus doth He Who possesseth the knowledge recount unto thee the tales of the world and remembereth thee through His preserved Tablet. Glory be upon those who have cast away what they possessed and held fast unto that which they were commanded by God, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH10345: Thy mention hath been made in the presence…

He is the One Who gazeth from the Most Exalted Horizon.

Thy mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and He remembereth thee with this perspicuous remembrance, that thy heart may rejoice thereby, and thy breast be dilated, and thy tongue may speak forth: “All praise belongeth unto God, the Lord of the worlds.” We have heard thy call and have answered thee, and We beseech the All-Bountiful that He may assist thee under all conditions to make mention of Him and to praise Him, and to serve His mighty Cause. It behooveth thee and My loved ones to hold fast unto the cord of wisdom, as bidden by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Upon thee and upon them be the glory of God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Powerful.

BH01019: O My Name Mihdi! The letter from Afnan Alif…

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing, the All-Wise!

O My Name Mihdi! The letter from Afnan Alif and Ha, upon him be My glory, which was addressed to you, was presented by this servant before the Divine Presence. God willing, may they ever abide beneath the blessed Lote-Tree in tranquility and rest, and partake of the choice wine of His love. Blessed is he for having turned unto God, attained His presence, and arisen to serve the Cause of God, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting. God willing, may they ever attain unto this most great station. Though it be veiled at present, this veil shall assuredly be lifted. He, verily, is the Informed, the All-Knowing.

Concerning what they wrote about Badi, upon him be the Glory of God, may he be blessed through divine grace. We have made mention of his father in such wise that, by the life of God, all the treasures, hoards and mines of the earth cannot equal it. The Lord of all beings beareth witness unto this. O Mihdi! The days pass like lightning, and their transience is clear and evident. Blessed is the soul that hath been honored to make mention of God and whose name hath been recorded by the Supreme Pen in God’s

Book. This is a bounty with which no other bounty can compare, nor can any other matter rival it. Soon shall the sincere and devoted ones witness that which God hath foretold in the Scriptures and Tablets.

As to what they wrote concerning the Spot of Blessing and the Mashriqu'l-Adhkar, this is most acceptable, for they have mentioned it with wisdom. The Supreme Pen hath, for reasons of wisdom recorded in the Book, forbidden at this time the execution of such matters in the land of Shin and the land of Ya and certain other lands. Verily, He knoweth and commandeth, and with Him is the knowledge of all things in a mighty Book. Blessed is such an Afnan, for he hath spoken that which God, the Lord of the worlds, desired. He must render thanks unto his Lord for this manifest favor. In all matters they must observe wisdom. Although the law of prayer was sent down from the heaven of God's Will in previous years, due to wisdom it hath not yet been dispatched to other regions and remaineth preserved and concealed in the Kingdom of Utterance by the command of the Beloved of all creation. Such divine laws as can be practiced without conflicting with wisdom must be observed by all, and those that conflict with wisdom are not permissible to practice until God's Cause is raised up amongst His servants and creation.

His honor Asad and the son of My Name Al-Asdaq, upon them be My glory, have arisen to serve the Cause, and whatsoever they have executed regarding the Mashriqu'l-Adhkar and the Spot of Blessing in the lands of Kha hath been approved by the Supreme Pen. Verily, He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

The heedless people have regarded the Dawning-Place of the world's reformation as a source of corruption. So intoxicated are they with the wine of self that neither the blast of the trumpet, nor the sound of the bugle, nor the enduring proofs, nor the manifest shining evidences, nor the revealed verses have brought them to their senses. They remain heedless of Him Who hath appeared with all the proofs possessed by those on earth, clinging instead to their own idle fancies. Nevertheless, the mercy and loving-kindness of God have been so abundantly manifested that pen and tongue are powerless to describe them.

Hence it is that He hath enjoined wisdom upon His loved ones. Were one to ponder the allusions of the Supreme Pen, hidden matters would emerge and become evident. By Him Who is seated upon the throne, were they to attain even a small measure of understanding, they would cry out "I turn unto Thee, O God of the worlds!" In this Most Great Revelation, corruption, contention, bloodshed and the like have been forbidden, and in most Tablets these utterances have been revealed from the heaven of divine knowledge. Yet none hath grasped God's intent or comprehended His purpose, save whom He willeth. Blessed are they who have arisen and remained steadfast in the Cause of God, and who have associated with all men in a spirit of joy and fragrance. These are they who are mentioned as the companions of the Ark in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. All must strive for the betterment of the world. This is the binding decree that hath been revealed in this Most Great Revelation, both aforetime and hereafter. Blessed are they that understand, blessed are they that ponder, blessed are they that act accordingly. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Afnan! Take hold of wisdom and cleave unto it, and abandon all else. Thus doth the Wronged One command thee by a bidding from God, the Lord of the worlds. Under all conditions observe wisdom.

As to what thou hast mentioned concerning him who was named Muhsin, who hath ascended unto God—We make mention of him as a token of Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful. The first greeting that issued forth from the City of Peace—the spot adorned by the revelation of God, the Lord of all men—and the first fragrance that wafted from the garment of thy Lord's mercy be upon thee, O thou who hast turned to the Most Sublime Horizon and believed in God, the Lord of Names, when those who followed conjecture and idle fancy turned away. I testify that thou didst answer thy Lord when His call was raised between earth and heaven, and thou didst fulfill thy covenant and pledge in such wise that neither the veils of glory withheld thee from the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, nor the barriers of names from God, the Creator of heaven.

Blessed art thou for having remained steadfast in the Cause when most feet did slip, and the hearts of men were troubled—they who cast the command of God behind their backs and followed every heedless doubter. Blessed is he who remembereth thee after thee, O Muhsin, and who maketh mention of thy turning unto God, thy faithfulness, thy love and thy ardor in the Cause of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Rejoice thou in that the Most Exalted Pen hath made mention of thee and consoleth thy kindred who attained unto recognition on a Day wherein the Cry was raised and the mountains passed away. Peace and praise and glory be upon thee from God, the Almighty, the Most Glorious, the All-Bestowing.

O Afnan! Concerning what thou didst write about designating a blessed spot in these lands—this is more conducive to piety and wisdom. If it be accomplished with utmost joy and fragrance, it is acceptable and will, God willing, become a source of universal good. Verily, He ordaineth what He desireth for whomsoever He willeth, and revealeth that which His unerring and mighty Pen is moved to record. Praise be to God, the Beloved of those who know.

BH01292: He hath dawned forth from His Most Exalted Horizon

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This is a Day wherein all things proclaim: "O concourse of creation! The Greatest Veil hath been rent asunder and the Greatest Scene hath been adorned through the revelation of God, the Lord of Destiny; yet most of the people remain heedless." On this Day the Tongue of Glory calleth out from the pavilions of grandeur: "O denizens of earth and heaven! The Hidden Mystery hath appeared and the Self-Subsisting hath come with a sovereignty that neither the hosts of the world nor the armies of the oppressors among men could withstand."

Whoso hath shattered the idols of vain imaginings in the name of his Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, and hath turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon, saying:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all mankind, for having caused me to hear Thy call and honored Thy lands with Thy footsteps. I testify that through Thy manifestation that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds, hath been fulfilled. These are the days which Thy ambassadors, Thy messengers, and Thy chosen ones foretold through Thy word:

ʿLead forth the people from darkness into light and give them the glad-tidings of the days of God.' Thus was the matter decreed in the Book by God, the Evident, the All-Knowing."

Is there any with hearing to hear the call of God? Is there any with vision to behold the Greatest Sign? Is there any possessed of steadfastness to arise and speak with wisdom and proof amidst the concourse of the Bayan? By God! That which cannot be mentioned by utterance nor described by what hath been revealed concerning it hath appeared. By the life of God! Verily it was revealed to exalt His mention and His Word—to this testifieth every fair-minded and perceiving one.

O Muhammad-Shafi'! Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One and the servant in attendance before His face hath presented it. Verily thy Lord heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have heard thy call and have answered thee through this Tablet whereby the breezes of the All-Merciful have wafted and the fragrance of utterance hath been diffused throughout all possibility. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Blessed is the soul that hath heard the call of its Lord and attained unto that which it was commanded by the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear ye the All-Merciful and follow not your idle fancies. Follow Him Who hath come with the truth by a command whereagainst all who are in the heavens and earth are powerless to stand. This is a Day wherein the Proof calleth out with the loudest voice, wherein the Evidence speaketh amongst all creation, and the Testament crieth out before its Glorious Lord; yet the people are wrapped in a thick veil.

O Most Exalted Pen! Thou hast spoken in the most eloquent tongue; now speak in a sweet Persian tongue. O Muhammad-Qabl-i-Shafi'! May you be blessed through divine favors! Your letter reached the Most Exalted Station through the Afnan, upon him be the Glory of God, and was honored to be heard by the Lord of all beings.

Today it is incumbent upon everyone to move according to that which God has willed, meaning to submerge their own will and desire in the Will of God, to fix their gaze upon the will of the Friend, to turn toward His desire and to hold fast to His command. Today the Balance is manifest and proclaims with the most exalted call: "I am the Distinguisher, the Separator, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise." How excellent is the condition of those souls who have clung to the Book of God and acted according to it. In all the Books this blessed Day is rightly attributed to God. One must arise to perform such deeds as befit this most holy Day.

By My life! Goodly deeds have been and ever will be the helpers of Truth. If today someone should arise for the sake of God and act according to what He loves and is pleased with, assuredly the fragrance of his deeds will guide and lead people to the choice sealed Wine which has appeared and flows forth through the grace of the Finger of the Self-Subsisting Lord. The divine utterance shines forth like the sun, and the Path of the Lord stands out among all paths like a banner upon the hills, manifest, clear and evident. No sign among the signs of Truth resembles it, yet the vain imaginings of people have held them back and their conjectures have veiled them.

God willing, may the friends of God attain to that which is the cause of protection, blessing, bounty and salvation. Praise the Beloved of the world that you have attained unto this Most Great Tablet and reached

this station through the Afnan. Be thankful and be among those who give praise. Beseech God that He may assist all the friends to achieve what He desires. While time and opportunity remain, perchance such deeds as are adorned with the good-pleasure of the Friend may be manifested from the mirrors of existence. Verily thy Lord is the Expositor, the All-Wise. Verily thy Lord is the Rememberer, the All-Knowing, and the All-Informed Counsellor.

You had sought forgiveness for certain souls. All have attained unto the Word of God. We have forgiven them as a grace from Our presence and a mercy from Our side, and We have mentioned them in verses from which the sincere ones will find My sublime and mighty fragrance. The Primal Point hath said that all were created for this: that they might be mentioned once in His presence. Know thou the station of this rank and hold fast to that which hath been commanded by God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and upon those who have acted according to that which they were commanded by the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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BH01464: All praise that befitteth the most holy, most glorious…

In the name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord!

All praise that befitteth the most holy, most glorious, most sublime court of the King of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen realms is praise that hath been manifested from His most holy, most glorious, most pure tongue. Should all created things and all contingent beings, from the beginning that hath no beginning unto the end that hath no end, arise to extol Him and open their lips in praise of Him, it would assuredly be but as the description of a gnat attempting to praise the Lord of Oneness, as it hath ever been and shall ever be. Sanctified is the court of His mention above the mention of all things, and holy is the presence of His glory above the description of all who dwell on earth and in heaven. Every possessor of knowledge hath confessed his ignorance, and every possessor of wisdom hath acknowledged his shortcoming, and this confession and acknowledgment are reckoned among the most excellent of deeds before the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Blessed is the soul that hath manifested pure servitude unto God, the Lord of creation, and acted according to what was commanded in the Book. He is among those who have fulfilled the Covenant on the Day of the Testament.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou by Whose Name hearts are attracted and souls take flight! I beseech Thee by him who hath clung to Thy cord and arisen to serve Thee amidst Thy creatures, to draw Thy loved ones nigh unto the ocean of Thy bounty and to provide them with what Thou hast ordained for Thy trusted ones and chosen ones. Then write down for them, through Thy grace, that which shall protect them from Thine enemies. O my Lord! Thou seest their humility in Thy Cause, their submissiveness at the appearance of Thy sovereignty, their turning toward Thy most exalted horizon, and their orientation toward Thy countenance after the passing away of all things. I beseech Thee by the power that hath encompassed all created things to ordain for them the good of every world of Thy worlds and the care which hath no likeness in Thy knowledge. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest, and in

Thy grasp is the Kingdom of Names. There is none other God but Thee, the Dominant, the Most High, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

Thereafter, thy letter was received, and as it contained mention and praise of God, glorified be His majesty, it brought the utmost joy. God willing, may you drink, throughout the duration of His most beautiful Names, from the choice wine of the bounty of the Sovereign Who doeth what He willeth, and may you remain articulate in His praise. He is the Guide, He is the Helper, He is the Succourer, He is the Witness, He is the Vigilant, He is the Powerful and Mighty, and He is the All-Knowing and All-Wise.

After perusing thy letter, at a certain time it was presented in the Most Holy Court. This is what the Tongue of the All-Merciful uttered in the Kingdom of Utterance:

> "God willing, may he ever be blessed through the bounty of the Beloved of the Immortal, and act according to what beseemeth His days. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid him and those who have believed to remain steadfast. O friends! Steadfastness is a matter of tremendous significance, and whoso attaineth unto it hath attained unto all good. O Hasan! Give thanks unto thy Lord for having remembered thee before and at this moment. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. And We make mention of thy wife who hath turned to God and believed in God, the One, the All-Informed. O My handmaiden! Rejoice in that the Lord of Eternity remembereth thee from the direction of His Most Great Prison. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Great. We hear and We see, and unto Us belong the latter and the former ends. Blessed is he who hath recognized and was among the firmly established."

Regarding what was written about the sister of thy wife, that she desired to be a guest of the Ancient Beauty, exalted be His glory, this was presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court and was graced with acceptance. Blessed is she in having attained unto this mighty bounty. The favor of God hath transformed this small portion into a great one. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful, the Powerful, the Mighty.

As for what thou didst write regarding Aqa Muhammad-Rida, it was presented before Him from Whose knowledge nothing is hidden. One Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet hath been revealed for him from the heaven of the Divine Will. Deliver it unto him that he may drink the water of life from the utterance of the Beloved of all creation. Verily, He is the Bestower, He is the Bountiful, the Ancient.

God willing, may you be blessed in all conditions with the love of God and His bounty, and be mentioned in the presence of His countenance. This evanescent servant is at all times occupied with and gladdened by the mention of the friends. God, exalted be His glory, is the Witness and the Bearer. Verily, He is the Witness, the All-Knowing, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Glory and radiance be upon thee and upon every believer who hath believed in God on the day of His manifestation and remained steadfast in His mighty Cause.

The servant Jamadiyu'l-Avval 1298

BH02648: O Ismi Mihdi! The letter of Afnan, upon him…

In the Name of the one God!

O Ismi Mihdi! The letter of Afnan, upon him be the Glory of God, which you sent was presented before Us in its entirety. We found him enkindled with the fire of the love of God. This is the essence of deeds, and the very essence of that essence. In most times the fragrance of His love wafts from it. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We make mention of him and send Our salutations and glorification upon him, as a grace from Us and a mercy from Our presence. We hear the cry of the sincere ones and the lamentation of those who hope, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

And the letter of his honor Ashraf, upon him be the Glory of God and His mercy, was heard. We testify that he spoke the truth, turned toward the truth, and strove in the path of truth. Blessed is he in that he drank the choice wine of utterance from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Most Merciful. The effect of this is evident from his words—through clear proofs he silenced the opposing souls. No fair-minded person has had or has any reason to pause, let alone to turn away and deny. I testify that he prevented the transgressor from ascending and repelled him with a piercing flame, in the name of his Lord, the Powerful, the Triumphant. God willing, he will be assisted and confirmed in all conditions. This is the meaning of "victory" that is mentioned in the Book of God. God willing, may all become aware and attain to this station. Soon that which was hidden from sight shall be revealed, and in His grasp is the Kingdom of might and power.

O Ashraf! Upon thee be My Glory! Convey to the friends in that land greetings from the Wronged One, and give them all the glad tidings of God's favor. Say: O companions of truth! Know ye the value of this most wondrous and most holy Day, and arise to that which is befitting and worthy. A goodly word and a pure deed have been and are the helpers of God and His supporters. God willing, through these two ye shall aid the Cause of God and guide those who wander in the wilderness of ignorance to the ocean of divine knowledge. Watch over the Cause in all conditions, that perchance the people of that land may attain unto the Kawthar of the righteous, whose attributes are mentioned and recorded in the Book of God.

Say: This is a Day wherein everyone can possess that which all the treasures of earth cannot equal. By the life of God! He speaks the truth and guides to the Way. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Glory be upon thee, O thou who hast spoken the truth, and upon those who have shattered the idols of self and passion in the name of their Lord, the Lord of all beings, and have hastened to the water of life on this wondrous Day.

BH03364: 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 appeared is verily the Hidden Mystery in God's knowledge and the Treasured Symbol recorded in the books of the Messengers. He promised unto all on earth the appearance of God and His sovereignty. Yet when the veils were rent asunder and the All-Bestower came, they turned away from Him save those who shattered the idols of

vain desire through the Name of the Lord of all beings and cast away idle fancy, hastening to the horizon of certitude.

O ʿAli-Akbar! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee from the Most Great Scene and calleth thee to the Lord of Destiny Who speaketh in the Most Great Prison that there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The servant in attendance hath presented what thou didst send in His name, and We have mentioned thee in this Tablet that thou mayest inhale from it the fragrance of thy Lord's gracious utterance and be so attracted as to make mention of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, with wisdom and eloquence amongst the concourse of creation, that they might perchance discover the fragrance of the Robe in this glorious and wondrous Day. Blessed is he who hath spoken forth this Name and blessed is he who hath turned toward this luminous horizon.

We send Our greetings from this spot to God's chosen ones and trustees, and We give them glad tidings of this remembrance whereby the greater world hath been attracted. To this doth the Lord of Destiny bear witness from this glorious and exalted station.

Say: O God of all beings and Goal of all created things! I beseech Thee by the Dawning-Place of Thy revelation and the Dayspring of Thy inspiration to aid me in serving Thee and praising Thee and in remaining steadfast in Thy Cause. Then write down for me, O my God, what Thou hast written for Thy chosen ones, and enable me to act according to what Thou hast sent down in Thy Book. Verily Thou art He Whom nothing can frustrate and no affair can hinder. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Praised.

O Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, clinging to the hem of Thy grace, and awaiting the wonders of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee to deal with me as befitteth the sublimity of Thy greatness and the excellence of Thy majesty. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Bestower, the Munificent, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH04006: All the peoples and religions were promised this Most…

In the Name of the Possessor of the World!

All the peoples and religions were promised this Most Great Day, which in the divine Books is known as the Day of God. When the horizon of the world was illumined with the lights of His Manifestation, some turned away and others arose in opposition. They preferred conjecture to certitude and chose darkness over light.

This is not the first Cause that hath appeared in the world. Consider the former ages and reflect: in every age and epoch when the divine Light shone forth from the heaven of God's Will, the leaders and divines of that age strove with utmost effort to extinguish that Light. To this day the traces of the oppressors' tyranny are visible in the earth and recorded in the Book. Blessed is the soul that hath recognized the station of this Day and acted as beseemeth it.

Glory be to God! These heedless people have preferred extinction to immortality and regarded the ignorant as learned. Today the Balance is manifest and speaketh with the most exalted utterance. It is the

true Discriminator and the spiritual Identifier. Yet all are heedless of it and veiled from it, save whom God willeth, the Lord of the worlds.

We have mentioned thee before and in this Tablet that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Generous. Arise with supreme steadfastness to make mention of thy Lord, the Lord of all humanity, and put thy trust in Him. Verily, He is with His steadfast servants. He exalteth whomsoever He willeth through His command. There is no God but Him, the One, the Single, the Wise.

We beseech Him, exalted be He, to bless what thou hast intended. Verily, He is the Ancient Bestower.

BH04317: He hath dawned forth from the horizon of utterance

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O Leaf! Rejoice in that the Tree which was raised up in truth and which spoke "Verily there is no God but Me, the Forgiving, the Generous" makes mention of thee. Praise be to God that thou hast been assisted to attain unto that which most of the handmaidens of the earth have not attained. My mercy hath preceded thee, and the hand of My loving-kindness and the arm of My power, which have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth, have aided thee.

Thy patience, forbearance, tranquility and steadfastness in the path of God have been witnessed. I swear by the Sun of the heaven of utterance, thou art mentioned in all the worlds and art known for thy faithfulness to the Covenant. There befell thee in the path of God that which hath befallen no one else. Blessed art thou and well is it with thee, for thou hast attained unto stations which the chosen ones of old attained only after the supreme martyrdom.

In the calamity of the King of Martyrs the tears of the denizens of heaven were shed and the sighs of the people of earth were raised, but since it occurred in the path of the Beloved it was and ever shall be beloved. Well is it with My Name, the Letter Ha, and pleasant unto him.

Upon thee and upon him and upon thy mother who bore hardships in this Cause whereby the hearts of the mystics were troubled and the feet of the learned ones who turned away from God, the Lord of the worlds, did slip. We send Our greetings unto her from this Spot wherein the Tongue of the All-Merciful speaketh: "There is no God but I, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing."

The matter of his honor Sadiq, upon him be My glory, was mentioned and was acceptable in the Most Holy Court. Verily He is the Powerful, the Commander, the All-Wise.

BH04556: This is a Day wherein from the rushing…

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

This is a Day wherein from the rushing of its winds is heard: "Verily, there is no God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise," and from the murmuring of its waters: "Verily, there is no God but I." I was hidden within the tabernacle of grandeur and power, but when the appointed time was fulfilled, I manifested My Self as a grace from Me, and I am the Manifest, the Evident, the All-Informed. I was

silent—My Will caused Me to speak. I was seated—My firm and mighty Command caused Me to arise. Blessed is the soul that hath heard My call and answered its Lord, the Witnessing, the Hearing One.

O Mihdi! That which thou didst write to the Name of Javad, upon him be My glory, hath come before the Countenance and the servant in attendance hath read it, and We have answered thee that the attraction of thy Lord's verses may seize thee in such wise that thou shalt find thyself in manifest joy. We have accepted those who have turned to Our horizon and answered those whose cry hath risen to Our heaven, and I am the Powerful, the Answering One.

O Mihdi! We make mention of thy father and mother as a mercy from Us—verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous—and We give them glad tidings of My loving-kindness and grace which have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Blessed is he who hath attained to the remembrance of God and drunk the choice wine from the utterance of his Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

We counsel Our loved ones to supreme steadfastness in this mighty Cause, and to trustworthiness and truthfulness and that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds, may be exalted. They who have held fast to the Book are among those brought near, and they who have cast the laws of God behind their backs are among the most lost in a clear Book. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH04869: O Name who art the Possessor of Names!

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He sayeth: In this day the cause of victory and the means of the exaltation of God's Cause hath been the unity of the loved ones of God, and unity and concord in their primary rank are special to the Day of God. Nevertheless, its lamp is observed to be extinguished and its winds restrained. Its lights have been dimmed and its breezes have grown still. Beseech thou God that He may gather all beneath the shadow of one Word.

Whosoever in this day spendeth his time in promoting concord and unity among souls is recorded in God's Book as one of the bearers of His Throne.

Convey My greetings to the steadfast souls and say: Strive ye, that the lights of your hearts may illumine the realm of unity and concord. The hours and times and seasons pass like lightning. No person of understanding hath attached or will attach his heart to that which is transient and fleeting. God willing, may they fix their gaze upon that which is abiding and enduring, and occupy themselves with the unity of hearts. Thus doth thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Loving, command them.

Blessed art thou and those who have attained unto the choice wine of My utterance, who have drunk the Kawthar of My bounty, who have spoken My Name and acted as befitteth this Promised Day. Glory be upon thee and upon the leaf who hath turned, who hath aimed, who hath attained, who hath heard, who hath seen, and who hath won that which was promised in the Books of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling.

BH05411: Glorified art Thou, O Thou by Whose Name…

In the name of our Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord

Glorified art Thou, O Thou by Whose Name the gates have been opened in the kingdom of creation, and the ocean of reunion hath surged for those who have turned unto Thee, O Thou Creator of the heavens! I testify that Thou hast ever been powerful through Thy sovereignty and dominant through Thy will. I beseech Thee by the Most Great Word and by the fragrances of Thy raiment amidst the Concourse on high, to teach Thy loved ones that which will enable them to arise to serve Thy Cause and to speak forth Thy praise and glorification.

O Lord! Teach them what Thou hast willed in Thy days and what Thou hast ordained through the Pen of Thy Command, for I am certain that should they become aware of that which Thou hast destined for them in Thy Kingdom, they would soar with longing and yearning in the atmosphere of Thy commandments and would hold fast to that which Thou hast enjoined upon them in Thy Book. O Lord! Illumine the eyes of their hearts through Thy bounty and grace. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Wise.

BH05387: Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses…

He is the One dawning from the horizon of the world with the Most Great Name!

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and manifested that which was inscribed in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. By God! The Promised Day hath come, whereon the Speaker of the Mount uttereth, and through Him all things have spoken. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Single, the All-Informed.

This is the Day whereon the hidden Secret hath appeared and that which was treasured in God's knowledge, the Lord of the worlds, hath been revealed. Among the people are those who cling to their desires, turning away from guidance, and among them are those who cast away what the people possess and take hold of that which they were commanded by the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed is he who hath clung to the Most Great Name and held fast to His luminous hem.

We have turned toward thee from the direction of My Most Great Prison and have summoned thee unto God, the Mighty, the Great. Blessed is the helper who hath helped My loved ones, and the supporter who hath supported those who have attained unto this wondrous Cause, whereby the limbs of the names have quaked, the foundations of the idols have been shaken, and every sinful doubter hath lamented.

When thou hast attained unto My Tablet, say: I beseech Thee, O Manifestation of the world and Sovereign of nations, by Thy Most Exalted Word, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and Thy love amidst all beings, and ordain for me that which shall profit me in the world to come and in this world. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Great.

BH06487: The Day hath come wherein the divine Herald proclaimeth…

In the name of the peerless Lord!

The Day hath come wherein the divine Herald proclaimeth before all faces, saying: This is the Day whereon the mountains pass away like clouds, and divine verses are sent down and flow forth without cease.

O My people! How many were the servants and handmaidens who awaited this blessed Day and quaffed the cups of joy and gladness in remembrance thereof. Yet when the morning of the Promised Day dawned from the horizon of the world, all were found heedless save those souls who, through the name of their Friend, had purified themselves from the defilements of the world and its conditions, and attained unto the station of unveiling and witnessing and the presence of God.

Hold fast unto the cord of My love, then detach thyself from the worlds. Fix thy gaze upon Him, remain steadfast in His love, and be occupied with His remembrance. He is the companion of purified hearts. All must preserve His abode and dwelling place in His name from thieves and betrayers and from doubts and imaginings. Thus doth He Who possesseth the perspicuous Book make mention of thee.

Be thou thankful unto thy Lord and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of hearts, and glorification be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of the worlds!

BH07530: God willing, may you be continually blessed through divine…

In the name of the one true God!

God willing, may you be continually blessed through divine grace and act according to His will.

We have given glad tidings of this most mighty, most holy Cause and this most glorious, most exalted Revelation to all the world. The divine Books, Scriptures and Psalms all bear witness to this, yet the heedless servants remain turned away and veiled. With their own eyes they behold the ocean of utterance and hear the call of the All-Merciful, yet they remain deprived and forbidden from the fragrances of the days of God and the breezes of His mercy due to the buzzing of flies and croaking of ravens. Such is the state of creation—after seeking and waiting, they remain halted. Verily they are among the most lost in the perspicuous Book.

Your letter was presented before the Wronged One, and from its words arose the cry “I believe in God.” Praise be to the Goal of all the worlds Who confirmed you and honored you with His remembrance. Verily your Lord is the Mighty, the Generous.

BH07731: We have sent down this Tablet from the heaven…

In His Name, the One Who has dominion over all names!

We have sent down this Tablet from the heaven of My Will, and verily it is a clear Book sent down in truth from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. It gives glad-tidings to those who have acknowledged what God acknowledged before the creation of the heavens and the earth—that there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Wise.

Your letter has come and was presented by the servant who is present before the Wronged One, and We have answered you with that whereby your remembrance shall endure through the eternity of Our most beautiful names. Verily your Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Rejoice in that We have heard your call and what you have praised God with, the Lord of all worlds. We have found from your letter the fragrance of your love and your turning toward this Horizon, from which the servants have turned away save those whom God has willed, the Sovereign of this wondrous Day.

Be assured by the grace of your Lord—verily He is with those who have taken what they were commanded and cast away that in which every remote ignorant one takes pride.

BH07799: Glorified art Thou, O Thou in Whose grasp…

He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance:

Glorified art Thou, O Thou in Whose grasp is the reins of the world! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name through which the ocean of Thy bounty and mercy surged and the fragrance of Thy garment was wafted among Thy creation, to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy handmaidens who have detached themselves from all else but Thee in Thy days and have turned to the horizon of Thy Revelation in such wise that neither the allusions of Thy servants nor the clamor of the people of Thy realm could hinder them.

I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the Dayspring of Thy inspiration, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall gladden mine eyes, rejoice my heart and dilate my breast, that I may make mention of Thee amongst Thy handmaidens.

Thou art He Who hath ever been powerful over whatsoever Thou hast willed and Who shall ever remain, even as Thou hast been from time immemorial, possessed of such power. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

BH08087: We make mention of him whom We mentioned before…

He is the Dawning Place, the Clear, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We make mention of him whom We mentioned before, who was named Ahmad in the Kingdom of Names, that he may find assurance through the bounty of his Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. The ocean of divine knowledge hath surged, and the All-Merciful hath come with clear sovereignty. How many a servant hath turned and hearkened and attained this mighty bounty, and how many a learned one hath clung to knowledge and grown proud thereby against the All-Knowing, the All-Informed!

Ask thou God to aid thee to remain steadfast in this Cause whereby the hearts of the mystics have been stirred. When thou attainest unto a trace from My Most Exalted Pen, be thankful and say:

> “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of the kingdom of the heavens and earth!”

Glory be upon thee and upon the leaf who hath held fast to the Divine Lote-Tree when it appeared in truth, and upon those who have attained unto that which God, the Lord of the worlds, hath willed.

BH08565: O ʿAli! Previously thou wert blessed with divine favor…

In the name of the one Beloved

O ʿAli! Previously thou wert blessed with divine favor and His mention. This is another time, a bounty from God, the Lord of all beings. At all times ask and beseech the Desired One of the worlds, that He may aid thee to accomplish that which is pleasing unto Him. The world and all that is therein shall soon return to nothingness, while that which hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen concerning the loved ones, the chosen ones, and the sincere ones shall endure as long as His most beautiful names endure. How excellent is the state of the soul who in this day attaineth unto the most great steadfastness, in such wise that the imaginings of the peoples of the world shall not withhold him from the Ancient King.

Thus have We made mention of thee as a bounty from Us, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have quaffed the sealed wine in the name of their Lord, the Bestower, the Generous.

BH08489: O Son of Abhar! O thou who gazest upon…

O Son of Abhar! O thou who gazest upon the Most Great Scene!

The Lord of Destiny maketh mention of thee from this station wherein every hidden thing hath been made manifest, quicker than the twinkling of an eye. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Generous.

Say: O concourse of divines! We have ordained knowledge that it might guide you to My path, yet ye turned away therefrom and waxed proud before the All-Wise One. Beware lest learning debar you from the Self-Subsisting or vain imaginings veil you from God, the Lord of all worlds. We created hearts for My love, and eyes to behold the signs of My power, and tongues to make mention of My beauteous praise.

Say: Consider ye the greatness of God and His signs, then aid Him through wisdom and utterance. Thus doth command you He with Whom is a mighty Book.

From this station We send greetings to My loved ones who observed the right of God concerning His friends and followed that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in a perspicuous Tablet.

BH08428: The attention of the All-Possessing Lord has ever been…

In the Name of the Everlasting Speaker!

The attention of the All-Possessing Lord has ever been directed toward those who have turned unto Him, both men and women. This is the Day for the manifestation of the gems of existence. Blessed is the soul that hath clung to the Will and Purpose of God, to such degree that it hath claimed no will or purpose of its own. Such a one is immersed in the ocean of divine submission. Well is it with the man-servant who hath attained, and with the maid-servant who hath attained, unto this most exalted, most holy, most

glorious station. O leaf! Fix thy gaze upon the Lord of eternity, that thou mayest find thyself detached and free from the world and all that is therein. If thou shouldst drink of this wine, such joy shall possess thee that the troubles and sorrows of the world will never seize thee. Rejoice thou in this Most Great Remembrance, then render thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. He hath made mention of thee through that which nothing can equal. To this thy Lord, the All-Informed, doth testify.

BH09164: In My Name, the Speaker on Sinai!

In My Name, the Speaker on Sinai!

O Mihdi! The Wronged One makes mention of thee from the Most Great Prison and gives thee glad tidings of how the Ancient Beauty has turned toward thee, and remembers thee with that which nothing on earth can equal. Verily thy Lord is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. We have remembered thee time and again, and aided thee in this Cause whereby souls were perturbed and the clamor was raised. Be thou grateful, inasmuch as We summoned thee into Our presence and caused thee to hear My most sweet call, which We have made the water of life for all who dwell within the realm of possibility, and a sign of eternity amidst the nations, and a sword of the Almighty against the wicked.

And We make mention of him who was named Aziz and counsel him with that which befitteth the days of his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Hold fast unto the cord of unity. Verily it will profit you and draw you nigh unto God, the Lord of Lords.

BH09645: O daughter of Ha, the Lord of Names remembers…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O daughter of Ha, the Lord of Names remembers you from the direction of His Most Great Prison. Verily your Lord is the Mighty, the Wise. We have remembered you and your father with a remembrance that the kingdom of creation cannot rival. The Creator of heaven bears witness to this in this perspicuous Tablet. You are under the shadow of your Lord's loving-kindness, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. There is nothing that has not lamented what befell you in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. Be thankful to your Lord for this most great favor and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the world, and glory be unto Thee, O Beloved of those who are in the heavens and on earth!"

Glory be upon you and upon your brothers and upon your sister and your mother from the presence of One mighty and powerful.

BH09795: O handmaiden of Baha! The Lord of Names makes…

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing

O handmaiden of Baha! The Lord of Names makes mention of thee in this divine Day, which hath adorned all holy Books with its remembrance. May thou be illumined by the lights of the Sun of Revelation and be accounted among the letters of the Preserved Tablet. At all times, drink from the Kawthar of the

Merciful's love, and be thou enkindled with the fire of His remembrance and speaking in His praise. O fruit of the blessed Tree of Martyrdom! He hath testified that thou art manifest from it and unto it shalt return. Be thou gladdened by these words which have issued from the mouth of the All-Merciful, and arise to render praise unto Him.

BH10708: O ʿAbdu'l-Husayn! God willing, mayest thou be favored…

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

O ʿAbdu'l-Husayn! God willing, mayest thou be favored by the loving-kindness of the Beloved of the world and drink from the ocean of His grace. All things have arisen in lamentation and wailing at this most great calamity, yet the people, being heedless, are unaware of it. Soon shall they become conscious of that which they have wrought against the truth in the days of God. Rejoice thou in that thou art under the gaze of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH10872: The Wronged One of the world turneth toward thee…

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

The Wronged One of the world turneth toward thee and maketh mention of thee. This is a bounty sanctified above all likeness and comparison, for thou art of the Truth, related to the Truth, and mentioned in the presence of the Truth. Martyrdom in the path of the Beloved is the glory of life, and abasement in His love is the glory of all glory. The Glory be upon you, O people of Glory!

BH01991: Praise be to God, Who was and Who will…

He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power

Praise be to God, Who was and Who will be as He has been, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. Praise befits the Lord of existence and the Sovereign of the seen and unseen, Who has so attracted pure and holy hearts, free from worldly attachments, through the magnet of His Most Great, Most Ancient Name that they have transcended the world of being and all within it, hastening with heart and soul to the path of the peerless Friend. These are souls who have drunk from the pure wine flowing from the Supreme Pen and who have been adorned among creation with the coloring of God—which is sanctified above all colors—namely, the coloring of His commandments and laws and whatsoever is pleasing to Him. Blessed are they and upon them be glory! These are they through whom the dwellers of Paradise and the denizens of the holy precincts seek blessing, and upon whom the Concourse on High and the near-stationed angels pray morning and evening.

And now, the letter of that friend reached this evanescent servant. It was read and the fragrance of loving meanings was inhaled therefrom. God willing, may you ever drink from the wine of love for the eternal Sovereign, morn and eve—such a draught that worldly sorrows and troubles will not keep you from the remembrance of the Lord of Names. May you always attain manifest joy. Praise be to the Pre-existent Beloved that mention was made of you and your family at certain times in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, and the glance of favor was directed toward you. This is that treasure for which many sincere

ones and near ones have given their lives, and with utmost humility and supplication have begged it from the Self-Sufficient Lord. The Most Great Remembrance (may my spirit be sacrificed for Him) says that all exists so that one might be mentioned but once in the presence of that Luminary of pre-existence, exalted be His majesty and glory. God willing, may all the friends not be deprived of this divine bounty and eternal good, and may they taste its sweetness. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Giver, the Bestower, the Generous.

As for your request for permission regarding the mother of Inayatu'llah, He said that this year, due to certain considerations, it is not advisable. God willing, they are and will be content with whatever is advisable and willed. Convey greetings and praise on my behalf. Convey most wondrous, most exalted, most glorious praise from this evanescent servant to the people of the true Kingdom who outwardly are children but in reality are truly great. God willing, may they be confirmed with both outer and inner confirmations. To his honor the beloved friend Aqa Ghulam-Ali I send heartfelt praise. Ever has his mention been in my heart and his face before my eyes. Likewise to the spiritual friend his honor Aqa Ali-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God. God willing, may he ever dwell and find rest beneath the shade of the eternal Tree of Grace. Glory be upon you and upon your household and upon them both and upon every steadfast, firm and upright servant.

The servant 9 Jamadi'l-Avval 1298

BH00089: Praise be worthy and befitting of our Beloved Who…

Section 1: "In the Name of our Lord, the Most…"

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Praise be worthy and befitting of our Beloved Who, at the time of His ascension to the throne in the garden named Ridvan, spoke three blessed verses. Through one verse He removed strife, contention, murder and pillage from the world, clearly and evidently declaring that the victory of the Cause had been ordained through wisdom and utterance. Blessed are they who, with supreme steadfastness, act in accordance with that which they have been commanded.

The Lord of Destiny hath testified in another place: "I have come for fellowship and unity among the servants," and similar words which have been revealed from the Supreme Pen in holy books and tablets. Nevertheless, it is observed that some are unaware of and uninformed about God's firm and decisive Command. In truth, if anyone today intends to harm another soul, that harm befalls the Truth Himself. This is a statement which this evanescent servant has repeatedly heard from the Ancient Tongue. Today is the day of greatest joy, the day of speech and utterance, albeit with the wisdom which the All-Merciful hath revealed in His Mighty Book.

The hearts of the people of Baha must be illumined and brightened by the lights of the Day-Star of Manifestation. They must conduct themselves with utmost love towards all the peoples of the world. Reflect upon this blessed word which is truly the unique pearl of the sea of inner meanings. His words, exalted be His glory:

> "Glory is not for him who loves his country, but for him who loves the world."

May a hundred thousand souls be sacrificed for this divine utterance, in every letter of which surges the ocean of bounty and flows the river of loving-kindness.

Some time ago, a tablet was revealed from the heaven of divine will to His Holiness Ismullah Jamal—upon him be the Most Glorious of all Glory—and this blessed passage in Persian flowed from the Supreme Pen. His words, exalted be His grandeur:

> "By the Truth Himself, if all manifest power—which in reality hath no station before God and never will—were to appear, and an executioner were to stand before Us with evil intent, We would certainly not oppose him and would leave him to himself."

It would be a pity if illumined hearts should be deprived and withheld from their delicacy by these dark clouds. If receptive soil is found, the seed of the All-Merciful's wisdom should be deposited therein with the utmost joy and fragrance. Otherwise, verily He is independent of all worlds. This is the Day wherein the earth shineth with the light of its Lord, and wherein our Lord hath come and the angels rank upon rank.

Man must act in these divine days as behooveth him. By the life of God, God hath created him for the edification of the world; he hath come for construction, not destruction. God doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

In the past, during the time of the Apostle of God—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake—the ordinance of holy war was revealed, and in this Most Great, Most Mighty Manifestation that ordinance hath been lifted. He shall not be asked of His doings. Verily He is the Commander, the Questioner, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. May my soul be a sacrifice for His loving-kindness, and the spirit of the world be a sacrifice for His favors. Today all must look to that which God hath revealed in the Book, and arise to champion His Cause with truthful tongues, hallowed deeds and spiritual qualities, so that through the sweet-scented breezes of their pure and goodly deeds the people of the earth may attain the light of acceptance and turn unto the supreme horizon. Praise be to God Who hath appeared and made manifest His straight Path, and guided the people to His manifest horizon and His Most Great, Most Mighty Name. Today it is incumbent upon all to impart to the friends that which is beloved in the sight of God, lest through heedlessness any soul become the cause of harm to others. Verily He speaketh the truth and guideth the way. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Beauteous.

Furthermore, this servant was honored to receive your letter which testified to your devotion, humility, submissiveness, steadfastness and firmness in the Cause of our Lord and your Lord—the Cause through which the foundations of the learning of the learned and the principles of the knowledge of the mystics were shaken, save those whom God, your Lord and the Lord of all in the heavens and earth, willed. When I had read and reviewed it, I presented it, after obtaining permission, before His presence. His glory be magnified! He said:

God willing, may they continually partake of the choice wine of the All-Merciful's utterance and act in accordance with that which is befitting and worthy in this day. Specifically for some of the souls

mentioned, wondrous and sublime verses were revealed and sent forth, that perchance they might truly attain unto their reading and be enabled to do that which He loveth and desireth. This is the day of the most great bounty. Should all the peoples of the world show forth love, even if they be devoid and deprived of its reality, the Sacred Court hath shown and will continue to show favor, that perchance the fragrances of the verses may guide them, lead them from the realm of fancy to the kingdom of certitude, and bring them from metaphor to reality. With thy Lord is the knowledge of all things in a clear Book.

And if, outwardly, the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was not revealed for some, this was due to wisdom known to none save God alone. From the heaven of the divine Will there descendeth upon steadfast and firm souls that which causeth their exaltation and elevation. And if, outwardly, wisdom requireth a delay in the sending of Tablets, the outpourings of the cloud of divine mercy will assuredly assist them inwardly and in their inmost hearts. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. He giveth and withholdeth, and He is the Almighty, the Powerful. Blessed are they whom the tales of old have not debarred from God, the Lord of all creation. Say: He is the Originator of the heavens and earth, and He is the One besides Whom no one can be known. To this did My Herald testify, yet most of the people are heedless.

We have sent down these verses unto thee, and beyond them hath been revealed a glorious Tablet which, shouldst thou recite it with the tongue of reality, will attract thee to a station wherein no sorrows in all creation will grieve thee. To this doth the Lord of Religions testify from this luminous horizon.

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

O Muhammad-Taqi! We make mention of him whom thou didst mention in thy letter, and We conceal his name through a wisdom from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to strengthen him to that whereby his remembrance shall endure through the eternity of His most beautiful names. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. He may make mention of God in accordance with that which the Supreme Pen hath uttered.

Glorified art Thou, O my God and the God of names, my Creator and the Creator of the heavens! I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thou didst cause the ship of Thy Cause to sail upon land and sea by Thy will, whereby every world was shaken, every heedless one trembled, and every mighty foundation was made to quiver, to aid me in this Cause whereby the feet of the learned, the mystics and the literary men have slipped, save those whom Thou didst deliver through Thy bounty and favors. O Lord, I beseech Thee not to disappoint me from what lies with Thee, nor to deprive me from the ocean of Thy knowledge and the sun of Thy grace. Grant me then, O my God, the Kawthar of steadfastness by the hands of Thy bounty. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest. Neither ranks nor swords can prevent Thee, nor can circumstances and multitudes frustrate Thee. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy sovereignty and ordainest what Thou desirest. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

He is the All-Wise Teacher

We make mention of him who was named Muhammad-Taqi that he may rejoice in this remembrance whereby all things have proclaimed: “The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.”

The Wronged One maketh mention of the servants of God on earth and summoneth them unto God, the Lord of existence. Blessed is the seeing one who hath recognized his Lord, and the hearing one who, when he heard the Call from beyond the Sea of Grandeur, cried: “Here am I, here am I, O God of the seen and the unseen!” Say: The Wronged One speaketh not from mere desire—to this beareth witness the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below—yet most of the people understand not.

This is the Day which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur’an: “The Kingdom on that Day shall be God’s,” yet most of the people perceive not. They have cast the Book of God behind their backs and followed every rejected learned one. Say: This is the Day of Manifestation, did ye but know it, and this is the Day of Utterance, yet ye remain silent. Arise from the slumber of passion, then turn toward the Supreme Horizon which hath been illumined by this Name through which the gate of heaven was opened and the hosts of the Spirit descended with glory upon the people of Baha who heard and responded when the Truth came, the Knower of the unseen.

Section 2: “O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him…”

In His Name, the One Who ruleth over all names

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who was named Zaynu’l-ʿAbidin, that the remembrance of the Wronged One may attract him to a station wherein he will testify to that whereunto God testified before the creation of the heavens and earth. We give glad tidings to those who have cast away vain imaginings, turning unto God, the One, the Single, the All-Informed. O people! Rejoice in this Manifestation which was promised in the Books of God and through which was revealed what was hidden behind the veils of the unseen. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, speaketh the truth. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Great. Thus hath the Tongue spoken and the proof appeared. Blessed is the soul that hath heard and responded, and woe unto the heedless ones.

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

O Ahmad! We impart unto thee that which shall profit thee in every world of the worlds of thy Lord. Be thou grateful and among the thankful ones. Beware lest the ornaments of the world withhold thee from the Lord of Names. The earthly kingdom shall perish, but that which hath been ordained by the Omnipotent, the Ancient of Days, shall endure. Hold thou fast unto the cord of thy Lord’s loving-kindness and cling to the hem of His mercy, and say: O Lord of eternity and Sovereign of nations! I beseech Thee by Thy Name which Thou hast made the King of Names in the kingdom of creation, to strengthen me in turning toward Thee and in directing myself to the horizon of Thy Cause. O Lord! Thou art the Generous and I am the suppliant at Thy gate; Thou art the Forgiving and I am the sinner hoping for the outpourings of the ocean of Thy forgiveness. Send down upon me from the clouds of Thy bounty that which will purify me from all except Thee, sanctify me from all save Thee, and enable me to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee amongst Thy creatures. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Exalted, the Forgiving, the Generous.

These blessed Tablets have been revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will and inscribed in this writing. Subsequently, it was commanded that copies thereof be recorded in other Tablets and dispatched so that

each of those souls might be honored with a separate Tablet. The name of one of those souls was, as a matter of wisdom, not mentioned at the beginning of the Tablet. Your honor should consider whether it would be wise to distribute the Tablets, as some are investigators who would enter to gain information. Therefore, the utmost wisdom must be observed.

Regarding what you wrote about unity and arising to serve the Cause, may you ever be confirmed in these matters. These points were also presented before His presence. Thus did speak the Tongue of God in the Kingdom of Utterance. You must arise to serve the Cause in such wise that no trace of discord remain in that land. This word is the unique pearl of the ocean of divine commandments. Blessed is he who ariseth unto this mighty Cause. Whosoever today becometh the cause of unity and reconciliation is regarded by God as among His chosen ones and servants. End.

Concerning what you wrote about certain followers of Christ—may the spirit of the worlds be sacrificed for Him—after it was presented before the Most Holy Court, He said:

> "Today Christ is hastening and speaking in the desert of longing, yet His followers are seen to be deprived, save whom God willeth. It is very difficult for those souls to turn to the Most Exalted Horizon and to be detached from what they possess in favor of what God possesseth. Most of those souls are observed to be like the people of the Qur'an, manifesting vain imaginings, speaking of vain imaginings, and returning to vain imaginings. It is strange that certain souls have turned and continue to turn to the unseemly words of those deluded ones. By God's life! They possess nothing worthy of attention or hearing. They have not had nor do they have any word worthy of being heard."

Regarding what you wrote about Rustam-ʿAli and his request for an exalted Tablet, it was presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Sublime Station. A wondrous and exalted Tablet was revealed for him from the heaven of God's Will, and for your two sisters also a mighty, most exalted Tablet was revealed from the heaven of grace. The mention of the honored leaf, the mother—upon her be the Glory of God—has been before the Most Holy Court. The utmost favor hath been shown to her. Whatever befell her in God's path is evident before the Beloved of the worlds. Their mention hath been repeatedly revealed from the heaven of God's Will. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Compassionate, the Generous, the Speaker, the All-Seeing.

Specifically for all the names that were in your letter, and likewise for those souls who have submitted petitions, wondrous and exalted Tablets have been revealed from the heaven of favor. God willing, may all attain unto them and engage in teaching the Cause with pure wisdom. The favors of God, glorified and exalted be He, have reached such a degree that for all souls who have been mentioned or will be mentioned, whether living or dead, exalted Tablets have been revealed from the heaven of divine Will. Beseech ye God that souls may be set ablaze by the heat of the Fire burning in the Divine Tree, and be seen manifesting the love of God and acting in service to His Cause.

O friends of God! This is the Day that hath been mentioned and recorded in all the Books, Scriptures, Psalms and Tablets. By the life of God! It is more glorious than all else in the sight of God, the Lord of the worlds. How blessed is the state of those souls who have recognized Him and acted as befitteth Him. God

willing, may all attain unto this most exalted and sublime station and receive their portion from the breezes of these days. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Forgiving, the Generous. And verily He is the Helper, the Ordainer, the Counsellor, the All-Wise.

A Tablet hath also been revealed specifically for A. and H. the photographer. If possible, deliver it to them, otherwise leave it in trust with their mother. On this occasion, this servant, the attendant, hath copied and sent some of these exalted Tablets from the original revelation, as the Most Great Branch—may my spirit, my being, and my essence be a sacrifice for the dust of His most pure footsteps—was not present.

A petition from H., upon him be the Glory of God, reached the Most Holy Court, and many have requested his stay in that land. Their request hath been accepted before God. He said that if it be accomplished with joy and fragrance, it would be good. Should God will it, He will unite what is scattered. This evanescent one's request is that you convey my greetings to H. J., upon him be the Most Glorious Glory, and to him who was named Ali-i-Akbar in the presence of the Greatest Scene, upon him be the Glory of God, the Lord of Power.

This evanescent one expresseth his sincerity and nothingness to all the friends. Dh., upon him be the Glory of God, and Aqa Mirza Abu-Talib, upon him be the Glory of God, and H. A., upon him be the Glory of God, and H., upon him be the Glory of God—praise be to God, they have all attained unto divine favors, and for each one a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet hath been revealed and sent. Convey this servant's utter effacement and nothingness to them and to other friends who have attained unto the divine Tablet, and likewise to those souls who have been or are mentioned in the Most Holy Court. God willing, may they drink from the cup of unity and act as befitteth this Day.

This is the Day of mention and utterance, this is the Day of service. God willing, may all attain unto it. Today we must all fix our gaze upon that which causeth the exaltation of the Cause, turn away from what is with the people and turn towards what is with God. O friends! The gate of heaven hath ever been open and the cloud of mercy hath ever been lifted up. God willing, we must strive and arise to make up for what we have lost during the days of this Most Great Manifestation, which hath been mentioned and recorded in all the divine Books. We must all cling with the hands of hope to the hem of His grace. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous. Verily He is the Giver, the Bestower, the Kind, the Merciful.

Another request is that you should convey expressions of evanescence and nothingness to His Holiness Ismu'llah Javad, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, and likewise to his honor Zayn, upon him be the Glory of God. From the people of the mainland in these days a petition has reached the Most Holy Court. It is hoped that a response will be revealed and sent from the heaven of favor. God willing, all affairs have appeared and will appear according to desire. If until now all had acted according to what has flowed from the Supreme Pen, all would have observed themselves in the cradle of peace, security and supreme tranquility. The Glory be upon you and upon them from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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It is submitted that not all the revealed Tablets were sent in this instance, as wisdom did not require it, therefore nineteen mighty and impregnable Tablets were sent in these two posts, and the remainder, should God will it, will be sent in the next instance.

BH09290: O Rida! God willing, mayest thou be blessed through…

He is the Speaker, the Hearer, the Responder

O Rida! God willing, mayest thou be blessed through the favors of the Lord of Names and illumined by the lights of His countenance. This name is greatly beloved. Ask thou of God that thou mayest fully attain unto its meaning, become extinct from thine own good-pleasure and move according to the good-pleasure of the Friend. Every soul who in this Day hath attained unto this most exalted and glorious station—that is, hath caused his own will and purpose and good-pleasure to become extinct in the will and purpose and good-pleasure of God—he is reckoned among the people of truth in the Divine Book. Blessed be this most mighty and exalted station, and happy is he who hath attained thereunto and was among the firm ones. And praise be to God, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH02110: This is a Book sent down in truth. Verily…

He is the Manifest, the Speaking, the All-Knowing

This is a Book sent down in truth. Verily it is the Greatest Sign for the people of the world and the Choice Sealed Wine for whoso hath grasped the Name of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. O thou who hast turned! Thy letter hath arrived and been read by the servant in attendance before the Wronged One, Who hath summoned both kings and subjects unto God, the Sovereign of sovereigns. We have heard thy mention and make mention of thee in this Tablet which proclaimeth between earth and heaven with the most exalted call:

> "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, Creator of the heavens and Lord of all names, Who hath come with the truth with manifest sovereignty."

God willing, thou shouldst in all times and circumstances speak forth the praise and glorification of the Beloved of all creation. Convey greetings from the True One to the friends in the land of A and Sh, and say:

> "Under all conditions, keep your gaze fixed upon the Daystar of steadfastness which hath shone forth from the heaven of God's Cause. The whispering souls are busy with deception and guile. Every falsehood that hath led and leadeth God's servants astray hath attributed and doth attribute itself to the truth."

God willing, all must be possessed of insight and gaze toward the Most Great Horizon. Whosoever from whom they detect the fragrance of hatred, they must leave to himself and place their trust in God, exalted be His glory. We have previously informed all the friends of God about the crowing of the crow and the like, that all might be aware and not be deprived by the deceit and guile of those who lead astray and turn away from the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Should anyone come with all the books in the world and speak other than what God hath willed, he is recorded as one of the people of the fire in God's Book and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen. Should anyone come unto you with the book of the wicked and the tablets of fire, cast them behind you. Thus doth command you He from Whom is a preserved tablet.

Likewise convey greetings from this Wronged One to the people of that village, both men and women, and say:

> "This is the Day of remembrance and utterance, the Day of assistance and service. All must remain firm and steadfast in the Cause of the Lord of creation in complete unity. The triumph of God's Cause hath been and shall be through goodly deeds and firm, decisive utterances. To this testifieth that which hath been sent down in the Book from God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing."

Strive that ye may all attain unto that which is beloved of God in this Day. Whosoever showeth forth steadfastness in this day is mentioned and recorded as among the most exalted of creation with God. Blessed are they whom the veils of names and the allusions of the possessors of creation have not withheld or deprived from the True One, the Inaccessible. I swear by the ocean of utterance that such souls are renowned in the Concourse on High and are associated with the Most Wondrous, Most Glorious Name.

God willing, thou shouldst recite this Tablet for the people of that land and the companions of A and Sh, upon them be the Glory of God, that all hearts may be illumined by the lights of the utterance of the All-Merciful and attain unto the most great steadfastness. Verily He is the Helper, the Forgiving, the Generous. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

BH02269: He remembereth and is remembered

He remembereth and is remembered

O My Pen! Make mention of him who hath turned toward My horizon and set his face toward My countenance, when all upon earth turned away save whom God, the Almighty, the Powerful, did will—that My remembrance may draw him unto My kingdom and bring him nigh unto a station wherein the affairs of creation shall not deter him from My straight path.

O Muhammad-Sadiq! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee through this remembrance from which the near ones perceive the fragrance of the utterance of their Lord, the All-Seeing. How many a prince hath been held back by wealth from his ultimate end, and how many a poor one hath hastened to the ocean of his Lord's bounty, the Forgiving, the Generous. How many a learned one hath turned away from the Known One, and how many an unlettered one hath turned with radiant countenance toward the Truth. Blessed is he who hath turned, whom neither the turning away of the divines nor the signs of them who disbelieved in the Lord of the worlds did hinder.

We have heard what befell thee in the days of thy Lord, and We make mention of thee as a bounty from Us, and We console thee as a mercy from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

We speak in the Persian tongue that through the utterance of the All-Merciful the soul may be sanctified from defilement and attain unto true repose. Grieve not over the passing of thine heir, for the Best of Inheritors hath at this moment turned toward thee and maketh mention of thee. Children are for the

perpetuation of remembrance and good deeds. Now through God's favor he hath ascended to the Supreme Horizon and dwelleth beneath the shade of the Divine Lote-Tree, at rest and in peace, while thou hast attained to this remembrance which is better and more excellent than a hundred thousand children. The perpetuity of that is but for days, while this endureth as long as My names endure. Ponder now upon the bounty of thy Lord, that thou mayest drink from the ocean of knowledge and attain unto the station of supreme steadfastness. All relationships today are and shall be with God. Whosoever attaineth unto this relationship shall attain unto all the fruits of earth and heaven. The fruits are diverse according to the diversity of trees, and the fruits of the Supreme Pen preserve and possess all fruits. Whoso attaineth unto them hath attained unto all good.

Give thanks unto thy Lord for this utterance which hath shone forth from the horizon of the kingdom of His knowledge, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. We make mention in this station of him who hath ascended to the Supreme Companion, and We say: The glory be upon thee, O thou who hast attained to the knowledge of God, the Lord of the worlds, and hast drunk the choice wine of recognition when the All-Merciful came with manifest sovereignty. Blessed art thou and those who aided the Wronged One when He came with the truth through this Name whereby the veils were rent asunder, the mountains passed away as the clouds pass, and the hearts of the deluded ones were troubled. We counsel thee to patience and forbearance, and We cast upon thee that which shall draw thee nigh unto the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Rejoice thou in My mention of thee and My turning toward thee from this exalted station. The glory be upon thee and upon him who hath ascended unto Us in this My Day, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

BH02676: We testify that you have turned to God…

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

We testify that you have turned to God and left your home by His command, traversing land and sea until you entered the Luminous Spot—the place wherein the Lote Tree of the Far Boundary speaks:

> "The Kingdom belongs to God, the Sovereign of the throne and earth."

Blessed are you for having attained the presence at the Gate and heard the call of the Wronged One Who speaks among humanity.

God willing, you must, through divine grace, return to your homeland and kindle all souls with the fire of the All-Merciful's love. May what was mentioned not be forgotten. This Day has no equal. In this transient station, one must acquire an everlasting rank. Soon these veiled people will return to dust and cry out "Oh, woe unto us!"

Praise the exalted Truth that confirmed you and granted permission for you to attain what was recorded and inscribed in God's books. Now strive to become the cause of unity of hearts and enkindling of souls in that land. Deal with receptive souls with utmost love—this is the counsel of the Wronged One to you. You have heard the utterances of Truth and witnessed the deeds of Truth. You must be so firm in the Cause that if the entire world were to mention other than what you have heard and seen, you would consider it all delusion and remote from truth.

God willing, may you speak the truth and act according to His command. Today is the day of deeds. Blessed is the soul that has clung to divine ordinances and acted upon them. They are among the people of Baha in the perspicuous Book.

Convey greetings to all the friends in that land on behalf of the Wronged One and say: God is witness that night and day the Pen has not rested but has revealed that which guides all. O friends, strive that you may not be deprived in God's Day and may attain the wondrous, successive, novel outpourings. Hold fast to what you have been commanded in God's Book, the Lord of the worlds. By My life, it will make you known and guide you to God, the Mighty, the Wise.

If someone has not been outwardly mentioned, let them not be saddened, for all the friends are recorded and inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the Book of Names. He is verily the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH03422: O Jalal! With a hundred thousand tongues must one…

In the name of the All-Seeing Speaker!

O Jalal! With a hundred thousand tongues must one render thanks to the Best-Beloved of the worlds, that He brought thee from nothingness into being and enabled thee to recognize the Manifestation of His Cause and the Dawning-Place of His Revelation, in a Day when most souls were observed to be deprived of the understanding of the Sun of inner meanings. Know thou the worth of this most exalted, most sublime station, and act in accordance with that which befitteth and beseemeth the Day of God. Blessed is he who hath held fast to My Book and acted according to that which was commanded by God, the All-Knowing Judge.

Convey to all the loved ones of God who dwell in that land the greetings of the True One, and say: The call of all hath been heard, and mention of all hath been made and hath flowed from the tongue of the Wronged One. God willing, all must be seen as having perished from their own will and desire, and become possessed of the Will and Purpose of God. Blessed is he who is moved by the will of his Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Know ye the worth of this blessed Day, and at all times be engaged in the remembrance of the Beloved of all creation. This is the most great bounty that hath appeared from the Most Exalted Pen.

O loved ones of the All-Merciful in all lands! Beware lest anything withhold you from God, the Lord of the worlds. Hold fast to the cord of steadfastness and place your trust in God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Should some cawing one come to you with satanic tidings, leave him behind you, as bidden by God, the Mighty, the Wise. All must remain steadfast and firm in the Cause of the Beloved of all creation with the utmost joy and fragrance, in such wise that the opposition and objection of the people of the world shall not debar them from the straight path. Strive ye, that ye may attain unto that which is the cause of the perpetuation of remembrance. This is the counsel of the Wronged One to His loved ones.

O Jalal! Be thou steadfast in the love of thy Lord, speaking His praise, soaring in the atmosphere of His love, and acting according to that which hath been sent down in My Wise Book. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have cast the world behind their backs and taken hold of that which they were bidden by God, the Lord of this mighty Day.

BH03944: O Javad! Such is the greatness of this Day…

He is the Giver of Victory, the Helper

O Javad! Such is the greatness of this Day that the Hour itself is seized with perturbation, and all heavenly Scriptures bear evidence to its overpowering majesty. In this Day the Book solemnly testifieth to His glory and the Balance is moved to lift up its voice. This is the Day wherein the Sirat calleth aloud: "I am the straight Path," and Mount Sinai exclaimeth: "Verily the Lord of Revelation is come."

Being overcome by the drunkenness of corrupt inclinations, the people of the earth find themselves in a state of stupor. They are, therefore, debarred from the wondrous signs of God, are prevented from attaining the ultimate goal and are deprived of the liberal effusions of divine grace.

It behooveth the people of God to be forbearing. They should impart the Word of God according to the hearer's particular measure of understanding and capacity, that perchance the children of men may be roused from heedlessness and set their faces towards this Horizon which is immeasurably exalted above every horizon.

O Javad! The manifold bounties of God have ever been and will continue to be vouchsafed unto thee. Praised be God! Thou hast been shielded from the most great terror and hast succeeded in drawing nigh unto the Most Great Bounty at a time when all men were prevented from recognizing the eternal King by the interposition of the veils of outward glory, namely the divines of this day. Cherish thou as dearly as thine own life this testimony pronounced by the All-Glorious Pen and strive with all thy might to preserve it by the potency of the Name of Him Who is the Beloved One of the entire creation, that this sublime honor may be proof against the eyes and the hands of robbers. Verily thy Lord is the Expounder, the All-Knowing.

Convey the greetings of this Wronged One unto all the beloved friends in that region and call to their minds Our wondrous and exalted remembrances, that haply they may forsake the things current amongst them, may set their hearts on that which pertaineth unto God and remain purged from unseemly deeds and pursuits.

May the glory of the Almighty, the All-Wise, be upon thee and upon such as are related unto thee.

BH04288: By My Name through which hearts and minds have…

By My Name through which hearts and minds have been attracted

Thy call hath attained to the hearing of the Lord of Names, and that which thou didst present was laid before the Throne by this servant. The fragrance of thy love was inhaled by the Beloved of the world, and thy remembrances were accepted in the presence of the Intended One.

Blessed is the handmaiden who hath attained to the recognition of her Lord and hath uttered His praise. And as for thy request for forgiveness for those souls thou didst mention—all have been adorned with the ornament of forgiveness and have attained unto the bounties of God. In this Night of Ridvan, the ocean of forgiveness hath embraced all. Give thanks, O My handmaiden, for this great favor.

Say: O my God, my Beloved, my Lord, my Support, and my Heart's Desire! My soul, my spirit and my tongue bear witness that Thou hast ever been One, and no peer or likeness hath been, nor ever shall be, for Thee. All tongues are powerless to describe Thee, and all hearts fall short of comprehending Thee, now and forever.

O my Lord! Thou beholdest the weakness, poverty and evanescence of Thy handmaiden. This is a supplicant who hath turned toward Thy door, a poor one who hath sought the ocean of Thy riches. I beseech Thee by Thy ocean of bounty, by the sun of Thy favor and the heaven of Thy grace, to ordain from Thy Most Exalted Pen for this handmaiden of Thine that which beseemeth Thy greatness.

God willing, thou shalt drink of the choice wine of utterance that lieth hidden within the words of the All-Merciful and attain unto that which God hath desired for thee.

BH04174: O ʿAli-Akbar! Hearken unto the call of the Lord…

In the name of the One Incomparable, the All-Knowing!

O ʿAli-Akbar! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of Power. He hath turned toward thee from His Most Glorious Horizon and addresseth thee in remembrance. Know thou the worth of this most exalted station and this greatest gift, and act in a manner befitting these divine days, that thou mayest attain His special favors.

I swear by the pearls of the ocean of divine knowledge, had the people—that is, they who claim to love—caused their own will and desire to be extinguished in the Will and Purpose of God, conditions other than those now visible would have been witnessed. Another world, another creation, and other ways would have appeared and become manifest.

Persevere in that which hath been sent down from the Kingdom of Utterance specifically for thee and for the loved ones, that the effulgences of the suns of words may seize and illumine the heart.

O ʿAli-Akbar! The Most Exalted Pen at all times calleth the peoples of the earth and guideth them to the Lord of the Return, yet hearing ears are rare. Beseech thou God that He may consume doubts and idle fancies through the fire of certitude.

We have enjoined unity upon all the world, and it is the greatest means for the appearance of divine blessings and bounties, yet until now its effects have not become manifest. We implore the All-Powerful that He may adorn the world with this most wondrous and resplendent ornament and aid it to achieve that which He loveth and which pleaseth Him. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Blessed are My loved ones in that land who have held fast unto that which the All-Bountiful hath revealed in the Book.

BH04222: Glorified is He Who hath sent down…

He is the One manifest above the world through His Most Great Name!

Glorified is He Who hath sent down from the Kingdom of Utterance whatsoever He hath willed and hath caused all things to speak. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Forgiving, the Generous.

Thy letter hath arrived and was presented by the servant who standeth before the Wronged One. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing. We have heard thy call and have answered thee from My most exalted horizon, that thou mayest be of the thankful.

Blessed is he who hath cast away what the people possess and taken what was commanded by this Name, Who, when He appeared at the Most Great Scene, caused the tongue of the Lord of Destiny to proclaim:

> "By My life! He Who was promised in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds, hath come!"

Be thou vocal in thy Lord's praise and steadfast in the service of His wondrous Cause. Be thou assured of thy Lord's grace—verily He remembereth whoso remembereth Him and aideth whoso aideth Him. Thy Lord is, verily, the Powerful, the All-Wise.

At this moment We make mention of him who was mentioned in thy letter. Verily thy Lord is the Hearer, the Answerer. He heareth the cry of every distressed one and ordaineth for him what profiteth him. Thy Lord is, verily, the Helper, the All-Knowing.

It behooveth every soul to call upon his Lord and say:

> "O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by the permanence of Thy Countenance after the extinction of all things, and by the lights of Thy Face which have shone forth from Thy most exalted horizon, to make me content with Thy decree and circling round Thy will. Thou knowest what I have and I know not what Thou hast. Thou art the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. O my Lord! Ordain for me through Thy bounty that which will profit me in Thy worlds and preserve me from the promptings of self and passion. There is none other God but Thee, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Great."

BH04350: O Muhammad-Shafi', the Intercessor turneth unto thee from His…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O Muhammad-Shafi', the Intercessor turneth unto thee from His Most Luminous Seat—a station wherein the Lord of Destiny uttereth the mysteries of what hath been and what shall be. We have sent thee a Tablet that hath no equal, and this is another Tablet detailed from My Preserved Tablet. Art thou able to render befitting thanks unto God? Nay, by My hidden knowledge! We praise God on behalf of My loved ones from this Praiseworthy Station.

O Shafi', this is the Day of the Most Great Bounty, and the rain of favor descendeth at every moment from the clouds of mercy. How excellent is the state of one who hath attained unto the recognition of the All-Merciful. O thou who hast turned towards Me, the Herald hath made thee aware, yet the people are seen to be astray. In this Day, steadfastness in the Cause is accounted as the most great of deeds. Blessed is he who hath attained thereunto. Remind all the friends of this most exalted and glorious station, that

perchance they may not be deprived of the Lord of Return by the buzzing of a fly, for it hath been observed that a soul was barred by a single word from the Mother Book and deprived by a cry from the song of the Nightingale.

Say: O loved ones of God! It behooveth you to hold fast unto wisdom and unto that which ye have been commanded in the Book. We counsel all to observe that which hath been revealed in the Book of God. Whoso acteth in accordance therewith in this Day is reckoned among the people of Baha. Say: It behooveth you to observe goodly deeds, and again goodly deeds. Through this will the Cause of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, be made manifest.

The glory be upon thee and upon the servants and handmaidens of God who are there. Rejoice thou in this bounty and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Rememberer, the Imprisoned One.

BH04580: In the Name of the Chosen One of all…

In the Name of the Chosen One of all worlds! O Hasan! We have heard thy call. Praise be to God that whatsoever thou didst mention hath attained unto the hearing of the Best-Beloved of the worlds. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto this most exalted station. Thou must, God willing, be ever turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon and act in accordance with that which befitteth the Day of God.

In thy letter thou didst make mention of ʿAbdu'llah-i-Ansari. From his words his love and devotion are clear and evident, yet in his lifetime he attained not unto the blessed word "O My servant"—neither did his ears partake thereof nor his eyes receive their portion. But thou hast attained unto this word.

The Peerless Friend, from the Most Exalted Horizon and the Source of the Most Beautiful Names, declareth:

> "O Hasan! O My servant and My friend! Know thou the value of these days and occupy thyself with the remembrance of the Best-Beloved of all creation. The ocean of joy is concealed within this divine word, and the sun of bounty is shining from the heaven of grace. If thou wert to render thanks with the tongues of all created things, it would be as utter nothingness in comparison with this most great favor and sheer non-existence. Rejoice thou in thy Lord's favor and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the world! I testify that through Thee the sea surged and the fragrance wafted and the heaven was raised up and every wise command was revealed."

The mention of ʿAli Khan was heard. May he, God willing, be the recipient of divine favors. Verily We have heard that which he hath spoken, for He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. And We have witnessed that which he hath witnessed, that he may rejoice and be amongst the thankful ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of all the worlds.

BH04412: O My handmaiden and daughter of My handmaiden Izzat…

In the name of Him Who knoweth and seeth

O My handmaiden and daughter of My handmaiden Izzat Bigum! Hearken unto My call which hath been raised from the direction of the Most Great Prison. I swear by My beauty, it draweth thee to a station wherein the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth: "The kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing." I swear by the Sun of Truth that the entire world cannot equal one word that hath shone forth from the horizon of the Supreme Pen. Know thou the value of the utterance of the All-Merciful and preserve this most mighty and most holy Tablet as thou wouldst thy life. He remembereth thee in every world of the worlds of thy Lord. Of this doth testify He with Whom is the perspicuous Book.

The Ocean of Forgiveness hath at this moment, which God hath made the sovereign of all moments, turned towards one who hath quaffed the choice wine of My love and attained unto hearkening unto My call and ascended unto the Supreme Companion through My command and My will. We have forgiven him as a token of Our grace and have absolved him of his transgressions. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this most great favor and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds and Beloved of the nations, for having turned toward Thy handmaiden the gaze of Thy loving-kindness and the glance of Thy mercy. Thou art in truth the All-Bountiful, the Almighty, the Kind, the Merciful."

O Zahra! The Lord of Names saith: Thy call was heard and the fragrance of thy love reached the Most Great Scene. Blessed art thou, O My handmaiden, for having attained unto the love of Him from Whom the learned and the mystics have turned aside, save whom God hath willed, the Mighty, the Wise. The glory rest upon thee and upon thy mother and upon those women who have believed in God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH04409: In the Name of God, the All-Knowing! O Hasan!…

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing! O Hasan! The entire world has been and is from God, and God, exalted be His glory, has educated and continues to educate all the peoples of the earth. This is why He has called Himself the Lord of all the worlds. Exalted be His grace, exalted be His generosity, exalted be His bounty!

However, today His special favors are directed toward this party. The sun shines forth with this name, and the clouds shower forth the rain of mercy with this name. Were it not for the souls who have accepted the Faith becoming the cause of prevention of divine outpourings, they would now witness the sun of "God will render everyone independent out of His abundance" rising and shining from the horizon of the world.

Discord has been and will ever be a deadly poison. Beseech ye God to transform this discord into harmony and unity. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Should the loved ones of God attain to this most exalted station, they will observe divine bestowals, blessings and outpourings at all times.

This is the Luminary of utterance which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the Pen of the All-Merciful. Blessed are they that act accordingly, and woe unto the heedless!

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou by Whom the hearts have been attracted and the fragrance of Thy beloved Name hath been diffused! I beseech Thee by the Divine Lote-Tree and its branches, O Lord of all beings, to ordain for me from the heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy grace that which I desire. My Lord! Everything testifieth to Thy bounty and grace. Thou beholdest me turning unto Thee and clinging to the hem of Thy generosity, Thy mercy and Thy favor. Ordain for me through Thy pen of destiny that which will render me independent through Thy riches. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Bountiful, the Generous, the Kind.

BH04763: The world hath been consumed by the flames…

In the name of the one true Friend

The world hath been consumed by the flames of tyranny and oppression. Heedless souls have chosen transient ornaments over everlasting bounty. The fair-minded are seen to be afflicted and oppressed at the hands of the oppressors. That which occurred in the land of Sad is a truthful witness to what We have mentioned. Blessed is the one whom the whisperings of the people of error did not prevent from the Self-Subsisting Lord.

O handmaiden of God! Thou dwellest in thy place while the Wronged One of the world hath turned toward thee from the Most Great Prison and maketh mention of thee. If thou wert to render thanks with all the tongues of the world, it would be seen as non-existent and null before this supreme bounty. Know thou the value of this favor and hold fast to the cord of His grace.

Convey My greetings to the handmaidens of that land—the bondsmaids of God—and We give glad-tidings to all of the mention of God, that they may all occupy themselves with praise and glorification in the days of His manifestation with the utmost joy and delight.

At this moment the Supreme Pen maketh mention of thy daughter. How excellent is the state of one who in this divine Day hath drunk from the choice wine of His love and hath turned toward His horizon.

The glory be upon thee and upon her and upon him who was named Mirza and upon the servants of God and His handmaidens who have turned toward the supreme horizon when the Lord of all being came with clear sovereignty.

BH04790: Say: Glory be to Thee, O Lord of land…

He is the All-Powerful, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing!

Say: Glory be to Thee, O Lord of land and sea and Observer of Thy Most Great Scene! I testify to that which the Tongue of Thy grandeur testified before the creation of Thy heaven and earth, that Thou art God, no God is there but Thee. Thou hast ever been sanctified from the mention of Thy servants and exalted above the praise of Thy creation. Every possessor of grace hath testified to Thy oneness and every possessor of knowledge to Thy singleness.

O Lord! Thou seest Thy servant turning toward the horizon of Thy bounty and directing himself to the lights of the Sun of Thy gifts. I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the

luminary of the heaven of Thy wisdom to make me in all conditions detached from all else save Thee, gazing toward Thy direction, holding fast to the cord of Thy favor and clinging to the hem of Thy mercy.

O Lord! I beseech Thee by the breath whereby hearts and souls were attracted, in such wise that they hastened to the river of Thy nearness and drank from the choice wine of Thy love, to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise and in that whereby my mention may endure among Thy servants. Thou art He before the manifestation of Whose might the very essence of power hath bowed down and every possessor of strength hath submitted to the operations of Thy strength.

O Lord! Aid me to act according to Thy good-pleasure and to that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. Thou art He Whom the happenings of the world cannot frustrate, nor can the might of nations frighten. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy sovereignty and ordainest what Thou pleasest through Thy command. Verily Thou are the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

BH04629: O my handmaid, O my handmaid! If thou wilt…

He is the Compassionate, the Most Bountiful.

O my handmaid, O my handmaid! If thou wilt hearken unto My call, verily it shall draw thee unto My Kingdom and My Dominion, and unto the seat of My Throne—this station which hath been illumined by the lights of the Countenance, adorned with the beauty of the Ancient of Days, and honoured by the advent of the Day-spring of the Revelation of thy Lord, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

O my handmaid! Thy cry hath been heard, and what thou didst set forth hath, through the mediation of a servant, been hearkened unto. He, verily, knoweth the secret and that which appeareth in the outward. Thy Lord, in truth, is the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing.

God willing, through divine assistance, thou shalt appear amidst the maidservants of God in the fullness of sanctity and detachment. O handmaid of God! This day is, and ever hath been, the day of goodly deeds. Strive thou, that thou mayest attain unto the good-pleasure of the Friend. This station is exceedingly great: labour for it with life and soul. The scroll of the world shall ere long be seen to be rolled up, even as a written scroll. Be intent, therefore, that in this perishing abode thou mayest win an abiding station. The favour of God hath been with thee, and, God willing, shall continue to be with thee.

He is the Commander; He is the Knower; He is the Wise; He is the Powerful. He enjoineth His friends to hold fast unto that which is the cause of salvation and prosperity. Hold thou fast unto the command of thy Lord; verily it shall profit thee in every world of His worlds. There is none other God but He, the Hearer, the Answerer.

Well is it with His handmaids who, this day, have drunk of the Wine of Divine Unity, and are gazing and turning toward the horizon of God, the One, the Incomparable. Baha' be upon the people of Baha', among His servants, both men and women.

BH04977: O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of those who…

In His Name, the All-Subduing Over All Names!

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of those who have turned towards the Countenance after the passing away of all things, and who have answered the Call of the Lord of Names when the Call was raised between earth and heaven. Verily thy Lord is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We have sent forth the Messengers and revealed the Books and given glad tidings unto all of this Day, the remembrance of which hath brought joy to the eyes of them that are nigh unto God. But when the appointed time arrived and the Dawning Place of Signs appeared, they turned away from Him, following every doubting learned one. The learned one is he who hath recognized the Known One, and the knower is he who hath turned towards the One Who is Known. Thus hath the Tongue of Utterance spoken in the Kingdom of the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who hath heard and is numbered among the triumphant.

O concourse of divines! Fling away idle fancies and imaginings, and turn, then, towards the Horizon of Certitude. I swear by God! All that ye possess will profit you not, neither all the treasures of the earth, nor the leadership ye have usurped. Fear God, and be not of the lost ones.

Arise from the slumber of vain desire, turning towards the Most Exalted Horizon. By God! The Sun of Revelation hath shone forth and all things have proclaimed: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Single One, the All-Informed.

We counsel thee and those who have believed to show forth mighty steadfastness in this Cause, whereby the hearts of the mystics have been shaken. Glory be upon the people of Glory, whom neither the hosts of the earth have frightened, nor have the veils of names kept back from this resplendent, this manifest Light.

BH05183: In My Name, that hath been written…

In My Name, that hath been written in the Books of God

O Ahmad! The Single, the One, hath turned toward thee and remembereth thee with that which diffuseth the fragrance of the Desired One in this Day that was promised in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. Rejoice thou in that the Lord of all beings remembereth thee with His Most Sweet Remembrance. By My life! Wert thou to hear it, it would attract thee to the ultimate goal, the station wherein the Tree exclaimeth: “There is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.”

Say: O my Lord, my Support, my Beloved, and my Purpose! I beseech Thee by the kingdom of Thy knowledge and the dominion of Thine utterance to make me one of them who have detached themselves from all else save Thee, who have arisen to serve Thee, and who have spoken in Thy remembrance and praise on the day wherein the clouds of destiny have rained down the showers of tribulation. O my Lord! Thou seest my turning toward Thy most exalted horizon and my facing Thy countenance after the passing away of all things. I beseech Thee by the Most Great Word through which the earth was cleft asunder and the heaven was rent apart, to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will make me steadfast in Thy Cause, holding fast to Thy cord and clinging to the hem of Thy robe. Thou art, verily, powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the keys of all names. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Blessed is he who calleth upon God with that which hath flowed from His Pen in this inscribed Book. The glory be upon thee and upon them whom God hath related unto thee. We have mentioned them as a bounty on Our part and have glorified them from this praiseworthy station.

BH05510: This is a Book which speaks with truth…

He is the Self-Subsisting over all who are in the heavens and on earth!

This is a Book which speaks with truth from the presence of Him Who has arisen to the Cause of God with a sovereignty that the allusions of those who disbelieved and turned away did not prevent, when the gate of heaven was opened and the Promised One came with mighty sovereignty. Say: Verily He hath appeared with truth and made manifest what He desired, and verily He is the Protector over all names, there is no God but Him, the Omnipotent, the Mighty.

We make mention of those who have turned to the Countenance and counsel them regarding the Most Great Trustworthiness and the truthfulness through which man's station is made manifest in creation. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who teaches His servants that which draws them near to His Straight Path.

We have mentioned thee before and in this Tablet that thou mayest rejoice and be among the thankful. Know thou the value of the days of thy Lord and hold fast unto that which will profit thee in all the worlds of His worlds. Verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

We send greetings from this station upon the faces of My loved ones who have taken My Book and soared in My atmosphere and turned to My horizon and uttered My beautiful praise. Rejoice, O companions of God, in His remembrance of you and His turning towards you. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Munificent, the Generous.

Glory be upon those who have followed the Command of God and have not broken their Covenant. Verily they are among those nigh unto God in a perspicuous Book.

BH05327: O My handmaiden! Speak forth with this utterance…

In the Name of the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting!

O My handmaiden! Speak forth with this utterance which hath dawned from the Orient of the mouth of the All-Merciful: O my Lord and my peerless, matchless God! I testify to Thy oneness and that Thou hast had and hast no minister or helper. Thou hast been from everlasting alone and wilt be unto everlasting.

O my God and Beloved of my soul! This is a day wherein the Euphrates of mercy is flowing, the Sun of bounty is shining, and the heaven of providence is upraised. I adjure Thee by Thy Name, the Concealer, to conceal whatsoever hath been wrought contrary to Thy good-pleasure, and by Thy Name, the All-Forgiving, to forgive us and to adorn Thy male and female servants with the robe of pardon.

O my Beloved and my Goal! Thou beholdest Thy handmaiden who hath turned unto Thee, and is set ablaze with the fire of Thy love, and hath laid hold on Thine independence, and hath raised the hands of supplication toward Thee. Grant that which beseemeth Thee.

O my Lord! On this blessed day, deprive not Thy handmaidens, and from the Supreme Pen record the reward of attainment unto Thy presence for all. Thou art the Powerful and the Mighty, and Thou art the All-Seeing and the All-Knowing.

BH05320: O maidservant of God! Render thanks unto God…

In the Name of the Beloved of the world

O maidservant of God! Render thanks unto God, the Peerless, for having confirmed thee in pursuing a course of action which most of the women of the earth are debarred from and unable to perform.

Ponder upon the days of the Seal of Prophets, may the soul of all else but Him be a sacrifice unto Him. All the dwellers of the earth, servants and handmaidens alike, have been brought into being to recognize that Luminary of the horizon of utterance, yet, during the days of His manifestation, all arose in opposition and denial, save a few mentioned souls.

From amongst the handmaidens the great Khadijih attained this tremendous honour, because she remained steadfast, nay thankful, in the midst of tribulations and afflictions. Well is it with her and blessed is she. She is one of those women who was nurtured from the fruits of the Divine Lote-Tree and quaffed from the Immortal River. Well is it with her and with every handmaiden who hath loved her, hath turned to her and hath spoken forth in praise of her.

We send greetings to all the women of that land and admonish them all to that which is meet and seem1y. Say, this is the day of utterance, of praise and of steadfastness. Exert yourselves that you may not be deprived of the fragrances of these days, and may attain to that which God hath purposed.

BH05281: In the Name of the One Friend! This Day…

In the Name of the One Friend! This Day belongeth unto God, as attested in all the Books and witnessed by the Prophets and Messengers. One Who calleth out with the most exalted call is He Who was promised in the Scriptures and Tablets. Blessed are they that have recognized Him and remained firm and steadfast in His Cause. How many are the servants who exist in this Day yet are deprived of Him, and how many who at all times were seeking and yearning, yet now find themselves remote from the One they sought and knew.

At all times hath the Most Exalted Pen made mention of souls who have turned towards Him, and continueth to do so. He, verily, is the One Who showeth grace unto all people, but most of them perceive it not. We make mention of thee in this place that thou mayest rejoice and be of them that render thanks. We have heard thy call and have answered thee, and have witnessed thy turning and have turned unto thee from this glorious station.

God willing, thou shalt act with the utmost love and unity with the friends of God. Had those souls who have attributed and do attribute themselves to God acted according to that which God desired, thou wouldst have witnessed all the earth as one region. Verily He is the True One, the All-Informed.

Hold thou fast unto the cord of My love and cling to the hem of the mercy of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Merciful. Give thanks unto God for having made mention of thee as a bounty from His presence, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

BH05357: In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds!…

In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds! God, exalted be His glory, has heard and continues to hear the call of His loved ones, and the answer has been and continues to be sent down from the Dawning-Place of favor. The handmaidens of God must, throughout all days and nights, be occupied with His remembrance and praise.

Verily, one servant can intercede for many, for the ocean of divine generosity is surging and the sun of bounty is manifest and radiant. Therefore thy intercession hath been accepted before God. Verily, He hath forgiven him who was named Muhammad and hath remitted his grievous trespasses and his great sins. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Compassionate, the All-Merciful.

On this night, which is reckoned among the nights of Ridvan, the word of forgiveness hath shone forth from the horizon of the mouth of the Beloved of all creation. By the life of God! This is a mighty station. Give thanks unto the Goal of the world that He hath mentioned thee and accepted thy intercession, although he returned without recognition. Verily thy Lord is the All-Compassionate, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

God willing, may Taqi be blessed with divine favor and remain firm, steadfast and unwavering in His Cause. Rejoice, O Taqi, in that the Lord of the worlds hath mentioned thee. Remember thy Lord at all times. He is, in truth, the Hearer, the Answerer.

The Glory be upon thee and upon thy mother and thy two daughters from the presence of One mighty and great.

BH05725: In the Name of the one true God! All…

In the Name of the one true God! All the world and the peoples of every nation have awaited the days of the Manifestation, and the True One, exalted be His glory, gave them all glad tidings of these days, as evidenced by His exalted Word:

> “Lead forth the people from darkness into light and announce to them the days of God.”

Likewise in previous Books He informed all peoples so that all humanity might be prepared for the outpourings of the days of God.

However, when the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen was raised between earth and heaven and the Countenance of the Manifestation appeared manifest and resplendent from the horizon of divine will, all became occupied with their own vain imaginings and turned away from the Sun of Truth, save whom God willed. And fewer still reflected on what caused the Jews to remain in expectation until this day, or what led to the veiling of the Christians. By God’s life, the people are in manifest loss!

All these matters in every age and dispensation have appeared due to the turning away of the outward divines, as every discerning and assured soul bears witness. God willing, you shall be illumined by the lights of the Sun of Truth and drink from the Kawthar of inner meanings in this divine Day. Verily He is the Ordainer, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH05903: Your call was heard, and that which you had…

In the Name of the one true God!

Your call was heard, and that which you had written to the servant in attendance before the Throne was mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. Blessed are they from whom We perceive the fragrance of steadfastness in the Cause of God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. The glances of Our loving-kindness have been directed towards you. The divine Tablets bear witness and testify to this.

You must arise to serve the Cause of God with the utmost steadfastness and act according to that which hath been revealed, in its outward form. I swear by the Sun of the loving-kindness of the All-Merciful that if the friends were to act upon that which hath streamed forth from the Pen of the All-Merciful, all would attain unto their hearts' desire.

You must, God willing, fix your gaze upon that which beseemeth the days of God and hold fast unto the cord of unity, that no trace of discord may remain in that land. By the life of God! Whatever this Wronged One hath mentioned and mentioneth hath been out of His love and care.

You must, detached from all else, occupy yourself with the service of the Cause, that perchance the heedless among the servants may become aware and arise to make good that which they have lost.

Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones who have cast away what the people possess and taken what they were bidden by God, the Lord of the worlds. The Glory be upon you and upon them at all times.

BH05986: O Qasim! At all times the glance of God's…

In the Name of the Wronged One, the Stranger

O Qasim! At all times the glance of God's loving-kindness hath been and is directed towards thee and the other friends. Yet after the manifestation of Truth and the appearance of clear proofs and the revelation of signs, it is observed that most have remained far from what God desireth. They acknowledge that "He doeth what He willeth," yet they question His actions with "why" and "wherefore." They recognize that "He ordaineth what He pleaseth," yet they hesitate regarding that which hath appeared from Him. Whatsoever proceedeth from God, glorified be His majesty, hath been and shall ever be beloved by the sincere ones and those drawn nigh. No friend would ever exchange the actions of his friend for all the world—how much less that which proceedeth from God, exalted be His glory and greatness! Were He to decree existence for that which hath no existence, or were He to apply the law of evanescence to that which endureth, none hath the right to say "why" or "wherefore." Thus hath the Tongue of Revelation spoken, that thou mayest hear and be of those who know.

O Qasim! Today pure deeds are required, and a heart detached and free. Beseech thou God that thou mayest attain unto this station and enter the kingdom of His good-pleasure. He, verily, is the Counselor, the Compassionate, the All-Knowing.

BH06255: Say: O my God, my Beloved, my Goal…

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Answering

Say: O my God, my Beloved, my Goal and the Ultimate Object of my hope and expectation! I beseech Thee by the Name through which the ocean of Thy knowledge surged amongst Thy servants and the breezes of Thy mercy wafted among Thy creatures, to ordain for me and for those who have believed that which Thou hast ordained by Thy Most Exalted Pen in Thy Book for Thy chosen ones—they whom the greatest veil hath not hindered from turning toward the Most Sublime Vision, and whom the conditions of humankind have not frightened from gazing upon Thee, O Thou Who holdest destiny within Thy grasp!

O my Lord! Every tongue hath testified to Thy power and the weakness of Thy servants, to Thy wealth and the poverty of Thy loved ones, to Thy glory and the abasement of Thy friends.

O my Lord! I beseech Thee by that which lieth with Thee to make them the manifestations of Thy glory in Thy land and the daysprings of Thy power throughout Thy realm. Verily Thou art He Whom nothing can frustrate and no cause can hinder. Within Thy grasp is the kingdom of destiny, and this is easy for Thee to accomplish.

O my Lord! Thou knowest that they have heard Thy call and hastened to the gate of Thy mercy, longing for the wonders of Thy bounty and grace.

O my Lord! Disappoint them not of that which is with Thee, and deprive them not of that which Thou hast ordained by Thy Most Exalted Pen for the people of Baha. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful, the All-Wise.

BH06347: O people of the world! By God the Truth…

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

O people of the world! By God the Truth, the All-Merciful has come with a sovereignty that has encompassed all who are in the heavens and earth, and with a Cause before which neither the world nor any of its peoples can stand. To this bears witness the Lord of all beings and the Sovereign of the throne and earth, from this Prison which hath been named by every name by the Supreme Pen from the presence of One mighty and powerful.

This is a letter from the Wronged One to him who hath desired to drink the Kawthar of divine knowledge from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Giving, the Generous.

By God’s life! The Wronged One mentioneth unto the people that which shall profit them in every world of the worlds of their Lord and draw them nigh unto the One, the All-Informed. Among the people are

those who have turned away and denied God's Revelation and His proof, and among them are those who have turned towards His straight path.

This is a day whereon it behooveth every soul to arise to aid the Cause of his Lord, the Most High, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. He hath ordained that aid be rendered through remembrance and utterance.

Exalted be the All-Merciful Who hath appeared and revealed whatsoever He desired through His binding and wise command.

The world and all that ye behold today shall pass away, and sovereignty shall remain with God, the Mighty, the Beauteous.

BH06412: Praise be to God that through divine bounty thou…

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

Praise be to God that through divine bounty thou hast turned toward and arrived at the shore of the sea of oneness—that station wherein all atoms testify and have testified to the divine unity. This is that station which is mentioned in the former Books. Well is it with them that attain!

This is the Day whereof all the divine Messengers and Dawning-Places of heavenly revelation have given glad tidings unto all peoples. How excellent is the state of him whom the concerns of earth did not withhold from the Lord of Names, and who was witnessed to be steadfast, firm and upright with perfect constancy. He is of those souls concerning whom the Primal Point hath said:

> "Verily I, and all who dwell in Paradise, do truly yearn, with utmost yearning, for the soul that hath been slain in His path."

Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and act according to that which God hath willed. Be thou one who acteth according to His good-pleasure and who speaketh according to His desire, in such wise that thou beholdest no will or desire of thine own. He, verily, is the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing.

We send Our greetings upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the will of God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH06734: A Book sent down in truth from the Kingdom…

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

A Book sent down in truth from the Kingdom of God, Lord of the worlds. The station wherein was established the throne of the All-Merciful and the Tongue spoke: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

O son of Moses! Hearken unto the Call in the luminous Spot—verily there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Generous.

This is the Day wherein the Speaker of the Mount spoke when the world was honored by this Manifestation, to which testified the Books of God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Wise.

Thy letter hath arrived and the servant in attendance hath read it. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord and my Support! I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thou didst subdue all created things and didst send down the verses, to ordain for me from the wonders of Thy bounty that which will profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds.

O Lord! Thou knowest me better than I know myself. I beseech Thee not to leave me to myself. Write down for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and make me a servant of Thy Cause. Verily Thou art He to Whose power every tongue hath testified and to Whose might every utterance hath borne witness. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful.

BH06486: He is the Dawning-Place from the horizon of eternity!…

He is the Dawning-Place from the horizon of eternity! This wronged one, imprisoned, conveys greetings to them that drink from the chalice of the love of the All-Merciful, and says: By the light of the Sun of Truth, this Day has no peer or likeness, and whatsoever is lost by anyone today can never be regained, save by whom God willeth. In all conditions one must strive that haply the loved ones of God may partake of the sealed wine which hath been unsealed through the blessed name of the Self-Subsisting. This is the most great bounty. Blessed is he who hath seen with his own eyes and heard with his own ears the Call of Truth.

The blindness of vain desire hath prevented the people from beholding, and they cannot distinguish between the wolf and Joseph. They have regarded the essence of justice as the substance of tyranny, and light they have deemed darkness.

Well is it with the one who hath turned toward the most exalted horizon and become free and detached from all else but God. He is indeed among the people of Baha in the Crimson Book, as attested by the Lord of Names. He is in truth the Speaker, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH06830: O Husayn! The divines, mystics and men of letters…

In the Name of the One God, the All-Speaking

O Husayn! The divines, mystics and men of letters throughout the earth all laid claim to the stations of mystical knowledge, imagining they had drunk from the Kawthar of the All-Merciful's mystic knowledge and had attained to the Kingdom of utterance. Yet when the balance was brought forth and the touchstone appeared, all were found bereft of that which they had claimed, save whom thy Lord willed. For on the Day of God they were observed to be deprived of the splendors of the Sun of Revelation. Whosoever today hath recognized the Hidden Mystery Which hath appeared and proclaimed "Verily there is none other God besides Me, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting," is accounted before God among the people of mystic knowledge. Consider now the station of them that have turned unto Him, and let

your tongues speak forth “Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds.” O Hasan! Thy call hath been heard, and from the Kingdom of utterance these wondrous and exalted words have been sent down. God willing, thou shalt attain unto them and be observed to stand with utmost steadfastness in the Cause of God. This is the supreme gift, the greatest bounty, and the ultimate purpose.

BH07146: The Wronged One beareth witness to that which God…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

The Wronged One beareth witness to that which God did bear witness before the creation of the heavens and the earth: that there is none other God but Me, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

By God! The gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of Names hath come with a sovereignty wherewith all that hath been created through the Word of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, cannot withstand. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving.

We counsel thee and those who have believed to remain steadfast with supreme steadfastness in this Cause whereby the feet of the divines who cast the command of God behind their backs and followed vain imaginings and idle fancies have slipped. Should anyone come unto you with the evidences of Satan, cast them behind you, as bidden by God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen.

The raven hath croaked and the voice of Satan hath been raised throughout creation. Thus doth inform you He with Whom is the Preserved Tablet.

O people of God! Shun ye those who have denied God, the Lord of existence. We send from this spot Our glorification upon thee and upon My loved ones in that land and give them glad tidings of My sealed choice wine.

BH07059: A mention from Us to him who has turned…

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

A mention from Us to him who has turned towards the Supreme Horizon on a day wherein the divines of the age have turned away, save whom God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, has willed. Every soul was promised the days of God and His appearance, but when He came with the Kingdom of verses, every veiled divine turned away from Him. We testify that they have clung to the world and its leadership, and thereby remained heedless of God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. Behold then remember when the Spirit came, the Jewish divines turned away from Him, and likewise when Muhammad, the Messenger of God, came, the divines of the Gospel denied Him, having followed vain imaginings and idle fancies. The gate of heaven hath been opened, and the ocean of meeting hath surged, yet most of the people of creation perceive it not. Thus hath the Pen mentioned thee from the presence of the Ancient King that thou mayest rejoice and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of existence!” Let nothing sadden thee. Arise to serve God and mention Him amongst His servants, as bidden by God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

BH07231: The Pen of the Most Merciful makes mention…

He is the Most Near, the Most Ancient, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing!

The Pen of the Most Merciful makes mention of the friends and declares: The Dawning-Place of the Divine Books is manifest today, and the Speaker on Sinai uttereth His discourse from the most exalted station.

It behooveth upright souls who have quaffed from the Kawthar of divine revelation and who are gazing toward the Most Sublime Horizon to be engaged at all times in the mention and praise of the True One, that perchance they may guide the wayward ones of earth to the Euphrates of the mercy of the Most Merciful, and lead those lost in the wilderness of heedlessness to the ocean of divine awareness.

Today the Call of God is raised high, and likewise the cawing of Satan. Strive ye that ye may drink from the Kawthar of steadfastness. This is the most exalted station, to whose loftiness the Most Exalted Pen hath testified.

Blessed art thou for having attained unto My remembrance and My loving-kindness. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this great bounty. Thus have We illumined hearts with the lights of the utterance of thy Lord, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling.

The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who have testified to that which God hath testified in this Revelation.

BH06959: We have desired to make mention of Our handmaidens…

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

We have desired to make mention of Our handmaidens who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed, and to give them glad tidings of God's grace and mercy, that the fragrances of the verses may so take hold of them that they will become detached from those who have turned away from God when He came with His great glory.

Rejoice, O handmaidens of God, in the N and the Y, in that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in this mighty Prison.

Blessed is the handmaiden who hath cast away vain imaginings and hath turned towards God, and hath heard and taken what she was commanded by One Who is powerful and ancient. And woe unto the handmaiden who hath turned away from God and clung to the hem of vain imaginings on this Day wherein the horizon of certitude hath been illumined through the Name of God, the Lord of all worlds.

The glory be upon you, O My handmaidens, and upon every handmaiden who hath broken the idols in the name of her Lord, the Possessor of all names, and hath acknowledged that which God acknowledged before the creation of the heavens and earth: that there is none other God but Him, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH07248: A Book hath appeared amongst mankind when My Most…

He is the Manifest, the Hidden

A Book hath appeared amongst mankind when My Most Exalted Pen was set in motion—the Pen through which the trumpet was sounded, the Day of Resurrection appeared, the dwellers of the graves were stirred up, and the Divine Lote-Tree proclaimed: "The kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the worlds!" Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and from it We perceived thy sighs in thy love for God, the Mighty, the Great. Verily He remembereth him who remembereth Him, and answereth him who raiseth his hands in supplication toward His exalted heaven. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Hearing, the Answering. Stand firm in the Cause through the power of thy Lord and remind the people with wisdom and utterance. He is, verily, the One Who commandeth in truth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Beware lest the affairs of men hold thee back from the truth. Leave the world behind and take what God hath sent down in His mighty Book. Rejoice thou in this Most Great Remembrance and glorify thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

BH06980: O handmaid of God! Praise be to the Best…

In the name of the kind Friend

O handmaid of God! Praise be to the Best Beloved of the world that thou hast attained to that which all the divines and mystics of the earth have been deprived of. This is the bounty of God and His bestowal. God willing, thou shalt in all conditions be occupied with the mention and praise of the Goal of the world's peoples and be turned toward His horizon.

How many men and women sought after the presence of this wondrous Day, yet when it appeared they remained veiled. Not every ear was worthy to hear the divine call, and not every eye was fit to behold the lights of His countenance. How many among the learned and the princes among men were deprived of the recognition of the Best Beloved of the world, while the common people attained thereunto.

All matters have been and shall be in the grasp of God's power. He bestoweth upon whomsoever He willeth and taketh from whomsoever He willeth. All things are captive in the grasp of His power, and verily He is the Almighty, the Dominant, the Powerful.

BH07335: O my handmaid! We have heard your cry…

In the name of the All-Seeing Speaker

O my handmaid! We have heard your cry and lamentation in divine love. God has accepted all tribulations for the sake of the preservation of the world and the life of its people. If He so wills, He can manifest a hundred thousand paradises from the very essence of prison, and transform afflictions and trials into the Most Great Mercy. He is the Powerful, and He is the Mighty. The kingdom of all things has been and will ever be in the grasp of His power. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

God willing, in these days thou shalt attain unto that which God loveth and act according to that which He hath willed. We make mention of all handmaidens that all may engage with utmost joy in the remembrance and praise of the Lord of all mankind.

O Farrukh! Convey to the aforementioned handmaid the greetings of the Wronged One, that she may attain to God's favors and be made glad. Verily, We have made mention of her as a token of Our grace, and verily, We are the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH07025: The whole world is illumined by the lights…

He is the Speaker, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The whole world is illumined by the lights of the manifestation of the Most Great Name, yet some are aware while others are veiled. This blessed Day is manifest and evident from all horizons of the heaven of divine books like unto the sun. Nevertheless, the unjust people turned away from it and rose up in tyranny.

Despite witnessing at all times the evanescence of the world and its people, what would they have done if the world had been adorned with the ornament of permanence? Woe unto those who have remained heedless of this Most Great Day by following the desires of the nations who have cast the principles of God behind their backs and followed the principles of the corrupt ones.

In all conditions, fix thy gaze upon the Truth and hold fast unto Him. He is the Bestower, the Mighty, and He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing. Cling thou to the hem of grace, detached from the world. Thus doth command thee the Lord of Eternity from His glorious station.

Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH07224: The Supreme Pen makes mention of the handmaidens…

In the Name of the one God!

The Supreme Pen makes mention of the handmaidens of God and counsels them to sanctification and detachment.

Your petition was presented by the servant who was present, and the answer hath been revealed from the Dayspring of Divine Revelation.

How many men who counted themselves among the most learned of the learned were seen to be deprived and forbidden from the choice wine and from the Kawthar of the utterance of the Self-Subsisting Lord, while the handmaidens of God attained thereunto.

The whole world was created that in this blessed Day it might attain to the remembrance of the Beloved. Nevertheless, all have remained deprived of this supreme bounty and mighty favor, save whom God, the Lord of all worlds, willeth.

Be ye engaged at all times in praise and thanksgiving, for He hath aided you and granted you a portion from the Kawthar of knowledge. Verily He is the Generous, verily He is the Merciful, verily He is the Forgiving, verily He is the Kind.

BH07071: This is a mention from Us to him who…

He is the Mighty, the Wise!

This is a mention from Us to him who hath attained unto the lights of dawn on this Day whereon the Lord of Destiny hath spoken: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds. We have turned toward him who hath turned toward the Most Sublime Horizon, and We have answered him who hath drawn nigh unto God, the Lord of all beings, and verily We are the Hearer, the Answerer.

O people of the Crimson Ark! Hearken unto the call of your Lord, the Most Glorious, from this Most Sublime Horizon: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed. I created creation for this Day, yet when it appeared, those who followed vain imaginings turned away from it, having neither clear proof nor an illuminating Book. Take ye, O people, the Book of God through His command, then act according to that which ye have been bidden by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

O concourse of divines! By God the Truth, it behooveth you to be silent, for the Most Exalted Pen speaketh the truth between earth and heaven. Cast away what ye possess and take what hath been given you from One Who is All-Merciful, All-Bountiful. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto him who hath believed in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH06911: Praise be to God! The Sun of generosity…

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

Praise be to God! The Sun of generosity is shining, the Ocean of knowledge is surging, and the Heaven of grace is exalted. Yet all are found heedless and veiled save those souls who, through the loving-kindness of the Lord of eternity, have passed beyond the world and its peoples and have turned their faces toward the Peerless Friend. The world and whatsoever is therein shall perish.

Blessed is the state of him whom the veils of the world have not withheld from the Lord of Names and who hath attained unto the Most Great Steadfastness. Hearken unto the Voice of the Wronged One and act in accordance with that which beseemeth the people of God. This is a Day the mention of which hath been recorded in all the divine Books. The people of truth must move with the utmost tranquility and dignity. Conflict, contention and the like have been forbidden in God's Book, and the triumph of His Cause hath been made dependent upon and conditional on wisdom and utterance. Blessed is he who hath taken hold of the Book with the power that proceedeth from Us and hath observed that which hath been ordained therein by the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

BH07334: O my handmaiden! God willing, mayest thou be blessed…

In the name of the one God!

O my handmaiden! God willing, mayest thou be blessed and joyous through divine grace.

The mention of the handmaidens of that land hath ever flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, and all things have testified and do testify to this word. Ask thou God, glorified be His majesty, Who speaketh at this moment, to assist the handmaidens of that land to do what He loveth and pleaseth, and to draw them to the realm of sanctity and detachment. He is the All-Hearing, and the reins of response have been and shall ever be within His mighty grasp.

We have mentioned and continue to mention the people of that land, for Jinab-i-Samandar, upon him be the Glory of God, sendeth his petitions to the Most Holy Court and in every petition maketh mention of the friends. The all-encompassing grace and pre-existing mercy have encompassed and continue to encompass all. He is the All-Seeing, the Bestower, the Giver.

It is incumbent upon all to remember and thank God, glorified be His majesty, for this most great favor. The Command is in His hands and all are in His grasp.

BH07406: O Faraju'llah! The relief [Faraj] hath come, yet…

In His Name, through Whom was manifested that which was inscribed in the Books of God!

O Faraju'llah! The relief [Faraj] hath come, yet the people have turned away from it. The Most Great Joy hath appeared from this Most Luminous Horizon, yet the people comprehend not. They hear the Call of God, then deny it. Verily, they know not. They behold the Most Great Relief, yet they understand not. They follow their vain desires and imagine they are doing good. By the life of God! They are, in the Book of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, among the companions of the fire.

Be thou thankful that the Face of God hath turned toward thee from this renowned station and hath mentioned thee with verses that cannot be equaled by all the treasures. Thy letter was presented and the Servant present before the Throne did read it. We have answered thee as a bounty from Our presence, and I am, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Blessed art thou, and thy mother, and whoso hath been mentioned by name in this praiseworthy station. Be thou steadfast in the Cause. Verily, He will help thee through a command from His presence. He, verily, is the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Beloved.

BH07519: He Who encompasseth what hath been and what shall…

He Who encompasseth what hath been and what shall be. We make mention of them that have believed even as We mentioned them aforetime, as a token of grace from God, the Opener of the gates.

By God! The Cry hath been raised, and the She-Camel hath been hamstrung through that which the hands of them that disbelieved in God, the Lord of Lords, have wrought.

We gave the glad-tidings unto all in the Books of old concerning this Most Great Revelation, yet when the morn of reunion dawned, every denier and infidel turned away therefrom. They have cast the Command of God behind their backs and have taken that which they were bidden from the sources of idle fancy.

We manifested knowledge that the Known One might be recognized, yet when the appointed time was fulfilled and the Self-Subsisting appeared, every crafty scholar turned aside from Him. Through their oppression the denizens of the all-highest Paradise have cried out, and they that are nigh unto God have wept in their most exalted stations.

They have clung to the world, turning away from God, the Lord of Names. They are truly among them that are accounted as lost in the Scriptures and Tablets.

Thus hath the Tongue of the Wronged One spoken, as He turneth toward thee in pure devotion to God, the Lord of the Day of Return.

BH07557: O Muhammad qabl-i-Javad! The Creator loves and has loved…

In the Name of the One Beloved Friend!

O Muhammad qabl-i-Javad! The Creator loves and has loved His loved ones. All have been and shall ever remain beneath His watchful gaze. The glance of His grace is directed towards the Land of Sad. Blessed are they who, for the sake of God, have borne hardships and heard the taunts of the enemies.

By the ocean of divine knowledge! Such souls are as stars in the heaven of understanding and as fruits upon the trees of Paradise. Their mention shall never be erased from the book of the world, nor shall their traces be concealed on account of the tyranny and oppression of the pharaohs of the earth, for God beareth witness to their love, their turning unto Him and their faith.

O loved ones of God! Strive ye to preserve this most exalted and most glorious station. Verily, He remembereth you with sublime words. He is, in truth, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Hold ye fast unto the cord of steadfastness in this Cause and cling ye to the hem of God, the Lord of all worlds. Praise be to God, the Beloved of them that know Him.

BH07525: We make mention of thee out of Our grace…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

We make mention of thee out of Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful. Blessed art thou and blessed is the servant who hath borne in the path of God that which caused the dwellers of Paradise and them that circle round His mighty Throne to lament. There hath befallen My loved ones that which caused the eyes of the Maids of Heaven in the all-highest Paradise to shed tears. To this beareth witness the Lord of all beings in this perspicuous Book.

Say: Glory be to Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the kingdom of earth and heaven! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting, through which the idols lamented, to make me steadfast in the service of Thy Cause, and speaking forth Thy praise, and gazing toward Thy horizon. O my Lord! Aid me and Thy

loved ones in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily Thou art the Ruler over whatsoever Thou willest. Thou seest and hearest, and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O my Lord! Make known unto Thy servants that from which they are heedless, then strengthen them in that which beseemeth Thy days. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Wise. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH07824: A Book that hath been sent down in truth…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

A Book that hath been sent down in truth in the Kingdom of God, the Lord of the worlds, and giveth glad tidings unto all of the Manifestation of God and His sovereignty; yet most of the people are heedless.

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and the servant in attendance before the Throne hath read it. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing.

Blessed is the tongue that hath spoken in praise of God, and the pen that hath been privileged to set down His verses whereby the Sun of Utterance hath shone forth from the horizon of the Will of God, the King, the Mighty, the Most Praised. Be thou assured through God's grace and mercy, then act according to that which thou hast been commanded in His perspicuous Book.

O people of the earth! Hearken unto the Call that hath been raised from this Station which hath been named the Heaven of Heavens in My Great Tablet. It summoneth you unto God and teacheth you that which shall profit you in the world to come and in this first life. He is verily the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

The glory of God rest upon thee and upon thy son and thy son, from God, the Goal of all worlds.

BH07484: Rejoice thou in that the Most Exalted Pen maketh…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great!

Rejoice thou in that the Most Exalted Pen maketh mention of thee, when the Wronged One was established upon His throne in His mighty prison. Remember thou when thou wert present before the Countenance and didst hear the Call from this Spot round which circle the Concourse on High and they who have held fast to the Cord of God, the Wondrous, the Strong.

O Muhammad! The Truth hath not forgotten thee. Praise be to God, thou didst attain His presence and art remembered in the Most Holy Court. And all these things have appeared as a grace from His presence.

Strive thou, God willing, to drink from the Kawthar of unity and to act as behooveth thee. The Truth seeth and heareth. Whosoever acteth in accordance with that which hath been commanded will assuredly attain unto the infinite bounties of God.

Glory be upon thee and upon those who have acted as they were commanded by God, the One, the Commanding, the All-Informed. Praise be to God, the Single One, the All-Powerful, the Most High, the Mighty, the Great.

BH07473: O My handmaid! O My handmaid! Thy letter hath…

He is the Most Great, the Most Glorious

O My handmaid! O My handmaid! Thy letter hath come and been presented by the servant who standeth at the door. We have answered thee with that which God hath sent down in the Book. Verily, He loveth the one who hath loved Him and remembereth the one who hath remembered Him. Thy Lord is, in truth, the Compassionate, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

We have heard thy cry in the love of God and thy sighs for this Cause, before which all necks have bowed when it appeared. Rejoice thou in My remembrance, then give thanks to thy Lord for this bounty that hath encompassed all possibility.

When thou perceivest the fragrance of My raiment from My letter, arise from thy place and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O God of existence and King of the Kingdom! I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thy Cause and Thy sovereignty were made manifest, and Thy power and might prevailed, to make me among those women who have turned with their hearts to Thy most exalted horizon and who have voiced Thy praise in the kingdom of creation. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous."

BH07712: God beareth witness in the Kingdom of Utterance…

He is the Faithful Rememberer!

God beareth witness in the Kingdom of Utterance that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh is indeed the Preserved Tablet and the Inscribed Book. Whoso hath attained unto recognition of Him hath verily attained unto the recognition of God from time immemorial, and whoso turneth away is of them that have denied the rights of God and that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Book.

O people of Baha! Hold fast unto pure servitude unto God. Thus doth He Who possesseth the Sacred Texts and Tablets command you. By God! He commandeth you that which profiteth you, as every fair-minded and discerning one doth testify.

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! When thou didst attain unto the verses of thy Lord and didst drink therefrom the choice wine of recognition, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Revealer of verses, for having turned towards me despite my unworthiness. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful. Thus hath the Pen spoken by command of the Ancient King, that thou mightest render thanks unto thy Lord at eventide and at dawn.

BH07853: We have heard thy call and from the direction…

In the name of the Everlasting Speaker

We have heard thy call and from the direction of the Prison have turned toward thee, and make mention of thee with these sublime words, each of which hath shone forth like the Sun of Truth from the Dayspring of the mouth of the All-Merciful.

By the life of God! This is a mighty station, and this is the station which hath been the hope of them that are nigh and of the sincere ones. God willing, thou shalt be assisted to preserve it.

From thy petition was inhaled the fragrance of sincerity and witnessed the warmth of divine love. By My life! This beseemeth thee by virtue of thy kinship to him whom We named Samandar in the Most Great Scene. Be thou thankful and among them that remember.

Verily We have made mention of thy father with such mention whereby the Balance was set up and the mountains swept away. Blessed art thou, and thy father, and thine uncle, and they that have attained unto this most glorious station when the Lord of Names came with manifest sovereignty.

Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH08438: The false one hath misled the people…

He is the All-Knowing Speaker from time immemorial and unto everlasting.

The false one hath misled the people in the name of truth. O ye who drink from the wine of inner meanings, be ye aware, for thieves lie in ambush, waiting and watching, and have appeared with utmost cunning and guile, that perchance they may hold back the servants from the supreme horizon and deprive them of the ocean of divine mercy.

Blessed is the servant whom the intimations of the people have not withheld from God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

All the friends must manifest perfect unity and harmony, and must stand so firm in the Cause of God that neither the books of the world nor the tongues of the nations shall hold them back from the Dayspring of Divine Inspiration and the Dawning-Place of Utterance. How excellent is this for them that know, and how pleasing for them that hear!

The glory be upon thee and upon them that are with thee among those who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

BH08162: We gave glad tidings of this blessed Day…

In the name of the Best-Beloved of all worlds!

We gave glad tidings of this blessed Day to all peoples in the former Books, and all were expectant. Yet when the Sun of verses dawned from the horizon of the divine Tablet and the morn of reunion broke, all

were found to be veiled and deprived, save those souls who shattered the idol of vain imaginings through the power of the name of Truth and, having detached themselves from all else but God, turned toward the supreme horizon.

I swear by the ocean of the All-Merciful's utterance that such souls possess a station which the Book of the world and the pens of nations are powerless to describe. O friends! Strive to attain unto that which is the cause of the perpetuation of spirits, bodies and names. Thus doth the Wronged One counsel you from His prison. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH08443: The Wronged One of the horizons, despite the tribulations…

In the Name of the one incomparable God!

The Wronged One of the horizons, despite the tribulations that descended and calamities that befell Him, summoned all the peoples of the world to God, exalted be His glory. In some of the blessed divine utterances, He spoke in such moving terms that souls willingly sacrificed themselves in the path of the Friend with the utmost joy and delight, and at the altar of sacrifice they spoke the divine Name. I swear by the Most Great Name, those souls in the highest Paradise eternally enjoy God's infinite bounties through His most beautiful names.

O friends! Strive ye, for the Nightingale of Revelation warbles upon the branches of the Tree of Life, speaking with most eloquent utterance. Blessed is the one who in this blessed Day has attained to that which God has willed. Such a one is numbered among the people of Baha in the Book of Names.

Verily He speaks the truth and guides to the Way. There is no God but Him, the Single, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

BH08049: The Wronged One calleth aloud from the Most Great…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great!

The Wronged One calleth aloud from the Most Great Prison and summoneth all to God, the Lord of eternity, yet most of the peoples remain heedless. We called them to the supreme Paradise, yet they have imprisoned Us in this mighty fortress. They have denied the Light and sought to extinguish it with their mouths. Thus have their evil selves seduced them in that they have followed every ignorant doubter.

It behooveth every servant to render thanks unto God in this Revelation whereby the horizon of the world hath been illumined and all things have proclaimed: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds! This is the Day which Muhammad, the Messenger of God, and before Him the Torah and the Gospel, did foretell. Soon shall they who have been heedless thereof bewail their plight, and they shall find for themselves neither protector nor helper.

When thou hast attained unto the Tablet of the Wronged One, recite it with the denizens of Paradise, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

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BH08592: O Muhammad-Karim! Your letter was presented before the Wronged…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O Muhammad-Karim! Your letter was presented before the Wronged One and the servant in attendance read it. Verily your Lord is the Hearing, the Responding One. Say: Glory be to You, O You by Whose name the rivers flow, the fruits appear, and the mysteries emerge! I beseech You by Your Most Exalted Self and the Manifestations of Your power in the kingdom of creation to ordain through Your Most Exalted Pen that which will enable me to remain steadfast in Your Cause—the Cause that has shaken the foundations of Your creation. O my Lord! I am the weak one who has clung to the cord of Your power, and I am the poor one who has held fast to the hem of Your riches. I beseech You not to withhold from me the appearance of Your grace. Verily You are the Powerful, the Most High, the Mighty, the Great. O Karim! Read what has been sent down to you from the Kingdom of Utterance, then give thanks to your Lord, the Generous One. The Glory be upon you and upon your wife who has believed in God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH08530: O thou who hast turned thy face toward…

He is the Forgiver, the Ever-Relenting

O thou who hast turned thy face toward the Countenance! We have heard thy cry and thy lamentation, and thy confession of thy sins. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have, of Our grace, forgiven thee and remitted thy transgressions, as a mercy from Our presence, inasmuch as We found thee turning unto God, the Lord of all worlds. It behooveth thee and those who believe not to approach except by His leave, nor to speak save that which hath been revealed in His mighty Tablet. Say: O peoples of the earth! Cast away your own wills and hold fast unto the Will of God, the Possessor of this resplendent Day. Cast behind your backs your desires and cleave unto the desire of God, the One, the Single, the All-Informed. Rejoice thou that from the horizon of the heaven of thy Lord's mercy the sun of forgiveness hath shone forth, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of hearts, and glory be unto Thee, O Goal of them that know Thee! The splendor rest upon thee and upon them that have cast away idle fancies when the light of certitude did shine forth.

BH08332: Your letter arrived and was presented by the servant…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

Your letter arrived and was presented by the servant who is present before the Wronged One, and We have answered you with this wondrous and mighty Tablet. Say: Glory be to Thee, O God of all beings and Master of all created things! I beseech Thee by the splendors of the lights of the Sun of Thy Manifestation and by the pearls of the ocean of Thy utterance, to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy love, turned toward Thy horizon, and speaking in Thy remembrance. O my Lord! Write down for me, through Thy great favors, that which Thou hast written for Thy chosen ones who have spent all they possessed in Thy

path. O my Lord! I am the poor, the helpless, the lowly, and Thou art the Powerful, the Generous, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. I beseech Thee, O God of Names, by the Most Great Word, to forgive me and absolve me of my offenses, and assist me in that which Thou lovest and approvest. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH08114: O maidservant of God! The favoring glance…

In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds!

O maidservant of God! The favoring glance of the Lord of Names hath ever been and shall continue to be directed towards His servants and handmaidens. The Most Exalted Pen hath, at all times, been occupied with the mention of His loved ones.

How blessed is the state of those souls who, in this Day which is the Lord of Days, have drunk from the ocean of divine knowledge and attained unto the station of certitude. How many were the souls who laid claim to steadfastness, yet were unsettled by the croak of a raven, to such degree that they turned away from the Mother Book of God.

Blessed art thou and blessed is thy mother who hath ascended unto God, the Lord of all worlds. We make mention of her at this moment from My Most Exalted Pen, that the sweet fragrance of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Forgiving, the Bountiful, may be diffused.

The glory rest upon thee and upon her and upon thy father and thy brother and upon those who have quaffed the choice wine in the name of their Lord, the Compassionate, the All-Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH08121: O friends! The world hath never had, nor doth…

He is the Speaker in the Kingdom of Utterance!

O friends! The world hath never had, nor doth it now possess, any constancy. At all times it hath borne and continueth to bear witness to its own transience. Yet those endowed with hearing and sight have been, and still are, few.

Beseech ye God that He may, with the finger of His power, rend asunder the veils that have hindered men, and withhold them not from beholding the lights of the Sun of Revelation. A hundred thousand regrets that they have deprived themselves of His infinite bounties and occupied themselves with worthless trifles that neither nourish nor satisfy. Ere long they shall testify to their own loss. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen spoken, as a token of His grace. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

Yet God hath had, and will continue to have, such servants as are not prevented by the defenses of the world from the Most Great Name, nor by the hosts of earth from the Lord of the seen and the unseen. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Praise be to God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH08091: We, from this most exalted station, bestow glory upon…

He is the One dawning from the horizon of the Kingdom.

We, from this most exalted station, bestow glory upon the faces of those who have turned and attained the pure wine which was unsealed through My Name, the Mighty, the Powerful.

The proof hath appeared and the sun of evidence hath shone forth from the horizon of possibility, yet the people are in grievous error. They have cast aside the Lord of Names and followed every evil one who hath turned away from the All-Informed.

Say: Fear God and follow not your desires. Follow Him Who hath come to you with a manifest sovereignty. Beware lest the ornaments of the world withhold you from the Lord of Names. Leave behind what ye possess by command of God, the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

Soon shall the world and all that ye behold today perish, and there shall endure that which hath been ordained for you by the finger of your Lord's will, the All-Knowing. Thus hath the Supreme Pen given glad tidings to the company of the Abha Kingdom who have arisen to serve the Cause of their Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

BH08712: O maidservant of God! God willing, mayest thou be…

In the name of the All-Seeing Lord!

O maidservant of God! God willing, mayest thou be successful through divine bounty and act according to that which is acceptable in His presence. Today all the friends must fix their gaze upon the Supreme Horizon and hold fast unto that which God hath ordained in the Book. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord, the All-Merciful.

Verily He hath turned toward thee from His Most Great Scene and His Most Luminous Prison, and remembereth thee with that which hath caused the fragrance of utterance to be diffused throughout contingent being.

We send greetings to all the handmaidens in that land. The glance of God is directed towards all, and they must, with utmost sanctity and detachment, be engaged in the mention of the Peerless Friend. Verily He answereth whosoever calleth upon Him and turneth unto whosoever hath turned unto Him. He, verily, is the Near One, the Watchful.

Glory be upon thee and upon My handmaidens in that place, from Him Who is the imprisoned Stranger.

BH08643: Praise be to God that the realm of existence…

He is the One Who dominates all names

Praise be to God that the realm of existence hath been illumined and brightened by the Sun of the Divine Name, and the Call of the Divine Tree hath been raised. Blessed is the state of the one who hath heard His Call and turned towards His horizon and hath been confirmed in serving His Cause. I swear by the Sun

of Manifestation that this Day hath no like or equal. Strive ye and attain unto lofty stations. Let not the opportunity slip from your grasp, and arise to that which beseemeth the station of man. With the utmost joy and fragrance, occupy yourselves with the remembrance of the Beloved of all creation, and hold fast unto the Divine Book. By the life of God! Verily it will guide you to His straight path and draw you nigh unto Him through His grace. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH08917: God hath caused sedition and calamities to arise among…

He is the Most Great!

God hath caused sedition and calamities to arise among those who have disbelieved, that there might be manifested that which He revealed in the Surih of Ra'is. Read ye it, that ye may be assured that with Him is the knowledge of all things in a perspicuous Book.

We informed the servants of that which was to come, but when there came to pass and was made manifest that which the Self-Subsisting had foretold after the Qa'im, they denied God, the Lord of all worlds, except such as God desired. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Know ye, O My loved ones, that God hath adorned the Tree of Man with branches and twigs and leaves. Know ye this and be not of the heedless. These are indeed the virtues which We have detailed in My mighty Book.

O My loved ones! Hold fast unto that which I have commanded you from My presence, and I am the All-Informed.

BH08697: We make mention of those who have attained unto…

He is the One manifest above all things.

We make mention of those who have attained unto the days of God and His knowledge, and turned unto Him when every idolatrous infidel turned away. We promised those on earth this Most Great Manifestation, but when He came and appeared in truth, the peoples turned away from Him save those whom God, the Mighty, the Bestower, willed.

Arise to serve the Cause and remind the people through this Tablet whereby the cock of the Divine Throne crowed and the nightingale of utterance warbled upon the branches. Beware lest anything prevent thee from thy Lord's path or any matter frighten thee in these days. Leave what the people possess and take what thou art commanded in the Book.

By the life of God! He will protect thee and guide thee to a station whereof the pens are powerless to make mention.

BH08970: The Most Exalted Pen beareth witness that at all…

In the Name of the Peerless Lord:

The Most Exalted Pen beareth witness that at all times hath It made mention of the friends on behalf of the Lord of Religions, and guided them to the Living Waters. How excellent is the state of him who, detached from all else but God, hath turned unto Him and partaken thereof in His one and only Beloved Name.

Night and day divine outpourings rain down from the heaven of grace, yet most are heedless thereof, for they have forsaken that which is with God and occupied themselves with that which is with them.

Beseech thou God that He withhold not His heedless servants from the ocean of His knowledge, nor debar them from the Most Exalted Horizon. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Glory be upon them that have believed in this wondrous and glorious Day.

BH09133: O Abdu'l-Ali, goodly is thy name. God willing, mayest…

In the name of the All-Seeing Lord!

O Abdu'l-Ali, goodly is thy name. God willing, mayest thou become worthy of this name. The grace of the True One hath been and shall ever be vouchsafed unto all, and He hath summoned all with one call to the supreme horizon. Blessed is the soul that hath hearkened to the call and attained the response. The treasures of earth and heaven cannot equal one word "yea," for if today a soul attaineth unto this word, he hath been and shall be independent of all the words of the people of the world. But if, God forbid, he becometh heedless, the treasures and riches of the earth shall profit him not. Thus hath the Supreme Pen spoken when the Lord of Names was established upon the throne of His Great Name.

When thou hast received this Tablet, know thou its station, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Bountiful.

BH08734: O Fatimih! Your letter was received and attained unto…

In the name of the Beloved of the world

O Fatimih! Your letter was received and attained unto the hearing of the Lord of Ancient Days. Blessed art thou and blessed is thy father who turned his face toward the Countenance until he presented himself at the Gate and heard the call of his Lord, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. God willing, may you speak forth the praise of the Beloved of all creation at all times and conduct yourself with complete sanctification and detachment. The world hath never had and will never have any constancy. Be not grieved by any affairs that occur therein. Make firm the cord of turning unto God. By My life, He sufficeth thee—to this every fair-minded and discerning one doth testify. God willing, may you attain unto that which God hath willed and be observed as sanctified, detached and purified from the varied hues of the world.

BH09003: A Book inscribed hath God, the Lord of all…

He is the Manifest, the Hidden

A Book inscribed hath God, the Lord of all appearance, sent down, yet most of the people remain heedless. By God! The proof hath been perfected, the bounty hath been sent down, and the evidence hath appeared, for the All-Merciful hath come with a sovereignty that hath conquered all who are in the heavens and on earth. Blessed is he who hath turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon and remembereth God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust. We bear witness that he is of the people of Baha in My mighty Book. Rejoice thou with the greatest gladness, inasmuch as the Lord of Power hath turned toward thee from this wondrous Horizon. Beware lest anything hold thee back from God or tales and images veil thee. Hold thou fast unto the cord of steadfastness in such wise that the allusions of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the worlds, shall not prevent thee. Thus hath the Pen spoken from the presence of the Ancient of Days. Blessed is he who hath heard and responded to his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

BH09519: The Most Exalted Pen speaks in the Persian tongue…

In the name of the Peerless All-Knowing One

The Most Exalted Pen speaks in the Persian tongue, that all may attain to and act according to the good-pleasure of God.

Today steadfastness is accounted as the most great of all deeds in the sight of God and is recorded by the Pen of Power in the Divine Book. It is incumbent upon everyone to hold fast unto it and cling to the hem of His bounty, that perchance the various corrupt winds may not prevent him and deprive him from the rose-garden of inner meanings and utterance. This is the counsel of the Wronged One unto all servants. Blessed is he who hath heard and acted according to that which hath been enjoined in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. And woe unto those who have violated the Covenant and followed every remote clamourer.

BH09509: Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God…

He is God, exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Power!

Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God and the God of the worlds, my Answerer and the Answerer of them that are in distress! I beseech Thee by the Word through which that which was and that which shall be were made manifest, that Thou draw me nigh unto Thy most exalted horizon, O Thou in Whose grasp is the reins of all mankind.

I am he, O my God, who hath heard Thy sweetest call and turned unto Thee, O Creator of the heavens! I beseech Thee that Thou disappoint me not from the wonders of Thy bounty and what Thou hast ordained for the choicest among Thy creatures.

O Lord! Thou seest me clinging to the cord of Thy grace and holding fast to the hem of Thy generosity. Wouldst Thou deny one whom Thou hast called unto Thyself? Thou art He to Whose bounty and favors all things have testified. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Great.

BH09355: Since mention was made of thee in Samandar's letter…

He is the Mighty, the Bestower!

Since mention was made of thee in Samandar's letter, therefore hath the Wronged One turned toward thee and made mention of thee in this inscribed Tablet. God willing, thou shalt abide beneath the shade of His providence and soar in the atmosphere of His love. Today is the day of service and the day of deeds. Blessed is the soul that is content and thankful with that which God hath ordained. That which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen shall benefit such souls as act upon it and accept it. This is what God hath testified to in His gracious Book. With a hundred thousand tongues be thou grateful to the Beloved of all creation, for He hath guided thee and granted thee a portion from His ocean of love. Verily He is the Generous Bestower.

BH09969: Say: O my God, my Lord and my Support!…

He is the Rememberer and the Remembered One.

Say: O my God, my Lord and my Support! I beseech Thee by the Name through which the Sun of utterance shone forth from the horizon of possibility and the Ocean of divine knowledge surged amidst the peoples of all religions, to draw me near in all conditions to the horizon of Thy bounty and aid me to remember Thee and praise Thee among Thy creatures in such wise that the veils of humanity may not prevent me from turning toward Thee, O Thou Who holdest destiny in Thy grasp.

O Lord! Thou seest Thy servant turning toward Thee, seeking the Kawthar of Thy loving-kindness. I beseech Thee to deal with me according to what befitteth Thy generosity, Thy grace and Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH09728: I beseech Thee, O my God, by the Word…

He is the Speaker, the Rememberer, the Preserver, the All-Knowing

I beseech Thee, O my God, by the Word wherein Thou hast treasured the pearls of Thy knowledge, and by the Sea that hath surged in Thy name in Thy days, to ordain for Thy handmaidens that which shall preserve them from drawing nigh unto any except Thee. O Lord! I implore Thee by Thy Self to shield them from every sorrow and grief and from whatsoever may hold them back from Thy most exalted horizon. Verily Thou art the Lord of all beings and the Ruler of the last and the first. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great. Bless, O my God, Thy successful servants and Thy successful handmaidens. Verily Thou art the Generous, the Lord of great bounty. There is none other God but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the Bountiful.

BH09967: Say: Glory be to Thee, O Thou by Whose…

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

Say: Glory be to Thee, O Thou by Whose Name the gate of heaven was opened and the people of creation hastened to the Dayspring of Names! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy

generosity to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee, and to decree for me, O my God, that which shall profit me in this world and the world to come. Verily, Thou art He in Whose grasp is the kingdom of the heavens and of the earth. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful.

O Lord! This evanescent servant hath clung to Thy eternal Name and turned to Thy horizon, hoping for the wonders of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him of that which is with Thee. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful.

BH10438: O Habibullah! The Wronged One makes mention of you…

He is God. He is the One dawning from the horizon of the heaven of mystical knowledge

O Habibullah! The Wronged One makes mention of you in such wise that you may find from it the fragrance of the love of God and the sweet-scented breezes of the garment of His chosen ones—they who hastened to the Sea of Life and attained unto that which none of the followers of religions have attained, save whom God, the Possessor of the kingdom of earth and heaven, the Merciful to both kings and subjects, and the Sovereign of the realm of might, did will. Blessed is the soul that has attained unto this most exalted, most glorious station. And woe unto him who has disbelieved and turned away from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH11136: O Ahmad ʿAli! Hearken unto the Call…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great

O Ahmad ʿAli! Hearken unto the Call of the ancient King, which hath been raised from the direction of His Most Great Prison.

BH00322: Praise be befitting and worthy of my Beloved Who…

Section 1: “Praise be befitting and worthy of my Beloved…”

In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord

Praise be befitting and worthy of my Beloved Who caused the Sun of the Most Exalted Word to appear from the horizon of the Tablet through the movement of the Most Exalted Pen, and through that blessed and firm Word adorned the whole world with the garment of existence. He is the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful. The conditions of the world and the intimations of the nations have not and will never prevent Him from that which He hath willed. From time immemorial He hath spoken through the word “Verily I am God” and unto eternity He will utter whatsoever He willeth. No created thing in earth or heaven can frustrate Him, nor can any matter in the kingdom of creation prevent Him from that which He desireth. Exalted be His grandeur, exalted be His dominion, and exalted be His power! He is, verily, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Omnipotent.

I offer praise, peace, and glory unto those who have arisen to aid His Cause and who have voiced His praise amongst His creation. The servant beareth witness that through them steadfastness was manifested among all created things and the banner of victory was raised in this Day wherein the Cry

hath been raised, the Sure Hour hath come to pass, and the Calamity hath appeared. These are servants whom the veils of creation have not hindered and whom the swords of the enemies have not frightened. God hath rendered them sanctified from all corruption and contention and from all that causeth souls to be perturbed. They speak with wisdom, hold fast unto wisdom, and walk in the path of wisdom. These are honored servants, these are sincere servants, no fear shall be upon them, neither shall they grieve.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose love the sighs of them that are nigh unto Thee have ascended and the tears of the sincere ones have fallen! I beseech Thee by the Name through which the Day of Judgment was manifested and every wise decree was revealed, to aid Thy loved ones and chosen ones to serve Thy Cause and to manifest that which Thou hast willed in Thy dominion. O my Lord! Thou beholdest them hastening unto Thee, turning unto Thy face, speaking Thy praise amongst Thy servants, and arising to serve Thee in Thy lands. O my Lord! Assist them through Thy power and sovereignty, and ordain for them that which beseemeth Thy bounty and generosity. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

This servant submitteth that your letters, arriving one after another, have been the cause of joy and the source of gladness to the heart. The exalted Truth is witness that this evanescent servant is occupied day and night in remembrance of the friends of God. All that you had written was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Threshold, and in response to each, the Sun of favor hath shone forth from the heaven of the Divine Will. However, the letters addressed to this servant, as well as the petitions, did not reach this evanescent one for some time due to the turmoil in these parts, excessive rain, and other impediments. After their arrival, a detailed account was presented. Some time ago, a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet specifically addressed to you was revealed from the heaven of oneness and was dispatched, and likewise, in response to the petitions from the land of Kha, mention of you was revealed from the Most Exalted Pen. God willing, all shall attain unto them. When your letter arrived this time, after this evanescent one had read and reviewed it, he attained the Most Holy Presence and presented all before God. This is what the Tongue of God hath spoken from the Kingdom of Utterance:

He is the Witness, the All-Hearing

I have remembered thee before and after, and have sent down unto thee from the Kingdom of utterance that which hath caused the foundations of the earth to tremble. I, verily, am the True One, the All-Knowing. This is the Day whereon all atoms proclaim: The Kingdom is God's! And I, verily, am the All-Seeing Witness. The Pen testifieth unto the Ancient of Days, and I, verily, am the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto My service, circled round My will, soared in the atmosphere of My love, and observed that which was commanded in My perspicuous Book. O Asad! Thou hast attained unto My remembrance aforetime and in this glorious Tablet. We have heard thy call time and again, and that wherewith thou didst commune with God, the Lord of the worlds. We have answered thee with that whereunto nothing can be compared. Thy Lord, verily, answereth whomsoever He willeth, and I am the All-Responding. By God's life! Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Seeing, the All-Encompassing.

God willing, thou shalt attain unto all that hath been revealed in the Divine Books. The bounty of the True One toward His loved ones is manifest and evident as the sun. Were thou to render thanks throughout

the duration of the kingdom of earth and heaven, it would not equal this supreme bounty, nor ever shall. He, verily, praiseth His Own Self through His loved ones. This beseemeth Him and befitteth His Self, the Sovereign over all who are in the heavens and on earth.

From most regions, petitions have reached the Most Holy Court, all adorned with mention of God and speaking of thy services rendered for the sake of God and in His path. God willing, mayest thou be assisted and confirmed by God's grace to mention that which hath been revealed in His Book. Whosoever ariseth today to aid the Cause of God with wisdom and utterance is recorded among the people of the Crimson Ark. Strive that perchance differences may be wholly eliminated and transformed into the light of unity. Thy Lord, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have held fast to the cord of wisdom on this Day, which hath been mentioned in the Books of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling.

All thy services are visible and mentioned in the Most Holy Court. God willing, mayest thou be assisted at all times to aid the Cause, and strive that no matter contrary to wisdom may appear. For if something should appear and cause commotion, the weak souls would perish. In view of divine compassion and His pre-existing mercy, all have been charged to observe wisdom. Its laws have been sent down as a grace from His presence and a kindness from His court. In all conditions His eye of compassion is turned toward the servants. Nevertheless, that which hath never been witnessed in any age is now observed. Shame upon the people who have broken God's Covenant and His Testament, and have forbidden men from drawing nigh unto Him.

Concerning what thou didst write about meeting with the Wolf in the land of Sad, this matter was presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken:

O Asad! The deeds of that heedless ignorant one are a most dense veil that surely prevents him from hearkening to utterances that emerge from the heart and tongue for the sake of God. Nevertheless, We permit association with him; perchance in some matters he may remember or become mindful. Verily He aids whomsoever desires His aid, and heareth the call of whomsoever heareth His call, and turneth unto whomsoever turneth unto Him. Verily thy Beloved is the Near, the Responsive.

Thy turning to the land of Sad is good; perchance someone may be found who will arise as befitteth. If thou attainest the presence of the fruits of the Tree of Faithfulness, convey to them greetings and comfort from the True One. This is what thou art bidden in the Tablet. He is verily the Commander, the All-Knowing. This turning is acceptable before the Throne if it be accomplished with joy and fragrance.

Concerning what thou didst mention about the Blessed Place in the land of Kha, whatsoever was carried out is ratified and accepted before the Throne. However, in the lands of Ya, Shin, Ta, Qaf and Kaf, in view of the wisdom revealed in these days, it is not permitted until its time and season come. It is known that this is the greatest good deed for all, and any deed that is manifested today and proceedeth from a doer is accounted as the king of deeds before God. This blessed word hath previously been heard from the Tongue of Grandeur: every matter, deed and word that is today adorned with the ornament of God's acceptance, its fragrance hath been and shall forever be. Just as there hath been no likeness or similitude for God—exalted be His glory, abundant be His favors, and magnificent be His grandeur—there hath not

been and shall never be any likeness for the good deeds that are manifested in the Days of God for His sake.

Section 2: "People seek children for the perpetuation of their…"

People seek children for the perpetuation of their remembrance, and build mosques and thoroughfares for the preservation of their names—though it is not known how long such names and remembrances will endure between one person and another, or within families. However, whatsoever appeareth in the Days of God—its fragrance and remembrance have endured and shall endure for as long as the kingdom and the realm of heaven exist. These brilliant utterances are manifest and evident from the horizons of divine Tablets. There is nothing that God hath not revealed in the Book.

The servant seeketh forgiveness at all times for his mention, thoughts and utterance. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to expiate my misdeeds and transgressions which, were they to be laid upon the mountains, would render them dust scattered and level plain.

O beloved of my heart! All holy souls should strive to transform the coldness and lifelessness of the world through the fire of the Most Great Name. His Holiness Afnan—upon him be all the most glorious glory—sent a letter to him who beareth the Name of God (66)—upon him be the most glorious glory of God—and deemed it expedient that the Blessed Place be established in a specific location in the surroundings of this land. This matter was accepted in the Most Holy Court. Assuredly, any deed that is performed today in this land or in the lands surrounding this holy land shall be accounted as the sun of deeds in all worlds, and its sweet fragrances shall never be cut off from the world. God willing, may all the friends of God be assisted to achieve that which is befitting today.

Concerning the accounting books of the King of Martyrs, may my spirit be a sacrifice unto him, which you mentioned—certainly the accomplishment of this matter in any form is beloved before God and His loved ones. As for what you wrote regarding the petitions from the Land of Kha which were submitted to the Most Holy Court, as well as the four letters addressed to this servant which you gave to the Afnan, upon him be all the glory of the Most Glorious, to forward—these have arrived and God willing, replies will descend from the heaven of grace and be sent. Praise be to God, all have been honored and achieved success through the radiant effulgences of the Sun of Providence and are mentioned before His Presence. Would that the people of the world could behold the station of this most mighty, most impregnable, most holy and most exalted Cause! By the life of the Beloved, they would pass by themselves and all else like lightning, and would act according to that which exalteth the Cause of God. Verily the Command is in God's hand—He aideth whomsoever He willeth through His Command, and ordaineth what He desireth through His Most Exalted Pen in His holy, mighty and wise Book.

As for what you wrote at the end of your letter that it has been nearly a year since they have been favored with replies to their petitions—the exalted Truth is witness and testament that you have always been mentioned before His Presence. How could it be that one who arises to serve the Cause of God and to make mention of His praise should be deprived of His favors? Far be it! The glances of grace and mercy have ever been and continue to be directed towards His loved ones. His is the praise and the bounty. That

which all the learned, all the mystics, all the eloquent writers and all the wise orators have failed to mention hath appeared and been made manifest.

Furthermore, convey my greetings to the loved ones of God who have quaffed from the wine of steadfastness and are gazing toward the Most Exalted Horizon. God willing, may they not be deprived of spiritual deeds in this luminous Day and may they be enabled to perform such actions as befit this Day. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Compassionate, the Generous.

Regarding what you mentioned about turning toward the Desired Land, it was submitted before the Divine Throne. This is what the Tongue of the Desired One hath spoken forth from His praised station:

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

The Beloved hath heard thy call and hath answered thee through His grace. Verily thy Lord is the Answerer. We have seen thee turning toward the Most Exalted Horizon and We have turned toward thee. Verily thy Lord is the Generous One. We have manifested Our Cause with truth and have sent down what was inscribed in the Tablet, and I am the Great Book. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the traces of My Most Exalted Pen and My beauteous mention. Know thou the value of this station, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Merciful. Behold and remember when thou didst turn toward the Countenance and didst traverse the lands until thou didst enter the Most Exalted Paradise—this Prison which hath been named with the Most Beautiful Names by the tongue of thy Lord, the Creator of heaven—and didst behold the Most Glorious Horizon and didst hear the Call of God, the King, the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing. Thou hast attained unto the presence and hast drunk the Kawthar of reunion. It behooveth thee to remind the people of the goodly things which have been sent down in the Tablets of thy Lord, the Ancient Revealer.

O Asad! Thou hast attained unto the light of His countenance, and stood before His gate, and entered the heaven of His dwellings, and perceived the true Ka'bah, and heard with thine outward ear the voice of Him Who spoke on Sinai. Shouldst thou spend all thy life in praise and thanksgiving and glorification of the Lord of Names, it would be as nothing compared to this bounty. Now thou must occupy thyself with teaching His Cause with wisdom and utterance. By the life of God, this station is most great! O Asad! With perfect detachment and sincerity, fix thy gaze upon God, remember Him, speak of Him, and turn to Him. He verily witnesseth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing.

God willing, may earthly means not prevent the friends of God from mentioning Him, praising Him, and teaching His Cause. We make mention of Our loved ones in all lands and give them glad tidings of God's remembrance, the Lord of all worlds. Say: O My friends on earth! The fragrances of revelation have been wafted among you. Be thankful to your Creator for this mighty bounty. Purify your hearts that the effulgence of My Name, the Most Merciful, may be established therein, for I am the Compassionate. We give you glad tidings of what hath been ordained for you in God's Kingdom and counsel you to manifest supreme steadfastness on this Day whereon the call of the Lord of Return hath been raised, and behind it is heard the buzzing of flies.

Thus have We revealed the pearls of Our all-encompassing knowledge. Doth the world sadden you after ye have witnessed its transience? By the life of God, it shall perish, and there shall remain for you that

which no swift penman can describe. Hold fast unto the cord of steadfastness in all conditions. He verily commandeth you that which profiteth you. To this testify the Concourse on High and the dwellers of Paradise in this exalted station. Glory be upon you and upon My handmaidens who have attained unto the waters of My love and the choice wine of My knowledge, and have turned toward My luminous horizon.

Praise be to God that in this time, time and again, ye have attained unto the bounties of the Desired One of all worlds. God willing, may ye ever attain unto this most great bounty and mighty gift. That which is most beloved in the presence of God this day is unity and concord. It is hoped that the world may be illumined by its light. Your honor must exert the utmost effort in this regard. He is verily the Protector of the doers of good. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this Cause and have arisen to serve God, the Lord of all worlds.

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BH01745: Praise be to God Who has made correspondence…

He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power!

Praise be to God Who has made correspondence the interpreter between His loved ones who have inhaled the fragrances of His verses, turned to His sovereignty, and cast aside what they possessed in hope of what He possesses. He is indeed the Single One, the Witness, the All-Seeing. And prayers and peace be upon His Prophets, His chosen ones, and His pure ones who spoke His praise, spread His traces, and commanded people to act according to what was revealed in His mighty, great Book.

May my spirit be a sacrifice for your steadfastness! The servant has gathered from the trees of your utterance the fruits of your knowledge, and thereby his breast was dilated and his heart rejoiced. When I learned of this I sought the ultimate goal and presented it before His Countenance. He spoke, and His sweetest utterance was:

> “We rejoice in what comes from him. We beseech the Exalted One to strengthen him, enable him to remember and praise Him, and draw him nigh unto Him outwardly and inwardly. He is indeed the True Speaker, the Trustworthy.”

O thou who gazest toward the Most Exalted Horizon! There was presented before His Countenance what was composed by him who was named Ahmad in the Kingdom of Names, and the servant in attendance at the gate recited it. We beseech the Exalted One to strengthen him in that whereby his mention shall endure through the eternity of His most beautiful names in the kingdom of creation. He is the Lord of the Throne and earth, and the Master of the hereafter and the former times. There is no God but He, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The servant read his verse and found it a brilliant star in the heaven of eloquence and rhetoric, and I beseech the Intended One to cause him to speak that whereby hearts and minds are attracted. I hope that you will convey greetings to him on behalf of this servant who holds fast to the cord of his Lord’s tender mercy, the Powerful.

And what you wrote previously regarding Mulla Yusuf, upon him be the Glory of God—I presented what he composed before His Countenance. The Master smiled and said:

> "Praise be to God Who enabled him to turn to that from which most of creation turned away. I beseech the Exalted One to grant him a goodly reward from His presence. He is indeed the Guardian of those who remember and the Companion of the believers. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds."

And regarding what you wrote that the physician, upon him be the Glory of God, was irritated by the word wisdom—when I presented this, the Master said: "He should rejoice in wisdom and keep it before his eyes."

And concerning what you mentioned about the prisoner, upon him be the Glory of God—when I presented it before His Countenance, the Beloved said:

> "We have mentioned the prisoner before and after with such mention that those who turn to God find from it the fragrance of sincerity to God, the One, the Single, the Unique, the All-Informed. O prisoner! Hearken to the call of the Wronged One. He remembers you and commands you to what is right in all conditions, and counsels you to wisdom, for through it man's station becomes manifest among the people of possibility. O prisoner! We send Our prayers upon you from this station, and upon those who associate with the servants with spirit and fragrance, and with the wisdom which God has sent down in the Book."

I hope that you will convey greetings and glorification on behalf of the servant to the sisters. God knows that the servant remembers them most of the time. Peace and glory be upon you and the people of the household and upon those who follow God's decree in all conditions.

And regarding what you mentioned about the Khan, upon him be the Glory of God, the Beloved said:

> "Neither he nor those with him should turn toward this direction. He must hear what We command him. By the life of the Beloved, if he does what he desires, We shall neither face him nor associate with him until God wills."

The servant, on 8 Jumada II 1298.

BH00291: Praise be to God Who hath individuated Himself through…

Introduction

In the name of our Lord, the Most Impenetrable, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious.

Praise be to God Who hath individuated Himself through utterance and warbled through speech. Verily He it is Who spoke the First Word, whereupon the Supreme Pen was thunderstruck by the sweetness of the Call. When it recovered, supreme joy overtook it; it prostrated itself and said: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven, for having caused me to hear Thy sweetest call and made me the interpreter for Thy servants in the kingdom of creation. I beseech Thee, O Lord of all beings and Sovereign

of the hereafter and the former times, to make my shrill voice a Kawthar of life for all contingent beings and the choice wine of divine knowledge for the followers of all religions.

Thou art He from Whose knowledge nothing escapeth, and no decree is impossible for Thee. Thou givest and withholdest, and Thou art the Almighty to Whose power and sovereignty all atoms testify, and all beings to Whose might and authority bear witness. Blessed is the servant who hath tasted the Salsabil of Thy love, cast away vain imaginings through Thy Name, shattered the idols through Thy power, and arose to serve Thee out of love for Thy Beauty. I beseech Thee to make me a light unto Thy loved ones and a fire unto Thine enemies. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Ruler over whatsoever He pleaseth, and in Thy hand is the kingdom of creation. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O God of creation, known by Thy Name, the Truth! Thou knowest, seest, and bearest witness that this evanescent servant hath exerted his utmost effort and striving to manifest Thy Cause, to exalt Thy Word, and to convey that wherewith Thou hast gladdened Thy servants and creatures, that they might behold Thy path and turn toward it with insight from Thee. Let them not be hindered by the allusions of those who have turned away from Thy Beauty, been heedless of Thy proof, and rejected that which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy bounty and grace. O Lord! Illumine the eyes of Thy servants with the lights of Thy countenance and their hearts with the radiance of Thy knowledge. O Lord! They are Thy servants and Thy creation; acquaint them with that which they have neglected. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

O my God, my Beloved! Thou art witness and well aware that this evanescent servant is occupied with Thy remembrance and that of Thy loved ones throughout the nights and days, and with utmost lowliness and supplication beseecheth Thee to confirm those souls who are enkindled with the fire of Thy love and are engaged in Thy service under all conditions. Thou art the Powerful and the Mighty. Thou beholdest that some have arisen to serve Thy Cause and are traveling through various lands in Thy Name. O Lord of the world and Goal of the nations! Increase at all times the fire of love in steadfast souls and protect them from oppressive hands, in such wise that no languor may overtake it nor pursue it. O Lord! Enable them to observe that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and Thou art the All-Hearing, the All-Responding.

This humble one has repeatedly been blessed with your letters which diffused the fragrance of love for the Beloved of the worlds. In truth, each letter was a volume in praise of the Friend and a herald proclaiming souls' arising to serve the Beloved. Blessed are the people of Baha whom nothing has prevented from that which they were commanded in the Book of our Lord, our Goal and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and earth. After observing these letters and traces from that beloved one, this servant found himself in such joy that the pen is powerless to describe it. After presenting this at the Most Holy Court and turning towards the Most Exalted Horizon, details were submitted. Repeatedly mention was made of you from the Tongue of Grandeur. May you ever be and continue to be blessed with that which God loves and is pleased with. These effulgent words shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance:

He is the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth

O dear one! The servant in attendance has repeatedly presented your letters at the Most Holy Court. Praise be to God that you have been assisted to serve the Cause of God and to mention and praise Him. Verily He remembers whoever remembers Him, answers whoever seeks Him, and hears the mention of His loved ones and the praise of His chosen ones, and sees what befalls them in His path. All souls were created to serve the Cause of God, yet today most are veiled and occupied with their own imaginings. It behooves you, O dear one, and My loved ones to thank God for having aided you to remember Him and enabled you to serve Him and to manifest what He desired.

Verily He is the Master of the servants, the Sovereign of creation, and the Ruler in the beginning and in the end. O dear one, strive to attain all bounties and become the cause of affection and unity of hearts. The True One, exalted be His glory, created the world through loving kindness and compassion, and revealed sacred laws for the unity and concord of the people of the world, yet the heedless servants made it the cause of revolution and discord. Blessed is the soul who strives for the unity of the world's peoples—such a one is of the people of Baha in the Crimson Book.

Blessed are ye, O inheritors of Moses, in that ye have turned, heard, responded and arisen to serve God, the Lord of the worlds. Verily He heareth what your tongues have uttered and seeth what ye have done in His path. He is verily the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing. We send Our greetings from this station upon thee and upon My loved ones there, and We have mentioned them and will mention them in that whereby their names shall endure throughout the kingdom. Thy Lord is verily the Powerful, the Mighty. God willing, may you be occupied at all times with the spread of the Word with perfect wisdom.

Thus far several Tablets and numerous letters have been sent. God willing, you have received them and will continue to receive them. A few days ago a detailed Tablet was revealed from the heaven of will and was sent, and specifically exalted Tablets were revealed for the mentioned souls—some were sent and some were delayed due to new circumstances. God willing, all will be sent. Two Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablets specifically for Aqa Shahvirdi and Aqa Isma'il, upon them be 96 [Baha'u'llah], which are among the remaining Tablets to be sent, will God willing be sent this time. A letter came from Tiflis and was immediately answered. God willing it has arrived and they have received it. Regarding what you mentioned about your brother Aqa Asadu'llah, it was presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court. This is what was revealed in reply:

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

O dear one! Previously, special verses were sent down for Asadu'llah and Rahmatu'llah, and some wondrous and exalted verses descended from the heaven of loving-kindness and were dispatched. God willing, may they be blessed by the fragrances of divine verses and be engaged in His mention and praise. We make mention in this station of him who is named Jahangir H.A. and give him the glad tidings of God's grace and mercy. Verily, He is the Protector of the sincere ones. O Jahangir! The All-Knowing One has turned towards thee and makes mention of thee with exalted words that thou mayest rejoice and be among the thankful. We have made mention of those who have believed with a remembrance whose fragrance shall not cease throughout the duration of thy Lord's names, the All-Knowing.

Ask thou God to assist thee to remain steadfast in this Cause and to give thee to drink from the choice wine of His utterance, the Mighty, the Wondrous. The Promise hath come, and the Sovereign of the Manifestation speaketh before the Mount: “Verily, there is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Wise.” How many a learned one hath spoken through passion, and how many an ignorant one hath attained to the mention of the Lord of all beings, Who proclaimeth throughout the world: “Verily, there is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.” The glory rest upon thee and upon him who hath found the fragrance of the All-Merciful as it wafted between the heavens and the earth.

Mihr ʿAli Khan of Khaf

And likewise, concerning Jinab-i-Mihr ʿAli Khan, these exalted words were revealed from the heaven of grace:

He is the Dawning-Place from the horizon of proof

Glorified be He Who hath appeared and manifested what He desired. Verily, He is the One sought after in the beginning and in the end. O Mihr-ʿAli! There hath come before the Wronged One a letter wherein thou wast mentioned. We have made mention of thee with a remembrance that nothing can equal, as attesteth He with Whom is the decisive Word. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the Word of God and His remembrance, and woe unto every heedless doubter. Be thou vocal in the praise of thy Lord and steadfast in the service of His Cause in all conditions. Say: O servants of the All-Merciful in all lands! Fear ye God and abandon not what ye call upon by night and day.

This is your Lord, the All-Merciful, Who hath come with clear proof. Reflect, O ye who are endowed with insight! This is indeed the Promised One, through Whose mention the Scriptures and Tablets have been adorned. Say: By God! He hath come for your life and teacheth you what shall profit you in every world of the worlds of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the Greatest Joy or deny the bounty of God which hath descended in […] Blessed art thou for having attained unto the recognition of God and His Cause when every misbelieving transgressor turned away from Him. The glory rest upon thee and upon those who have held fast to […] the Most Great which was sent down from God, the Lord of Lords.

And concerning what you wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Sadiq, that after returning from the Land of Purpose he proceeded to Bukhara and guided two souls from among those related to Kalim to the Supreme Horizon—this detail was presented at the Most Holy Court. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur uttered:

He is the One manifest in the fortress of Akka through His Most Beautiful Names

We make mention of Muhammad-Qabli-Sadiq who attained the lights of the Kingdom when the Sovereign of might came with an authority that conquered all who dwell in the realm of possibility. He attained the lights of faith when the All-Merciful appeared with this Name whereby the hearts of lovers were melted. This is the Day wherein that which was never manifested before hath appeared, and that which caused the hearts of the chosen ones to be attracted hath been uttered. Say: This is the Day of God, did ye but know it, and this is the Cause of God, did ye but recognize it. Say: He walketh and the

hosts of revelation, bearing the banners of verses, circle round Him—yet the people understand not. Say: He speaketh in the Kingdom of utterance saying "I am, verily, the All-Merciful"—yet most people hear not. They behold the proof of God yet turn away from it, and hear the verses of God yet dispute them—verily they perceive not.

We make mention of him who desired to drink from the Kawthar of utterance from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Mighty, the Loving, that this remembrance may draw him to a station wherein he may partake of that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken: "Verily, I am God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting." Reflect upon that which hath appeared in the realm of possibility and that which the All-Merciful hath sent down; then shalt thou find thyself in the stronghold of knowledge. Thus doth He command thee, with Whom is the preserved Book. Remember thy Lord in all conditions. He remembereth him who remembereth Him and aideth him who hath turned to the Praised Station. And We make mention of the other one whose acceptance hath been mentioned in this forbidden prison. Verily the Wronged One loveth God and His chosen ones, and remembereth them in the night season and throughout the day, at eventide and at dawn. Take the chalice of certitude in the name of thy Lord, despite those who have disbelieved in God by following the people of idle fancies.

As to what you wrote concerning the Mashriqu'l-Adhkar and the Mahall al-Barakah, and the Mahall-i-Shur, and the united and assured souls—praise be to God that the friends of Truth have attained to the service of the Cause. Regarding the blessed spot for which permission was previously sought and granted, and the Mashriqu'l-Adhkar which was revealed in the Most Holy Book, and consultation which hath ever been heard from the Tongue of Grandeur—all these matters are contingent upon wisdom, until difficulties and commotion be removed and they become not the cause of grief and sorrow to holy hearts. This evanescent servant beseecheth God that He may aid all the friends to that which is beloved, and concerning what you wrote asking that God may grant success to act with utmost steadfastness according to His revealed laws in His Book during His days.

This matter that was submitted received a manifestation of favor from the horizon of grace, shining and evident, and He spoke these blessed words, exalted be His glory:

May their mention, God willing, be manifest and evident from the horizons of the Book. This is a station wherein the denizens of the Kingdom take pride. Rejoice, O friends of God, in that the glance of God hath been directed towards you from His mighty Throne, and hath mentioned you in such wise as to cause the Supreme Paradise to rejoice—and I am the All-Seeing Witness. God willing, may your names be mentioned at the Throne, your temples stand in service before His Cause, your tongues speak His praise and utterance, and your eyes be directed to the Most Great Prospect. Rejoice in that ye have attained unto mentions that cannot be equaled by anything that eyes can behold. God willing, strive ye that discord and differences may be removed from the world. It behooveth you to observe the counsels of God and that which ye have been commanded by One Who is Sympathetic, All-Knowing.

A letter from His Honor Aqa Muhammad-Taqi, upon him be the Glory of God, was written to this lowly one. After reading it, this lowly one submitted its details before His Presence. This is what the Tongue of the All-Merciful uttered in the Kingdom of utterance:

He is the Rememberer and the Remembered

O Muhammad-Qabli-Taqi! May thou drink at all times from the ocean of the All-Merciful's bounty and engage, purely for His sake, in service to His Cause. Time and again hath thy mention flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is the servant who hath attained unto this most glorious station. Woe unto the heedless! This Day is attributed unto the Truth. All the friends must strive to receive their full portion thereof. We make mention of Abdul-Baha and give him the glad-tidings of My Most Great Remembrance, and counsel him with that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds, will be exalted. And We make mention of Abdul-Jalal that he may rejoice in the bounty of his Lord, the All-Bountiful. Blessed is the youth who hath turned with his heart to the Most Sublime Horizon, and blessed is the child who hath spoken that which the Nightingale spoke upon the branches of the Lote-Tree that proclaimeth: "There is none other God but Me, the Forgiving, the Merciful." The glory be upon thee and upon thy two sons and thy wife from the presence of the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

And likewise concerning Aqa Ishaq these sublime words shone forth from the Dayspring of the Will of the Revealer of verses:

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Generous

This is a Book sent down by the All-Bestowing to him who hath turned unto the Countenance and drunk the choice wine of life from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the All-Bountiful. O Ishaq! The Luminary of the horizons, Who is imprisoned in this fortress through that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought, maketh mention of thee. Hearken unto the Call from the direction of the snow-white Spot, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Verily He heareth thy call and witnesseth thy turning unto Him. He hath turned unto thee and made mention of thee in this perspicuous Tablet. Grieve not at anything, but place thy trust in all matters in the Strong, the Almighty. Verily He is with those who love Him—He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Ask thou God to assist all to achieve that which the Dayspring of Revelation hath desired and to aid them to serve His Most Great and Mighty Cause.

Thy [intention?] hath also been accepted before the Throne. Verily it hath been adorned with the ornament of acceptance from God, the Mighty, the Wise. Previously, the glad-tidings of this matter were written and sent. Convey my greetings to the divine friends who are present in that land. Express my sincere greetings and praise to the spiritual loved one, the son of Ismullah-i-Asdaq—upon them both be 966 [Baha'u'llah]. The expression of sincerity and praise from this servant is bound to the love of that person. Likewise, I convey greetings to all the honored ones—Mulla Ali and Aqa Mirza Kazim, upon them both be 966 [Baha'u'llah], and Aqa Khudadad and others, upon them be the glory of God. I hope that through the detachment of these assured souls, the effects of detachment may become manifest in the world, and through their steadfastness in God's Cause, they may become the cause of steadfastness and assurance for doubtful and troubled souls. By the life of the Beloved! Pure deeds have influence in the kingdom. This matter is clear and evident to every person of insight. Blessed are the companions of God, and blessed are His loved ones through whom the decree of the Covenant appeared and the horizons were illumined.

O friends! Today is the Day wherein whatsoever appeareth for God's sake shall endure and remain established through the perpetuity of God's names. The servant beseecheth his Lord and your Lord, his Beloved and your Beloved, to assist him and you in this Cause whereby the mighty deep hath been stirred, and every mighty fortress and every lofty mountain hath quaked. Praise be to God, our Lord, the Mighty, the Impregnable.

BH01695: That which is hidden beareth witness through My Name…

He is the One Who is Manifest, the All-Loving, the Forgiving, the Merciful

That which is hidden beareth witness through My Name, the Self-Subsisting, that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved. That which is treasured up beareth witness—and verily this is the Manifest, the Witnessed One—speaking in all things that there is none other God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. The Hidden circleth round Him Who hath appeared with truth, and the Manifest hath arisen to praise His Own Self on this Day wherein all things have proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Possessor of existence."

The Books have testified to this Most Great Name, and the Scriptures have bowed down when the verses were sent down from the presence of an Ancient Sender. The world hath been honored by the appearance of the Lord of Eternity. Blessed be he who hath turned and attained, and woe unto the deniers.

Say: This is the Day whereon the Sun of Justice is seen behind the clouds by reason of what the hands of the oppressors have wrought. This is the Day whereof God gave tidings—the Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds. This is the Day whereon the Speaker on Sinai speaketh, when the Lord of Revelation hath appeared with clear sovereignty. This is the Day adorned by its mention in the Scriptures of God, the Mighty, the Wise.

Blessed is he who hath cast the world behind him and turned unto the Most Sublime Horizon with a fire whereby the hearts of the mystics were attracted, and with a light whereby the darkness of the earth was illumined. Thus hath the Supreme Pen spoken while the Wronged One was seated upon the throne of His Name, the Forgiving, the Generous.

O Pen of Eternity! The Most Great Name commandeth thee to make mention of him who hath ascended unto God, who was named Mihdi in the Perspicuous Book. Bear thou witness that he turned unto the Truth when the people were veiled by a thick veil. He it is who rent asunder the veils through the Name of his Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, and turned unto God until he arrived within the precincts of the mercy of his Lord, the Glorious, the Generous. He it is who crossed land and sea in his longing for the meeting with God, in such wise that the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise make mention of him. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this from His exalted station. By God's life! The people of the Kingdom were attracted by his turning unto God. Thus doth He make mention of him Who hath come with a Cause before which all who are in the heavens and earth shall fall prostrate.

The Light shining from the face of thy Lord, the Lord of Names, after the passing away of all things, be upon thee, O thou who didst quaff the choice wine of revelation from the hand of bounty of the

Fashioner of the heavens, when trembling seized all the dwellers of the earth. Thou art he whom the affairs of the world deterred not, nor the veils of the nations. Thou art he who cast away the sources of idle fancies and turned unto My Name, the Self-Subsisting, at Whose appearance the learned wailed with the wailing of the bereaved, and the mystics were shaken, save whom God pleased, the Peerless, the All-Informed.

We testify that through thee faithfulness was made manifest in this Cause, whereat every heedless doubter broke the Covenant. I bear witness that thou didst attain unto tribulation when the Call was raised from the direction of grandeur and greatness. Blessed art thou, O Mihdi, and joy be unto thee, O Mihdi! Thou art he who soared in My atmosphere, who spoke My praise, who arose to serve Me, and who bore afflictions and calamities in My path. Verily nothing is hidden from His knowledge—He was with thee in all conditions, He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the Witness, the All-Hearing.

Thou art he who left his homeland, turning toward the station of the All-Merciful, until thou didst take up for thyself a dwelling place before His face. This is a bounty whereunto nothing in earth or heaven can be compared, as witnesseth He by Whom the Snow-White Spot is adorned—this resplendent Station. Blessed be the soul that hath attained unto thy mention and praise, and blessed be he who hath visited thee, as proclaimed by the Supreme Pen. We testify that he is among the triumphant.

Today thou art beneath the glances of thy Lord's loving-kindness. Whenever the Banner of the Manifestation passeth over thee, the Speaker on Sinai maketh mention of thee with such mention as causeth them that lie in the graves to be stirred. And praise be to God, the Mighty, the Glorious, the Forgiving.

BH03084: This is mentioned in the Persian tongue so…

In the Name of the All-Knowing Speaker

This is mentioned in the Persian tongue so that the souls in that land may hear and discover: The True One, exalted be His glory, promised and gave glad tidings to all the peoples of the earth through the tongue of the Prophets and Messengers concerning this most holy, most mighty and most luminous Day, that all might prepare themselves for the divine presence and not let slip the time.

Yet when the Sun of Revelation shone forth from the horizon of Will, all turned away and rose up in opposition. Would that they had been content with such actions! Rather, they arose to spread calumnies and issued verdicts for the shedding of pure blood. There remained no land wherein their blood was not shed, and no air unto which their sighs did not ascend. Verily thy Lord is the All-Numbering, the All-Knowing.

These abominable deeds have been and will be the cause of tribulation and hardship for all on earth. For many years afflictions have not ceased from the earth but rather pour forth like torrential rain. If they subside in one direction, they flame forth from another.

Holy, assured, content and well-pleased souls—whatever befalls them has been and will be in the path of God. If they are martyred, their spirits ascend to the Most Glorious Companion and find their dwelling in

the highest Paradise. By the life of God, theirs is the best end and most excellent return! But oppressive souls shall be afflicted with the flames of divine wrath a second time, and after their spirits depart they shall be tormented with a punishment a hundred thousand times more severe than earthly torment. Thus doth inform thee He with Whom is the knowledge of the Book.

Afflictions will not cease until they repent and return unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed art thou for having turned to the Face when every ignorant doubter turned away.

Convey this Tablet to the loved ones in that land that they may attain supreme joy and become aware of their station and rank, and preserve their stations through the Name of God. The glory be upon thee and upon them from the presence of the Kind, the All-Merciful.

BH03266: Observe and reflect upon what hath come to pass…

In the name of the Desire of the world

Observe and reflect upon what hath come to pass in the world. The divines and mystics of the earth were, night and day, supplicating and yearning to attain unto the presence of the Divine Day which was mentioned and recorded in the Books. Whenever they would hear the word “Qa’im” they would all rise up in reverence to His name and utter the words “May God hasten His relief.” Throughout this time they failed to perceive what distress existed that they should seek relief for His Holiness from God. They were deprived of understanding this matter.

Furthermore, when the horizon of the world was illumined with the light of the appearance of the Most Great Herald, all arose in opposition and inflicted upon that blessed Being, Who was in truth a divine subtlety and a celestial melody, that which hath been heard and witnessed. And when afterwards the Sun of Truth dawned from the Horizon of Will, it was observed what they said and what they committed. In truth the Pen is powerless to recount it. To prove their contentions they cling to the Book while remaining heedless of and turning away from the Mother Book. More remote than these souls are the people of the Bayan, who have been and continue to be deprived by the buzzing of a fly from the divine melody, and who have remained far from the Lord of Lords.

Now consider the worth and station of the souls who have accepted the Faith. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of utterance that these souls have no peer or likeness, for the greatest veil, which was the divines of the age, did not prevent them from the Truth, exalted be His glory. With the arm of certitude they shattered the idols of vain imaginings and turned toward the Lord of this manifest Day. Blessed are ye for having attained unto this most exalted station, to which the Lord of creation hath testified in His mighty prison. I counsel you and My loved ones to remain steadfast in this Most Great, Most Mighty Cause.

The glory be upon you from God, the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH04046: We have observed thy turning unto Us and have…

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

We have observed thy turning unto Us and have turned unto thee from this Station wherein the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth: “There is no God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.” We have heard thy call and have answered thee through this Book which, when sent down from the heaven of thy Lord’s Will, caused all things to proclaim: “By God! The Promised One hath come with manifest sovereignty!” This is the Day of Remembrance and Utterance, yet the people perceive not. This is the Day wherein the Herald calleth out continually: “Rejoice, O peoples of the earth, for the Most Great Joy hath appeared, inasmuch as the Temple of the Cause hath been established upon the throne of His Name, the Self-Subsisting.”

Say: Fear God, and follow not your idle fancies. Follow Him Who hath come unto you with a Command from God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Say: Soon shall your ornaments and that wherein ye take pride this day perish, while that which hath been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen shall endure in a preserved Tablet. Blessed art thou for having turned unto God when heedless servants turned away from Him—they who cast behind them God’s Covenant and Testament by following every rejected ignorant one. We ordained the sciences for the knowledge of My Name, the Self-Subsisting, yet when He appeared in truth, every imagined learned one turned away from Him. Blessed is the servant whom the veils of glory have not withheld from the All-Glorious, the Self-Sufficient. We testify that he is of the people of Baha in a preserved Tablet.

We send Our greetings from this Station to the faces of Our loved ones in that place, who have held fast to the Book when it was sent down in truth and who have acted according to that which they were commanded by the True One, the Knower of things unseen. The glory be upon thee and upon thy father and thy mother and those with thee, from God, the Lord of all kingdoms.

BH04342: God, exalted be His glory, praises and glorifies Himself…

In the Name of the One God

God, exalted be His glory, praises and glorifies Himself through His friends, and this is the true praise and glorification. Whosoever attains to this station has attained to all good. Praise be to God!

After the Sun of Permission dawned from the horizon of the Will of the Lord of Oneness, thou didst journey toward the Prison, and didst arrive at that praiseworthy place, and didst hear the voice of the Wronged One. If thou wert to become aware of the greatness and majesty of this station, such joy would seize thee that its sweetness would never fade.

All bounty and grace and favor have been and shall ever be within the grasp of God’s power, exalted be His glory. He bestoweth whatsoever He willeth and withholdeth whatsoever He desireth. Praise be unto Him! Again, praise be unto Him for having caused thee to attain unto this most great station!

The whole of creation hath been brought into being for the recognition of this blessed and glorious Day. Nevertheless, all are observed to be veiled and deprived save whom God willeth, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having enabled me to recognize the Dayspring of Thy Cause and the Dawning-Place of Thy most beautiful names amidst all peoples. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Glorious Name to assist me under all conditions to remain steadfast in this mighty Cause, whereby the hearts of those who clung to what they possessed and turned away from what Thou hast were thrown into commotion. O Lord! Thou seest me clinging to the hem of Thy bounty. Ordain for me that which shall profit me in Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and within Thy grasp is the dominion of the kingdom of the heavens and earth. Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!

BH04820: This is a Book sent down in truth…

He is the One Who hath dawned from the horizon of the world.

This is a Book sent down in truth from God, the Lord of the worlds. Verily it acquainteth the people with the Dawning-Place of divine inspiration and guideth them to My straight path.

Say: By God! The promise hath come to pass, and He Who was promised hath appeared, yet most of the people remain heedless. The world hath been adorned with the lights of the Most Great Name, yet most of the nations wander distracted. The wine of vain desires hath so seized them that they have been kept back from the Lord of all beings, Who speaketh the truth: “There is none other God but Me, the Forgiving, the Generous.”

Blessed is he who hath heard the call of God and responded to his Lord, the Manifest, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. We have heard thy call and have called out to thee from the direction of the luminous Spot, and We have seen thy turning toward Us on this Day whereon the Lord of destiny proclaimeth from the Most Great Scene: “There is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.” Say: By God! The Mother Book speaketh the truth, were ye of them that hear.

Say: He hath appeared with that Justice wherewith mankind hath been adorned, and yet the people are, for the most part, asleep. Cast away what ye possess, in the name of your Lord, the Lord of all mankind, and take hold of that which ye have been commanded by One Who is knowing and wise. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, while imprisoned in this mighty place.

The glory of God rest upon thee and upon whoso hath heard My call and turned unto My horizon and circled round My will and acted according to that which hath been sent down in My Book that beareth witness in My Kingdom that there is none other God but Me, the Manifest, the All-Knowing.

BH04905: O ʿAli! If thou shouldst praise God, exalted be…

In the Name of the One Friend

O ʿAli! If thou shouldst praise God, exalted be His glory, with all the tongues of the world, it would still be little and insufficient. Reflect upon His boundless grace and favor—He hath enabled thee to attain unto a Cause from which the learned ones, the mystics, the men of letters, and the princes of the earth are seen to be heedless and deprived.

All people, with the utmost lowliness and supplication, beseeched the Self-Sufficient, the Exalted, for the attainment of this Day which is mentioned as the Day of God. Yet when the lights of the promised Day dawned from the Dayspring of divine Will, all remained veiled and bereft thereof, save whom thy Lord, the Lord of all worlds, willed.

Through the infinite bounty of the Friend thou hast become aware of this divine subtlety and turned towards the truth. That Word which the chiefs of the earth flee from hearing and avoid—through divine grace thou didst hear it and turn to the most exalted horizon. This station is most great—guard it from the treacherous and the thieves.

Convey to all the friends in that land the greetings of the Wronged One and say: This is the Day of remembrance and praise, and the Day of steadfastness and service, for whatsoever is manifested from any soul in the Divine Day endureth as long as the Most Beautiful Names endure.

BH04760: Divine favors have been directed towards you and you…

In the name of the One Friend.

Divine favors have been directed towards you and you have been engaged in the mention of God and service to His Cause. All matters are remembered before His presence and recorded in the Preserved Tablet. The reward of no one has been lost. Know thou the value of this exalted station and preserve it as thou wouldst thy life. God willing, may the coldness of the earthly world not prevent thee from being enkindled, nor deprive thee from the eternal station. Know thou the value of this bounty and speak forth in praise and thanksgiving.

The Tablets which you had requested in previous years and which were promised, were revealed in those same days until they were sent this year in the company of Mulla Muhammad-ʿAli. Verily, He fulfilleth what He hath promised.

The Divine Tablet has been and will ever be a helper and supporter in all conditions—that is, in life and death, in presence and absence. For the living it is the Water of Life, and for the dead it is eternal and abiding remembrance. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the Word of God in his life and after his death. This is why the Primal Point—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him—hath said that all exists for the sake of being mentioned but once in His presence.

Therefore be thou grateful for thy Lord's favor and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and the earth, for having honored me and granted me what I desired from the ocean of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous."

BH05257: Praise be to God that through the effulgences…

In the name of the Aim of all the worlds!

Praise be to God that through the effulgences of the rays of the Sun of divine favor thou hast succeeded in that which most of the servants are deprived and forbidden.

How many are the possessors of knowledge and learning who today walk in the paths of fancy and vain imaginings, although all have acknowledged and do acknowledge the appearance of the Truth and the advent of the Promised One with the Cause of God. Woe unto them and unto those who follow them without any clear proof or Book from God, the Lord of the worlds.

Know thou the value of thine own station and strive that thou mayest attain to that which, when mentioned, shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endureth. That which the senses perceive today shall soon return to nothingness. But that which floweth from the Most Exalted Pen hath been and shall forever be eternal.

Hold thou fast unto the cord of the favor of thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. In all matters fix thy gaze upon the Truth and place thy trust in Him.

Say: O my God! I have turned wholly unto Thee. Through Thy bounty, ordain for me that which Thou desirest. I know not what profiteth me. Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Word and by the Supreme Horizon to ordain for me through the Pen of Thy bounty that which shall benefit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH05260: Praised be God Who manifested Himself and uttered…

In the Name of Him Who is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

Praised be God Who manifested Himself and uttered a Word whereby all who are in the heavens and earth were thunderstruck, save certain Letters of the Countenance. Thus doth the Supreme Pen testify at this hour when the Lord of all beings hath, with His Most Glorious Name, been established upon His mighty throne.

Blessed art thou for having turned thy face toward the Countenance of God by His leave, and for having entered the Most Great Prison, and for having stood at the door and heard the call of the Wronged One Who summoneth all unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Blessed is the eye that hath beheld the Most Great Sign, and the ear that hath heard My most sweet call, and the heart that hath turned toward My most exalted horizon.

By My life! This is the Day of witnessing and meeting, yet most of the people are fast asleep. Rejoice thou for having attained unto Him Who was promised in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds, and of Whom every Prophet and every trusted Messenger gave glad tidings.

We have forgiven thee and accepted from thee what thou didst desire in the path of God. Be thou thankful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds.

We send Our greetings upon thee and upon Ahmad who hath outstripped most of the servants in his love for God and his turning unto Him, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. And We send Our greetings upon those

who have believed in that land and give them glad tidings through this Remembrance whereby their names shall endure in the Kingdom of their Lord, the Mighty, the Invincible.

BH06420: This is the Day which all peoples were promised…

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

This is the Day which all peoples were promised in the previous Books. Each of the Prophets and Messengers, by the command of the Lord of the Worlds, gave tidings to all on earth of this blessed Day which is attributed to the Truth. How excellent is the state of the one who became aware of it and found himself detached and free from all else save God.

Today the Mother Book calleth out and summoneth the peoples of the world to the Lord of Eternity. Blessed is he who possesseth the hearing wherewith to hear its call and turneth to it with his heart.

Rejoice thou in that the Wronged One hath remembered thee from the precincts of His Most Great Prison and giveth thee glad tidings of that which hath been revealed in the Scriptures of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

God willing, through the grace of God, exalted be His glory, thou shalt drink from the Kawthar of steadfastness and receive thy portion of the choice sealed Wine, and engage in service to the divine Cause. This is the greatest of all deeds in the sight of the Self-Sufficing, the Most High.

Blessed are they that attain! Blessed are they that understand! Praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds.

BH06639: The fire has been kindled by the deeds…

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

The fire has been kindled by the deeds of the transgressors who have violated God's covenant and testament and followed every remote oppressor. We made knowledge for the recognition of the Known One, but when He appeared in truth, every dubious scholar turned away from Him. The people have committed that which has caused the Concourse on High and the dwellers of Paradise to lament, as witnessed by the One Who possesses the Preserved Tablet.

When the fire of their own selves encompassed them, they cried for help but found no helper, and they called out but received no response. Thus was the matter decreed from the presence of the Mighty, the Powerful. Greater than what befell them in their vain life has been ordained for the transgressors, as attested by the Lord of creation when seated upon His mighty throne.

Blessed is he who has attained the supreme martyrdom in this Day which was promised in the Scriptures of God, the Lord of the worlds. Grieve not over anything. Rather give thanks to thy Lord for having sent down unto thee this noble Book which beareth witness to the permanence of sovereignty and dominion, wouldst thou but recognize its station and be of them that are firmly grounded.

BH06885: O Varqa, O thou who gazest toward the Most…

He is the Remembering One, the Speaking One, the Trustworthy One.

O Varqa, O thou who gazest toward the Most Exalted Horizon! The Lord of Names remembereth thee from this Spot which hath been named the White Place. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing and His name is the All-Wise.

Thou shouldst, through divine grace, remind all the friends in that land so that all may hold fast to that which beseemeth the Days of God and act accordingly. By My life! The earth proclaimeth, the Balance speaketh, and the Mother Book crieth out: “The All-Bountiful hath come in His Great Name!” God willing, may all be assisted to do that which He loveth and approveth.

In all conditions, set ablaze the dispirited souls with the fire of divine love and remind them of His verses, for the people are weak and God is strong and compassionate.

Blessed are the people of Baha, for they are the companions of the Crimson Ark. Neither veils nor allusions can hinder them. Upon them be the Glory of God, and His grace and mercy which have preceded existence.

The glory shining forth from the horizon of splendor be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this praiseworthy station.

BH07254: A Book sent down in truth from God…

He is the Dawning Place from the horizon of the world

A Book sent down in truth from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, to him who hath attained the lights of recognition when the All-Merciful came with manifest sovereignty. Take thou the chalice of salvation in the name of the Cleaver of Dawn, then drink therefrom through this Name through which, when it appeared, appeared the mysteries of what was and what will be. Beware lest anything prevent thee from God, the Lord of existence. Cast aside what is with the people and take what thou hast been given from the presence of the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. We have heard thy call and have answered thee as a grace from Our presence. Be thou grateful and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the unseen and the seen!” Thus hath crowed the cock and cooed the nightingale when the Tongue of Grandeur spoke: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Loving!” Hold fast to the cord of grace and cling to the hem of thy Lord’s robe, the All-Forgiving. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy father and upon those who have turned to the praiseworthy station.

BH06908: Praise be to God that you were preserved…

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed.

Praise be to God that you were preserved from the sedition of the second ʿUbaydu’llah. Thus was it ordained by the All-Powerful, the Ancient.

O Husayn! That which befell the helpless people was but a single spark that blazed forth from the fire of the self of the Wolf and the Serpent. By the life of God! This single flame hath not sufficed, nor will it suffice, unless all the peoples of the world cry out “O Merciful! O Compassionate!” and become confirmed in a firm and mighty repentance.

A most mighty and holy Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will specifically for that exalted one who hath passed away—upon him be My glory and My mercy and My loving-kindness. God willing, sanctified souls and receptive hearts shall attain to its reading. Verily thy Lord fulfilleth what He hath promised. He is the best of fulfillers.

Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds. Convey greetings from God to all the friends. We beseech God to aid them to act in accordance with what He hath revealed in His Generous Book.

BH07193: My tongue hath testified to My Self, and My…

He is the One manifest above all things.

My tongue hath testified to My Self, and My Self hath testified to My Temple, and this is a testimony which, were God to reveal it, would cause the highest to become the lowest, the pillars to quake, hearts to be perturbed, and souls to tremble. Thus hath My tongue spoken in the kingdom of Mine utterance.

Blessed is he who hath caused his will to be annihilated in My will and hath attained to the affirmation of that which hath descended from the heaven of My will and flowed from My Pen. He is of the people of the paradise of My knowledge and the companions of My Ark, which the All-Merciful hath mentioned in His perspicuous Book.

Blessed art thou for having been sent down unto thee this Tablet wherein the Wronged One, the Imprisoned, the Stranger, hath testified and confessed to His own Self. When thou attainest unto it, render thanks unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of the worlds, and say:

> “I testify that Thou hast manifested that which lay hidden in the treasuries of the unseen and concealed in the repositories of Thine infallibility. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.”

BH07006: Verses have been revealed of such magnitude that every…

He is the Manifest, the Hidden

Verses have been revealed of such magnitude that every soul beholds itself powerless to recount them. The evidences have appeared, and the signs and allusions of the divine Books and heavenly Scriptures have all been fulfilled. The banner of the Revelation hath been raised upon the heights, and the Truth, exalted be His glory, calleth aloud with the most great call. Yet despite this, the people remain deprived and forbidden. This is but fitting, for not every eye is worthy to behold, nor every ear fit to hear. The intoxication of perishable ornaments hath prevented the servants from everlasting favors. They have clung to these few fleeting days, and remain heedless of that which is with God. Blessed is the state of that soul whom the veils of the world and the clouds of the peoples have not prevented from the Most

Great Name and the Lord of Eternity. Such a one is accounted among the people of Baha in the Book of Names—to this doth He Who cleft the heavens bear witness in this clear Tablet. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH07753: The dawn of utterance has appeared, and the Tongue…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great!

The dawn of utterance has appeared, and the Tongue of the All-Merciful speaks forth in this mighty prison, making mention of His loved ones who have drunk the choice wine of divine knowledge through His name, the Mighty, the All-Wise. We make mention of everyone who has turned towards the Countenance and every knower who has believed in God, the Lord of all worlds.

Blessed is he who heard the Call when it was raised between earth and heaven and responded to his Ancient Lord. How many a prince turned away from the Truth and deprived himself of the Most Great Joy which appeared with manifest sovereignty! And how many a poor one heard and hastened until he reached the shore of the ocean of divine knowledge, from whose waves can be heard: “There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.”

Joy be unto thee for having turned towards the Countenance when most of the servants turned away from it, and blessed art thou for having attained the Tablet of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. When thou hast attained unto it, render thanks and glorify the praise of thy Lord, the Generous Bestower.

BH07774: Say: O God, Lord of earth and heaven…

In His Name, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful

Say: O God, Lord of earth and heaven and Sovereign over all names! I testify that Thou hast ever existed in the heights of might, grandeur and majesty. The necks of all created beings have bowed before the manifestations of Thy power, and all voices have been hushed at the raising of Thy most sweet call throughout the lands. Every king hath prostrated himself at the revelation of Thy might, and every prince hath been humbled before the evidences of Thy greatness. Thou art He to Whose oneness and singleness all have testified. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of the world and the Beloved of the nations, by Thy Self, to ordain for me that which befitteth Thy grace and to aid me in Thy remembrance and service. O my Lord! A poor one hath turned toward the ocean of Thy bounty, and one who hopeth toward the horizon of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee not to deprive him of that which shall profit him in Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

BH07619: A mention from Us to him who desires…

He is the Witness, the All-Hearing

A mention from Us to him who desires to drink of My choice-sealed wine from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Gracious. He is among them that believed in God when the horizon of the world was

illumined by the Day-Star of the Revelation of his Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. Blessed is he who hath turned toward the Heart of the world, and he who hath set his face toward the countenance of God, the Lord of all worlds. The Call hath been raised, but ears are manifestly deaf. The horizon of grace hath been illumined, but eyes are grievously afflicted. The Book hath been sent down, but hands are occupied with that which befitteth not this wondrous and glorious Day. Thus hath the Tongue spoken as the All-Merciful walketh in this mighty stronghold. Be thou thankful for My remembrance of thee, then praise God for this beauteous remembrance wherewith the Concourse on High hath remembered thee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The glory rest upon thee and upon thy father and thy brothers and upon them that have believed in God, the Mighty, the Most Praised.

BH07804: This is a Book which the Truth, the Knower…

In the Name of Him Who is Powerful over whatsoever He willeth

This is a Book which the Truth, the Knower of the unseen, hath sent down unto him who hath turned towards the Supreme Horizon and believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. How many a servant awaited the days of the Manifestation, yet when He appeared rejected Him and disputed with the verses of God when they were sent down in truth. And how many a servant, when he heard the Call, was so attracted that he cast away the world and all that is therein and hastened to the ocean of reunion, crying out, speaking forth and remembering:

> "I testify that Thou hast appeared in truth and hast revealed that which was hidden in the pavilion of Thine infallibility. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Loving."

We observed thee turning towards Us, wherefore We turned unto thee and remembered thee through this irrevocable Book which hath testified in the world to that which the Tongue of Eternity hath testified: The Promise hath appeared and the Promised One hath come with manifest sovereignty. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the recognition of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

BH07788: In My Name through which was opened the Gate…

In My Name through which was opened the Gate of Heaven! Say: O my God and the God of the worlds, my Lord and the Lord of all peoples! I beseech Thee by the Name through which, when it was manifested, the Call was raised from all things, and the Concourse on High proclaimed:

> "By God! The Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Secret have appeared, yet most of the people are heedless!"

The Most Exalted Pen hath moved upon the Luminous Page, and the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken between earth and heaven, yet the people do not understand. They have cast the principles of God behind their backs and followed the principles of their own selves—nay, they know not!

O loved ones of the All-Merciful in all lands! Take hold of the Book of your Most Exalted Lord, then act according to what hath been sent down therein from God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

Glory be unto those who have testified to that whereunto God testified before the creation of the heavens and earth—that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Loving!

BH07899: O my God, my Beloved, my Lord, my Support…

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

O my God, my Beloved, my Lord, my Support, and my Hope! I testify that Thou hast ever been One, Single, Self-Subsisting, Alone, and wilt continue to be what Thou hast always been. Every learned one hath confessed his ignorance before the manifestations of the lights of Thy knowledge, and every one possessed of understanding hath acknowledged his powerlessness before the evidences of Thy might.

O Lord! Thou art He before the revelation of Whose riches every wealthy one hath testified to his poverty, and before the manifestations of Whose power every mighty one hath witnessed to his weakness. I beseech Thee, after my confession of my poverty and my acknowledgment of my evanescence, to ordain for me, through Thy bounty and favors, that which will preserve me from all else but Thee, and will render me wholly devoted to Thy remembrance, steadfast in Thy service, and turned in all conditions toward Thy face.

O Lord! Thou knowest my powerlessness and I know Thy might; Thou witnesseth my ignorance and I testify to Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me the outpourings of the clouds of Thy mercy and the heaven of Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the Generous.

BH08039: He is the Most Holy, the Most Great. Verily…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great. Verily the Remembrance calls out between earth and heaven: "By God! He Who is remembered has come with a Cause before which all who are in the heavens and earth shall not stand." Knowledge calls out: "He Who is known has come with His Name the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is he who has turned to Him, and woe to the heedless." Hearing proclaims: "The All-Hearing has come, yet the people remain behind a manifest veil." And sight cries out: "The Most Great Vision has been adorned through the manifestation of God, the Lord of destiny. Joy to those who have attained to witnessing and meeting, and woe to the deniers."

Your remembrance was mentioned before the Wronged One, and this wondrous tablet was revealed for you. Beware lest anything prevent you from God, the Lord of all worlds. Take the Book with strength from Our presence and say:

> "Praise be to Thee, O Thou Goal of the mystics, for having turned to Thy servant and revealed unto him that which has diffused the fragrance of Thy utterance. Verily Thou art the Forgiving, the Bountiful."

BH08372: Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God, my…

Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God, my Lord, my Support, my Beloved, and my Heart's Desire!

My outward and inward tongue both testify that Thou hast ever been One God, Single, Sole, Self-Subsisting, and wilt ever continue to be even as Thou hast been. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Dominant, the Powerful, the Omnipotent.

O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward the gate of Thy grace, hoping for the wonders of Thy bounty and generosity. I beseech Thee by the Name through which the tribes were shaken and earthquakes appeared, through which the heaven was cleft asunder and the mountains were moved, to ordain for me that which Thou lovest and with which Thou art well-pleased.

I implore Thee to make me detached from my own will and desire, abiding in Thy will, acting according to Thy desire, and hoping for that which Thou lovest. And I beseech Thee by Thy all-encompassing favor and Thine ancient bounty to ordain for me that which is best in Thy sight.

Verily, Thou art God, the Giving, the Bountiful.

BH08202: A mention from Us to him who hath attained…

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed

A mention from Us to him who hath attained unto the lights of recognition when the All-Merciful came with a Cause at which every idol wailed and every confident and discerning one rejoiced. Hearken thou unto the Call from the precincts of the Prison, then bear witness to that whereunto God did bear witness ere the creation of the heavens and the names, that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the All-Wise. Blessed be the face that hath turned this day toward the Countenance of God and the heart that hath set itself toward His luminous horizon. We have found the fragrance of thy love and have remembered thee in this perspicuous Tablet. Be thou ablaze with the fire of My love, soaring in Mine atmosphere, speaking My praise and glorification, arising to serve My Cause, and steadfast in My straight Path. Thus hath the living waters flowed from the Supreme Pen. Blessed is he who hath drunk thereof and hath said:

> “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of them that know!”

BH08093: May you be occupied with praise and remembrance…

In the Name of the One God

May you be occupied with praise and remembrance in this divine day, and be engaged in that which He loves and with which He is well-pleased. In all that is witnessed there has not been and will not be permanence, as every person of reason and understanding has testified and continues to testify. Therefore, wise and assured souls have not and will not pay attention to it. Strive to attain to that which is everlasting and eternal. In all conditions, beseech God, glorified be His majesty, to assist you in serving His Cause and in that which is pleasing to Him, for if you attain to this station, you will possess an enduring rank. This is the counsel of the Wronged One. Act accordingly and be of the thankful ones. From this station We send Our greetings to Our male and female servants who have held fast to the hem of their Lord’s loving-kindness, the Mighty, the Powerful.

BH08166: The whole world was gladdened by the mention…

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

The whole world was gladdened by the mention of this wondrous Day and longed for its appearance, beseeching at all times that they might not be deprived of attaining the presence of this Day.

Yet when the divine Morn arose from the horizon of the world and the Most Great Luminary unveiled its countenance, all were found to be perturbed, wavering, turning away and denying—save for a few souls who, with the arm of certitude, shattered the idols of vain imaginings and, through the Name of the Self-Subsisting, rent asunder the veils of idle fancies. Upon them be My glory, My mercy and My loving-kindness that have preceded all the worlds.

The friends of God must, God willing, manifest such deeds and character that all may inhale from them the fragrance of the love of God.

Glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath acknowledged that which the Supreme Pen hath spoken from its most exalted station.

BH08165: The whole world hath been created for this Divine…

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

The whole world hath been created for this Divine Day, and God, exalted be His glory, hath through the tongues of the Prophets and Messengers given the glad-tidings of this wondrous and sublime Day. In all the sacred Scriptures and Tablets this Day hath been designated as the Day of God. Nevertheless, all are seen to be occupied with their selfish desires and are heedless thereof, save those whom God hath willed. Whosoever hath attained unto the recognition of this most august, most holy, most exalted Day, he is mentioned and recorded among the chosen servants in the Perspicuous Book. Know ye the value of this lofty, this most exalted station, preserve it, and be ye in all conditions thankful unto God, glorified be He, inasmuch as He hath enabled you to attain this greatest of bounties. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

BH08376: Say: O my God and the God of all…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

Say: O my God and the God of all names, my Creator and the Creator of the heavens! I beseech Thee by the Name through which all things were humbled and the Ark of loving-kindness sailed upon the sea of grandeur, and through which the waves of the ocean of Thy knowledge appeared among Thy creatures and the lights of the Sun of Thy wisdom shone forth from the horizon of Thy will, to make me one of those whom the clamor of the people hath not prevented from turning unto Thee, O Lord of creation! My Lord! Thou seest this weak one who hath clung to the cord of Thy power and raised his hands in supplication toward the heaven of Thy bounty and grace. O my Lord! Deny him not the fragrances of Thy verses and that which Thou hast ordained for Thy trusted ones who have arisen to serve Thy Cause and who have spoken in Thy praise and glorification. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over

whatsoever Thou willest, and through Thy Name was raised the standard of “He doeth what He willeth.” There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

BH08958: Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! Thou…

He is the Rememberer, the Speaker, the All-Knowing

Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! Thou seest me turning toward the horizon of Thy Cause, gazing at the heaven of Thy grace, and awaiting the wonders of Thy bounty and generosity. I beseech Thee by Him through Whose name the veils and clouds of glory were rent asunder, the verses were sent down, and the clear proofs were revealed, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of this world and the world to come. Verily Thou art the Creator of heaven and the Possessor of all names. O Lord! I bear witness to that which Thy tongue did testify before the creation of Thy earth and heaven, that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee. Thou hast ever been sanctified beyond mention and utterance, and exalted above the conditions of all contingent beings. Thou wilt ever be what Thou hast been from time immemorial. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful.

BH09535: A Book sent down by the Lord of Names…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Ancient, the Most Exalted

A Book sent down by the Lord of Names to him who heard the Call and responded to his Ancient Lord, that it might make him detached from all else save God and draw him nigh unto a station wherein the atoms proclaim: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the All-Knowing!”

We have heard the call of thy heart and have answered thee, and having witnessed thy turning unto Us, We have revealed unto thee this wondrous Tablet, which, when it descended from the Kingdom of Utterance, broke the back of the idols and shook the pillars of those who followed every ignorant remote one.

O My loved ones! Take ye the Book of God through His command, then follow that which hath been sent down therein from One Who is the Ordainer, the Ancient of Days. The splendor of God be upon the people of Baha from God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH09740: O My handmaiden, My handmaiden! Rejoice thou…

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

O My handmaiden, My handmaiden! Rejoice thou in that the Wronged One remembereth thee from His prison, and calleth upon thee with both His outward and inner tongue, saying: O Lord of the worlds and Beloved of the nations! I beseech Thee by the Name through Whose manifestation all things were attracted, and the Nightingale sang upon the branches of the Uttermost Tree, to ordain for Thy handmaiden that which shall solace her eyes, gladden her heart and dilate her breast. Thou art He Whom the might of princes cannot frustrate, nor the power of the mighty weaken, nor the clamour of the

learned deter. Thou doest what Thou willest in Thy dominion, and in Thy grasp are held the kingdoms of creation. There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH09965: Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God…

He is the Manifest, the Speaking One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God and the God of all names, my Creator and the Creator of the heavens! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance after the extinction of all things, and by the fire of Thy Command in the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise in such wise that neither the hosts of the world nor the clamor of the nations shall prevent me. O Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee and holding fast to the cord of Thy bounty. I implore Thee by Thine ancient generosity and by Thy Most Great Name to ordain for me that which befitteth Thy grace, Thy bounty and Thy bestowal. Verily, Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH10307: God beareth witness that there is none other God…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great.

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him. His are the greatness and majesty, the might and power, and the bounties. He taketh and He giveth, and He is powerful over what He willeth. The conditions of His creation do not frustrate Him, nor doth the clamor of His servants prevent Him. He hath given glad tidings unto all in His Books and Scriptures and Tablets of this Day which hath dawned from the highest horizon with His Most Glorious Name. Exalted be the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens, the Manifestation of this mighty Cause. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH10604: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

In the Name of Him Who holds sway over the world!

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh is verily the One mentioned in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds.

This is a Day whereon all things proclaim: The Kingdom is God’s, the Almighty, the All-Praised.

Hold fast unto the Book of God, then act according to that which is contained therein. Thy Lord, verily, is the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

We have witnessed thy devotion and have made mention of thee in words that all the treasures of the heavens and earth cannot equal. When thou attainest unto them, render thanks unto thy Lord, the Wronged One, the Peerless.

BH10736: He dawneth above the horizon of the Tablet

He dawneth above the horizon of the Tablet

O Varqa! That which thou didst send to the servant who standeth before the Throne hath been presented and hath won the attention of the Wronged One in this glorious and noble station. We answer thee with this Tablet—verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Remind the people of My days and acquaint them with that which behoveth them in this Day wherein I have raised the banner of "There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Great." Glory be upon thee and upon whosoever heareth thy words concerning this wondrous Cause.

BH00884: We make mention of him who hath made mention…

He is the Manifest, the Speaker, the All-Seeing

We make mention of him who hath made mention of Us, and We answer him who hath turned towards Us when My most exalted Horizon appeared—the Dawning-Place of revelation of the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens—that My most sweet call may draw him to a station wherein he shall hear from all things:

> "By God! The Countenance of the Beloved hath appeared and the Speaker of Sinai hath spoken. This, verily, is the Promised One mentioned in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds."

Blessed is he who hath heard and answered when the Most Exalted Pen spoke and the Most Great Word appeared through this Name whereby the feet of the learned slipped and the hearts of the doubters were perturbed. Blessed art thou for having turned towards the Countenance when every heedless and remote one turned away. Blessed art thou and thy father, whom We made a dawning-place of knowledge. By the life of God! He became aware of that which none else was aware. My tongue in the kingdom of Mine utterance, the mighty, the wondrous, beareth witness to this. He perceived the fragrance of the garment before its appearance and spoke in praise of it before its manifestation. Exalted be this bounty which encompassed him, and exalted be this station whereof the Most Exalted Pen maketh mention in this Great Prison.

When thou attainest unto the Tablet of God, preserve it and read it in a spirit of joy and fragrance. Thus doth the Mother Book command thee from this station wherefrom the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth: "The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of Lords!"

We have shown forth the clear tokens and set forth the verses, yet the people remain in heedlessness and behind a veil. We make mention of those whose names thou didst cite in thy letter, that they may rejoice in this mention which, when it appeared from the mouth of thy Lord's Will, caused the earth to quake and the mountains to pass away. And We make mention of him whose name is adorned with the two B's (Baba), who was imprisoned with thy father, that he may be assured that His knowledge encompasseth the earth and the heavens. Hearken unto the call from the direction of the snow-white Spot: He maketh mention of thee as a bounty from His presence. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

We counsel thee to manifest supreme steadfastness in this Cause whereby the feet of those who bear names have slipped, save whom God willeth, the Lord of the Return. This is a Day wherein the Balance crieth out and the Path calleth aloud, yet the people are in a strange slumber. They have not risen at the Blast, nor stirred at the Trump, as though they were deaf stones. Thus doth the Wronged One make mention of thee that thou mayest thank the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Be thou of such constancy that shouldst the learned of the earth bring forth all that is with them, thou shalt behold thyself radiant from the horizon of certitude. Hold fast unto the Book of God and His laws, then act according to what hath been sent down therein from God, the Revealer of Laws. Grieve not at anything; verily He is with whosoever turneth unto Him and ordaineth for him that which shall gladden the hearts of the righteous.

O Muhammad! Hearken unto the call from the direction of the Single One, the Unique, Who hath been imprisoned by the heedless ones because He summoned all unto the Most Exalted Horizon, the station wherein the Lord of all beings proclaimeth:

> "I am, verily, the One mentioned in the Scriptures and promised in the Tablets."

Hold fast unto God's Cause and His ordinances, and cling unto this hem which God hath sanctified from the hands of such servants as have violated God's Covenant and Testament and denied the proof when its sun shone forth from the horizon of knowledge. We counsel thee and My loved ones to manifest supreme steadfastness, and We give you glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for you from God, the Cleaver of the dawn.

We make mention of the one named Badi', who hath drunk the choice wine of utterance. We counsel him to observe calmness and dignity, and that which God hath revealed in the Book. Read thou the verses of thy Lord and glorify His praise in the morning and at eventide.

O Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli! The face of the Wronged One hath turned towards thee from this spot wherefrom the Point of the Bayan proclaimeth: "The All-Merciful is come with a power that hath encompassed all regions." He testified to this Revelation and made the entire Bayan as a leaf of this Garden, whose trees and fruits and rivers all proclaim: "The Hidden One is made manifest. Blessed are they who possess true vision." Remember when thou didst draw nigh and present thyself before the Throne and didst hear the call of God, the Self-Subsisting. We have made mention of thee time and again. Verily thy Lord's grace hath encompassed both the seen and the unseen. Let not the veils of men cause thee grief. Rejoice thou in the remembrance of the Lord of Destiny. Remember thou when thou wert present at the Most Great Scene. He draweth thee to a station wherein the utterances of those who have denied God, the Lord of the Kingdom, shall have no effect upon thee.

We make mention of Our loved ones in that land and give them the glad-tidings of My favor that hath preceded all existence. O people of Baha and companions of the Crimson Ark! This is your Day. Take ye the white cups in the name of the Lord of Names and drink therefrom My choice sealed wine. Thus hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance the Sun of wisdom and clear exposition. Blessed is he who hath turned unto it and said:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the seen and the unseen!"

O Hasan! Thy name was present in the Most Great Prison when the Wronged One was walking in the House, and We made mention of thee as a favor on Our part, that thou mayest thank the True One, the Knower of things unseen. We counsel thee and My loved ones to observe goodly conduct. Blessed is the strong one whom the allusions of the people have not weakened, and the powerful one whom the hosts have not hindered. We make mention of him who was named with the letter Ba before Ha, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful. This is a Day wherein the Word hath appeared in the form of a human being and calleth all unto the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Blessed is he who hath acted according to that which he hath been commanded in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Be thou in such wise as befitteth thy name. Thus doth thy Lord, the All-Knowing, counsel thee. Blessed art thou and those who have not violated the Covenant of God and His Testament when He came with manifest sovereignty. How many a learned one hath been hindered, and how many an illiterate one hath attained unto the Kawthar and Salsabil! Say: The Kawthar is the utterance of the All-Merciful in the contingent world, and the Salsabil is His knowledge, the Mighty, the Impregnable. We have named each of them with the Most Beautiful Names in the Crimson Tablet. Blessed are they that understand.

O Youth named Rida! This is a Day wherein the sea proclaimeth: “The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Lord of all worlds,” and the land crieth out: “The appointed time is come and He Who revealeth the verses hath appeared with a command wherefore all things stand powerless.” Thus hath the Truth spoken. Blessed is he who hath heard and woe unto the heedless. The Tree proclaimeth with its loudest voice: “O concourse of men! The Most Great Scene hath appeared and the Lord of Destiny is established upon His mighty throne. Beware lest the veils debar you from the Manifestation of clear evidences. Cast behind you every mention and take hold of this Remembrance through which every obdurate idolator hath lamented.”

O Muhammad-Qablil-Husayn! The Wronged One makes mention of thee, inasmuch as thou hast turned towards Him and believed in God, the Mighty, the Beauteous. Blessed is the face that hath turned toward Him, the ear that hath heard, and the eye that hath beheld His luminous horizon. We have made mention of each one of Our loved ones in a Book which none knoweth save God, the Lord of this wondrous Day. Rejoice ye in My remembrance of you, then render thanks unto your Lord, the Bountiful. We make mention at this hour of Our handmaiden whom We have named the Leaf of Paradise, unto whom have been directed the glances of the loving-kindness of her Lord, the Almighty, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. We send Our blessings upon her and upon those handmaidens who have turned towards and believed in God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Glory be unto My male and female servants from the Wronged One, the Exile.

BH01506: Praise be to God Who is unique in His…

In His Name, Who is sanctified above the mention of what was and what shall be!

Praise be to God Who is unique in His grandeur and peerless in His Word, through Whose manifestation the Reality hath appeared, the Hour hath come to pass, and the tongues of all things have spoken in the

Kingdom of creation. That which was recorded in the Books of God and inscribed in the Scriptures and Tablets hath been made manifest.

O Sadiq! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He maketh mention of thee as a token of His grace, that He may draw thee to a station wherein thou shalt acknowledge that which God Himself acknowledged before the creation of the heavens and the earth, and give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. This is the Day wherein the decree of the Meeting hath been fulfilled and the ocean of attainment hath surged, yet most of the people remain heedless. This is the Day whereof every Prophet and every Messenger from God, the Lord of the worlds, gave glad-tidings.

Say: O people! He hath come Who cannot be indicated by the signs of creation nor walketh in their ways. He hath appeared and made manifest His straight Path. This is the Day that hath adorned the Scrolls of God, the Mighty, the Wise. Behold what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an, that thou mayest lead the people out of darkness into light and give them glad-tidings of the days of God. This is the Day wherein it behooveth every seeker to be in such wise that neither the books of the world nor the veils of the nations can hinder him. He speaketh and calleth out amongst the servants. This is the Day whereof God gave tidings, the Day whereon mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds. By My life! The kingdom on that Day shall be God's, yet the people are wrapped in a thick veil. We bear witness that they are in evident smoke. The clouds of idle fancy have encompassed their hearts inasmuch as they have turned away from God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

Blessed is he who is adorned this Day with the lights of certitude, turning away from those who doubt this Day, whereof the Tongue of Grandeur spoke before the creation of the heavens and the earth. This is the Day whereon thy Lord hath come and the angels rank on rank. Thus did the Tongue of Revelation speak aforetime, and thus did this Pen foretell—the Pen through whose movement the fragrance of utterance was wafted to all lands and all things proclaimed: "The Truth hath come with manifest sovereignty." This is the Day whereon the Caller calleth out from every direction: "To whom belongeth the Kingdom this Day? To God, the One, the Almighty!" This is the Day whereon the mountains have been moved and every pregnant one hath cast her burden. To this beareth witness the Mother Book in this Most Great, Most Holy, Most Luminous Station.

Say: By God! This is the Day of Distinction. And what shall make thee understand what the Day of Distinction is? Woe on that Day to the deniers who deny the Day of Judgment! None denieth it save every transgressor, every sinful one. This is the Day whereon the Interlocutor of Sinai hath spoken, whereon the Trump hath been blown, those in the graves have been raised, and all who are in the heavens and on earth have swooned away, except whom God hath willed, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

Say: O people! Have ye forgotten what one of My chosen ones spoke aforetime, saying: "Await ye the appearance of the Interlocutor of Moses from the Tree upon the Mount"? These are words which the Messenger of God taught him, from the presence of Him Who sent him with the truth and aided him through the Spirit of Certainty.

O Sadiq! Behold, then remember My days and what hath befallen Me in the path of God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forefathers of old. Tribulations have encompassed Me in all conditions, until the heedless cast

Us into this Great Prison. When We entered it, We conveyed unto kings and subjects that which My Will had preceded and which had appeared from the horizon of My all-compelling Will over the worlds. Therein did sorrows overtake Us which none knoweth save God—to this every fair-minded and discerning one beareth witness. When those days were concluded, God transformed it into the Most Exalted Paradise and named it the Heaven of heavens. Thus was the matter decreed in a preserved Tablet. And it hath another episode which, were I to mention it, would cause grief to seize every faithful seeker.

Say: O people! Be fair before God—if ye deny this Cause which hath dawned from the Supreme Horizon, by what proof can ye establish that which ye possess? Be fair, and be not of the wrongdoers. Thus have We expounded the verses and sent down for thee that which hath diffused the fragrance of utterance, that thou mayest find and thank thy Lord, the Speaking, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

When thou hast received My Book and hearkened unto what My Pen hath spoken, turn thy face toward My direction and say:

> "I testify that Thou hast come for the life of the world, and through Thy mention the horizon of the Kingdom of God's utterance, the Lord of all worlds, hath been adorned."

BH02560: O people of the Kingdom of Creation! Hearken unto…

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Speaking, the All-Hearing, the All-Perceiving.

O people of the Kingdom of Creation! Hearken unto that which the Most Glorious Tongue speaketh from the Divine Lote-Tree, this Station which hath been named with the Most Beautiful Names in the Crimson Tablet by the Supreme Pen. He, verily, is the Single One Who hath taken unto Himself no peer nor likeness. He hath been sanctified above all similitudes and exalted above whatsoever the followers of religions have spoken. God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh is verily the Most Great Ocean amidst the nations, the Most Great Sign among all beings, and the Hidden Mystery which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds.

This is the Day wherein that which had not appeared before hath been made manifest, and which had been named in every scripture, tablet and book as the Day of God. Yet most of the people remain behind a manifest veil. They behold the Most Exalted Horizon yet deny it, and they hear what hath been sent down from the Mother Book yet turn away from it. Thus have their souls enticed them, and they are among the distracted ones.

O Isma'il! Rejoice in that the All-Glorious remembereth thee from the direction of His Beautiful Horizon which hath been named the Most Great Prison. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Compassionate, the Most Generous. We have remembered thee before—hast thou forgotten God's loving-kindness and grace? He hath turned toward thee and spoken that which every knowing and perceiving one hath recognized its fragrance. Be thou vocal in My remembrance and thankful for this bounty which hath descended from the heaven of thy Lord's loving-kindness. Make mention of My loved ones on My behalf and give them the glad-tidings of My remembrance, My grace and My mercy which have preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth.

Say: He heareth what your tongues utter and seeth what ye do in your days. He is, verily, the All-Hearing, to Whom the Books of the world have testified, and beyond them every just and knowing one. Say: We have enjoined upon you in the Book that which shall profit you in every world of the worlds of your Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Hold fast unto it and place your trust in God, your Lord. He loveth him who turneth toward Him and trusteth in Him. Your Lord, the All-Merciful, is verily the Witness, the All-Hearing.

We counsel you to manifest supreme steadfastness in this Cause whereby the feet of the people have slipped—they who cast the command of God behind their backs and followed every ignorant remote one. Thus hath the Supreme Pen spoken upon the branch of divine knowledge from the presence of God, the Lord of all names. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto the heedless ones.

The Glory be upon thee and upon thy mother and thy kindred, and upon My male and female servants who have uttered the praise of their Lord and have arisen to serve His wondrous Cause.

BH03130: A Book sent down by the All-Merciful unto…

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

A Book sent down by the All-Merciful unto the peoples of the earth. Verily it summoneth all to a station wherein naught is seen save the splendors of the face of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have remembered those who have believed with a remembrance from which wafteth the fragrance of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds.

O Muhammad! Rejoice that the glance of God hath been directed towards thee from this glorious station, and He remembereth thee with that which all the treasures of earth cannot equal. He Who possesseth knowledge of all things in a clear Book beareth witness to this. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this most great favor, then praise Him in such wise as to attract the hearts of all who hear.

Let not the affairs of men grieve thee and turn thee away from the Lord of earth and heaven. Be thou so steadfast in the Cause that neither the hosts of the world can dismay thee nor the veils of the divines who have turned away from God, the Peerless, the All-Informed, can hinder thee. They make mention of God by night and by day, yet when He appeared they pronounced judgment against Him with manifest injustice. By them have the Concourse on High lamented and the Most Exalted Word cried out, yet most of the people are heedless.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear ye the All-Merciful, and oppose not Him Who hath come with God's testimonies, His mighty proof and His wise Book. How many a learned one hath been veiled by his knowledge from the Self-Subsisting, and how many an unlettered one hath attained to the choice sealed Wine when its seal was broken by the finger of God, the Strong, the Powerful.

O Muhammad! We made mention of thy father before his ascension, and We make mention of him at this time when the Most Exalted Pen proclaimeth with the most sublime call that there is none other God but Me, the Manifest, the Articulate, the All-Knowing. We have sent down for him a Tablet and forwarded

it to thee that thou mayest read it and be of the thankful. We have remembered him in diverse Tablets as a token of Our grace—verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Be thou steadfast in serving the Cause of thy Lord and in remembering His name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. All that thou beholdest today shall perish, but that which hath been sent down to thee from the heaven of the will of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, shall endure as long as endureth His kingdom and His dominion. The Glory be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon My loved ones in that land, from One mighty and glorious.

BH03685: We have begun this day by remembering one who…

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

We have begun this day by remembering one who attained unto the recognition of God when every heedless and remote one was debarred therefrom. This is the day wherein the rustling of the Sadratu'l-Muntaha was raised and the Cock of the Throne crowed, when the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimed: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. We counsel Our loved ones with that whereby the Cause of God may be exalted in these days wherein every wise command hath been made manifest. Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Countenance when the servants turned away, save those whom God desired, the Lord of the worlds. Be thou vocal in the praise of thy Lord, soaring in the atmosphere of His love, and steadfast in the service of His Cause. Thus doth command thee He with Whom is the Preserved Tablet.

We make mention of thy father who hath ascended unto God. We testify that he hath attained unto the Supreme Companion, the station whose praise no swift scribe can recount. We make mention of him at this hour as a bounty from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Blessed art thou, O thou who hast attained unto the choice wine of recognition when the All-Merciful came with a sovereignty that conquered all who are in the heavens and on earth. We testify that thou didst turn unto the Most Exalted Horizon and believe in God, the Lord of all beings, when He came with the truth with a wondrous command. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy son who was named Muhammad-Taqi by God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Abbas-Ali! Rejoice thou that thy letter which thou didst send unto Him Who circleth round My Throne hath come into the presence of the Servant Who standeth before My face, and We have remembered thee with this remembrance whose fragrance shall never be cut off from creation. Thy Lord, the All-Merciful, beareth witness unto this from this glorious station.

Blessed art thou and the chosen ones of God and His sincere ones whom God hath aided to acknowledge that which the Supreme Pen hath acknowledged in the kingdom of creation, and whom He hath enabled to fulfill that which hath been revealed in the Book from the presence of One mighty and powerful.

BH05136: In the Name of He Who hears and knows…

In the Name of He Who hears and knows. A Book sent down in truth while the Wronged One walked in His Most Great Prison, wherein He mentions one of His friends who attained unto His days, turned to His horizon and spoke in His beautiful praise.

O Muhammad! Rejoice in that the All-Knowing One makes mention of thee and gives thee glad tidings of God's grace and mercy which have preceded all worlds. We have heard thy call and answered thee with this Clear Tablet. Hold fast to the Book of God, then act according to what hath been sent down therein from the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Say: O My loved ones! Be not grieved by the world and what hath befallen you in the path of God. He giveth you glad tidings of what He hath ordained for you in His mighty, impregnable Kingdom. Blessed is the servant who hath cast away what the people possess, hoping for that which is with his Lord, the True, the Trustworthy.

O Muhammad! Rejoice in that thou hast been mentioned before the Wronged One and this Clear Book hath been sent down for thee—that which beareth witness before the world to the manifestation of the Ancient King. Blessed is the servant who hath heard and turned, and woe unto them that turn away.

By the life of God! There hath been ordained for you that which the earth and all that is therein cannot equal. Rejoice in God and His manifestation, then drink from the cup of recognition through His blessed, mighty, wondrous Name. Should tablets of fire come unto you, cast them behind you, trusting in your Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Ancient.

The glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this wise Remembrance.

BH05244: O Leaf of Paradise! The Wronged One remembers thee…

He is the One dawning from the horizon of utterance.

O Leaf of Paradise! The Wronged One remembers thee in the Most Exalted Paradise, the station round which circle all things. Verily thy Lord is the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing.

Thy letter came before the Countenance on the first day whereon God was established upon His mighty throne in a garden named Ridvan by the All-Merciful. Thus was the matter decreed from God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

Blessed art thou in that the face of the Ancient One hath turned toward thee from the direction of His Most Great Prison and remembereth thee with that which hath caused the hearts of the people of immortality and the denizens of the Kingdom of Names to soar, and then those who circle round this luminous Station.

Blessed is the house wherein the remembrance of God hath been raised, and blessed is the tongue that hath uttered My praise, and the face that hath turned toward My horizon, and the heart that hath tasted the sweetness of My remembrance, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

We make mention of those who have believed in that place and give them glad tidings of that which cannot be equalled by all the treasures of the earth. To this beareth witness He with Whom is a preserved Tablet.

We mentioned thee before, and on this Night which God hath made the beginning of Ridvan. Verily thy Lord is He Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth.

When thou dost catch the fragrance of the Robe, turn thy face toward the Prison and say: "Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose name all things were attracted and through Whose remembrance the Kingdom of Names was adorned! I beseech Thee by Thy name through which every matter appeared and [text ends mid-sentence]

BH05590: O Khalil! Your petition was presented before the holy…

He is God, exalted be His glory and greatness

O Khalil! Your petition was presented before the holy and glorious Throne and attained the hearing of the Lord of Names. May you be confirmed through God's infinite bounties, and in all conditions be engaged in His remembrance, be turned toward His horizon, and arise in His service.

Today the Sun of Manifestation is shining and the light of His countenance is radiant. Blessed are those souls who have drunk from the ocean of recognition and who, after the Call was raised, were enabled to respond with "Here am I."

Blessed are you, O My loved ones, for you have attained to that which most of humanity has failed to attain. You heard the Call of the Friend and were enabled to respond, in days when the limbs of the mighty trembled from the power of those times.

Rejoice, O My friends, in that the Lord of all beings remembers you from this noble horizon. That which gladdens hearts and brings joy to the eyes of the observers has been ordained for you.

The mentioned handmaidens have all attained to the remembrance of God. May they act according to what He loves and is pleased with.

We verily send Our greetings from this station to My loved ones and friends and to My handmaidens who have believed in the All-Informed Single One. The glory be upon you and your family. We mention her as a favor from Us and send Our greetings to her as a mercy from God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH05288: The Wronged One wisheth to make mention of him…

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

The Wronged One wisheth to make mention of him who loved Him and spoke His praise and turned unto His countenance when they that wear white turbans and they of the green domes turned away. To this doth My Most Exalted Pen bear witness from God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

Blessed art thou, O ʿAbdu'r-Rahim! Thou didst hear My call and turn to My horizon, and didst soar in My atmosphere and speak My praise in My days, and didst prostrate thyself before My countenance and humble thyself before My sovereignty, and wert assured of My Manifestation and My verses, and didst hearken unto My words and attain the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of My bounty, and didst arise to serve Me amongst My servants and to assist My loved ones. By My life! Thou hast attained unto that which most of My servants have failed to attain. Verily, thou didst remember Me in the days of thy life, and the Desired One remembereth thee in thy life and will remember thee after thy ascension.

There hath been sent down for thee that which hath caused the musk of inner meanings to waft forth throughout the lands and realms of God, as a reward for thy deeds in the path of God, the Beloved of them that know. And We, in this hour, do console thy survivors and thy kindred, and comfort them with this remembrance which hath dawned forth from the horizon of the mouth of the Will of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Thus hath the rustling of the Lote-Tree of the Utmost Boundary been raised betwixt earth and heaven. Blessed is he that hath ears to hear and hath read what hath been sent down in this Perspicuous Tablet.

BH05560: O son of Ismi al-Asdaq! Upon thee be My…

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

O son of Ismi al-Asdaq! Upon thee be My glory and upon him be My glory and My mercy and My loving-kindness.

God willing, may the conditions of the world and the objections of the nations not prevent thee from the remembrance and praise of the Lord of Eternity. Be thou so enkindled with the fire of divine love that its effects become manifest in the world.

Blessed is thy father and blessed is he who visits him, as revealed by My Most Exalted Pen, and blessed is thy brother who attained the presence of God, the Lord of all worlds, and turned toward diverse lands, speaking, remembering, praising and assisting. Verily thy Lord is the All-Informed.

Blessed are they who have arisen today to serve God and who act according to what they have been commanded in the Book.

And as for thy intention to turn toward the Most Holy Court, this is befitting for all who have turned to God, the One, the All-Knowing. However, all are commanded to wisdom and must act according to its requirements. The people are heedless, veiled, corrupted and oppressive, and this land too is in commotion. God willing, if it occurs with joy and fragrance, verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Convey to all the friends in that land the greetings of the Wronged One. Glory be upon you and upon your family and those who are with you.

BH06332: O Ahmad! From before, your mention flowed and appeared…

He is the All-Remembering, the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing

O Ahmad! From before, your mention flowed and appeared from the Most Exalted Pen. I swear by the Most Great Luminary that has dawned from the horizon of the world—nothing that imagination can encompass or understanding comprehend can compare with it.

Therefore give thanks to the Ancient Lord that He has enabled you to attain this great bounty. Be not grieved or saddened by the conditions and conflicts of the world. Reflect upon former ages—what they said and what they did in the times of the Manifestations of Truth.

Great is the Cause, and most lofty the station of steadfastness. God willing, you shall hold fast to it and spend your nights and days in remembrance of the Peerless Friend.

He says: The whole world exists so that it might be mentioned but once in the Holy Presence. Verily He has spoken the truth, but the people do not understand. Verily He has appeared with justice, but mankind does not perceive. Verily He calls out with the most exalted call, but the factions do not hear, save whom God wills, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting.

The glory be upon you and upon your family and upon those who have attained to this irrevocable Cause.

BH06340: O My handmaiden! The Ancient Beauty hath called thee…

In the Name of the Everlasting Speaker!

O My handmaiden! The Ancient Beauty hath called thee from the Most Great Prison and addressed thee by this blessed name, which hath no equal. This word “O My handmaiden” is more excellent and ancient than the crowns of all the queens of the world; nay, all have been and shall ever be as nothing and non-existent when compared with its mention. Know thou the station of this most great bounty and preserve it as the apple of thine eye.

How many were the divines, mystics, princes and queens of the earth who, with the utmost lowliness and supplication, besought the All-Possessing Lord for the attainment of this blessed Day. Yet when the lights of the Day of God shone forth from the horizon of the Divine Will, all were found to be veiled. But thou hast attained unto it, to such an extent that He hath mentioned thee in the Most Great Prison at a time when sorrows had encompassed the Ancient Beauty.

Exalted is this supreme bounty! Exalted is this noble station! Were the true station of this bounty to be described as it truly is, all the books of the world and the pens of all nations would not suffice nor prove equal to the task. The glory be upon thee and upon My handmaidens in that land.

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BH06348: O people of Baha! Hearken unto the call…

He is the Trusted Counselor

O people of Baha! Hearken unto the call of God, the Lord of Names, which hath been raised from the direction of the white spot, the Station which God hath described through the tongue of the Prophets and Messengers. It behooveth you to hold fast in this Day unto the wisdom which God hath sent down in His perspicuous Book. Verily it is the lamp of the All-Merciful in the contingent world and the Most Great Sign for all who are in the heavens and the earth.

Say: Believe not every speaker, neither be assured by all that is revealed, nor hearken unto every claimant, nor associate with every heedless doubter. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken aforetime and at this hour.

O Hasan! Be excellent even as God hath been excellent unto thee, then act according to that which hath been sent down in the Book from the presence of an ancient Revealer. There hath been ordained for you in the Book of your Lord that which shall bring joy to the eyes of them that are nigh.

When thou hast attained unto the traces of God and His remembrance, then turn and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of the world and the Beloved of them that have known Thee! The glory be upon thee and upon thy brother and thy father who hath ascended unto God, the Lord of this wondrous Day.

BH06484: This blessed Word shineth forth like unto the sun…

In the Name of the One God!

This blessed Word shineth forth like unto the sun from the horizon of the heaven of God's Tablet. All must fix their gaze upon it and hold fast unto it. The House is the Bayan, and wisdom is its lamp. Knowledge is its heaven and justice is its sun. The world hath been darkened by the dust of heedless souls and prevented from its delicacy.

All must beseech God that through the breaths of the breezes of the All-Merciful and the effulgences of the lights of His divine countenance He may dispel the darkness and illumine all with the light of His face and perfume them with the fragrances of His days. He is, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful.

Blessed is the soul that hath today attained unto the remembrance of God. The Point of the Bayan hath said that all exist that they might be mentioned but once in the holy court. Blessed is he who hath attained unto this exalted station. It behooveth thee to render thanks unto thy Lord, the Generous Bestower.

The clouds of the desires of souls have prevented the sun of justice from shining forth, such that it remaineth concealed while the world is afflicted and entangled. Thus doth the All-Informed apprise you. Verily, He is the Speaker, the Truthful, the Trustworthy.

The glory be upon thee and upon the loved ones of God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH06746: The glance of divine favor hath been and will…

In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds!

The glance of divine favor hath been and will continue to be directed towards the loved ones, and He hath given them all the glad-tidings of blessings both outward and inward, and commanded them to perform such deeds as are the greatest means for the perpetuation of souls and their goodly remembrance. Well is it with the soul who hath in this Day recognized the Day of God and acted as behooveth it.

This is the Day whereof the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful gave tidings unto His Holiness Moses, and from the horizons of divine Books its mention hath risen and shone forth even as the sun. O friends! Know ye its worth.

That which causeth joy unto all today hath been and will be, by the life of God, the cause of the greatest sorrow. Fix your gaze upon the most great joy. Speak and hear ye in His Name. Let not the opportunity slip from your grasp.

Strive that from the trees of existence such fruits may appear and become manifest as befit the station of man. This is the counsel of the Peerless Friend unto thee and unto His friends.

The glory be upon thee and upon thy father and thy mother from before God, the Goal of them that have known, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH06834: O Rida! The Creator of the heavens maketh mention…

He is manifest above all things

O Rida! The Creator of the heavens maketh mention of thee from this most exalted station and ultimate goal, that thou mayest rejoice and be of those whom the veils of mortals have not withheld from the Lord of destiny, and whom neither cannons nor armies have frightened. We have heard thy call and have answered thee through this epistle as a token of Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving.

The Promise hath come and the Promised One hath appeared with such sovereignty as the ranks of the invisible and visible could not prevent. He speaketh at all times, saying: “O peoples of all religions! By God, the All-Merciful hath come in His name, the Self-Subsisting! Arise to serve the Cause!” This is what We foretold you aforetime in Our words: “On the Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the Kingdom and the Realm.”

This is the Day wherein the ocean of attainment hath surged and the fragrance of the garment hath been diffused. Blessed are the people who recognize.

We send greetings from this station upon the faces of My loved ones there, that the greeting may so transport them that they move not except by God’s command, the Mighty, the Loving. The glory rest upon thee and upon them from the presence of the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

BH07420: O Muhammad! Your call hath reached the ears…

He is the One manifest from the horizon of Revelation!

O Muhammad! Your call hath reached the ears of the Wronged One in this spot which hath been named at times the Kingdom, at other times the Realm of Might, at times the Most Great Scene, and at times the Most Beautiful Names in the Crimson Book. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Rejoice thou that We have heard thy call and that which thou didst commune with God, the Lord of the worlds, and have answered thee through this Tablet which hath shone forth from the horizon of its heaven with the light of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Say: O my God and Master of my destiny! I testify that Thou hast appeared and manifested through Thy power whatsoever Thou didst will, in such wise that the tongues of all created things are powerless to describe it. I beseech Thee by the sweet savors of Thy days and the fragrance of the garment of Thy grace to make me in all conditions to gaze toward Thee and to speak forth Thy Name.

O Lord! Protect me within the stronghold of Thy mercy lest the arrows of them that have disbelieved in Thy signs affect my soul. O Lord! Thou art the Giver and I am the suppliant. Do with me as befitteth Thy generosity and bounty. Verily Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH07323: O ear of the world! Turn that perchance thou…

He is the Manifest, the Speaking One, the All-Knowing

O ear of the world! Turn that perchance thou mayest hear what the Most Great Name uttereth in this luminous Scene.

By God's life! The very rocks have melted from the heat of the love of the Chosen One, yet the wicked are in great drunkenness, having been intoxicated by the wine of pride in such wise that they have been debarred from the Possessor of the Manifestation Who hath come with manifest sovereignty.

We have revealed Our Self and spoken the Most Exalted Word, whereupon all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck, except such as have clung to My holy and purified and mighty and impregnable hem.

We have built for thee from the iron rods of utterance that which will not be altered by the vicissitudes of time. To this thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate, doth testify.

Cast aside what the Manifestations of idle fancy have spoken and take what hath come unto thee from God, the Lord of the worlds. Thus hath the ocean of knowledge surged when the call of the All-Merciful was raised. Blessed is he who hath recognized, and woe unto the heedless!

We send from this Spot Our glorification upon thee and upon those who have held fast to the cord of the loving-kindness of their Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

BH08337: We have seen thy turning unto Us, and We…

He is the Witness, the Hearer, the All-Knowing!

We have seen thy turning unto Us, and We have turned unto thee, and We have heard thy call and have called unto thee from behind the Most Great Ocean at the Spot wherein was raised the shrill voice of My Most Exalted Pen, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Beneficent.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the hearts of the Messengers soared in the atmosphere of Thy love and the hearts of them who are nigh unto Thee turned toward the horizon of Thy glory! I beseech Thee to ordain for me from the wonders of Thy grace that which will profit me in Thy worlds.

O my Lord! I have turned unto Thee and have placed my trust in Thee. I implore Thee by Thy greatness and Thy sovereignty and Thy might and Thy power not to deprive me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and Thy trusted ones. Verily Thou art He Whom the conditions of creation cannot frustrate, nor can the might of those who have denied Thy Self and turned away from Thy sacred Cause, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

May the Glory rest upon thee and upon thy brother and upon those who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

BH08377: Say: O my God and the God of creation…

He is sanctified above mention and utterance!

Say: O my God and the God of creation, my Beloved and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and on earth! I beseech Thee by Thy Branches whom Thou hast made the Daysprings of the lights of Thy countenance, to assist me to love Thee and to gain Thy good-pleasure, and to remember and praise Thee in such wise that the clamor of Thy creatures and the hints of those who have disbelieved in Thee and Thy signs may not silence me.

Glory be unto Thee! O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of the affairs of the world! I beseech Thee to inscribe me among those who have turned unto Thee and cast behind their backs all vain imaginings, directing their hearts to the court of Thy gifts, and whom the rapture of Thy utterance hath so seized that they have detached themselves from all else but Thee.

Verily Thou art the Almighty from Whose knowledge nothing escapeth and Whose decree nothing can frustrate. Thou art God, the Powerful, the All-Willing, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

BH08719: O handmaiden of God! Your prose was heard…

In the name of the one peerless God, the All-Seeing!

O handmaiden of God! Your prose was heard and the verse you sent also attained the honor of being heard. Blessed are those souls whom today the veils of glory did not prevent from the Beloved Who never perishes.

Take hold, with the hand of certitude, of the hem of thy Lord's mercy, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. How many were the divines and princes who remained deprived of the Water of Life, while thou, praise be to God, didst attain unto it and drink therefrom.

It behooveth thee to thank Him with a remembrance that will endure throughout the duration of the Kingdom and the heavenly Dominion. The glory be upon thee and upon those women who have heard and turned with their hearts toward a station round which circle the Concourse on High and the dwellers of this glorious station.

He verily recordeth for whomsoever He willeth the reward of attaining His presence. Thy Lord is, verily, the Almighty, the All-Compelling.

BH09790: O thou who drinkest the choice wine of utterance!…

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

O thou who drinkest the choice wine of utterance! Today is the day of remembrance and the day of steadfastness. The beginning of the Cause was belief in God, and its end is steadfastness in His love. Beseech ye God that He may graciously enable all to attain to this exalted and most sublime station. By the Sun of Being which shineth resplendent above the horizon of bounty! All the peoples of the earth shall ere long return with utter loss and disappointment to their abodes, save those sanctified souls who have, through God's grace, attained their goal and quaffed from the Kawthar of divine knowledge. Great effort is required to preserve this station. Blessed are they that have attained! Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH10265: Mention was made of you in the prison. Praise…

In the name of the Desire of the world

Mention was made of you in the prison. Praise be to God that through His supreme grace and greatest bounty you have attained unto the recognition of God—Who is the Dawning-Place of verses and the Dayspring of evidences. No station greater than this has existed or will ever exist before God. Should the light of this station, even less than an atom thereof, be shed upon the world, all would exclaim: "This is from God's bounty, the Most High, the Most Great!" We counsel you to steadfastness in the Cause of your Lord and in that whereby the mention of God, the Lord of all worlds, is exalted.

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BH00400: O beloved of my heart! Some time ago, your…

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

O beloved of my heart! Some time ago, your noble letter which you sent to the honored Ism-i-Jud, upon him be all the Most Glorious Beauty, was forwarded to the Most Holy Court and presented in its entirety.

From the heaven of bounty, an exalted Tablet was revealed and sent in this lowly one's handwriting. God willing, they will attain to its perusal.

Mention was made of Andalib and Muhammad Aqa's petition. Regarding Andalib, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, the grace of God is evident and manifest, and likewise a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was specifically revealed for Muhammad Aqa and sent in this servant's handwriting. That beloved one will write the details to Andalib.

I beseech you to convey my greetings to the friends in that land and also in Andalib's territory. God is my witness that this ephemeral one is ever occupied with the mention of the divine friends. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist His loved ones in His remembrance and praise, and to aid them in the service of His mighty Cause.

Last week, your second letter to Ism-i-Jud, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, was sent. He himself has been indisposed for some time and does not leave his house. He forwarded your letter, and this servant was filled with the utmost joy and delight upon seeing it. Praise be to God that you and Nabil-ibn-Nabil are engaged in the mention of the Friend and service of the Cause, speaking and standing firm, steadfast and immovable. And since this steadfastness and firmness and remembrance and praise have appeared for the sake of God, they will surely have influence and make a complete impression upon receptive hearts. Praise be to God in all conditions.

To continue: this servant came to understand a matter which that beloved one had made mention of concerning the worlds after death. They wrote that in these days specifically someone asked this question of that honorable one, and that honorable one read to him the answer to Mulla ʿAbdu'r-Razzaq's question and similar statements. And then they wrote that after several days one of the friends arrived and by chance that very same person asked this question in this house from that person. They explicitly, without delay or interpretation, denied the worlds after death. I remained bewildered and observed that if I were to say something, there was fear it would lead to lengthy discourse, and this double-speak is contrary to unity in expression. Up to this point was the writing of that beloved one.

Glory be to God! According to that beloved one's account, that respondent spoke very much outside of wisdom. Today all are commanded to wisdom. In one of the Tablets He states:

> "Milk must be given in measure so that the children of the age may enter the world of maturity,"

and so forth, glory and might be to Him. Setting aside whether what was said was sound or unsound, this utterance was outside of wisdom in the view of people of understanding.

The Supreme Pen has commanded wisdom in countless instances, and in truth the essence of wisdom consists in words that cause the revival of souls. In one of the earlier Tablets it was seen that He states: "One word is like the spring breezes, effective and the cause of life, and another word is the messenger of death." Thus both the trumpet of Israfil and the messenger of death appear from the word. And in another place He states: "One word is like the spring winds that make fresh and alive a withered and dead

world, and one word is like the poisonous wind that makes a world of freshness and delicacy and joy withered and drooping, nay rather, non-existent."

Today everyone who considers themselves among the people of God or counts themselves as wise should speak words that cause enkindlement and unity and harmony and agreement and life. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid all to what He loves and is pleased with.

This servant is greatly amazed at such statements. God willing, it is hoped that the speaker will reflect and utter what is befitting. If the levels of people's understanding were sufficient, surely these matters would become evident. And if divine worlds were limited to this world, surely the Dawning Places of revelation and Rising Points of the Cause and Manifestations of the All-Merciful would not have borne countless afflictions. Every person of insight has affirmed and affirms this word.

Some Prophets were afflicted with the utmost persecution each day, yet the next morning they would speak more powerfully than the day before. By God's life! This is an ocean from which not everyone has had or has a share. Bounty and favor are in God's hand—He bestows on whomsoever He wills. Often a servant comprehends a matter of which the Master is unaware. Jesus son of Mary states that He bestowed upon children that of which the wise ones and mystics and learned ones were deprived.

By Thy life, O beloved! Reason is seen to be very deficient in this station. The perception of the mind is bound to the testimony of sight. Before observation, knowledge of all things is concealed from the intellect. Can the rational soul, ere it hath witnessed, behold within the seed the world of trees and fruits, of leaves and branches and twigs? No, by God! When through sight these matters are discovered, the mind then becomes aware of their individual comprehension. Likewise, observe and ponder upon other things.

God is witness that this servant's purpose has not been acceptance or rejection, and praise be to God that that beloved one has not mentioned that person's name. Rather, the purpose is that whatsoever today conduces to the exaltation of the Word, the enkindlement of souls, and the elevation of being, is and shall be beloved in the sight of God. The friends of Truth must speak such words as will immediately make beings receptive, and adorn themselves with goodly deeds, pleasing character, and praiseworthy conduct which are the cause and means of the world's tranquility and the order of nations.

Since that beloved one mentioned this explanation, this evanescent one felt compelled to venture these few words, otherwise what claim have I, what station have I, what position have I? Blessed is he who manifests wisdom, commands wisdom, and speaks with wisdom. By the Sovereign of existence! Were that which is hidden to become manifest, all would be struck with wonder and amazement, crying out "Oh, woe unto us!" In any case, such mentions have not been and are not the cause and means of growth. God willing, may the friends speak that which God has willed and mention that which attracts the hearts of the servants. May they regard human beings as fields, sow the seeds of wisdom, and water them with the waters of utterance.

Another matter: The details of this matter were not presented at the Most Holy Court, that is, this servant did not wish to mention it.

Another matter: Two items were previously sent specifically for the son of Jinab-i-Abhar, upon him be all the most glorious Glory. One item remains which must be sent. God willing, that beloved one must deliver them.

In all circumstances, you must counsel all to wisdom. For nearly two or three months, more than ever before, the Supreme Pen has revealed concerning this matter, namely wisdom, and sent it to all regions, lest any matter arise that would cause general commotion among the people. Strange that some friends still consider mischief as righteousness, despite being forbidden night and day from mischief, conflict and contention. We beseech God, exalted be His glory—this beloved one, this servant and all other friends—to enable and assist all to achieve that which He loves and is pleased with. The sword of wisdom and utterance is sharper than the sword of steel, would that they understood.

At this moment when this servant reached this point in writing, another melody arose from the throat of the realm of divine friendship and a new messenger arrived with fresh tidings—that is, this evanescent one attained unto the letter of his honor Name 66 [Allah] J.M., upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, and that of your honor and his honor Ibn-i-Abhar, upon him be the Glory of God. Praise be to God, all are well and engaged in serving the Cause.

The matters that occurred were presented. They stated these had and have no importance and are less significant than what was written. Let them be assured. And this Most Exalted Word shone forth from the Dayspring of the Cause. Some friends were observed to be fearful—fearful of what and whom? This earthly temple has no worth and this frame of dust has no station. If they act according to what was revealed in the Book, they will witness that a fly is more excellent in the sight of God than every heedless scholar and doubting commander. Act with wisdom and observe things with pure, sanctified hearts and watchful eyes, and reflect. Verily He is with you in all conditions and preserves that which My Name, the Beauty, hath mentioned, and We make mention of it as befitteth, as a favor from Us to him and to her. And I am the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. End.

At this moment this news arrived and at this moment too the letter must be sent. This servant did not have the opportunity to present all the details of affairs before the Throne, and even what was presented, he is unable to mention what was heard, as time is lacking and opportunity is not apparent. The servant begs your pardon.

In the letter of his honor Name 66 [Allah] J, upon him be all 9 [Glory] most glorious, this word was seen. They had written that your honor mentioned that some prominent souls had made statements contrary to the divine Tablets. Praise be to God that this servant is not aware who that person was or is, as his name was not mentioned. However, this much this evanescent one submits: every soul's utterance and deeds are a mirror and his reality is known through these two. If the friends of Truth observe carefully, they will soon become aware of the conditions and stations of such souls and will proclaim "we are innocent." Such souls expressing such mentions are most strange. God knows that such souls were not and are not worthy of mention.

Furthermore, his honor Name 66 [Allah] had written asking if permission would be granted to go before the second Ayn. They said: God forbid! God forbid! God forbid! By no means can anything be achieved

through him, and even if it could—which it cannot—it would not be acceptable. A denier is a denier, whether the first Ayn or the second Ayn. Even thinking of such matters is not permissible, as it has been and will be the cause of endless harm. End. And They said turning toward this land is also not permissible. In these days some incidents have also occurred in this land. That beloved one should quickly convey these passages to them. The Glory be upon your honor and upon Nabil son of Nabil and upon those who love you and upon those who speak that by which the spirit of life flows through all possibility.

Among the words that were overlooked during the presentation was this word which has now come to mind: Praise be to God, in another letter which his honor Ism'ullah had written to this lowly one, he had requested two matters to be presented at the Most Holy Court. They were presented. Regarding the first, He said: "God willing, may he be confirmed," and previously mention was made of the supplication on his behalf. And regarding the second matter, wherein he had asked for the unveiling of the realm after death, He said: "This matter will be granted if he acts according to what has been commanded. However, they must make no mention of this station whatsoever and must not discuss it. This station will be unveiled to him of itself, and he will come to perceive the sweetness of tribulations in the path of the Lord of Names, and will become aware of the ways of the Prophets and Messengers." End quote.

It is most strange to make mention of such matters. Today, upright souls must strive to exalt the Word of God and to find themselves detached and free. A most mighty and holy Tablet was specifically revealed from the heaven of bounty for his honor Nabil-ibn-Nabil, upon him be the glory of his Lord, and was dispatched. God willing, may he attain unto it.

BH00430: A praise, sanctified from the breath of all…

Section 1: "A praise, sanctified from the breath of all…"

He is God—exalted is His station in majesty and power!

A praise, sanctified from the breath of all the world, befitteth the most holy court of the Beloved One, before Whom all the words in existence are powerless and fall short of indicating even one letter and conjunction of His creation in their allusive state. Glory be to God! What rank have mere words that they should comprehend and present that before a single verse of the verses of His grandeur all things and manifestations of names lie unconscious and bewildered. Exalted is His grandeur, exalted is His sovereignty, exalted is His glory and His power! The force of His Will hath adorned the Ancient Day with a new ornament and attributed it unto Himself, in such wise that it is as though nothing more wondrous had ever appeared in the world of being, nor ever shall appear. Every ancient thing boweth down before this new thing, and every hidden thing is humbled before this manifest one. I testify that there is none other God but Him. His are the majesty and the power, His are the loftiness and the authority. He doeth what He willeth and commandeth what He pleaseth, and He is the Ruler, the Mighty, the Manifest.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou by Whose Name the ocean of utterance surgeth in the world of possibility and the nightingale of eternity warbleth upon the branches! I beseech Thee by the Name through which the gates of heaven were opened and the Most Exalted Horizon was illumined, to aid Thy loved ones to draw nigh unto the shore of the ocean of Thy recognition and to remain steadfast in this Cause whereby

the feet of the most distinguished among Thy creatures have slipped. O Lord! The faces have turned unto Thy face and the hands have been raised toward the heaven of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Throne and by them that circle round it in Thy days, to show them that which hath shone forth and gleamed from the horizon of the heaven of Thy Manifestation. Then gather them beneath the shadow of Thy Most Exalted Word, through which all things have uttered: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the All-Knowing."

And furthermore, I acknowledge receipt of your letter which brought joy and delight. The fragrance of the love of the Beloved of the worlds was diffused therefrom. God willing, may you ever be occupied with His remembrance and praise, and arise to serve Him in such wise that the light of praise may encompass the Kingdom of Utterance. Exalted is this most impregnable, most holy station! After this evanescent servant gained knowledge thereof, he turned toward the immortal realm and presented before His presence whatsoever was mentioned and written. He said:

"O Abu'l-Hasan! God willing, mayest thou attain unto that which God hath desired, and in all conditions gaze toward the horizon of contentment. By the pearl of the sea of oneness and the dawning of the sun of divine unity! All the seas of the world cannot equal one drop from the ocean of contentment. Blessed is the soul that hath spoken for God's sake and walked in His path. Today the sun of bounty is shining and the orb of loving-kindness is dawning and the heaven of mercy is raised up. Blessed are they who, for the sake of these two fleeting days, have not deprived themselves of the immortal Kingdom. Convey with the utmost joy and fragrance greetings from this Wronged One to all those souls who have accepted the Truth.

Say: O friends! God willing, may ye appear before the faces of men adorned with the ornaments of trustworthiness, truthfulness and steadfastness, that all may be illumined and adorned by the effulgences of the light of these suns. Every deed that appeareth purely for the sake of God is as a shining and luminous sun. Under all conditions, hold fast unto that which is praiseworthy and fix your gaze upon that which hath been revealed in the Book. Read ye what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an where He saith: 'Do good even as God hath dealt well with thee.' The steadfast souls must become dawning-places of spiritual virtues and rising-points of goodly deeds. Remind all of that which beseemeth them.

O Abu'l-Hasan! The call is most loud, but the weight of greed and desire hath prevented ears from hearing. Beseech God to rend asunder, with the arm of might, the veils that have hindered them, and to guide all to the most exalted Paradise." End.

This evanescent one is ever immersed in the ocean of wonderment, for the lights of His luminous countenance are visible and manifest and the suns of His revealed verses are blazing and evident like fire upon the highest standards; yet people remain veiled and deprived. This servant begs and supplicates and implores, and from the Mighty Truth hopes for compassion and grace and response. May His mercy encompass all and His call awaken them. His is the command; He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth, and He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

As to what they wrote concerning the father named after the Desired One, upon them both be the Glory of God, it was presented and He spoke these sublime words:

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

O Muhammad-Qablih-Javad! Rejoice in that the Wronged One makes mention of thee from the precincts of His Most Great Prison, that thou mayest be glad and be of the thankful. A letter hath come to the Prison from him who was named Abu'l-Hasan, wherein was thy mention. We make mention of thee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. Grieve not at anything, but put thy trust in God, the Lord of all worlds. He, verily, aideth whom He willeth through the hosts of earth and heaven, and ordaineth for whomsoever He desireth the reward of His presence, the Mighty, the Precious. Say: He hath come with the truth, and speaketh the truth, and summoneth all unto the truth, yet most of mankind remain heedless. They have cast away that which profiteth them and have taken that which leadeth them to the lowest of the low.

We have found the fragrance of thy love; We have turned toward thee and have revealed unto thee this perspicuous Tablet. By My life! Whosoever attaineth unto a drop from the ocean of fairness will cry out and say: "By God! A mighty Book hath been sent down!" Rejoice thou in that the Most Great Joy maketh mention of thee whilst surrounded by sorrows from those who have denied the right of God and His loved ones, and have turned away from Him in that they have followed every ignorant doubter. Thus hath the gate of Paradise been opened by the finger of thy Lord's loving-kindness, and He hath caused thee to hear the cooing of the Dove of the Cause upon the branches. There is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Praise be to God! Through the gracious favour of the Beloved they have attained, and have been nourished with these blessed words whose fragrances shall breathe forth for ever. Well is it with him, for that which hath been revealed unto him; and with thee, for that thou dost hear them; and with me, for that I have penned them. Exalted be He Who hath sent them down, and He Who hath made them known, and He Who hath manifested them, and He Who hath bestowed them.

Section 2: "And as to what thou didst write concerning…"

And as to what thou didst write concerning Aqa Muhammad-Hasan—upon him rest the splendours of Baha'u'llah—the matter was submitted. This is what hath been revealed in reply:

In the Name of the One True God

O Muhammad-Qablih-Hasan! Praise be to God that thou hast drunk from the ocean of knowledge and received thy portion from the realm of vision. We made mention of thee before, and God willing, thou shalt at all times be illumined and radiant through the lights of the Sun of divine mercy. We have heard thy call and witnessed thy turning, and from the prison We have turned toward thee. Blessed art thou for having turned and attained, and woe unto the heedless! How many are those who have broken the Covenant and been deprived of the Dawning-Place of grace. Strange it is that while the Dawn hath appeared and a sweet-scented breeze wafteth with utmost delicacy and gentleness from the direction of the Robe, yet the people of the earth remain heedless and veiled therefrom.

A dark smoke hath prevented most from beholding. Have they not seen the divine Books, or have they not read the Furqan which distinguisheth between truth and falsehood? To what cord do they cling and

to what hem do they hold? They turn away from the light and incline toward the fire; they are far removed from the rays of the Sun of Revelation and are debarred from the living waters. Thus have their souls enticed them, while they perceive not. O Hasan! Rejoice thou in My mention of thee and My turning toward thee, and say:

O God of the Kingdom and the Realm, Lord of grandeur and might! I beseech Thee by the Name through which the sincere have hastened to the ocean of Thy reunion and the near ones to the fountain of Thy presence, to ordain for me through the Pen of Thy decree that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. O Lord! I am he who hath turned unto the Kaaba of Thy nearness and hath attained unto the hearing of Thy call. I beseech Thee to assist me in Thy remembrance and enable me to do that which Thou lovest and approvest. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Overshadowing, the Self-Subsisting.

Some time ago, a letter from them reached this servant, and this evanescent one sent a reply, as was also done previously. Both letters from this evanescent one were adorned and illumined with the light of the Sun of the favor of the Beloved of the world. God willing, may they ever abide beneath the shade of the Tree of Providence and be engaged in service to the Cause. Likewise, a petition arrived from Mulla Muhammad Ibrahim, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], which was presented at the Most Holy Court, and this response descended from the Kingdom of utterance. God willing, may they attain unto it.

He is God, the Hearing, the All-Knowing

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and We have heard thy call and that wherewith thou didst commune with God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed is the tongue that hath attained to the mention of God and the heart that hath been adorned with the lights of His love, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. The world and its ornaments, its favors and its bounties shall pass away, and sovereignty shall remain with God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Give thanks unto God for having illumined thy heart with the lights of His knowledge and enabled thee to turn unto Him on a day wherein the limbs of the world trembled for fear of God, the Almighty, the Powerful. O Ibrahim!

The Wronged One declareth: Where is the fire that I might enter it for His love and His Name, and where is the spear that I might advance toward it with My breast in this straight Path? By My life! Were anyone to taste the sweetness of My utterance, it would draw him to a station wherein neither the might of the world would frighten him nor the ornaments of any great ruler occupy him. Say: O my God! This is my face which hath turned unto Thy face, seeking the wine of Thy bounty and steadfastness in Thy path. Wilt Thou deprive it of the wonders of Thy grace or grant it what it seeketh through Thy generosity and favor?

I testify that Thou hast never disappointed those who have hoped in Thee, nor hast Thou turned away those who have sought Thee. Verily, Thou art the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Write down for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

The souls mentioned in thy letter have, praise be to God, attained unto divine bounty and been blessed with eternal grace. God willing, they must not let slip this lofty and most exalted station and must remain vigilant throughout the nights and days, for thieves lie in wait and traitors stand ready at their posts. The servant beseecheth his Lord to protect His loved ones from the evil of every deceiver and the schemes of

every suspicious plotter. Likewise, in the letter of Aqa Muhammad Javad, mention was made of Master Baqir, which was presented before the Throne. This is what was revealed in response:

In the Name of the Peerless Lord

Consider man as the heaven wherein the sun and moon are his pure and goodly deeds, and the stars his spiritual qualities. God willing, may all the friends of Truth be adorned with this most mighty and holy ornament. Today the ocean of awareness surgeth and the sun of knowledge shineth forth. Hearken and discover, that ye may endure. The authoritative Word hath ever been and shall remain the quickener of soul and spirit, and in each of its letters lieth concealed the river of life. Blessed is the soul that hath drunk therefrom and been adorned with the ornament of everlasting life. Verily, He giveth and withholdeth, and He is the Almighty, the Mighty, the Wise. We made mention of thee before, and this time too thou hast been illumined by the Sun of utterance of the Lord of Mercy. God willing, mayest thou preserve this divine gift from the eyes of the treacherous and the thieves. The Glory be upon thee and upon My loved ones in that place. Verily, We have remembered them and given them glad tidings through My gracious mention.

This servant's submission is that you should convey sublime greetings on my behalf to him who bears the name of the Desired One. Undoubtedly you have already delivered the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet that was revealed specifically for him, and he has attained unto it. Praise be to God, he has been and continues to be assisted through God's grace. Likewise, convey greetings to the friends in other lands who are truly attaining and are gazing toward the Most Exalted Horizon. And convey mention, salutations and greetings to his honor Aqa Muhammad-ʿAli, upon him be the glory of God. And make mention that, God willing, may you be assisted, confirmed and successful in that which God loves and with which He is well-pleased. The glory be upon you and upon them both and upon those who have turned with radiant faces toward the Most Exalted Horizon. Praise be to God, the Lord of the throne and of the dust.

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BH03505: Glorified art Thou, O my God and the God…

In His Name, the Mighty, the Great!

Glorified art Thou, O my God and the God of all who dwell in the Kingdom of Names, my Sovereign and the Sovereign of earth and heaven! Thou seest and knowest that I have arisen to fulfill Thy Cause in days wherein the limbs of the world trembled with fear of the Manifestations of Thy wrath who denied Thy most great signs and turned away from Thy most exalted horizon. When I proclaimed Thy Cause through Thy power and spoke what Thou didst command me through Thy sovereignty, most of Thy creatures turned away from me and most of Thy creation opposed me.

O Lord! This is the Day wherein Thou didst give glad tidings to Thy servants of Thy manifestation and appearance and the exaltation of Thy Word and the operation of Thy Will. Thou didst say—and Thy word is most sweet—"On the day when thy Lord cometh or some of the signs of thy Lord" and "the Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds."

I beseech Thee, O Cleaver of the dawn and Subduer of the winds, by this Day and by the Lamp which the finger of Thy will hath lit between Thy earth and Thy heaven, to assist Thy loved ones to stand firm in Thy Cause and to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Illumine, O my God, their faces with the lights of the dawn of Thy manifestation, their hearts with the lights of Thy knowledge and recognition, and their breasts with the lights of Thy dominion and might.

O Lord! They have borne in Thy love what none of Thy servants before them have borne, and have witnessed in Thy path what no eye hath seen nor ear heard. Ordain for them, O God of existence, from Thy grace that which befitteth Thy greatness and beseemeth Thy sovereignty.

O Lord! This is a Day wherein the Sun of Thy Cause hath shone forth from the heaven of Thy wisdom and Thou hast commanded all who have turned to Thee to fast out of love for Thy Beauty. I beseech Thee by Thy Day and by those whose necks have bowed down before the manifestations of Thy Cause and whose voices have been humbled at the revelation of Thy verses, to ordain for Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones that which shall profit them in all the worlds of Thy worlds and preserve them through Thy sovereignty. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH04189: The entire world hath been created for the service…

In the Name of the One Incomparable Knower

The entire world hath been created for the service of God's Cause, and all the Prophets gave the people of the earth the glad-tidings of this wondrous Day, which in the holy divine Books is known as the Day of God. And when the Hidden Mystery and Treasured Secret dawned forth from the horizon of Will, all were found to be veiled save whom God willeth.

The cause of mankind's veiling was the greatest veil, and the manifestations of this veil are the divines of the age, even as He hath said: "Knowledge is the most great veil." How many were the divines who, at the appearance of the Lord of Names, arose in opposition, and how many were those whom people counted as ignorant, who in the days of God attained unto the ultimate station of man, which is the station of the knowledge of God. Although in this Most Great Revelation many of the divines have been honored with recognition of the Lord of Eternity, yet most were seen to be opposed and in denial. These heedless souls are the dawning-places of suppositions and idle fancies, and the heedless among the servants, through following these souls, remained veiled and deprived of the divine revelation and heavenly inspiration.

O Sabbagh! God willing, thou shalt attain unto the divine coloring, which is sanctified from the diverse colors of the world. Praise be to God that thou hast been favored with divine grace and blessed with recognition of the Manifestation of His Own Self. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this great bounty. The glory be upon thee and upon thy family from God, the Lord of the worlds. We counsel thee to manifest supreme steadfastness in the Cause of thy Lord, the Lord of all beings, and that whereby His beautiful mention shall be exalted.

BH05817: In the Name of the Mighty, the Great!…

In the Name of the Mighty, the Great! The Bayan hath verily announced unto all created things this mighty Revelation. It hath said: “He Who cometh, verily He is the Self-Subsisting over all who are in the heavens and on earth, and that which appeareth from Him testifieth that He is indeed the Self-Sufficient, the Mighty, the All-Praised.” It hath said: “He cannot be indicated by any indication, nor known through any book, nor described by aught in the world.” To this beareth witness the Ancient Beauty in this glorious station.

We express what is in the Bayan in diverse utterances to mention what was intended therein by My Herald, the All-Knowing. By God’s life! He desired naught from the Bayan save the All-Merciful and His establishment upon His mighty throne.

Say: O people, fear God and deny not Him to Whom testify the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. But for Him, who would guide you unto God and who would make known unto you His straight path? Say: Through Him the proof hath appeared throughout the ages and the evidence hath spoken throughout all possibility that there is no God but Me, the All-Bountiful.

We have mentioned thee in this Tablet that thou mayest know the grace of thy Lord and thank Him and remember Him with wisdom. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing Teacher.

Convey My greetings to My loved ones and remind them of My verses, then give them to drink the choice wine of steadfastness in My Name, the One Who ruleth over all who are in the heavens and the earth.

BH05676: We have heard the call of him who was…

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

We have heard the call of him who was named Hasan when his letter arrived and was read by the servant who was present before the Wronged One, and We have answered him with this perspicuous Book. We make mention of him who has turned to God. By My life! The mention that flows from His Most Exalted Pen benefits the servants in all the worlds of their Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Blessed is he who has attained unto this Most Great Remembrance and has been moved by His Name—this Pen at whose shrill voice all other pens have bowed down in submission and all the books of the earth have prostrated themselves. To this testifies he who has been given insight from God, the Lord of the worlds.

It behooveth every soul to turn with his heart to the Most Exalted Horizon and say:

> “O Lord of all being and Sovereign of the hereafter and of this world! I beseech Thee by the Name through Whose manifestation all things proclaimed that there is none other God but He, the Most High, the Most Great, to ordain for me through Thy bounty that which will profit me in Thy worlds. Thou knowest me better than I know myself and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Sublime Word and Thy Most Great, Most Glorious Name to make me content with whatsoever Thou hast ordained for me from the

> wonders of Thy favor. Thou art, verily, the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Witness, the Beholder, the Hearer, the All-Knowing."

BH07202: Your letter attained unto the hearing of the Wronged…

He is the All-Manifest, the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing

Your letter attained unto the hearing of the Wronged One in this noble station, at an hour when the Ancient Beauty was seated upon the Most Great Throne, speaking forth: "There is no God but Me, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful."

We have observed your turning unto Us, and We have turned unto you; We have heard your call and have answered you with that which cannot be equaled by all the treasures of knowledge and wisdom. To this beareth witness He with Whom is the Preserved Tablet.

Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, then render thanks for My turning unto thee, then praise Me for My loving-kindness towards thee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Gentle, the All-Merciful.

Blessed are they who have migrated in the path of God and have borne hardships in His Day, the Mighty, the Wondrous. There hath befallen Us that which hath befallen no other among all the servants, and likewise those who have turned towards this luminous horizon.

Grieve not at the deeds of those who have disbelieved. Rather, rejoice in that which hath been ordained for you in the Kingdom of God, the Lord of all worlds.

The glory rest upon thee and upon those who have borne hardships for My Name and have migrated for love of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

BH07725: He is the Call between earth and heaven…

He is the Call between earth and heaven. The Qa'im hath said:

> "Verily the Qayyum shall come with the truth, and when He ariseth, the people shall arise for the Lord of the worlds. He shall not be known through the Bayan or through the books of old. Should He utter but one word, verily it would be more sublime than all that hath been uttered by the tongues from time immemorial. He seeth and witnesseth, and He, verily, is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Whoso desireth to behold Him must turn unto Him with his own eyes, not with the eyes of the people of the Bayan. And whoso desireth to know Him must hold fast unto His Most Gracious Name. By God's life! He cannot be known save through Him, nor can the birds of the hearts of the people of creation soar unto the heaven of His knowledge. All things bear witness unto this, yet the people are heedless."

Give thanks unto God for having remembered Me in the prison when the Wronged One was in manifest sorrow. From this station We send Our greetings upon thy face and upon the faces of those who have held fast to the Strong Cord of God.

BH07640: In His Most Great Name!

In His Most Great Name!

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and revealed the clear tokens and caused all things to speak that there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The light hath been illumined by the splendors of the Revelation and the world by this ornament wherewith every insightful believer hath been adorned. They who have been honored in the days of God and believed in what hath been sent down from the heaven of grace, these are the people of Baha inscribed in a mighty tablet.

Say: O people! That which ye were promised in the Book hath come to pass, and the Promised One is established upon the throne, and the Beloved calleth aloud: "The Best-Beloved hath appeared," and the Spirit proclaimeth: "Thine be the praise, O God of the worlds, for having honored Thy lands by Thy coming. I beseech Thee by Thy presence to honor me with meeting Thee and draw me nigh unto the ocean of Thy reunion, O Thou Goal of them that know Thee."

Thus hath Thy mention flowed from the Pen of the Wronged One that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Gracious. We, from this spot, send Our glorification upon thy face and the faces of them who have acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken: "There is none other God but Me, the Forgiving, the Merciful."

BH00469: O Fadl! The Wronged One makes mention of thee…

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing

O Fadl! The Wronged One makes mention of thee and gives thee glad tidings of that which hath been revealed for thee from the Supreme Pen in this perspicuous Book, and counsels thee to remember Him, to praise Him and to teach His mighty Cause. This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down unto all who dwell within the realm of possibility, that He might give them the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. Say: Verily He hath appeared with the truth and hath manifested what He desired, and hath summoned both kings and subjects unto God, the Single, the All-Informed. Say: This is the Day whereof mention hath been made in God's Books aforetime, and it hath been named the Day of God, were ye of them that know.

Say: Verily He hath appeared with the truth, and He Who conversed upon Sinai hath established Himself upon the Most Great Throne, calling out to the peoples and summoning them unto His Straight Path. Among the people are those who have denied God's proof and evidence, and have pronounced against Him with manifest tyranny, and among them are those who have perceived the fragrance of the Beloved and have hastened unto the Most Sublime Horizon with a speed that hath outstripped the swift-moving, gleaming, darting lightning. Blessed are they whom the promptings of passion have not kept back from the Lord of all creation, who have cast the world behind their backs and have held fast unto the wisdom wherewith they were bidden by the presence of One mighty and wise. Blessed art thou for having spoken with wisdom when the questioner asked of thee what he desired. Verily thy Lord is the Teacher, the

Reckoner, the All-Informed. Say: O people of Baha! Take heed lest the might of names frighten you. Hold ye fast unto that which is good and put your trust in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O Fadl! That which thou didst send to this servant was presented at the Most Holy Court. Praise be to God that He hath enabled thee to observe the wisdom revealed in the Tablets. Excellent is what thou didst utter when thou wast asked concerning that which was asked. All the friends must look unto and hold fast unto that which hath been revealed from the Pen of the All-Merciful. We have commanded all to show forth the utmost love. Blessed is he who hath discovered the fragrance of My utterance and hath apprehended that which hath been revealed in My perspicuous Book. All must conduct themselves with the utmost kindness and mercy towards the servants of God. In such case, should any oppression befall those sanctified souls, this hath been and shall ever be the ultimate desire of them that are nigh unto God and of the sincere ones.

Say: O friends! The world hath never had, nor doth it now possess, any significance. Man must inevitably pass through it. Now if this passage be made in the name of Truth, it shall endure throughout the eternity of God's dominion and kingdom. Convey greetings unto all and give them the glad-tidings of God's bounties that they may all rejoice and act in accordance with that which God hath willed. From certain souls glory hath been taken away, and this matter hath been recorded by the Supreme Pen in God's Book. Every fair-minded and discerning person testifieth that whatsoever hath come to pass on earth had been mentioned aforetime. Blessed be the eye that seeth and the ear that heareth. Woe unto the heedless ones! The people of God must, God willing, stand firm in His Cause with penetrating vision, steadfast hearts and unwavering feet, and must conduct themselves with their fellow-men with spiritual qualities. Today virtuous character and praiseworthy deeds have been and shall ever be the supporters of God's Cause, and this matter hath been repeatedly revealed by the Supreme Pen. We beseech God that all may discover this truth and act in accordance therewith.

O Fadl! Verily the Lord of creation maketh mention of thee, that thou mayest render thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. The servant who was present came before Us and presented that which thou didst supplicate before God, the Lord of all men. We heard and have answered thee through this Tablet, which God hath made the Dawning-Place of life for all who are in the heavens and on earth. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of the utterance of the All-Merciful and hearest that which the Speaker of Sinai hath spoken from the most exalted station, arise and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord, my Master, my Provider and my Helper, for having caused me to speak Thy praise and for having made known unto me Thine horizon, from which most of mankind have turned away. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Signs and by Thy Most Sweet Call which hath been raised betwixt earth and heaven, to send down from the heaven of Thy bounty and the clouds of Thy mercy that which will tranquilize the hearts of Thy loved ones in such wise that neither the happenings of the world nor the might of nations will frighten them. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

As to what thou didst write regarding one of the friends of God expressing sorrow at the believers' involvement with the art of alchemy—verily he hath spoken the truth. Indeed, right is with him in forbidding this practice. Numerous tablets have been sent down from the heaven of God's Will and

dispatched to all regions concerning this prohibition. It is most strange that despite the explicit prohibition, they should occupy themselves with this futile pursuit that neither nourishes nor enriches. Some souls in Iraq and the Land of Mystery inquired about the known hidden craft. In response, there was revealed from the heaven of the All-Merciful's Will that which was revealed. This servant heard repeatedly from the Blessed Tongue saying that had the questioners not attributed it to incapacity or worse, surely no word would have been revealed concerning it, and repeatedly did He forbid the servants from practicing it—a mighty prohibition in the Book. As commanded, thou and the trustees of the Cause should wisely and with utterance prevent the friends of Truth from engaging in this pursuit which is in truth a waste of life.

In most Tablets He saith: Make ye the people of earth aware and guide them to that which profiteth them. Today the heaven of insight is upraised and the sun of knowledge is shining. Let not the opportunity pass, and count time as precious. This is a Day wherein man can attain that which could not be attained by all the treasures of earth in any other day. Today ye hear that which was impossible to hear in other times. Strive ye that ye may attain everlasting remembrance. Such are the compassionate counsels and goodly admonitions of the Beloved of all creation.

Regarding those souls about whom thou didst write, who were subjected to arrest and imprisonment in the aforementioned incident, it was presented at the Most Exalted, Most Holy Station. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke:

He is the Remembering One, the Compassionate, the All-Knowing.

O Abul-Fadl! The Tongue of Glory calls thee from the prison of Akka and gives thee glad tidings of the favors of thy Lord, the Lord of all names. When thou hearest this, and attainest, give thanks and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds." We wish to make mention of the friends of God who have been seized and imprisoned without any evidence or decree from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O loved ones of the All-Merciful! Rejoice in that the Wronged One remembers you with this remembrance, from which the fragrance of the garment hath been wafted between the heavens and the earth. Ye have borne for My love what no servants have borne before you—to this testifieth the Pen of God, the Speaking, the All-Knowing.

Grieve not for what hath befallen you. That which hath come upon Us hath caused the dwellers of the all-highest Paradise and the exalted Garden to weep, while most of the people remain heedless. They have seized Us time and again, and imprisoned Us repeatedly, and verily He, from the Most Great Prison, before the faces of all the world, proclaimeth and saith: "By God! The Day of God hath appeared, and in it the Hidden Secret and the Treasured Mystery have spoken. Verily there is no God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed."

O friends! There hath befallen you what hath befallen the Very Truth Himself. Praise be to God that ye have not oppressed but have been oppressed. Ye sought not to harm anyone, yet were afflicted with utmost harm. With perfect kindness ye beseeched mercy from God for mankind, yet ye witnessed the force of wrath. Ye desired freedom, yet were led into captivity. All the trees of Paradise cry out "Blessed are ye!" and all the fruits thereof proclaim "Glad tidings be unto you!" If no injustice appeareth from

someone and he acteth not contrary to what God hath decreed, then whatever befalleth him in the path of God—the effects thereof shall become evident in the earth like a banner upon the heights.

O loved ones of the All-Merciful! Blessed are ye for your patience, and yours is a goodly beginning and end. How beloved are tribulations in the path of the Lord of Names, and how fruitful are hardships in the way of the Peerless Friend! By the life of God! The sovereignty of the world cannot compare with this station, nor can the glory and riches of princes equal it. How many were the nights when beasts, birds, and predators were at rest in their lairs, thickets, and forests, while ye were in the hands of enemies!

The counsel of this Wronged One is that ye should not let go of this most exalted station. Never depart from the bounds of human nature in any circumstance. Leave the conduct and behavior of beasts and wild creatures to those who are suited to them. Hear and speak not; give, and seek not to receive. God willing, may the standard of justice and the banner of wisdom be witnessed before the faces of each of you, and assuredly through these pure deeds and holy, sanctified characteristics, the lights of justice which have been veiled and concealed by the oppression of the oppressors shall shine forth through the divine name. Then shall ye see the earth transformed into another earth, and the atoms shall cry out with the most exalted call:

> "The horizon of justice hath been illumined by the sun of the remembrance of our Lord, the Mighty, the Manifest, the Hearing, the All-Seeing!"

O people of Sad! O emigrants in the land of Sad! O strangers in the land of Sad! O captives in the land of Sad! The Most Exalted Pen hath not been heedless of you. Concerning you there hath flowed from It that which is adorned with life everlasting. That which was due unto truth hath been uttered. That which behooveth you is to preserve this station. God willing, ye shall appear amongst men with utmost sanctity, detachment, compassion, grace and kindliness. No deed hath ever been, nor ever shall be, lost in the sight of God. Those souls from among you who have ascended unto the All-Highest Horizon have attained unto such glory and bounty as all the world is powerless and incapable of reckoning.

O people of Sad! Hearken unto that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken aforetime and speaketh at this moment that which shall solace your eyes and gladden your hearts. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Your names have been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in numerous Tablets. To this beareth witness the Lord of Names, seated upon the throne of His Name, the Chosen One. There hath befallen you in the path of God that which caused the rocks to cry out and the mountains and hills to lament. Sorrows have overtaken you in this Cause. Erelong shall ye find yourselves in joy from your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Rejoice ye in that the Wronged One maketh mention of you and gladdeneth you with that which hath been ordained for you by God, the Lord of all mankind.

We make mention of everyone who hath ascended in foreign lands while an emigrant in the path of God, the Lord of spirits. The light shining from the horizon of the Will of the Lord of Names be upon you and upon those who have arisen to aid the Cause of their Lord through wisdom and utterance. I bear witness that ye believed in God when every idolater and doubter denied Him. Ye have turned towards the Most Sublime Horizon and hearkened unto the call of your Lord, the Lord of Names, and ye were afflicted with tribulation when the call of God, the Lord of Lords, was raised. Blessed are ye and blessed is he who

maketh mention of you after your ascension unto a station beyond the remembrance of all servants. Thus hath crowed the Cock of the Throne and cooed the Dove of Justice when darkness encompassed all the regions. End.

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BH00213: In the name of our Lord, the Most Ancient…

Section 1: "In the name of our Lord, the Most…"

In the name of our Lord, the Most Ancient, the Most Great, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious

Praise be to God Who is single in His bounty and unique in His beneficence, Who is sanctified above whatsoever the people of creation utter and holy beyond every mention and description. I testify that there is none other God but Him, in acknowledgment of His grandeur and in recognition of His sovereignty which encompasses what is and what has been. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower, Who hath spoken a Word whereby standards were raised upon standards, and the banner of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth" was hoisted upon the highest peaks.

Praise be to God Who hath manifested Himself through the Most Great Mercy, the Supreme Compassion, and the Providence that hath preceded all created things. Exalted, exalted is our Lord, the Possessor of the hereafter and the former times. Exalted, exalted is our Lord, the Sovereign of the throne and earth, Who hath made victory to lie in wisdom and utterance, and hath forbidden all from that which would grieve mankind.

He is the One at Whose manifestation proof and evidence circled round Him, and before Whom the books of all religions bowed down. He is the One Who walketh while Dominion proclaimeth from His right: "By God! That which was recorded in God's books of old hath appeared!" and the Kingdom crieth out from His left: "The Promise hath appeared and the Promised One hath come, through Whom the heavens and earth have been illumined!"

Exalted, exalted is He above the inability of tongues to praise Him, of pens to extol Him, of hearts to comprehend Him, and of eyes to behold His beauty. He hath appeared with truth and taken His seat upon the throne. Thereupon all things proclaimed:

> "By God! The gate of heaven hath been opened, and the Lord of Names hath come, through Whom the sealed choice wine hath been unsealed, the hidden secret revealed, and the horizon of the world illumined by the light of His Name, the Self-Subsisting—He through Whom the limbs of every idol have trembled and the foundations of every stubborn disbeliever have quaked."

Glorified art Thou, O my God! How can this impotent one mention Thee after acknowledging and confessing that all remembrances and descriptions are barred from Thy holy court and forbidden from the carpet of intimacy with Thee? Yet the wonders of Thy generosity and grace, and the dawning of the

Sun of Thy permission to Thy loved ones and servants, have emboldened him. O Lord! Thou seest the evanescent one turning to Thy everlasting Name, and the abased one clinging to the cord of Thy glorious Name. O Lord! Deprive him not of the ocean of Thy generosity and the sun of Thy grace, and aid him in that which Thou hast entrusted to him in transcribing Thy verses. O Lord!

I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the fruits of the Tree of Thy grace to protect Thy loved ones from the evil of those who oppose Thy Cause, and to assist them in that which befitteth Thy Revelation in Thy days. O Lord! Cause Thy servants to know what Thou hast intended for them through Thy bounty and gifts. By Thy Most Great Self, were they to recognize Thy favors, they would circle round Thy Cause and hasten to the ocean of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Goal of the seen and unseen, by the fragrances of Thy verses and the sweet-scented breezes of Thy days, to grant them the sweetness of Thy utterance and teach them the mysteries of Thy Book and what Thou hast intended for them from the ocean of Thy generosity and the heaven of Thy gifts.

O Lord! Vain imaginings have prevented them from turning to Thy horizon, and idle fancies from facing the Dayspring of Thy revelation and the Dawning-Place of Thy inspiration—He Who hath testified of Himself by Himself that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been sanctified above the mention of those near unto Him and exalted beyond the highest praise of them that profess His unity. I testify that this Day is Thy Day and these are Thy servants and Thy creation. How many a remote one, O my God, hath been brought near by the hand of Thy grace, how many an ignorant one taught by the tongue of Thy bounty, how many an oppressor awakened by the breezes of Thy justice! How many a darkness hath been illumined by the lights of Thy favor, how many a seated one raised up by the wonders of Thy kindness, and how many a sleeping one stirred by Thy call! O Lord! All things have testified to Thy power, and Thy servants to their weakness. I beseech Thee to assist Thy loved ones in patience and steadfastness, and to make known to Thy creatures what Thou hast intended for them through Thy bounty and favors. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

And I pray, send greetings and glorification upon those who have arisen to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee in such wise that the oppression of Thy servants and creatures hath not deterred them. These are servants who have endured in Thy love what none in Thy realm have endured. O Lord! Aid them through Thy power which hath encompassed all contingent things and through the might which hath overcome all creation. Though they, O my God, have cast aside their own desires, yearning for Thy will, and have turned away from their own wishes, facing the manifestations of Thy will, O Lord, reveal unto them what Thou hast ordained for them in the heaven of Thy bounty, that their hearts may be assured by the lights of Thy grace and the manifestations of Thy mercy. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Kind, the Merciful.

And further: the servant hath attained unto the trace of your ink and pen, and the fragrances of joy have taken hold of me in finding it adorned with the ornament of the love of our Lord and our Beloved, the Goal of all worlds. When I read and perused it, I sought admission and presented what was in your letter before the Throne. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken forth in the place named the Most Great Prison in the Book of Names and the Exalted Paradise in its Crimson Tablet.

He is the Witness, the Hearer, the All-Knowing

O Fadl! The Wronged One makes mention of thee and gives thee glad tidings of that which was revealed unto thee from the Supreme Pen aforetime and in this perspicuous Book. He counsels thee to remember Him, to praise Him, and to teach His mighty Cause. This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down to all who dwell in the realm of possibility, that He might give them the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds. Say: Verily He hath appeared with the truth and hath manifested what He desired, and hath summoned both kings and subjects unto God, the Single, the All-Informed. Say: This is the Day whereof God's Books have made mention aforetime, and it hath been named the Day of God, were ye of them that know.

Say: Verily He hath appeared with the truth, and upon the most great throne hath the One Who conversed with God taken His seat, calling out to the nations and summoning them unto His straight path. Among the people are those who have denied God's proof and His evidence, and have pronounced against Him with manifest tyranny; and among them are those who have inhaled the fragrance of the Beloved and have hastened unto the supreme horizon with a speed that hath outstripped the lightning that flasheth and gleameth. Blessed are they whom the affairs of self have not withheld from the Lord of all creation, who have cast the world behind their backs and held fast unto the wisdom wherewith they were bidden by the presence of the Mighty, the All-Wise.

Blessed art thou for having spoken with wisdom when the questioner asked of thee that which he desired. Verily thy Lord is the Instructor, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Say: O people of Baha! Take heed lest the might of names frighten you. Hold fast unto that which is praiseworthy and place your trust in God, the Mighty, the All-Lauded.

O Fadl! That which thou didst send to this servant was presented at the Most Holy Court. Praise be to God that He hath enabled thee to observe the wisdom revealed in the Tablets. Excellence is that which thou didst utter when thou wast asked concerning that which was inquired. All the friends must observe and hold fast unto that which hath been revealed from the Pen of the All-Merciful. We have enjoined upon all the Most Great Love. Blessed is he who hath discovered the fragrance of My utterance and hath apprehended that which hath been revealed in My perspicuous Book. All must conduct themselves with the utmost kindness and mercy towards the servants of God. In such case, should any tyranny befall those sanctified souls, this hath been and shall ever be the ultimate desire of them that are nigh unto God and of the sincere ones.

Say: O friends! The world hath never had, nor doth it now possess, any significance. Man must inevitably pass beyond it. Now if this passage be made in the name of Truth, it shall endure for as long as endureth the kingdom of earth and heaven. Convey greetings unto all and give them the glad-tidings of God's bounties, that they may all rejoice and act in accordance with that which God hath willed. From certain souls hath glory been taken away, and this hath been recorded by the Supreme Pen in God's Book. Every fair-minded and discerning person testifieth that whatsoever hath come to pass on earth had been mentioned aforetime. Blessed is the eye that seeth and the ear that heareth.

Woe unto the heedless ones! God willing, the people of God must stand firm in the Cause of God with penetrating vision, stalwart hearts and steadfast feet, and must deal with all men with spiritual attributes. Today virtuous character and praiseworthy deeds have been and shall ever be the helpers of God's Cause,

and this matter hath been repeatedly revealed by the Supreme Pen. We beseech God that all may discover and act upon this. The end.

In response to what you wrote about presenting the aforementioned prayer on your behalf, it was again presented at a specific time before His presence. This is what was revealed in response once more:

"O Fadl! The Lord of all beings remembers you that you may give thanks to your Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. The servant in attendance here has presented what you have supplicated to God, the Lord of all men. We have heard and answered you through this Tablet, which God has made the Dawning Place of life for all who are in the earth and heavens. When you discover the fragrance of the utterance of the All-Merciful and hear what the Speaker of the Mount has spoken from the most exalted station, arise and say:

'Praise be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord, my Master, my Provider, and my Helper, for having caused me to speak Thy praise and for having made me recognize Thy horizon, from which most people have turned away. I beseech Thee by Thy greatest signs and by Thy sweetest call which hath been raised between earth and heaven, to send down from the heaven of Thy bounty and the clouds of Thy mercy that which will tranquilize the hearts of Thy loved ones in such wise that the conditions of the world and the might of nations will not frighten them. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Knowing."'

Regarding what you wrote about one of the friends of God expressing grief over the believers' involvement with the craft of elixir-making, verily he hath spoken the truth. Indeed, right is with him in prohibiting this act. Multiple Tablets have been revealed from the heaven of divine Will and sent to various regions concerning this. It is most strange that despite clear prohibition, they engage in this futile pursuit. Some souls in Iraq and the Land of Mystery inquired about the known hidden craft. In response, there was revealed from the heaven of the All-Merciful's Will that which was revealed. This servant repeatedly heard from the Blessed Tongue saying that had the questioners not attributed weakness and less than that [to the Manifestation], surely not a word would have been revealed concerning it. He repeatedly and emphatically forbade the servants from engaging in it in the Book. As commanded, you and the trustees of the Cause should wisely and eloquently prevent the friends of Truth from engaging in this pursuit which is, in reality, a waste of life.

Section 2: "The servant beseeches his Lord to assist His…"

The servant beseeches his Lord to assist His loved ones to do what He loves and is pleased with. Had the accepted souls acted according to what God desired until now, the earth would be witnessed differently now. God willing, it is hoped that henceforth this servant and all may be assisted to act according to the Friend's good-pleasure and occupy ourselves with what is beloved in His presence. May we not speak before hearing and not command before being commanded, that we may be counted among those servants of whom He says: "They speak not before He speaks and act by His command." Steadfast souls should today speak that by which hearts are attracted and all should engage in teaching God's Cause.

Although the Cause of Truth has never needed and needs not the help of others, and will soon become evident like fire upon a mountain, yet the likes of this servant who spent precious life engaging in forbidden pursuits should take heed from the utterances of the Revealer of verses and engage in teaching God's Cause, that perchance they may quicken dead souls with the water of life and adorn the heedless with the ornament of awareness. This is the greatest deed, this is the true elixir, and this is the purpose of that which is known in the primal reality.

In most Tablets He hath bidden that ye enlighten the peoples of the earth and guide them unto that which shall profit them. Today the heaven of understanding hath been raised up and the sun of knowledge hath dawned. Let not the opportunity pass by, and deem the time precious. This is a day wherein man can attain unto that which, in any other day, could not be attained were he to possess all the treasures of earth. Today ye hearken unto that which in no other time could be heard. Strive ye that ye may attain unto everlasting remembrance. Such are the loving counsels and blessed admonitions of the Beloved of all creation.

Concerning what was mentioned about certain laws, that some friends declare them permissible—this evanescent servant hath never heard a word from the Blessed Tongue regarding these matters. Glory be to God! How can any soul, of his own imagination, make such declarations? The duty of this servant and other friends is to keep our gaze fixed upon the Most Glorious Horizon and that which floweth from His Most Exalted Pen. Whatsoever He commandeth, we must accept with our whole souls and arise to fulfill it. As He hath stated in one place—these are His words, exalted be His glory: "In My Name was raised the Standard of He doeth what He willeth,' and by My Command was hoisted the Banner of He ordaineth what He pleaseth."'

What right have we to speak of laws before they are revealed? Verily His command must be obeyed, and we, God willing, are among the obedient ones, the acknowledgers, the assured ones.

Regarding those souls whom you mentioned in the aforementioned incident who were subjected to arrest and imprisonment, this was presented at the Most Exalted, Most Holy Presence. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur pronounced:

He is the Remembering One, the Compassionate, the All-Knowing

O Abu'l-Fadl! The Tongue of Glory calls thee from the Prison of ʿAkka and gives thee glad tidings of thy Lord's grace, the Lord of all names. When thou hearest this, and attainest, give thanks and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of all the worlds!" We desire to make mention of the friends of God who have been seized and imprisoned without evidence or any Book from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O ye beloved of the Most Merciful! Rejoice in that the Wronged One remembereth you with this remembrance, through which the fragrance of the garment hath been wafted between the heavens and the earth. Ye have borne for My love what no servants have borne before.

To this testifieth the Pen of God, the Speaking, the All-Knowing. Be not grieved at what hath befallen you. There hath befallen Us that which hath caused the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise and the Highest Heaven to weep, while most of the people remain heedless. They have seized Us time after time, and imprisoned Us again and again, and verily He, from the Most Great Prison, before the faces of all the

world, calleth out and saith: “By God! The Day of God hath appeared, and in it the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Secret have spoken. Verily, there is no God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed.”

O friends! There hath befallen you that which hath befallen the Truth Itself. Praise be to God, ye have committed no wrong but have been wronged; ye have sought to harm no one, yet have been subjected to utmost harm; with perfect kindness ye besought God’s mercy for mankind, yet ye beheld the might of vengeance; ye sought freedom, yet were led to captivity. All the trees of Paradise cry out “Blessed are ye!” and their fruits proclaim “Glad tidings unto you!” If no wrong proceedeth from someone, and he acteth not contrary to that which God hath ordained, then whatsoever befalleth him in God’s path shall become manifest in the world like a banner upon the hilltops. O beloved of the Most Merciful! Blessed are ye for your patience, and yours is a goodly beginning and end. How beloved are tribulations in the path of the Lord of Names, and how fruitful are hardships in the way of the Peerless Friend! By the life of God! The sovereignty of the world cannot compare with this station, nor can the glory and riches of princes equal it. How many were the nights when beasts and birds and predators were at rest in their lairs and thickets and groves, while ye were in the clutches of enemies.

The counsel of this Wronged One is that ye should not let go of this most exalted station. Under no circumstances should ye depart from the requirements of human nature. Leave bestial traits and savage ways to those who practice them. Hear and speak not; give, and seek not to receive. God willing, may each of you be seen as a standard of justice and a banner of wisdom. And assuredly through these pure deeds and sanctified, holy characteristics, the lights of justice that have been obscured by the oppression of the oppressors shall shine forth through God’s name. Then shall ye see the earth transformed into another earth, and the atoms shall cry out with their loudest voice:

> “The horizon of justice hath been illumined by the sun of the remembrance of our Lord, the Mighty, the Manifest, the Hearing, the Seeing.”

O people of Sad! O emigrants of the land of Sad! O strangers in the land of Sad! O captives in the land of Sad! The Most Exalted Pen hath not been heedless of you. There hath flowed from It concerning you that which is adorned with everlasting life. It hath fulfilled what was due to the Truth; what remaineth is for you to preserve this station. God willing, may ye appear amongst mankind with perfect sanctification and detachment, with compassion, bounty, and loving-kindness. No deed hath ever been, nor shall ever be, lost in the sight of God. Those souls from among you who have ascended to the Most Exalted Horizon have attained such glory and bounty as all the world is powerless and incapable of reckoning.

O people of Sad! Hearken unto that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken before and speaketh at this moment—that which shall gladden your eyes and rejoice your hearts. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Your names have been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in numerous Tablets. To this beareth witness the Lord of Names, while seated upon the throne of His Name, the All-Chosen. In the path of God ye have endured that which caused the rocks to cry out and the mountains and hills to lament. Sorrows have befallen you in this Cause; ere long shall ye find yourselves in joy from your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Rejoice in that the Wronged One remembereth you and giveth you glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for you by God, the Lord of all mankind.

We make mention of everyone who hath ascended in foreign lands while migrating in the path of God, the Lord of spirits. The light shining from the horizon of the will of the Lord of Names be upon you and upon those who have arisen to aid the Cause of their Lord through wisdom and utterance. I bear witness that ye believed in God when every idolater and doubter denied Him. Ye turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon and hearkened unto the call of your Lord, the Lord of Names, and were afflicted with trials when the call of God, the Lord of Lords, was raised. Blessed are ye and blessed is he who remembereth you after your ascension to a station beyond the remembrance of all servants. Thus crowed the Cock of the Throne and cooed the Dove of Justice when darkness encompassed all regions.

Praise be unto the Desired One of the world, through Whose ocean of bounty all have been embraced. Every soul mentioned in your letter hath been blessed with divine favors, especially yourself and the wife of he who beareth the Name 66, upon whom be all the most glorious Glory of God. Likewise for the honored ones Buzurg and Shir-ʿAli, upon both of whom be the Glory of God, wondrous and exalted Tablets have been revealed and sent. God willing, they shall attain unto them. I swear by the Truth that all that existeth and is visible cannot equal even one of these Tablets. All have been blessed with divine mention in this time. You have repeatedly been blessed with wondrous verses from the tongue of the Divine Unity in this letter, and moreover the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet hath been revealed especially for you.

Similarly have the emigrants to the land of Sad been adorned with the ornament of God's mention, and regarding those souls who have ascended to the Most Exalted Horizon, wondrous and sublime verses have been revealed. Today no deed or mention remaineth hidden. This evanescent servant beseecheth and imploreth God to assist all to preserve their stations and to give them to drink from the choice wine of steadfastness. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Regarding your mention of Aqa Muhammad-Rida and Aqa Mirza ʿAli, upon both of whom be the Glory of God, and your request that their names be presented at the Most Exalted Threshold that they might attain unto divine bounties—as per your request this was presented, and two Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablets were revealed from the heaven of grace and sent. Deliver these unto them that they may drink therefrom the choice wine of their Lord's mercy, the Bestower, the Generous. I request that on behalf of this evanescent one you convey profound and exalted greetings to them and to all the friends in that land. God the All-Knowing beareth witness that this evanescent one is occupied with the mention of the friends most of the time. God willing, may we all be assisted to serve the Cause of God in a manner befitting this wondrous Day.

Glory be upon you and upon the friends of God, they who shall fear not, neither shall they grieve.

BH06910: Praise be to God Who was and will be…

He is God, exalted is He in might and power

Praise be to God Who was and will be as He has been, and He is the One Who bestowed favors and showed generosity and made known and taught and inspired utterance. Verily He is the All-Merciful—there is no God but Him, the One Who speaks at all times.

To continue: this evanescent one's petition to your eminence is that his honor Mirza Abu'l-Fadl Gulpaygani, upon him be the glory of God, wrote a letter to this evanescent one with the purpose that it be submitted and a reply be sent. Now a letter from this servant along with six holy and exalted Tablets has been sent. If there is opportunity, may your eminence observe them and make copies, otherwise if there is mail service, send them, as they must reach him quickly.

According to the command, if someone goes to the land of Najafabad and Ardistan, or if a letter from that honored one arrives, write without attribution that the croakers and birds of night and the book of Sijjin and leaves of fire which were mentioned in divine Tablets from Iraq and the Land of Mystery and Akka have appeared and continue to appear in all places. God willing, may assured souls be confirmed in the most great steadfastness and appear in such wise that the deniers find no opportunity for denial—that is, may they rend asunder the veils of idle fancies through the power of revealed verses and manifest evidences, and surely the manifestations of vain imaginings will turn toward the lands of the All-Merciful carrying with them the book of Sijjin and tablets of fire. By the life of God! Verily he who wrote and sent them has fabricated lies against God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. It behooveth him not to speak a word. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, yet most of the people perceive not.

If you deem it advisable, inform other places as well. The glory be upon you and upon those with you. End. The servant. 5 Rajab 1298.

BH03782: Praise be to God Who hath spoken…

He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power

Praise be to God Who hath spoken that which the servant is powerless to comprehend, and Who hath heard the call of the sincere ones and responded in such wise as the pen is impotent to describe. Glorified and exalted is He above what I or any other describe Him. My spirit be a sacrifice for your steadfastness!

Your letter brought me joy and your missive stirred me, for it kindled the fire of longing in my heart and soul. When I read and understood it, I presented it before Him Who commanded all to unite on the Day of the Call. He spoke, and His sweetest utterance was:

> "Blessed is he who hath heard and recognized and sought and received and sent."

O Muhammad-i-Mustafa! We have commanded all to wisdom, yet We see ignorance and heedlessness among My loved ones. They must preserve the Tablet as they preserve their eyes, nay rather even more carefully, would they but understand. We see, and thou seest, the lassitude of the loved ones and the disarray of their affairs. Ask God to unite their company—that is, their minds—and make them among those who establish their affairs upon a firm, solid and impregnable foundation. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. The Glory be upon thee and upon all thy family.

The servant beseecheth his Lord to assist the travelers in what behooveth them on roads and paths, by sea and land, on mountains and hills. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to make you the finder of what they have lost, the retriever of what they have dropped, the restorer of what they have ruined, and the

reformer of what they have corrupted. I pray and offer peace and magnification upon your honor and upon those with you and upon God's sincere, grateful and content loved ones, then upon all of them.

The servant 5 Rajab 1298

BH02347: This is a light sent down by the All-Merciful…

In the Name of Him by Whom the ocean of utterance surgeth

This is a light sent down by the All-Merciful, which He hath dispatched in the form of a Tablet and made it glad tidings from His presence to all who are in the heavens and earth. Through it the sincere ones behold what hath been veiled from the eyes of the people, and those near unto God turn toward His sanctified and mighty and all-knowing countenance.

O Pen! Make mention of him who left his homeland, seeking his most exalted homeland—the station wherein the Lord of all beings proclaimeth: "There is none other God but Me, the All-Hearing, the All-Informed." He traversed land and sea until he reached the shore of the Most Great Sea, from whose waves can be heard what Moses heard on the most exalted and ancient Sinai—the spot whereon was established the mighty throne of God. Blessed art thou for having purposed, arrived, attained unto the presence, and heard the call of the Wronged One while imprisoned in this mighty fortress. Know thou the station of this most great station, then give thanks to thy Lord, the Generous Bestower, Who aided thee to attain this Cause which was inscribed in God's books of old, and gave thee to drink of the Kawthar of reunion from the hands of His mercy which have preceded all worlds.

In the name of the Peerless Friend, hearken in the Persian tongue to the divine call, that the sweetness of the call may so attract thee to a station wherein the evanescent affairs of the world shall not occupy thee for a single moment nor hold thee back from the Lord of Names. That which hath proceeded from thee in the path of God hath been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in God's Book. Arise to serve the Cause with utmost joy and assurance, with spirit and fragrance. Soon all that is visible shall vanish and pass away, while that which endureth and lasteth is the word that hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen concerning thee.

Convey My greetings to them that drink of the choice-sealed wine, that all may arise as befitteth their relationship to God and as beseemeth His Day. The deeds of the people of Baha must needs be witnessed among the deeds of the people of the earth even as the sun—manifest, brilliant and resplendent. Say: This is a day wherein man can possess that which shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endureth. Let not time slip away, but strive to attain this most exalted station, this greatest nobility and mightiest favor. We beseech God to make all aware and give them to drink from the Kawthar of steadfastness. This is the greatest of all deeds and the mightiest thereof. Ask God to grant all success in this. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have drunk of the Kawthar of steadfastness in this most ancient, most holy, mighty and glorious Cause.

BH02743: O Pen of the All-Merciful! Make mention of him…

In the Name of Him through Whom the Gate of Utterance was opened!

O Pen of the All-Merciful! Make mention of him who was named Muhammad in the Kingdom of Names, who, when the Call of Glory was raised from the Supreme Horizon, turned towards it and responded, while every doubtful misbeliever turned away.

Thou art he who journeyed to Zawra, traversing the paths until thou didst enter the seat of the Throne and didst hear the call of God, the Lord of Lords. Thou didst hasten and present thyself, and didst arise before the Gate which the Concourse on High circle round at all times. Blessed art thou, for thou didst drink the choice wine of reunion and didst attain unto that which was promised in the Scriptures of God, the Lord of the Beginning and the End. I bear witness that thou didst believe when the horizon of Manifestation was illumined by the Sun of Knowledge, and thou didst hear for the sake of God the taunts of every opponent, and didst bear in His love what most of the servants were powerless to bear. Upon thee be My glory and the glory of them that are in the most exalted Paradise, and the glory of those who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn.

We make mention of thy son from whom We perceived the fragrance of My love. We testify that he soared in My atmosphere, heard My call, drank the Kawthar of My bounty, turned toward My horizon, spoke My praise and confessed that which the Tongue of Grandeur did confess: that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. He was named Fath'u'llah in the Book of his Lord, and the Supreme Pen hath mentioned him in diverse Tablets, as the Mother Book doth testify. We were with him when he ascended unto Us. By My life! We found from him the fragrance of sanctity. When he ascended, the Concourse on High welcomed him with luminous standards until he entered a station whereof were but a needle's eye to be revealed, all things would cry out: "By God, this is a noble station!" Upon him be My glory and My mercy and My bounty which hath preceded all created things.

We make mention of thine other son. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. We have forgiven him as a token of Our grace and mercy from Our presence, and have ordained for him that which rejoiceth the hearts of the righteous. Thus hath My bounty encompassed My loved ones who have turned toward My horizon and My face while most of the people in the lands turned away. The glory be upon thee and upon them both and upon those who have ascended to the Supreme Companion in the name of their Lord, the Most Glorious, Who proclaimeth from the Most Great Prison that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

BH03958: He dawneth above the horizon of eternity

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O Karim! Muhammad-Rahim, after circumambulating the House, turned towards its Builder and Establisher. Through divine bounty he traversed land and sea and arrived at the shore of the Most Great Ocean—the place from which the Divine Call is raised. Blessed are they whom the affairs of the world have not prevented from the supreme horizon.

Convey My greetings to the friends in that land and say: God willing, you must arise to serve the Cause of the Beloved of all creation with perfect steadfastness and composure, in such wise that neither the power of the mighty nor the hosts of the earth shall prevent you from the Creator of heaven.

In one place this good, firm and blessed word was revealed from the Kingdom of the All-Merciful's utterance: Some of the friends are observed to be fearful. Of what should they fear, and of whom? This mansion of clay hath no worth, and these earthly temples have no station. Were they to act according to that which was revealed in the Book, they would observe that a fly is more excellent in God's sight than every heedless learned one and every doubting ruler.

Their martyrdom is not so cheap as to fall to the hand of everyone and for every soul to attain unto it. By God's life! It is a precious gem whose weight and worth none hath known save God, the Distinguisher, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Say: O friends! Know your own worth and relinquish not your stations. Soon that which is mentioned and witnessed shall be concealed, and that which hath been ordained for you shall remain and endure. With perfect wisdom, an illumined heart and penetrating vision, journey through the horizons and within yourselves, and take heed.

The Glory be upon thee and upon My loved ones in that place.

BH05121: He is the One manifest from the horizon…

He is the One manifest from the horizon of utterance. This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down unto a leaf from among the leaves of the Lote-Tree of utterance, that it might draw her unto a station wherein she shall behold in the world naught save the radiance of the lights of My Most Great Name—the Name at whose appearance the idols have wailed and every ignorant one remote from God hath been sorely troubled.

O My leaf! Hearken thou unto My call. Verily, there is no God but Him, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Cast away what is with the people and take what hath come unto thee from God, the Bestower, the Bountiful. Indeed, there hath been sent down unto thee each year a Book that all the treasures of the earth cannot equal. To this beareth witness He Who is established upon the throne of His Great Name.

Hold thou fast unto the cord of thy Lord's tender mercy, then speak forth that which the Most Great Spirit teacheth thee from this noble station.

O my God, my Beloved, and He Who is mentioned in my heart! I beseech Thee by the Name which Thou hast made a lamp unto Thy servants, a herald unto those near unto Thee, and a sun in the heaven of Thy knowledge, that Thou aid me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all beings and the Dayspring from the Most Exalted Horizon. Thou givest and withholdest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O my Lord! Disappoint me not of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, and withhold not from me that which Thou hast desired for Thy handmaidens who have voiced Thy mention and praise and

who have circled round Thy mighty throne. The glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those who are with thee, from God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH05722: All things have testified to the greatness…

In the name of the one all-knowing God

All things have testified to the greatness of the Manifestation of God, yet the servants remain heedless of His appearance and are devoted to the idols of their desires. How excellent is the state of the one who, through the Name of the Lord of all beings, has rent asunder the veils of idle fancies and has attained unto the ultimate goal and the most exalted horizon.

Whosoever today attains unto the recognition of God, it is as though he has attained unto the recognition of all the Prophets and Messengers from the beginning that has no beginning unto the end that has no end. This wondrous Day has no peer or likeness. Every eye that beholds Him is the sovereign of all eyes, and every tongue that makes mention of Him is the lord of all tongues. Blessed is the heart that has turned unto Him, blessed the foot that has hastened unto Him, and blessed the hand that has taken hold of the Book of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

We counsel thee to that which is today the cause of the exaltation of the Cause. Beseech God that He may enable thee to hearken unto His utterance, for should anyone discover the sweetness of His utterance, all the peoples of the world would be powerless to alter it. Place thy trust in all things in God, thy Lord, and say: Sufficient unto me is God, and excellent is He as a Guardian. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

BH06015: Your name is beloved. God willing, may you attain…

In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds!

Your name is beloved. God willing, may you attain to all that befits this name. Your turning and devotion, and whatsoever you have done for the sake of God, all are evident and manifest before the Wronged One. Not an atom's weight of deeds remains hidden from the Self-Sufficient, the Exalted. Be as you were before. Verily your Lord is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed.

Convey greetings from the All-Merciful to them that circle round the Kaaba of divine knowledge and say: Should all the writers of the earth gather together and attempt to describe this most mighty, most holy Day as it truly is, they would surely find themselves powerless to do so.

Know ye your station and hold fast in all conditions with the most great steadfastness. The beginning of the Cause is the knowledge of God and its end is steadfastness therein. Stations have been ordained for you the radiance of whose lights the eyes of men are powerless to behold. God willing, may ye be assisted to preserve these stations.

Soon shall appear in the world the signs and fruits of whatsoever ye have witnessed and heard in the path of God. Verily He is the Bearer of Glad-Tidings, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH06238: The atoms have testified to the Revealer of Verses…

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

The atoms have testified to the Revealer of Verses, while the people of veils are in a mighty stupor. Heedlessness hath so seized them that they are prevented from hearkening unto this Call whereby those in the graves have arisen and the Mount hath spoken. The Dayspring of Revelation hath appeared, wherein the All-Merciful proclaimeth with loudest voice:

> "The Kingdom belongeth to Him Who speaketh the truth. Verily, He is the One promised in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds."

O thou who art attracted by the verses of thy Lord and enkindled with the fire of His love! Be thou immersed in the ocean of praise and thanksgiving, inasmuch as the Lord of all being hath remembered thee from His most exalted horizon with this wondrous and glorious remembrance. Let not the affairs of men grieve thee and keep thee from the Lord of decree. Cast aside what the people possess, holding fast to the cord of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful.

Blessed art thou for having attained unto the remembrance of God and the traces of His Pen. Recognize thou this most exalted station, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Thus have We illumined the heaven of utterance with the Sun of knowledge. Blessed is he who hath perceived the fragrance and hath arisen to make good that which he had missed in the Day of God, the Lord of the worlds.

Upon thee, and upon him who hath attained unto this resplendent and choice wine, be the Glory of God.

BH07374: O Husayn! The Wronged One makes mention of thee…

He is the Remembering One, the Witness, the All-Knowing

O Husayn! The Wronged One makes mention of thee and counsels thee with that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds, may be exalted. By the life of God! The Cause is mighty, mighty indeed. Blessed is he who is so steadfast that the affairs of earth do not cause him to slip, and so strong that the hosts of the oppressors do not frighten him.

We have enjoined upon all to act with goodliness. Blessed is he who has heard and acted upon that which he was commanded by the One Who is the Wise Commander. We have forbidden the servants from all that would give rise to sorrows in the contingent world. Thy Lord, the All-Merciful, bears witness to this in His perspicuous Book.

We have sent thee what thou didst request before, as a token of Our grace. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Make mention of the loved ones of the All-Merciful with spirit and fragrance, and gladden them with My beauteous remembrance.

From this spot We send Our greetings upon thee and upon thy family and those with thee, and upon all who are steadfast and firm. Hold fast to the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness, and leave those who have denied God when He appeared in truth through this Great Name.

BH07032: In the Name of the one peerless God!…

In the Name of the one peerless God! The True One, exalted be His glory, created the world and its peoples through His Most Exalted Word. Thereafter He sent forth the Prophets, the Chosen Ones and the Messengers for the sole purpose of education, that they might adorn all with the attributes of the All-Merciful and enable them to attain the highest station of human existence. He is the Bestower, the Compassionate, and He is the Educator of all who dwell within the realm of possibility. His grace hath preceded all and His mercy hath encompassed all.

Should one possessed of true vision observe carefully and reflect upon all that hath appeared and been manifested, and all that hath occurred and continueth to occur, he would behold in all things the fruits of the divine Tree of Wisdom. Blessed is he who is fair-minded and possessed of insight, and blessed is he who is learned and well-informed.

O My handmaiden! Thy petition was presented before the Most Holy Court, and this most exalted Tablet hath been revealed in response from the Kingdom of Grace. May thou drink, God willing, from the choice wine of understanding from the utterance of the All-Merciful. Blessed art thou and blessed is thy father who hath ascended unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

BH07784: Say: Glory be to Thee, O Thou Who art…

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

Say: Glory be to Thee, O Thou Who art the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and on earth and the Object of desire of all who are in the kingdoms of command and creation! I beseech Thee by the stars of the heaven of Thy knowledge and the pearls of the ocean of Thy wisdom to aid me in rending asunder the veils that have hindered me from drawing nigh unto Thee and turning towards Thy direction. O Lord! Thou seest me advancing towards Thy most exalted horizon and clinging to the cord of Thy bounty, O Thou Lord of all names!

O Lord! I am he that is dead who seeketh the water of Thy immortality, and the poor one who desireth the ocean of Thy riches, and the weary one who hasteneth to the Salsabil of Thy utterance. I beseech Thee by the Dawning-Place of Thy revelation and the Dayspring of Thy verses, and by Thy Branches, and by Him Whom Thou hast made the Servant of Thy Self, to make me in all conditions to fix my gaze upon Thee and to stand ready to serve Thee.

Verily Thou art He Whom nothing whatsoever can frustrate and no command can impede. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Thou art, in truth, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Praised.

BH07531: God willing, may all the handmaidens of God attain…

In the name of the wise observer!

God willing, may all the handmaidens of God attain unto that which God has willed. May they speak for the sake of God and fix their gaze upon God. Great is this Day and great shall be whatsoever appeareth therein. Strive ye, that with utmost sanctity and detachment ye may be occupied with the mention and praise of God. Today the station of deeds and their fruit is hidden from sight. The All-Knowing One declareth: Erelong shall the deeds, actions and remembrances of the servants and handmaidens become manifest in the assemblage of the world and be proclaimed from the pulpits. O handmaidens of God! Strive that ye may become the source of goodly deeds and that your mention may endure through the Most Great Remembrance.

Thy letter was seen and We have mentioned thee in this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet that thou mayest act according to that which God loveth, turning away from that which His servants love.

BH07643: Glorified be He Who hath appeared with the truth…

He is the One standing before all men

Glorified be He Who hath appeared with the truth and hath manifested unto mankind that which every mighty and powerful one hath failed to achieve, and hath sent down verses in such wise that every learned and discerning one hath been powerless before them. He is, verily, the Truth, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We have inhaled the fragrance of thy love and have sent down for thee that which shall solace all eyes. Place the world beneath thy feet and say:

I beseech Thee, O Lord of Eternity and Sovereign of the nations, to ordain for me through Thy bounty that which shall keep me from aught else save Thee and draw me nigh in all conditions unto the ocean of Thy good-pleasure. O Lord! My thirst hath exceeded all bounds of moderation. Where is the ocean of Thy grace, O Beloved of the worlds? I beseech Thee to preserve me, through Thy bounty and power, from the evil of Thy creatures who have cast behind them Thy Book and have clung to vain imaginings in Thy days. Thou art He Who doeth what He pleaseth through His sovereignty and ordaineth what He willeth through His power. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH07951: O Shukru'llah! I pray that thou mayest reflect, throughout…

In the name of the One God

O Shukru'llah! I pray that thou mayest reflect, throughout all nights and days, upon thy name and its meaning. I swear by the Sun of Truth which shineth from the horizon of the prison, that shouldst thou properly reflect upon this name and become aware of it, thou wilt give voice to such praise and thanksgiving of the Beloved of the world that the conditions of earth shall neither prevent thee nor silence thee.

Thou hast attained unto the Most Great Ocean and hast drunk from the Kawthar of reunion which is the essence of the divine Books and Scriptures. Strive that such deeds as befit this bounty and favor may be made manifest from thee.

Be thou gazing toward My horizon, turning unto My face, soaring in Mine atmosphere, and speaking forth My beauteous praise. The glory be upon thee and upon him who hath turned toward the Most Sublime Horizon, turning away from those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH08512: O my handmaiden, O leaf of My name!…

In the name of the peerless Lord!

O my handmaiden, O leaf of My name! The tongue of My grandeur makes mention of thee and gives thee the glad tidings of My mercy and loving-kindness and grace which have preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. The favor of God hath ever been and will continue to be directed towards Ismu'l-Asdaq. Praise be to God that he turned, by permission, and arrived, and stood at the gate, and hearkened to the call of God, and was illumined by the light of His countenance. Blessed is he, and joy be unto him! His kindred are remembered before the Throne. They must, God willing, manifest such virtues as befit this divine Day. Hearken unto the voice of the true Counsellor and act in accordance with that which is worthy of the Day of God. Ye have been and are beneath the glance of God's mercy. Be thankful unto thy Lord for this supreme bounty.

BH08277: God beareth witness that there is none other God…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great.

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come with the truth is indeed the Promised One mentioned in the Books of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

Blessed be the countenance that hath turned toward My countenance, and the eye that hath beheld My most exalted horizon, and the ear that hath heard My most sweet call, and the tongue that hath confessed that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered—the Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Possessor of the seen and the unseen.

Be thou thankful that We have remembered thee time and again. Then remain steadfast in the Cause through this Name before which all created things have bowed down in submission. Beware lest the affairs of men hold thee back from the Truth or the allusions of those who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved.

We send from this spot Our glorification upon thee and upon My loved ones in that place who have acted in accordance with that which they were bidden by God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

BH08106: O handmaid of God! Praise be to God…

In the name of the merciful Lord!

O handmaid of God! Praise be to God that thou hast drunk from the ocean of divine knowledge and hast turned to the horizon of His Manifestation and after hearing the call of “Am I not?” thou hast been blessed with saying “Yea!” Strive that thou mayest attain unto His enduring grace.

This is the day wherein every soul can attain a station that will endure throughout the past and future eternities. Be grateful with a hundred thousand tongues, for God, exalted be His glory, hath manifested from thee souls who are adorned with the ornament of faith and are engaged in the service of His Cause.

How many are the people of the earth who are deprived and veiled from the Object of their desires, while you are attracted and turning towards Him. This is a great station. May it be preserved, God willing, in His Name.

We counsel all the women of that land to sanctification and detachment and whatsoever the All-Bountiful hath sent down in the Book.

BH08871: God beareth witness that there is none other God…

He is the One dawning from this luminous horizon.

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who is established upon the throne is verily the Dawning Place of verses and the Rising Point of clear proofs. Through Him was confirmed what was recorded in the books of old and what God, the Lord of the worlds, had promised in His scriptures was made manifest.

O concourse of creation! Hearken unto that which the Truth doth speak and follow not every remote barker. The gate of grace hath been opened and the sovereign of justice speaketh the truth and summoneth the people unto God, the One, the All-Informed. We have indeed set up the balance and made manifest the path, but the people have turned away, having followed every ignorant doubter. Thus hath the morn of utterance breathed when the tongue of the All-Merciful spoke forth from this exalted station.

BH08718: O maidservant of God! Your letter was received…

He is God, exalted is He! His are the Command and Creation!

O maidservant of God! Your letter was received, and as the fragrance of love for the One Beloved Friend wafted from it, the glance of loving-kindness was directed toward you. We make mention of you through these exalted words, which are like the sun for the world of knowledge and like trees for the garden of inner meanings. If you comprehend this bounty and become aware of it, you will manifest such joy and gladness that the cares and sorrows of this ephemeral realm will not affect it. God willing, you will fix your gaze upon the divine commandments and hold fast to that which is in the Book.

We make mention of Dhabih at this moment and counsel him with that whereby the Cause of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, may be exalted. Verily we are God’s and to Him we shall return.

BH08755: Fix thy gaze upon this blessed word which, like…

In the Name of the one incomparable God!

Fix thy gaze upon this blessed word which, like unto the Most Great Luminary, hath shone forth from the horizon of the Mouth of the Will of the Lord of eternity: “Be thou for Me that I may be for thee.” Well is it with thee for having attained unto this exalted word which hath been uttered by My Most Exalted Pen. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Forgiving, the Most Bountiful.

How excellent is the state of him who hath quaffed the Kawthar of inner meanings from the chalices of words and utterances revealed by Him Who revealeth the verses. By the Most Great Name! The conditions and troubles of this earthly world shall not sadden him, nor shall they withhold him from the Day-Star of Revelation.

Strive thou to attain unto that which shall endure as long as the Kingdom of earth and heaven endureth. Thy Lord is, verily, the Rememberer, the Counselor, the Ordainer, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH09369: Glorified be the All-Merciful Who hath sent down…

He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance!

Glorified be the All-Merciful Who hath sent down the proof to all who dwell in the realm of possibility, though most of the people are heedless. The horizon of utterance hath been illumined by the Sun of the mention of thy Lord’s Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous—He at Whose coming the heaven shall be cleft asunder, the earth shall be rent, and every mighty mountain shall be crushed to dust.

Say: O people! Deprive not yourselves of the Euphrates of God’s mercy, and follow not the vain imaginings of every ignorant remote one. By My life! Ye were created for My Day, and it hath dawned from the horizon of My Will, as this Speaking Book doth testify. Hold fast unto the cord of grace, and cling to the hem of thy Lord’s mercy, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken while among the heedless ones.

BH09478: The dawn hath broken and the cock hath crowed…

He is the Witness, the Witnessed One!

The dawn hath broken and the cock hath crowed, and the nightingale warbleth upon the branches. The kingdom is God’s, the Mighty, the Bestower! We make mention of every servant who hath turned unto God and every handmaid who hath attained unto the Most Great Word when it appeared from God, the Lord of Lords. Rejoice, O My handmaid, in My remembrance, then render thanks for the bounty of thy Lord Who, when He appeared, caused hearts to tremble and foundations to quake.

Beware lest anything prevent thee from the remembrance of thy Lord. Leave behind what is with the people and take hold of this Book through a power from thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Thus doth the Lord of all beings teach thee in the prison fortress of ʿAkka. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

BH09985: A Book sent down by the Sovereign of Might…

He is the One dawning from the horizon of the Kingdom.

A Book sent down by the Sovereign of Might unto one of His handmaidens who hath turned towards the Supreme Horizon when the learned ones turned away from it and the mystics were veiled from it, save whom God, the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven, hath willed. Thus hath the Tongue of Utterance spoken forth in this noble station. Let not the affairs of the world sadden thee. By God! The Most Great Joy hath appeared. It walketh before all faces, proclaiming: O people of the earth, set aside what ye possess. By God! God hath come with manifest sovereignty. Blessed is the handmaid who hath heard and attained, and woe unto every doubting servant.

BH11406: He is the Mighty, the Great. God beareth witness…

He is the Mighty, the Great. God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting. I have presented myself before the Gate and heard the Call from the Supreme Horizon and attained unto that which the near ones have attained.

BH11412: He is the Dawning One from the horizon…

He is the Dawning One from the horizon of eternity. Blessed art thou for having sought the Most Great Goal until thou didst attain the ultimate End and didst hear the Call raised from the Pavilion of Glory—verily there is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH00035: Praise befitteth and beseemeth that Beloved One Who…

Section 1: “In the Name of our Most Holy, Most…”

In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Generous, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord

Praise befitteth and beseemeth that Beloved One Who, with the finger of power, rent asunder the most mighty and glorious veils and guided the people of Baha to the highest horizon. He is the Expositor at Whose utterance all exposition is thunderstruck, and He is the Judge at Whose justice the Balance itself trembleth. Through but a single manifestation of His Will, the books of the world appear and become manifest, and through but a drop from the ocean of His Purpose, creation is thrown into commotion and tumult. Glory be to God! What manner of fire is this that maketh fresh and enduring, and what manner of water is this that increaseth heat? From the wine of His knowledge every possessor of understanding loseth his understanding, and from the Kawthar of His utterance every one devoid of hearing is endowed with hearing and proclaimeth His call. He bestoweth sight and declareth “Look and thou shalt see Me.”

Glory be to God! A Day of such blessedness and such sanctity hath remained unappreciated, and the pearls of the ocean of inner meanings have fallen into the hands of the sightless. The lowliest of all the parties of the earth regard themselves as the most exalted of creation, and souls that are but illusions count themselves among those possessed of certitude. Every fair-minded one is bewildered and every

possessor of wisdom is confounded. The intoxication of vain desire hath prevented all from recognizing and comprehending the Day of God. This evanescent soul beseecheth the True One, exalted be His glory, to aid all to achieve that which beseemeth them.

I pray, send greetings and glorification upon those whom the veils have not prevented from the Dawning-Place of verses, who have arisen to promote the Cause and have spoken that which they were bidden in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. They are those who have testified to that which God hath testified and have acknowledged that which God hath acknowledged. These are servants unto whom the Supreme Pen hath borne witness, attesting to their devotion, their humility, their lowliness, and their arising to serve the Cause of God, the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the signs of Thy grandeur to assist them in all conditions to remember and praise Thee, and to enable them to that which befitteth Thy dawning and Thy manifestation and Thy power.

O my Lord! Thou seest them before Thy servants. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the world, by the Most Great Name, to preserve them from whatsoever is unworthy of Thy days. Then manifest through them that whereby Thy Cause may be exalted in Thy dominion. Thou art the Almighty Whom the affairs of creation cannot frustrate nor the manifestations of the earth weaken. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, the All-Praised.

O beloved of my heart! Although this servant beseecheth and imploreth the True One, exalted and mighty be He, to be enabled to respond to thy letters, there have nonetheless been occasional delays. However, these delays have been caused by the press of occupations, to which thou thyself hast borne and continuest to bear witness. Praise be to God! Though there have been delays, they have not been forgotten and in every case a response hath been offered. This letter fulfilleth the promise made on the ninth of Rabi'u'th-Thani that the remainder of the response to thy letter dated the first of Safar would be submitted and dispatched.

Regarding what you wrote that one of the handmaidens of God named Fatimah is adorned with the ornament of divine love, and that her son took his own life by poison—this matter was presented before the Most Holy Court. This is what was revealed in response: "O ʿAli-Qabl-i-Akbar! We found not from him the fragrance of certitude, yet We forgave him as a bounty to you and to his mother. Verily your Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We mention her at this time to give her glad tidings of the verses of her Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O Fatimah! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord. He mentions thee from the prison and calls thee to God, the Lord of Lords. Be not grieved by what has transpired. Children are for the perpetuation of name and remembrance, and this only if God confirms and the child is adorned with justice. Now you have attained to that which is a hundred thousand times more excellent. Ask God to keep you firm and steadfast in His love, and that the Supreme Pen may reveal the word of His good-pleasure concerning you. This is a bounty whose mention and honor shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endure. Hold fast to the hem of the mercy of thy Lord, the Generous.

O ʿAli! Give her the glad tidings of My loving-kindness and mercy, and that which hath been revealed for her from the heaven of My Will and surged in the ocean of My utterance, the Mighty, the Impregnable. God willing, may all be quickened by the fire of divine favor and the water of the All-Merciful's mercy, in such wise that the coldness of the world may not chill the people of Baha nor hold them back from the Most Exalted Horizon."

Some days ago, the Fruit of the Crimson Leaf—upon her be, from every Baha, its most glorious Baha—[was mentioned].

Likewise, certain of the maidservants of God had set forth, in detail, matters concerning him before the Holy Household; and an answer, from the heaven of loving-kindness, was revealed and sent in a sealed packet, in the name of His honour the Fruit—upon him be the splendour of Baha'u'llah. God willing, they shall attain thereunto. And as to what thou didst write, that thou hadst penned and dispatched, on behalf of the sister of Hadrat Sultanu' sh-Shuhada—my soul be a sacrifice for him—an epistle to the Most Inaccessible, the Most Holy Presence: this was laid before Him.

This is what the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered:

> "O ʿAli-ibn-i-Akbar! We have made mention of every name that was in thy letter. This is of My nature; and it beareth witness to My loving-kindness, and to My character, and to My mercy that hath preceded all things. Blessed is the name of that sister who mourned in His affliction, at whose bereavement My Most Exalted Pen lamented; and blessed is his sister who turned unto Us, and heard, and attained."

"Announce unto her, on My behalf; then convey unto her what hath been revealed for her from the heaven of My Will—verses of My greatness, through which the Hour hath been made manifest and hath arisen. We have, ere this, revealed for her a Tablet and sent it unto her as a command from Our presence. Thus did the Dove cry aloud and speak." Ended.

A further Tablet, most inaccessible and most holy, is likewise being sent by the hand of His honour Ibn-ʿAta—upon them both be the splendour of Baha'u'llah. It was also sent before; God willing, they have attained, and shall attain, thereunto. For some days now the aforementioned person and his brother have been admitted to the Most Holy Presence, and after a few days they will set their faces toward that region.

And as to what thou didst write concerning the daughter of His honour Ismu'llah al-Asdaq—upon him rest the most glorious splendours of Baha'u'llah—this was submitted. Praise be to God! through His grace she hath attained, and at this very hour this most wondrous, most unapproachable Tablet hath been revealed especially for her. God willing, she shall attain thereunto.

In the Name of God, the One.

O my handmaid! God willing, mayest thou be the recipient of divine favors. This is the Day wherein the gems of human existence must be made manifest through the divine Name. The path hath been laid and the balance set up. Beseech ye the exalted Lord that He may aid all His servants and handmaidens to

achieve that which beseemeth His days. This is the Day of goodly deeds and spiritual attributes. Strive thou to attain that which God hath purposed. Thou hast been remembered before His presence, and God willing, shall continue to be remembered. Rejoice thou in thy Lord's bounty and render thanks unto Him through His beauteous remembrance. Blessed is thy father. The Tongue of Grandeur hath testified on his behalf in such wise that his remembrance shall endure throughout the eternity of My most excellent names.

Thy Lord is verily the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. He attained the presence of God once in Baghdad and again in this mighty prison. He approached with radiant countenance by his Lord's leave until he entered and presented himself at the gate, and heard the verses of God, the Lord of all worlds. On most days he attained Our presence and heard that which the Beloved heard on His night journey and Moses heard on the Mount of knowledge. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken, yet the people are for the most part heedless.

O handmaid of God! Great indeed is God's favor and mighty is His grace. The entire world standeth powerless to reckon the measure thereof. He hath forgiven thee out of His grace and commandeth thee to that which beseemeth thee. He is verily the All-Bountiful and His Essence dominateth the worlds. God willing, may the handmaids of the All-Merciful act in a manner befitting their station. This is the counsel of the Peerless Friend. The Glory be upon thee and upon them that follow guidance.

Concerning thy mention of the friends in that land and the question about the blessed verse, it was presented before His presence. This is what the All-Bestowing hath revealed in response:

He is the All-Knowing Speaker

O ʿAli-Akbar! The Wronged One remembereth thee from the precincts of His hallowed House and His praiseworthy station, that thou mayest rejoice and be among the thankful. We have heard thy call and answered thee, and witnessing thy humility, We have remembered thee in such wise as to diffuse the fragrance of My loving-kindness amongst My servants. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Bountiful. We make mention of My loved ones whom thou hast mentioned, that the call may attract them to the Supreme Horizon and draw them nigh unto a station wherein the hosts of the earth shall not frighten them, nor shall the derision of the infidels who have denied God, the Lord of all worlds, cause them to grieve.

He verily protecteth them as He pleaseth through the sovereignty of might, majesty and power, and nothing whatsoever can frustrate His purpose. Thy Lord is verily the Almighty, the Omnipotent. Say: Consider ye this world—it passeth away like a breath, quicker than the twinkling of an eye. Thus doth He Who possesseth a perspicuous Book remind you. Ponder ye upon it and its evanescence. By the life of God! Ye shall then find yourselves in supreme joy. Ye are they whom the All-Merciful remembereth throughout all possibility and to whom He maketh known His straight path. Ye have attained unto that which Moses attained aforetime. My tongue and My Pen and the denizens of My glorious kingdom bear witness unto this.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Give them glad tidings from Me and proclaim unto them from My tongue. Then remind them of that which shall make them mighty in this Cause, that the spirit of steadfastness may descend upon them from the heaven of thy Lord's grace, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

Most strange it is that souls who claim the station of steadfastness and certitude become agitated and shaken by the merest whiff from the embodiments of vain imaginings. The tales of old have held people back from steadfastness, and lack of understanding hath deprived them of this supreme bounty, heedless that whatsoever they have heard before was pure falsehood and sheer calumny. These matters were mentioned before in most eloquent terms. Thou must acquaint the souls with these things in such wise that the heedless ones shall find themselves powerless to prevent them, but rather shall perceive their own impotence and limitation.

When they asked Ja'far, brother of ʿAskari, whether any offspring remained from his brother, he said there was a child who died. When the false pretenders heard this statement, they denied it and called him a liar. Observe to what degree the oppression reached and to what level the calumny ascended. Then mention was made of the Holy Domain and the appearance of epistles, with all the details you have previously heard. May God grant justice regarding such souls who have left the helpless people wandering in the wilderness of doubts and idle fancies, and who have proven worse than Abu Lahab. Now for some time this title of "liar" will remain among the people of Pharaoh for that truthful Speaker. These false and lying pretenders cling to the same devices; their original way and path remains the same. The receptive souls must be made aware so that they may become informed and not be deprived of what God has intended through the whisperings of Satan's party.

I swear by the brightness of the Sun of Justice that this Wronged One's purpose is that powerful souls should arise to promote the Cause and protect the people from the evil of satans, until they reach a station where they see themselves independent of all that has passed and count all save the Truth as non-existent and null. Say: O friends, fix your gaze upon the horizon of the Cause and upon that which hath appeared therefrom. This is the counsel of Truth. Convey My greetings to all the friends and remind them of that which the Book hath spoken. Those souls who are now in the land of Sad and elsewhere, calling people to hell—you yourself know that they were not and are not aware of any Cause. They speak according to their desires. Their origin is falsehood and unto falsehood do they return. Verily they are of falsehood and unto it shall they return.

In any case, seize the reins of the Cause through God's power and might, and call the receptive ones to the horizon of certitude. Perchance they may drink from the Kawthar of assurance and manifest complete steadfastness. End.

Indeed, this evanescent one is bewildered, nay, dumbfounded. By what proof can those who turn away from this Most Great Cause establish any other cause? Through a drop from this ocean all the Prophets and Messengers guided the people to the truth. Now the ocean is manifest, yet the people are observed to be veiled and heedless. The expounder must break all the idols of vain imaginings that people previously held, with the arm of certitude, and lead them to the Dawning-Place of verses with the rod of wisdom. The Command is in God's hands.

Section 2: “Regarding what was written about Jinab-i-Aqa Khudadad, upon…”

Regarding what was written about Jinab-i-Aqa Khudadad, upon him be the glory of God, it was mentioned. The Sun of loving-kindness shone forth from the horizon of grace. They said: The children of the Friend and the heirs of the Interlocutor have in this Revelation attained to the most great favor. Their mention, their acceptance, and their service have been revealed and recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in scriptures and tablets. Convey to him greetings from the True One and say: Through the favor of the Peerless Friend thou hast attained the Most Exalted Horizon and been adorned with the recognition of the Dawning-Place of verses and the Source of clear proofs. Ask God that he may attain this lofty and most exalted station with supreme steadfastness. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful. Soon shall the fruits of deeds become manifest. Verily He does not suffer the reward of the doers of good and the benevolent to be lost. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. End.

Concerning what you wrote about Jinab-i-Akhavan and his family, upon them be 9 66 [Baha’u’llah], from the heaven of grace a most holy and exalted Tablet was revealed and sent specifically for each one. God willing, their eyes shall be illumined thereby and their hearts attain supreme joy. Likewise, specifically for Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Ja’far a most holy Tablet was revealed and sent, that his eyes might be consoled and his heart rejoiced. Up to this point is the response to your letter which was previously submitted, some of which was presented and sent, and some of which was to be sent later. Now praise be to God that this evanescent servant was enabled to fulfill his promise, praise be to God in all conditions. And your other letter which you had sent to Ismu’llah M.H., upon him be Baha’u’llah, was presented before His presence. This is what the Kingdom of Utterance hath spoken:

God willing, on this most mighty, most exalted, most holy day, may they succeed in that which is befitting and proper. Their mention hath been made in His presence and the gaze of His favor is directed towards them. With perfect wisdom and utterance they must strengthen the weak souls through the blessed, mighty Word of God and adorn them with the ornament of certitude, that they may remain protected from the doubts of the manifestations of fancy and idle imaginings. Indeed, may they behold each of the people of Baha in such a steadfast station that they find themselves incapable of speech.

O ʿAli-Qabil-Akbar! All the people of the Bayan bear witness that, on a day when all men, by reason of the tyranny of the exponents of oppression, lay hid behind veils and curtains, the Truth—of Himself—arose to champion His Cause, and, with the most exalted Call, summoned the inmates of the Kingdom of creation to the Most High Horizon. There befell Him such things as none can reckon save God. And when, through the potency of the Name of the Self-Subsisting, the mention of the Cause was uplifted and the standard of the Bayan planted, they that were the dawning-places of vain imaginings came forth from behind the veil and, like unto buzzing flies, made a clamorous noise.

O thou that hast turned unto God! Ponder the heedless souls—what have they left behind, and to what have they turned? Say: He needeth not, for the proof of His Cause, the mention of aught beside Himself. Verily He hath brought that which none before Him hath brought; to this beareth witness whoso speaketh with fairness and equity. Thy Lord, verily, is the just, the impartial, the speaking, the all-seeing. Say: By God! He is not indicated by any book, nor by the Bayan, neither is He known through the mention

of His servants and His creatures. He establisheth His Cause by His own Self; verily He is independent of all that hath been and all that shall be. The Bayan circleth round about Him; the verses are abased before His manifestation; the proofs are humbled beneath His sovereignty.

He, in truth, is the Powerful, the Almighty. Say: Die in your rage! He is not to be pointed to by that which ye possess, nor by that which is in the Bayan. How is it that ye seek to prove, by it, God, the Lord of the worlds? The whole of the Bayan is even as a ring upon My finger, and a leaf among the leaves of My garden of utterance. Thus hath testified My Herald, Who came with the Truth and announced unto men this mighty tiding. In all the Books of God the mention of this Manifestation hath been set forth with fullest clarity, recorded and inscribed; yet this Manifestation, of Himself, hath been and shall ever be sufficient, independent of the testimony of those gone before and those that come after.

God willing, thou shalt be strengthened to shatter the idols of doubt and delusion, and to guide all men to the law of certitude. Thy Lord, verily, is the Sustainer, the Teacher, the All-Informed. Ended.

The supplication of thy honour was submitted, time after time; and the honoured one, the Name 66 [God]—upon Him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah]—hath likewise, in accordance with thy commission, attained unto a special visitation. Well is it with him, and with you, and with me.

As to what thou didst ask: that a certain man hath, of his own person, asserted unto a certain woman that "thou art my wedded wife," and that he and she recited together the verse of consent, and agreed upon a specified dowry in conformity with the ordinance of the Book; that neither party had anyone appointed by them to conclude the contract with leave and permission; and that no other witnesses were present; yet now the woman denieth it, saying: "Never did such a thing take place; it is a lie." What is the duty, and what the ruling? These matters were laid before the Presence; He said: This marriage contract hath not been concluded according to the ordinance of the Book, for the nuptial formula must be recited and a number of persons must be present, that thereafter none may be able to deny.

The recitation of the formula is not an obligation, yet witnesses are necessary. And after the establishment of the House of Justice and the men thereof, they will assuredly appoint a person, with certain others, for this particular matter, that affairs may be carried out in conformity with the divine law. If, between two persons, something hath indeed taken place, yet, since it hath not occurred according to that which God hath ordained, it is neither accepted nor can it be; for if otherwise be done, it will lead to confusion and corruption and contention.

Verily He hath appeared, and hath made manifest His straight Path, that every matter may be seen firm and secure in its own place. It behoveth both to repent and to return unto God, the Forgiving, the Generous. He verily forgiveth His servants, and He is the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Merciful. End.

And further thou didst ask whether any person is free to dispose of his possessions while he hath offspring and other heirs—whether he may make over his estate and property to another, or to one heir alone, by way of settlement or gift, depriving the rest of any share, or whether he may not. This is what the All-Bountiful hath revealed in reply

“Every soul hath full authority over their own possessions and may do with them as they wish, so long as they are possessed of a sound mind. Their authority is not taken from them. This is what God hath decreed. However, after the onset of a true mental incapacity that is clearly established by skilled physicians, their authority ceaseth by the decree of the Book. Verily, He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Praised.” End.

And as to what thou didst write, that His honour Mashhadi Haydar, of the people of Sad—upon him rest the splendours of Baha’u’llah—had inquired concerning the embryo [al-janin] and matters other than the embryo: these particulars also were presented before the Throne. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken.

Blessed art thou, O Haydar, in that thou hast turned thy face towards God, hast believed in Him and hast migrated in His path despite what thou didst encounter from the hosts of the oppressors. Those souls who have not attained unto the recognition of God in this day are accounted as being in an embryonic state. Verily, one who hath attained is he who hath both recognized and conveyed My Cause. Observe those souls who count themselves among the people of certitude and assurance, and who consider themselves illumined by the light of the divine Sun of Manifestation and steadfast, yet at the time of testing they are found submerged in doubt by the words of deluded souls whose proofs are flimsier than a spider’s web.

How strange it is! What regret and remorse! Although all are aware that none had any knowledge of this Cause, and these disseminators speak merely of their own desires and have heard naught but from their like, yet they are found wavering and disturbed. The people of Baha must manifest such steadfastness and power that none shall find occasion for speech or denial. By the life of God! These people are in manifest loss.

O Haydar! God willing, thou shalt remain protected from the arrows of the deniers and the objectors, and be adorned with the ornament of certitude. Consider the words of the Point of the Bayan regarding what the heedless souls today proclaim and cling to. He saith:

> “The one-year-old babes of that Revelation are mightier than all the followers of the Bayan”

- that is, than those who cling to the Bayan. This statement of the Author of the Bayan, and other statements of its people, thou and the other friends have heard what they have said and continue to say. By the life of God! They are among the oppressors.

As to what thou hast asked regarding the embryo [al-janin], know thou that whatsoever hath occurred and will occur in the world is according to divine wisdom, and all things are created complete and perfect, with effect and fruit. If one were to observe and contemplate any matter or thing before his eyes, he would testify with absolute certainty that His wisdom is consummate and His craftsmanship perfect. Consider the hand which is ever with man—all that it possesses is according to wisdom. If but one of its veins, which is the finest and most delicate of all, should be afflicted, the strength and movement of the hand would be impaired. Every sage hath testified to the perfection of His handiwork and every learned one to the completeness of His creation.

And whatsoever hath been created must needs reach its state of perfection and attain unto maturity. And if it be prevented by other causes, this too is according to other divine wisdom, which in some cases is manifest and evident, and in others hidden and concealed. For example, God hath bestowed the hand, and for man it is necessary, as it is observed to be the greatest of instruments. However, when it is severed on account of theft, this deficiency is, in the eyes of the discerning, perfect, nay rather, most perfect, for it is the cause of protection and the means of preventing the servants from committing reprehensible and rejected deeds. Observe all things from this perspective. It is evident that the creation of the embryo is for the purpose of growth and maturity, and every soul hath been, and remaineth, powerless to comprehend the essence of the Divine Wisdom.

Verily the mind is the greatest sign in man, and blessed is he who attaineth unto it. Yet notwithstanding its lofty station and exalted rank, it is seen to be powerless to comprehend most things, for the mind's knowledge dependeth upon the testimony of sight. Unless the eye beholdeth the palm tree, the mind cannot perceive in the date-stone its fruits and leaves, branches and boughs. How then could the mind comprehend, before beholding it, that there existeth in the world something one speck of which could burn up the entire world, reduce it to ashes, and bring it to naught? Assuredly the Hand of Divine Power hath brought such a thing to completion.

Neither are God's worlds limited to this world, nor is His power restricted from aught, nor His might confined to the means of this world. And since it hath been established and proven that His creation is perfect and complete, and that whatsoever hath been and is observed is in accordance with wisdom, it therefore becometh evident to every soul that whatsoever appeareth imperfect hath been ordained to attain unto perfection and completion, and shall be made manifest. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Creator, the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

Were the Most Exalted Pen to fully reveal the mysteries of this matter, ye would behold the hidden secrets in the outward appearance of all things. God willing, may this station be unveiled, and may ye drink from the ocean of joy and knowledge.

O Haydar! Hearken unto the voice of Him Who hath been wronged, and stand firm in the Cause of God with such steadfastness that neither sitting nor standing can match or attain unto it. That which is needed today is to aid the Cause of God through wisdom and utterance. Be seated and take counsel regarding the conduct of affairs, and with perfect calm and dignity carry out whatsoever will conduce to the exaltation and advancement of the Cause of God. End.

As to the embryos of the Bayan, it must be observed that even after a hundred thousand years it is not known whether they will attain unto the stage of maturity. Consider the words of their chief, how he regardeth the people as utterly foolish when he writeth that they take two verses from the Qur'an and two verses from the Bayan, combine them and call it a verse. Now ponder the falsehood of that heedless soul, and at what station and rank he standeth. Should anyone reflect upon his words, he would gain complete knowledge of his true condition. Although in this Revelation there hath appeared that which hath never appeared in any age—if they look to the abundance of verses, verily they have filled the East and the West.

In the Lawh-i-Burhan this blessed verse was sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will. Thus speaketh He, exalted be His glory: “Dost thou object to Him Who hath brought unto thee that which thou possessest and that which the people of the world possess of the proofs of God and His signs?” And in another place: “Dost thou deny the verses of thy Lord which, when sent down from the heaven of His Cause, caused all the Books of the world to bow down before them?” Thus hath the Tongue spoken in the kingdom of utterance, yet most of the people are heedless. And if they look to the sweetness and greatness of the verses, all atoms bear witness that they cannot be compared to even a single tablet from among the wondrous and exalted divine tablets—whatsoever was revealed in the Bayan and before it cannot equal a single Tablet from among the wondrous and exalted divine Tablets.

The Point of the Bayan—may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake—hath said: “A single letter thereof transcendeth all that hath been revealed in the Bayan.” Where is he that heareth and seeth? Where is he that showeth justice and speaketh the truth? This evanescent servant beseecheth God to vouchsafe unto the heedless and the wayward a drop from the ocean of fairness. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Section 3: “Concerning what thou didst mention about the dream…”

Concerning what thou didst mention about the dream of Aqa ʿAbdu’l-Karim from the people of Sad, this is what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken: We caused him to hear the Word of Truth and showed him what was hidden. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. God hath ordained what he witnessed and saw, and he shall soon behold it. Verily he is in the All-Glorious Horizon, the Most Exalted Horizon, and he giveth glad tidings unto all of this News whereby the Book of existence hath been adorned and every wise matter made manifest. Assuredly, that which he saw shall come to pass in due time. Thus hath the All-Wise decreed in His perspicuous Book.

This year certain upheavals have occurred in those blessed lands. Among them, in Najaf the plague appeared with such intensity that the residents were forcefully expelled and given lodging elsewhere. It is evident what hath occurred and come to pass in that city. Great changes have appeared. The servant doth not wish to mention all that hath transpired therein. This much he mentioneth: all these matters have been and are preparations for the fulfillment of that true dream. Glory be unto him who hath heard what hath been sent down from the Kingdom of God, the Lord of the worlds.

Concerning what thou didst write about Ali Khan and Ustad Abbas, it was submitted, and two Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablets were revealed and sent specifically for them. He said: The rain of mercy descendeth at all times from the heaven of grace; if the place be ready and worthy of the appearance of grace, deliver the Tablets that they may attain unto them.

Thus far is the answer to thy letter which thou didst write on the 12th of Safar and send through Ismu’llah.

As for thy last letter dated the 16th of Rabi’u’th-Thani, in truth it was a bird that taught this evanescent bird to warble—that is, from thy mention it learned to mention the Beloved of the world. Well is it with the people of wisdom who have been intoxicated by the choice wine of utterance. After its recitation and

reading it attained the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, and thy supplication was offered before the face of the Desired One time and again. Thou hast been mentioned by thy Lord and my Lord and the Lord of the heavens and the earth. He—exalted be His glory—hath said:

In My Name, the Mighty, the Inaccessible

The servant in attendance has appeared with thy letter and hath laid before Us what was inscribed therein of thy words, from which We perceived the fragrance of thy sincerity, thy remembrance and thy praise. Verily thy Lord is the Hearing, the Answering. By My life, thou hast spoken the truth, and the Mother Book beareth witness to this, as it sitteth established upon the throne of utterance in this exalted station. Say: By God! The Lord of the Messengers hath come, the Sovereign Book hath been sent down, and the Ocean of Life circleth round the will of our Lord, the Most Merciful, Who hath appeared and revealed what He desired through His Great Name. Whosoever hath hesitated in this Cause for less than a moment hath been cursed by every letter in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds.

Say: Bring forth what ye possess and We shall lay before you what We possess. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the One Who distinguisheth, separateth, explaineth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. By God! The Balance proclaimeth, the Path calleth out, and the Trumpet declareth: Open your eyes! This is He Who was mentioned in God's Books, and He is the One Who spoke on Sinai. Fear God, O peoples of the earth, and be not among the lost. The Hidden Treasure hath appeared and the Spirit before His Face proclaimeth, saying: This is He Whom God's Messengers foretold, were ye of them that know.

O ʿAli-Akbar! Reflect upon God, His proof, His testimony, His sovereignty, and that which the tongues of the heedless have uttered—they who have turned away from My straight Path. Say: This is a Day wherein naught is mentioned save God, if ye be of the fair-minded. Say: This is a Day wherein the Face hath appeared after the destruction of all things and the extinction of all names, if ye be of them that hear.

O ʿAli-Akbar! Consider the station whereof the Primal Point hath spoken:

> "I seek refuge with Thee, O my God, lest my position on that Day be the position of the wicked."

Observe what He said and what they say, what He did and what they do. They arose to cut down the Tree, and when their schemes were exposed, they opened their lips in calumny. You and all the people of the Bayan know that the Truth hath never been hidden nor concealed behind a veil. He hath been manifest and evident among the people, time and again He hath gone into exile, and repeatedly hath He been cast into prison with chains and fetters. With utmost power and might He summoned all on earth to the Truth, and in those days no one appeared. Yet that wrongful soul represented himself as wronged and attributed injustice to the True One, exalted be His glory. No one asked him what wrong had been done to him, what hardship he had endured, or what tribulation he had suffered. All know that in every city where he dwelt, he lived in seclusion with a group of women in perfect ease.

By God, besides Whom there is none other God! Merely upon hearing that someone had been arrested in the land of Ta or elsewhere, he would leave Iraq and wander about in Basra, Samavah and around Baghdad, returning only after hearing that safety was restored. And to every city where the Ancient

Beauty would go, he would arrive afterwards. The only thing that befell him was that he was sent to Cyprus, and this too happened indirectly, for the intention was to imprison the Ancient Beauty, and to fulfill what had been previously said concerning the mention of the island—and you and all know that no one but this servant was or is aware of its circumstances. Indeed these few words that were submitted were out of heedlessness, for man in his heedlessness from the Truth occupies himself with such words. But the Exalted Truth is aware. The purpose is that perhaps some souls may observe and become aware.

These matters have been mentioned repeatedly. Verily He guides whom He willeth unto His straight path. In any case, today all the people of the Bayan are seen to be in the fire except for the souls that are assured and tranquil. This note that hath appeared from the Divine Trump must be heeded. His word, exalted be His mention:

> "It is permitted unto Him Whom God shall make manifest to reject anyone on earth above whom there is none higher, for this is created within His grasp and all are submissive unto Him."

These statements are for the weak among creation, otherwise this Most Great Revelation hath never been and is not in need of anything else to establish its Cause. One day this word shone forth from the Dayspring of Will—He said that no one before hath known this Most Great Revelation as it truly is. This eternal treasure hath been concealed from the understanding and minds of all else, and this is specific to this Revelation. And this is a word to which the divine Books, Psalms and Scriptures of the past and future have testified. By God's life, this is a mighty Cause and a momentous announcement.

And regarding what you wrote about Aqa Siyyid Muhammad and Aqa Mirza Ahmad, upon them be the Glory of God—indeed it is as you mentioned. Praise be to God, they have attained the utmost heights and the highest horizon. In these days when the limbs of existence are seen to tremble from the oppression of the aggressors and tyrants, God willing through the effects of their steadfastness all shall attain the greatest steadfastness. And you must educate souls to this station until they attain a state where they see all who are on earth as utter nothingness before a single word of God's words. Their petitions reached the Most Holy Court and their supplications were presented before His presence. The Sun of favor hath risen from the horizon of grace and two Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablets were revealed and sent from the heaven of Will. God willing, may they at all times drink from the living waters of the verses of the All-Merciful and occupy themselves with teaching the Cause with wisdom.

This servant also intended to submit something to Aqa Siyyid Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God, but since the most great verses were revealed from the Supreme Pen, this servant did not trouble further. However their mention shall never, God willing, be erased from the heart. And the matters they had written were presented in the Most Holy Court, including the question about using certain drinks and essences. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in this regard: "He is permitted to use whatever he desireth for illness." Previously in such cases this word was heard from the Ancient Tongue, exalted be His grandeur: "Whatever a skilled physician prescribeth, there hath been and is no objection to following it. Blessed is he who hath adhered to the knowledge which God hath honored and preferred above all other knowledge." God willing may they be enabled to cure the chronic diseases of the nations with the

antidote of the Most Great Name, that all may be adorned with the ornament of health and turn to the station of sanctification and detachment.

And as to what you wrote concerning the aforementioned person who submitted a petition which, due to certain of his thoughts, was not forwarded—excellent was your action. Such souls appear heedless of the Cause of God. In former years someone submitted a petition containing certain statements, and it was said: "This is not the day of test and trial. It is not for creation to test God, glorified be His majesty; rather, He tests His servants." Say: "Read ye the Books of God that were sent down aforetime, that ye may discover that which befitteth this Day, the Day through whose mention the Scriptures of God, the Lord of all worlds, have been adorned." And in a Tablet to one of the friends who dwelt near the Prison Land, this blessed verse was revealed from the heaven of God's Will: "This is not the day for questions. It behooveth every soul, when he heareth the Call, to turn to the Most Sublime Horizon and say: 'Here am I, here am I, O God of the worlds! Here am I, here am I, O Thou Goal of all who seek Thee!"'

As to what you wrote regarding those souls who have ascended unto God—verses adorned with the word 'forgiveness' were specifically revealed for them from the heaven of the mercy of the All-Merciful and were previously sent. By the life of the Beloved! The breathings of the verses so encompassed them that those who count are powerless to reckon them.

And concerning what you wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid 'Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, who was among the emigrants to the Land of Sad, and his son Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Muhammad—some time ago one of the partakers of the wine of inner meanings, upon him be the Glory of God, wrote to this servant mentioning that certain objectors from among the Bayanis, that is, from the party of Satan, had met with Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Muhammad in the Land of Sad and had raised certain doubts. This matter caused this servant great astonishment, for the people of God must be so firm and steadfast that neither the winds of the world nor the whisperings of the nations can move them.

Through their steadfastness, hearts and minds should be illumined with the light of constancy, and through their firmness and rootedness the banner of divine unity should be raised upon the highest standards. Those who cast doubts have no understanding whatsoever of this Cause, for in the beginning no one was aware of its essence. Whosoever claims such awareness utters pure falsehood and manifest lies. In any case, this evanescent servant beseeches God that the reward of His loved ones not be lost through the sayings of this one and that one, and that all may be adorned with the ornament of steadfastness.

His honor Aqa Siyyid 'Ali, upon him be the glory of God, and those with him, have ever been remembered in the Most Holy Court, and the glances of favor have been directed towards them. In all instances of hardship and tribulation, the hand of divine power has preserved them. This is a day wherein the suns of steadfastness must be seen dawning and shining forth from the horizons of the hearts of the people of the Crimson Ark. God willing, it is hoped that they—that is, his honor Aqa Siyyid Muhammad—may remain protected from the arrows of the allusions of the opposers and the spears of the doubts of the deniers, and may speak that by which hearts and minds are attracted.

Convey greetings from this evanescent one to them. God willing, may they arise with that which befitteth the Days of God. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the All-Knowing Witness. In all conditions, I beseech and hope from the True One, exalted be His glory, their good, health and protection. The Command is in the hands of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Would that this servant could meet with the friends and present certain hidden matters. In all conditions the servant sayeth and testifieth that there is none other God but Him. His is the Command in the beginning and in the end, and He is the First and the Last, and the Manifest and the Hidden, and He is knowing of all things.

Section 4: "And concerning what you wrote about his honor…"

And concerning what you wrote about his honor Mulla Mihdi from the people of Jasb, it was presented before the Throne. This is what the Kingdom of Utterance hath spoken: He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious.

O Ali-Qabli-Akbar! Drink thou of the Most Pure Kawthar from the utterance of thy Lord, the Most Merciful. Verily, He will show thee that which is hidden from the eyes of men. We have made mention of thee in the Book of My servant who is present, time and again, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Seeing Speaker. There hath been mentioned in Our presence he who is named Mihdi, who hath believed in God, the Lord of lords. Say: Grieve not, for We have mentioned thee before, to this My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness with the most excellent utterance. We had previously revealed and sent forth the Most Great, Most Holy Tablet especially for him, that he might inhale from it the fragrance of the All-Merciful and attain unto the most exalted station, which is the station of steadfastness. At this hour, too, We have mentioned him in these sublime and glorious verses, and beyond these two, another Tablet hath been sent down for him from the heaven of My Will. Deliver it unto him, that his eyes may be cheered and his heart illumined with the lights of certitude.

As to the offering they have made, it hath been accepted, and as commanded, your honor should receive it and, with wisdom, offer hospitality to the friends of God. Gatherings are in no wise permitted. If several separate meetings be held, this would be more agreeable. When the Most Great Luminary was rising from the horizon of the Land of Mystery, this servant was commanded to write to him who was named Mihdi, whom God caused to dwell in His house after his migration, saying that ye should follow in the footsteps of the Lord of all beings, and associate with the people of the world in the utmost spirit of joy and fragrance, lest alarm and anxiety be aroused among the people and become a cause of disturbance to weak souls. In all circumstances, ye must observe wisdom and act in accordance with what ye have been commanded in the Book.

This servant conveyed these exalted words to them as directed. In response, they wrote that absolutely nothing contrary would appear, and that all the friends were gathering together in perfect love, kindness, and harmony, occupied in the remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds. After this matter was presented in the Most Holy Court, this word was issued from the Source of Command—exalted be His glory: Write that the government has had and will have no concern with your inner beliefs and religion, whether you deny religions or recite the Quran. The government has no objection, but gatherings cause commotion and are contrary to the government's wishes, for from the beginning, governments have

neither been aware of this Cause nor are they now, and throughout history they have witnessed corruption arise from gatherings. Therefore, they view these gatherings as they do other gatherings, and this very gathering and assembly is considered by governments a great offense and grievous error.

This evanescent one's petition is that mention be made to the honored ones and beloved ones in that land, from this servant who is utter nothingness and complete extinction, that all depends upon His Holiness's favor. God willing, it is hoped that all may shine forth like unto the sun from the horizons of the heavens of steadfastness. This servant beseecheth his Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, to aid all to make good what hath escaped them in the days of their Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. Praise be to God, the Powerful, the Most High, the Great.

And as to what you wrote concerning Aqa Muhammad and Aqa Ali-Asghar, upon them be the Glory of God, it was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. He said:

> "O Ali! The horizons have been filled with the signs of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, and the clear proofs have appeared from all directions through that which the Speaker of the Mount hath uttered in this Revelation, to which all atoms bear witness that there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Great."

Ask thou of God that the servants may be enabled to grasp the Tablet of the Lord of Days with utmost power and strength, that the intimations of the opposers and the doubts of the deniers may be erased from the page of the world. The True One hath been and ever shall be the Bestower of Grace, mentioning His servants, living or dead, and shall continue to do so. God willing, may hearts be prepared to receive the verses and ears be enabled to hearken unto them—that is, the true capacity to receive and the true hearkening. For if one attaineth unto this station, he shall be preserved from intimations, suggestions, doubts, veils and barriers. A most wondrous and exalted Tablet hath been revealed specifically for these two souls. God willing, may they drink from the living waters from the Wellspring of revealed verses and attain unto everlasting life.

The Sun of loving-kindness hath dawned especially for them from the horizon of grace and bounty, and is manifest and evident. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to enable them to grasp the Tablet through a power from Him and a strength from His presence. The intention of power and strength hath been and is certitude and assurance in all degrees. These words are thus interpreted lest anyone misconstrue what God hath intended and arise to create mischief. Whatever is mentioned regarding victory, assistance, service and the like, the purpose is to teach the Cause with joy and fragrance. The Command is in God's hand, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

O beloved of my heart! The heedlessness of the opposers among the people of the Bayan hath reached such a point that they have carved an idol with their own hands and accept whatever it uttereth, be it moist or dry. Thus that person who claimeth to be a Mirror—by God, even stone would be ashamed of him—interfereth with and betrayeth the sanctity of his own object of devotion who is the Sun, while those dead souls of Nimrod-like nature say that whenever the Prophet looked upon any woman she would become forbidden to her husband. They have not even enough understanding to realize who the

Prophet was. If prophethood is truly established, it is the Person of the Point Himself, while those lying souls have desired to establish the station of successorship for their own purposes.

How could a successor have authority over the Prophet's sanctuary? If he is a Mirror, how could he interfere with the sanctuary of the Sun? The Primal Point was not like ordinary people that what was lawful for Him should be unlawful for the Point. By Him Who raised up the heavens without pillars, from such utterances there wafteth a most foul and offensive odor. Fie upon them and upon their sense of shame and loyalty! What then is treachery and what is faithlessness? Glory be to God! They claim to be Mirrors yet interfere with the sanctuary of the Sun. God protect us and you from such reprehensible deeds which have caused the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise to lament.

Their words belie them and their deeds disavow them. Again, God protect us and you, O concourse of the fair-minded! A certain person in Iraq, Mirza Muhammad-ʿAli-i-Rashti, heard of this incident and would mockingly deride and reproach the perpetrators with various expressions in every gathering. The curse of God be upon the wrongdoing people!

Similarly, the Dayspring of existence, the Most Exalted Mother, the mother of the Primal Point—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him—was in Najaf, and since she had some hesitation regarding the Cause of the Exalted One, certain individuals were commanded to explain the details of the Revelation to her. After the mention and explanations were made in her presence, she finally declared:

> "How could these souls who acknowledge and confess His Qa'imiyyat violate His sanctuary?"

What profound shame was felt at these words! By Him Who caused the pebble to speak forth in demonstration of His power, for a time the Ancient Beauty was grieved by these words and declared that speech was no longer permissible. From the beginning of creation until now, such an act has never been heard of. In truth, such wicked, atheistic, lying souls are most fitting to be the leaders of these people. In any case, this servant is ashamed to mention certain of his deeds. Abu'l-Qasim from K., who had been with him in the early years, issued a death sentence against him based on the slightest suspicion that had no foundation whatsoever. And likewise other souls—if the details were to be presented it would cause weariness. You have heard the details about the third letter, the believer in Him Whom God shall make manifest—upon him be all His most glorious glory. We beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, to protect these servants and deliver the heedless. Verily, He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

You wrote that at the time of writing, the beloved and revered Ism'ullah Haji Siyyid Javad, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, was present. This news brought great joy and delight. God willing, may he ever be adorned with the ornament of health and well-being, and be engaged in the mention of the Beloved of the worlds. Mention of him was made in the presence of the Divine Throne, and He said: "Convey Our greetings to him, that such greetings may renew the days of attainment and their remembrance." And say: "O My Name! Reflect upon the tales of old and carefully observe the conjectures and imaginings they have devised. Even now the heedless persist in such fancies. For twelve hundred years, their gaze was fixed upon the imaginary Jabulqa and the illusory Jabulsa, and these vain imaginings inflicted such harm upon the Manifestation of the Cause that its reckoning transcends human

capacity. By these same imaginings did they martyr the Point, and this Prisoner is passed from land to land at the hands of the wicked.

O My Name! Strive with utmost endeavor that perchance the helpless servants may not once again remain wandering in the darkness of idle fancies. He who was and is incapable of standing in the presence hath spread the carpet of vain imaginings more widely than before, and the worshippers of idols seek to execute that which is greater than what came before. Take hold of the reins of the Cause by thy Lord's leave, then speak that whereby the hearts of the mystics may soar and the feet of the perturbed may be made firm." Say: "O servants! Come, let us act according to a true word which all are bound to obey: let us set aside all that we have heard and purify our ears of all that they have listened to, and then turn to the sacred verses.

By God's life! They verily guide all to the supreme horizon and speak with most eloquent utterance among all peoples, saying: 'I am verily the Mother Book, before and after. When My fragrance is diffused, all the books of the world bow down before Me, and God's straight path is made manifest.' Blessed is he who hath found My fragrance and turned to My face, and woe betide every denier who hath turned away from God, the Lord of all worlds." O My Name! I shall complain to thee once again concerning all the mirrors. I swear by the Sun of Truth which riseth and shineth from the horizon of the prison that had any soul arisen to champion the Cause and been capable of its exaltation, this Prisoner would never have consented to be made manifest. This matter was the cause of arising, as were the lamentations of the Point. Reflect upon that which the Wronged One hath uttered, before and after, and in this mighty prison.

I request that you convey, on behalf of this evanescent one, expressions of evanescence and nothingness to His Holiness, and if Jinab-i-Zayn, upon him be the Glory of God, is also present, convey greetings to him and mention that you should strive to quicken the dead through the outpourings of the ocean of the All-Merciful's utterance. All success lies in this. God willing, may they be assisted in achieving that which is beloved in God's sight. If all the friends and loved ones of God had occupied themselves with teaching the Cause, most assuredly the majority of those lands would have been observed cleansed and purified from the defilement of misbelief and heedlessness, and all would have been freed and liberated from all hardships and troubles. It is hoped that God will assist all and aid them in that which will cause the exaltation of His Cause. Verily, He is the Near, the Answerer.

Regarding Jinab-i-Aqa Hasan-ʿAli, one of the emigrants to the Land of Sad, upon him and upon them be the Glory of God, which you had mentioned—this was presented at the Most Holy Court. A most mighty Tablet was revealed specifically for him and was dispatched. God willing, he will attain unto it. This evanescent servant also offers greetings. Glory be upon you and upon those who are with you, and upon those who have emigrated for the sake of God, and upon those who have answered His call, and upon those who have spoken in His praise and glorification, and upon those who have arisen to serve Him, and upon those who have not exchanged the wine of His love, and upon those who have drunk from the Kawthar of steadfastness once in His Name and again in His All-Wise remembrance. And praise be to God, the Powerful, the Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

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BH01616: The world hath been set ablaze by the Fire…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great!

The world hath been set ablaze by the Fire that hath been kindled from the Tree of God's Command, the Lord of all worlds. By God's life! Moses heard from it "Verily, there is none other God but I, the Mighty, the All-Wise," and Abraham hastened with his heart unto it and cried, "Yea, yea, O Beloved of them that know!" And the Friend ascended and soared on the wings of understanding to the Kingdom of the All-Merciful, the station wherein he beheld My greatest signs and heard My sweetest call. Verily thy Lord is the All-Informed, the All-Knowing.

Every prince had been awaiting the days of God, and every learned one did lament and weep and implore God for its appearance and manifestation. Yet when the horizon of the world was illumined by the Sun of My Most Great Name, they turned away and denied, save whom God willed, the Lord of all worlds. Say: This is the Day wherein the Trump beareth witness unto Him Who conversed with God upon the Mount, and wherein the Bugle proclaimeth "The Kingdom is God's, the One, the All-Informed!" This is the Day wherein every sick one hath been healed, and every silent tongue hath spoken, and that which was hidden in the treasury of thy Lord's knowledge and recorded in God's Books, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, hath been made manifest.

O thou who art mentioned before the Face! Bear thou witness unto that whereunto God did testify before the creation of the heavens and the earth:

> "Verily there is none other God but I, the Mighty, the All-Praised."

The servant who was present hath brought thy letter and read before the Wronged One that which thou didst commune with God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed be thine eye for what it hath beheld, and thine ear for what it hath heard, and thy tongue for having uttered the praise of thy Lord when the divines of the earth pronounced judgment against Him with manifest injustice.

Say: Cast aside your books and your pens, then hearken unto the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree which hath been raised betwixt earth and heaven, and be not of the heedless ones. By God! That which ye possess will profit you not this day—to this doth the Tongue of Grandeur testify, and behind it every fair-minded and perceiving one. Rejoice thou that We found thy letter sanctified from the mention of aught else but Me—to this do My Pen and My Tongue bear witness in this wondrous Tablet. Be thou thankful unto God for having attained unto that whereby thy mention, thy turning unto Him, and thy recognition of the perpetuity of His imperishable Kingdom shall endure.

Had men known, they would have cast away what they possess and hastened to the Most Great Ocean which surgeth by virtue of this Name that exerciseth sovereignty over all who are in the heavens and on earth. By God's life! The fragrance of the Divine Utterance hath been wafted throughout creation, yet the people remain wrapped in a thick veil. Counsel the people to remain steadfast in this Cause whereby feet have slipped and every lofty mountain hath been scattered. Arise from the horizon of utterance with

wisdom and clear exposition, and convey the Command of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, in such wise as to cause the hearts of them that know to take wing.

Say: This is the Day of Standing, were ye to know, and this is the Day of Remembrance and Praise, were ye to be of them that remember. Say: Beware lest desire debar you from the Most Exalted Horizon. Cast away what ye possess and take what God possesseth. Thus doth your Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Kind, command you.

The banners of Divine Utterance have been raised upon the branches. Blessed is the soul that seeth, and woe unto the heedless! Say: O people! Abandon vain imaginings. By God! The Self-Subsisting hath appeared with a sovereignty that no hosts can intimidate nor the combined forces of the world prevent. He speaketh at all times, calling the servants unto the most sublime station and the highest Paradise, yet most of the people are turned away.

Say: O people! Doth slumber overtake you after ye behold God's Eye watching over you? Do ye sit while the Beloved standeth before your faces? Fear God and follow not every remote idolater. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of that which hath come unto you. Turn ye to the Living Waters, then drink therefrom once in His Most Great Name, and again in remembrance of His Beautiful Name.

O Muhammad! We have heard thy call and have answered thee with a Tablet that shall bear witness for thee in every world of thy Lord's worlds. Give thanks and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Glory of all who are in the heavens and on earth!"

Glory be upon thee and upon them who have kept God's Covenant and His Testament, and who have acted according to what hath been commanded in His perspicuous Book.

BH03595: Praise be to God, Who was and will be…

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Praise be to God, Who was and will be, and Who is not known by what was nor by what will be, and He is the Rememberer and the Remembered, and cannot be described by these, and He is the Sanctified, the Most High.

O my beloved and my beloved, upon you both be the Glory of God, our Lord and the Lord of the worlds. This is to inform that two Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablets were revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will in response to the petitions of his eminence Aqa Javad Dhakir, upon him be the Glory of God, and were sent. Please deliver these to him and convey greetings and praise on behalf of this evanescent servant to all the friends. God willing, may all be blessed by the outpourings of the cloud of divine mercy.

Similarly, several Tablets were previously sent specifically for his eminence Ibn-i-Abhar, upon him be the Glory of God, for that beloved one to deliver. One item remained, which has now been sent in these days with the emigrants and pilgrims. God willing, they will receive it. And now a packet containing some Tablets has been sent, as well as a letter from this servant, which that beloved one should send to his

eminence Aqa Mulla ʿAli-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, in Ta. God willing, they will deliver them soon.

And since his eminence Ism-i-Jud, upon him be all His Most Glorious Beauty, was in Beirut, therefore this servant took the liberty, and his eminence Ismu'llah M.H., upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, has also sent a packet to be forwarded to the land of Ta. God willing, [they will deliver it].

The Glory, all the Glory, be upon you both and upon those with you and upon those who have drunk the wine of steadfastness in this momentous and mighty Cause.

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BH03945: O Javad, O Dhakir, O thou who gazest! We…

In the Name of the Merciful Lord

O Javad, O Dhakir, O thou who gazest! We have heard thy call and hearkened unto thy cry, thy lamentation and thy plaintive voice.

The whole world hath been created specially for this Most Great Revelation. If souls would awaken from the wine of heedlessness and hearken unto the call of the Lord of Names which is raised from the most exalted horizon, thou wouldst now behold all who dwell on earth whole and sound, mighty and powerful, detached and free.

They have turned away from the Will of God and cling to, hold fast to, and move according to their own desires. Were all who dwell on earth to turn for half an hour with perfect certitude, detachment and assurance toward God—exalted be His glory—not a single soul would find himself sorrowful even for less than that period, much less for longer. And God—exalted be His grandeur and glory—would manifest Himself and shine forth each day with a new revelation and wondrous, sublime manifestations.

They hearkened not to the counsel of the true Counselor but remained occupied with their own desires. Thus did the Sun of grace remain hidden behind the clouds and the darkness of unseemly deeds encompassed the world.

O Javad! By the life of God, thy lamentation brought grief and thy plaintive cry increased the lamentation of the Wronged One. God willing, thou shalt attain unto this blessed Tablet and be blessed with such joy that the tribulations of the world shall not make thee sorrowful, and in all conditions thou shalt remain content and thankful, uttering "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds."

Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and upon those who act according to that which they have been commanded in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Exalted, the Powerful, the Great.

BH04447: A mention from Us to one who has turned…

He is the One Who calls out in His Name, the Self-Subsisting.

A mention from Us to one who has turned to the Countenance when it appeared from this Horizon which hath been adorned with His mention in the Books of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. By God! That which was hidden in the veils of the Unseen hath appeared, and He Who was concealed in the knowledge of God, the Mighty, the Loving, hath come. This is the Day whereof Muhammad, the Apostle of God, gave glad-tidings aforetime, and before Him the Gospel and the Torah and the Psalms. Say: He hath come with the truth and revealed His path and sent down His verses and caused all things to speak that there is no God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

Rejoice in that We have remembered thee from the Most Great Prison and sent unto thee this inscribed Tablet. Take hold of the Book of God with a power from Him, then act according to that which thou hast been commanded by God, the Lord of existence. Ask God that there may appear from thee that which befitteth His Revelation and His sovereignty and His dominion that hath encompassed the seen and the unseen. Blessed is the tongue that hath spoken the remembrance of God, and the heart that hath been set ablaze with the fire of His love, and the house wherein His Name, the Mighty, the Beloved, hath been uplifted. Thus have We illumined the horizon of the Tablet with the light of utterance. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto every heedless one who is veiled.

The Glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon thee and upon those who have cast behind them vain imaginings, turning unto Our Name, the Self-Subsisting, Who when He appeared, the Most Great Joy appeared and the Most Great Terror, and the Nightingale spoke:

> "The gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of Names hath come with evident sovereignty."

BH06155: This is a mention from Us to him whose…

He is the Protector of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

This is a mention from Us to him whose letter was present before the Face, that the mention of the All-Merciful may draw him to a station wherein his very atoms testify that the gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of Names hath come with a sovereignty that hath encompassed all in creation.

Say: Verily, He calleth the world unto the Mighty, the All-Bestowing from within the Most Great Prison. Reflect upon the divine power—though now the Most Great Prison is the seat of the Throne, yet He is seated upon the most exalted station and speaketh with the most exalted utterance. He ordaineth as He pleaseth and in His grasp is the kingdom of all things. He is, verily, the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

We have heard thy call and have turned toward thee, and We have mentioned thee with these wondrous and sublime mentions, that perchance through divine grace thou mayest rend asunder the veils that have prevented the people from the Most Exalted Horizon. By the life of God! Should any soul in this day speak for the sake of God or should any deed appear from him, assuredly the One True Answerer will grant whatsoever he desireth. Glory be upon those who have spoken the truth and aided their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH09176: The Book calleth aloud: The All-Bestowing hath come…

He is the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy!

The Book calleth aloud: The All-Bestowing hath come, and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Lord of the Final Return! The tongue of the All-Merciful in the Kingdom of Utterance proclaimeth with loudest voice: That which was promised in the Books of God, the Lord of Creation, hath been made manifest!

They who have heard and responded—these are the people of Baha in the Book of Names. And they who have turned away—these are the companions of the fire in the Scriptures and Tablets.

We counsel thee and those who have believed in that which the Supreme Pen hath spoken from the presence of God, the Lord of Lords. Say: O chosen ones of God! Hold fast to the cord of trustworthiness and faithfulness, and to that whereby the Cause of God is exalted amongst His servants.

Thus have We remembered thee and sent down for thee that which gladdeneth the hearts of them that are endued with understanding.

BH09675: O Ali! Praise be to God that thou hast…

He is the Witnessing, the All-Hearing

O Ali! Praise be to God that thou hast attained to that which most of mankind are veiled from and debarred. All have been created for the knowledge of God, yet despite this they remain heedless of Him and occupied with themselves. Soon shall all cry out “Oh, woe unto us!”- this is what the All-Informed hath announced in His perspicuous Book. That which is accounted today as the most mighty of deeds in the sight of God is steadfastness in His Cause, for most great is reliance upon Him in all conditions. Verily He is with whosoever maketh mention of Him and turneth unto Him. He is in truth the Hearing, the Answering. Soon shall appear what He hath intended for His loved ones. He, verily, is the Ordainer, the All-Knowing.

BH02380: May you ever be fresh and verdant through…

In the name of the all-powerful Truth!

May you ever be fresh and verdant through the rain-showers of the cloud of divine mercy, and bright and enkindled from the fire of God’s love. Praise be to the Goal of the world and the Beloved of nations, Who enabled you to recognize this great Day and whatsoever hath been manifested therein.

How many souls, with the utmost lowliness and supplication, beseeched and hoped for the presence of this Day from the Self-Sufficient, the Exalted. Yet after the rising of the Most Great Orb from the horizon of the heaven of truth, all remained veiled save a few who now rejoice in Paradise.

O thou who gazest toward the Most Exalted Horizon! Until the people become aware of the falsehoods of the past, they will not bear witness to the truth of this manifest Day. And even should they acknowledge

it, it would be merely through imitation. But if one soul becomes informed and attains unto awareness, it is more beloved in the sight of God than a thousand souls, nay more.

Say: O people! Reflect upon that which existed among the People of the Furqan—that is, those who considered themselves saved—that perchance after reflection ye may bear witness to this most exalted and most holy Cause. Such witness is regarded by God as a deed for which there hath not been and never shall be any equal.

O friend! The people of the Bayan are veiled to such a degree that pen and tongue are powerless to describe it. They cling to the vain imaginings of the People of the Furqan and hold fast to the suppositions of the ignorant. How many traditions and narratives concerning the Qa'im did they recite day and night, unaware that all were devoid of the ornament of truth.

The Most Exalted Pen uttereth these words that perchance they may break the chains of idle fancy through the power of certitude, and may cease to look to the tales, traces and stories of old, that they may behold the Truth with the eye of truth, and regard that which appeareth from Him as the standard and proof. Say: He needeth not, in establishing His Cause, the books of the past nor what appeared in former ages. Thus hath spoken the Tongue of Grandeur in His mighty prison.

The satans of the Bayan strive to make these helpless souls more veiled than the peoples of the past. The upright souls must, with perfect wisdom and utterance, and for the sake of God alone, make the people aware, that they may become informed and sanctified, and then turn to the Most Exalted Horizon. This is the counsel of the Wronged One, the Peerless, in the prison of ʿAkka.

Blessed art thou, and blessed is every face that hath turned, every heart that hath advanced, and every tongue that hath spoken in praise of God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH08844: In My Name, the Hearer, the Answerer!

In My Name, the Hearer, the Answerer!

Glorified art Thou, O God of Names and Creator of earth and heaven! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and to Thy greatness and might and power. O my God, my Lord, and my Support! Thou seest a handmaiden from among the leaves of the Tree of Thy Revelation, who hath believed in Thee and in Thy signs and in what Thou hast sent down in Thy Books. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by the Light that hath shone forth from the horizon of Thy Will and by the Fire through which the hearts of Thy chosen ones have been set ablaze, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which befitteth the heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy favor.

O my Lord! Thou seest one of Thy handmaidens who hath turned toward the cloud of Thy mercy that it may rain upon her the showers of Thy grace. Verily Thou art the Generous One, unto Whom the tongues of Thy servants and handmaidens have testified. There is none other God but Thee, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

BH00057: Praise, sanctified beyond mention or hearing, beseemeth the Lord…

Section 1: "Praise, sanctified beyond mention or hearing, beseemeth…"

In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord

Praise, sanctified beyond mention or hearing, beseemeth the Lord of Names, Who hath illumined the world of man through the Sun of the heaven of knowledge, and hath adorned the firmament of wisdom with the stars of understanding. Before a single drop from the ocean of His knowledge, the world of learning seeth itself ignorant, dumb and mute; and before the manifestation of the Point of His Book, the realm of insight findeth itself blind and deaf. At the revelation of His Will, "He doeth what He willeth" standeth bewildered and amazed, and at the appearance of His power, "He ordaineth what He pleaseth" lieth struck down and prostrate. The domain of inner meanings trembleth at the movement of the Most Exalted Pen, and the kingdom of mystic knowledge boweth down in humility before the rays of the Sun of His utterance.

The fragrant breeze of His garment hath made fresh and verdant the gardens in the hearts of His lovers, and the sweet perfume of His grace hath perfumed the realms of the soul. Through a single mention from Him the heaven of knowledge hath been raised up, and through a single call from Him the withered world hath been made fresh. How presumptuous that this evanescent servant should speak at this station! How grievous a loss that he should count himself among the living! We are but dead ones fallen in the wilderness of love and wonderstruck, waiting to see what the Kawthar of utterance shall graciously bestow—whether it shall return this transient form to nothingness or grant it life everlasting. His is the command; He giveth and withholdeth, and He is the Commander, the Ruler, the All-Seeing, the Witness, the All-Knowing.

This evanescent servant imploreth from God—exalted be His glory—His grace and mercy, compassion and favor, bounties and gifts. In the watches of the night and throughout the days, with utmost lowliness and supplication, he beseecheth divine confirmation for His chosen ones and loved ones, that all may arise to celebrate His praise and serve His Cause, and act according to that which God hath willed. God willing, it is hoped that holy souls who are detached and assured may become intoxicated with the wine of utterance and emerge in the realm of possibility to guide all religions to the horizon of the All-Merciful. How excellent is this blessed Day! How excellent is this holy Day wherein the breeze hath wafted, the tongue of unity hath spoken, and that which lay hidden in the treasuries of the power of our omnipotent Lord hath been revealed!

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou unto Whom all things have turned, through Whom the earth hath been cleft asunder and the heaven rent apart, and unto the ocean of Whose Most Great Name the realities of all names have hastened! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting, and by Thy sovereignty that dominateth all that hath been and shall be, to ordain for Thy loved ones from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit them in the world to come and in this world. O my Lord! Thou seest Thy loved ones among the wicked ones of Thy creation, and hearest their cry, their lamentation and their yearning in Thy days. I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thou didst subdue all existence in the kingdoms of the unseen and the seen, to rend asunder the veil from the faces of Thy servants and Thy creation, that they

may turn unto Thee and hearken unto Thy most sweet call which hath been raised betwixt earth and heaven.

O my Lord! Deliver them from whatsoever preventeth them from drawing nigh unto Thee and from attaining the precincts of the pavilions of Thy grandeur. O my Lord! Unveil unto them as Thou didst unveil unto Thy loved ones, and make Thyself known unto them, and that which Thou hast manifested through Thy power and sovereignty. Thou art He Whom conditions cannot frustrate nor intimations impede. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. With Thee is the knowledge of all things in a Book that none hath understood save Thyself. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O beloved of My heart and cherished one of My soul! The trilling of the bird of thy utterance hath informed Me, and the warbling of the nightingale of thy praise and remembrance hath taught Me that which hath gladdened Me with a joy the servant is powerless to describe as it truly is. To this beareth witness thy Beloved and our Beloved, thy Goal and our Goal, and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth. When the breezes of love stirred Me and that which thou didst speak in praise of the Lord of Oneness attracted Me, I took the letter and turned to the Mighty, the Bestower, until I entered and appeared before the Throne and presented what was therein.

Thereupon the Face of the Beloved turned toward Me and He, exalted be His glory, said: “O Dove! That which was promised in the Book hath appeared and that which the possessors of understanding were powerless to comprehend hath been manifested. By His life! He hath come with verses around which circled the Mother Book. O Dove! The Book speaketh, yet the people understand not; the Balance crieth out, yet they perceive not; the Path calleth aloud, yet they comprehend not. They have cast the tablets of God behind their backs and have taken that which they were bidden by the daysprings of idle fancy—they who dispute the signs of God, break His Covenant, and deny His Cause that hath encompassed existence.

Say: This is the Day whereon the Ocean of Life hath surged before the face of the All-Merciful, and the River of Knowledge and Utterance hath flowed from the right hand of the Throne, would that ye knew it. This is the Day whereon that which never appeared before hath appeared, and from the horizon of the Prison the Sun of Wisdom and Proof hath dawned, yet the followers of religions have turned away therefrom. Say: O people of the earth! Arise from your seats, then turn ye to the supreme horizon. By God! It hath been illumined through the name of your Lord, the Most Holy, the All-Glorious. Beware lest the conditions of creation withhold you from the Lord of the seen and the unseen.

Say: He hath appeared with truth, and neither the oppression of the divines, nor the power of princes, nor the might of those who have turned away from the Truth, the Knower of things unseen, can prevent Him. Say: This is the Day of Utterance; arise from the slumber of vain desires, then make mention of the Lord of Names—this is better for you, would that ye knew it. This is the Day whereon every uprising one hath arisen to serve the Cause, and every speaking one hath spoken in praise of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Say: O people! Set aside what ye knew before and take what ye see today in its praiseworthy station.”

O Varqa! The servant in attendance hath presented thy letter and read it before the Countenance. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing. We have heard thy mention and thy praise and thy supplication, and We have found the fragrance of thy love and thy humility and thy submissiveness and thy turning unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Every word of thy words hath testified to the grandeur of God and His sovereignty and His manifestation and His appearance and His greatness. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing. Rejoice thou in this remembrance whereby the Kawthar of Life hath flowed throughout creation and the Bird of Eternity hath warbled upon the branches. There is no God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed. We have mentioned thee after thy return in various tablets with a mention whereby the hearts of the mystics were attracted. Be thou steadfast in the service of thy Lord's Cause, speaking His praise and guiding unto His straight path.

O Varqa! In the days when the Concourse of the Bayan were disturbed and scattered through the might of the followers of religions, this Wronged One arose alone to the Cause in such wise that neither the opposition of the divines, nor the clamor of the mystics, nor the oppression of princes could prevent Him from that which He desired. Verily My Most Exalted Pen hath, at all times, moved across the field of wisdom and utterance, until all heard its call and its proof and evidence were made manifest unto all. In certain years, such tribulations descended that none save divine knowledge could reckon their extent. Nevertheless, the Pen ceased not its movement through the nights and days, nor did the tongue choose silence.

And when the Most Great Word was spread abroad and the banners of praise and glorification were hoisted upon the highest standards, and the sun of certitude somewhat shone forth, the croaking of the raven and buzzing of the fly emerged from behind the veil. I swear by the call of the Lord of Names that ascendeth from the prison, such fear and trepidation seized the heedless souls that they ran from town to town and sought refuge from mountain to mountain. Now they have appeared with utmost rancor and hatred, clinging to every means to lead souls astray. Strange it is that souls should cling to the source of suspicion and dawning-place of vain imaginings. They have lost who denied God, His verses, His sovereignty, His grandeur and His power, and followed one more lost than themselves before God, the Exalted, the Great.

O beloved of My heart! In truth, people are more attracted to vain imaginings than to the manifestations of certitude. All the people of the Bayan know that this servant lived with that veiled person, and for successive years none but this servant was with him. Yet they accept whatever is said by those who had and have no knowledge thereof, while to this day not one of those souls hath inquired of this servant to learn of that from which they remain heedless and veiled. By Him Who caused all things to speak His praise and glorification, the followers, despite their lack of understanding, are observed to be many ranks higher and more exalted than their leader. By Him Who holdeth my soul in His hand, I have spoken and do speak for God's sake, that perchance some might, through the power of utterance, rend asunder the veils and attain unto the lights of the divine Morn and that which hath appeared therein. God, exalted be His glory, will, God willing, aid them to reach the station where they will extinguish the lamp of idle fancies—for the morn of certitude hath dawned. But alas, alas! For selfish desires bring about heedlessness, and imaginary veils prevent the heart and vision from witnessing.

It is most difficult for some parties who have been nurtured on vain imaginings and idle fancies to be saved, for they are seen to be bound by the chains of conjecture and fetters of idle fancy. And the followers of the Furqan are seen to be more veiled than all other peoples, for before their faces are empty tales, behind them false reports, on their right conjectural mentions, and on their left fanciful thoughts.

In these days, regarding these matters, this blessed and holy word shone forth from the horizon of the Will of the Revealer of verses, exalted be His glory:

> "Ja'far, the brother of Askari, was asked whether his brother left any offspring. He replied there was a child who died."

When the fabricated temples heard this word, they rejected it and called him a liar. Observe to what degree oppression had reached and to what level calumny had risen. Then mention was made of the Holy Precinct and the appearance of missives, with all the details you have previously heard. May God grant justice to the likes of such souls who lead poor people in the wilderness of conjecture and delusion, surpassing even Abu Lahab in their deeds. Now for a long time this title of liar' will persist among the people of Pharaoh for that truthful Speaker.

These false and lying souls cling to the same pretensions; their basic approach follows the same path and way. The receptive souls must be made aware so they may become informed and not be deprived of what God has willed through the whisperings of Satan's party. I swear by the brightness of the Sun of Justice that this Wronged One's purpose is that powerful souls should arise to promote the Cause and protect people from the evil of satans until they reach a station where they see themselves independent of what has passed and consider all else but Truth as non-existent and null. Say: O friends, fix your gaze upon the horizon of the Cause and upon what has appeared from it. This is the counsel of Truth to His friends.

And in another place, this exalted Word shone forth from the heaven of utterance of the Lord of all beings, exalted be His grandeur:

> "Until now We have not completely rent asunder the veils that exist among the people of the Furqan (Qur'an), nor have We completely shattered the idols of vain imaginings. If these two were to occur, by the Lord of the worlds, the people of the Bayan would find themselves in the lowest of the low."

The Finger of Power has rent some asunder and the Arm of Might has destroyed some, yet many remain intact. Had the capacity been observed in the people of the Bayan, all would surely have attained the recognition of that which is mentioned with God. But God bears witness that they are more veiled than the people of the Furqan and other peoples, and I am the One Who takes account, the All-Knowing.

The people of the Furqan are so encompassed by vain imaginings that every writer is incapable of describing them, especially the party that considers itself saved. The people of the Sunnah and the Community believe that the Qa'im must be born, for they say no tradition has been seen from the Messenger of God—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him—indicating His existence in Jabulqa or

Jabulsa or elsewhere. Rather, the tradition of the Lord of Mankind—upon Him be the glory of God, the Lord of Power—as well as the narration of the Most Great Shaykh, indicate the birth of the Qa'im in the lands of Persia. How many holy souls who believed in birth were martyred through manifest tyranny! Strange it is that although they observe that the "saved sect" has been the tyrannical and rebellious sect, and at the time of test they proved to be more wretched and misguided than all on earth—for this unsaved sect suspended the Beauty of Unity in the air and perpetrated what the first and the last would shrink from doing.

It is incumbent upon the people of the Bayan to reflect upon what occurred among the people of the Furqan, that perchance the eye of truth might open and see what must be seen. In this case, they would be mentioned as people of insight in the Most Great Scene; otherwise, animals are nobler than them. From God, exalted be His glory, in all conditions this servant of the All-Glorious beseeches and hopes that He may observe with His grace, compassion and favor, not according to the objectors and deniers and what they possess, that perchance the morning breeze of mercy might pass by in this divine Day and adorn all with the ornament of witnessing, justice and fairness.

Section 2: "Regarding what you wrote about your honored father…"

Regarding what you wrote about your honored father, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, it was mentioned some time ago in the Most Holy Presence with the most wondrous utterance, and he attained. Reflect upon the sincerity and station of that holy soul, who reached such a position that the Ancient Beauty would pause in His comings and goings and mention him with the most wondrous utterance. By the life of the Beloved! This is a great station and a great bounty. Blessed is he and blessed is his presence. Verily, the bounty is in His hand—He gives as He pleases. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous. That blessed Tablet was sent with Haji Mirza Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God. God willing, it will arrive and they will attain unto it. And it appears that at the time of its revelation, the aforementioned person was himself present.

And regarding what you wrote about having sent copies of what was sent to various regions, this was accepted in His presence. He said:

> "God willing, may they be confirmed in spreading the divine verses and His evidences, attributes and manifestations."

And regarding your intention to travel to those parts, this is most beloved, for the people are weak and have not been and are not aware of certain matters. Often they cannot distinguish between the buzzing of a fly and the rustling of the Divine Lote Tree. Perhaps through meeting with you the veils may be rent asunder and they may truly become new in all respects. At one time this firm, perfect and blessed word shone forth from the horizon of the mouth of the King of Oneness—exalted be His grandeur: "So long as the people of the Bayan look to the deeds, words, gestures and evidences of previous religions, they shall remain heedless and deprived of the new Order, the new creation, the new station and the new condition." And in another place this blessed word shone forth: "Verily I am the Originator of the heavens and the earth," for He has had and has no likeness in what came before or after. This is originality in all respects. Blessed are they who know and blessed are they who attain.

And regarding what you wrote about the friends in the Land of Ya, upon them be the Glory of God, this answer was sent down from the heaven of divine will:

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

O people of Ya! Hearken unto the Voice of Him Who is the Lord of Names, Who calleth you from His Most Great Prison and inviteth you unto a station which God hath made sanctified above the descriptions of all peoples and purified from their allusions and references. He, verily, is the Omnipotent through Whom was hoisted the Standard of "He doeth what He willeth" and raised the Banner of "He ordaineth what He pleaseth." Blessed is the strong one who hath voiced this Most Great Remembrance, and the soul that hath turned unto His Straight Path.

We have entered the Prison and called all unto God, the Lord of the worlds, in such wise that neither the hosts, nor the ranks, nor the fetters of the mighty and the princes, nor the clamor of the divines and the mystics have deterred Us. Blessed is the servant who hath attained unto that which God hath desired, and woe unto the heedless. This is the Day wherein earthquakes have appeared, tribes have lamented, widows have cried out, and the skins of those who disputed the signs and proof of God and denied His manifest Book have quivered.

Say: O people of the Bayan, abandon that which ye possess. By God! The All-Merciful hath come with a proof before which all that the various peoples possess cannot stand. To this beareth witness the Lord of all men in this mighty Tablet. Say: The Wronged One guideth you for the sake of God and commandeth you that whereby the eyes of those who, upon hearing the Call, hastened unto the Supreme Horizon and answered their Lord, the All-Speaking, the All-Seeing, may be solaced. Beware lest the conditions of creation debar you from the Truth. Abandon that which people possess, through this Name through which every wise command hath been made manifest. Aid your Lord, the All-Merciful, through wisdom and utterance. This is what ye have been commanded in successive years and in this Tablet which speaketh before the faces of the world that which the Tongue of Eternity hath spoken: "There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Generous."

We have borne hardships and tribulations, both secretly and openly, for the exaltation of God's Cause. When it was exalted in truth, the buzzing of flies appeared from behind the veil, whereat every Prophet hath lamented and every trusted Messenger hath cried out. Say: O concourse of the Bayan! Be fair in the Cause of your Lord, the All-Merciful. Beware lest that which hindered the people of the Furqan prevent you from turning toward the Most Great Ocean, and lest that which veiled the nations veil you. Fear God and follow not every remote clamourer. Turn with supreme steadfastness toward the Supreme Horizon. By the life of God! This is better for you than all that hath been created in earth and heaven. To this testifieth the Lord of Names in this wondrous Tablet.

How many a servant hath been so attracted by the verses of his Lord that neither the might of princes nor the power of the strong could frighten him. They hastened through the wilderness of love and faithfulness, saying:

> "Here am I, here am I, O Beloved of hearts! Here am I, here am I, O Thou Who art the Goal of all in the heavens and the earth!"

Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, as a grace from Him, that there might be revealed that which was hidden in God's treasury and inscribed in the Books of the Messengers.

Take ye hold of the Book of God with the power granted you by Us and the might bestowed by your Lord. By the life of God! This is the Day We promised you aforetime that We would make you leaders in the earth and make you the inheritors. Hold fast, O servants of God, unto the Most Great Cord and cling to the hem of God, the Omnipotent, the Almighty. Arise to serve the Cause with such steadfastness as cannot be hindered by the conditions of the world nor the doubts of the wayward. Thus have We illumined the horizon of the Book with the sun of the remembrance of your Lord, the One, the All-Informed.

The Supreme Pen calleth the friends in the land of Ya and its surroundings, mentioning them with most excellent remembrances, that perchance the choice wine of the utterance of the All-Merciful may so possess them that neither the intimations of the world nor the words of nations can prevent them. Fix your gaze upon this blessed, firm and goodly Word, which is as a torrential rain for the meadows of the All-Merciful's utterance, and drink thereof. You will not see or find the exalted Truth with the eyes of creation. Turn your eyes from all else that you may attain to His presence and meeting. This is a Day wherein the deeds, stations and ranks of all are and shall be made manifest, for the All-Knowing Distinguisher hath appeared and the All-Informed Expositor is evident and visible. Strive that ye may not be deprived of the endless bounties of the Munificent One, nor be forbidden what beseemeth this most holy and most exalted Day. The carpet of vain imaginings is spread wider than before, and the hosts of idle fancies are stronger than they were. May ye be assisted, through the grace of the All-Merciful, in that which shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endureth.

Praise be to God that ye have attained to the Day of God and perceived the fragrance of the garment of reunion. Those who counted themselves the highest, greatest, most mighty and most exalted among mankind are deprived of the ocean of knowledge and veiled and forbidden from the horizon of God's Cause, while ye, through His preceding mercy and all-encompassing grace, have attained to that which hath ever been the hope of the sincere ones and those near unto God. Beseech ye God—exalted be His glory—in all conditions to assist you to preserve this precious pearl and to keep it concealed from the eyes of thieves and traitors. Verily, He speaketh the truth and guideth the way. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

God willing, may all drink from the exalted words that have issued forth from the Source of the Cause—the Kawthar of attraction and yearning and the Salsabil of steadfastness and longing. For in truth, whosoever attaineth unto these will see all the world as non-existent and will stand firm on God's path with such steadfastness that those who stir up hatred and rancor in the world will find themselves powerless before his movement. By the life of the Beloved! Through the light of such souls doth the horizon of power and steadfastness shine forth resplendent.

Consider the words of the cawer who hath written to his servant, taking two words from the Bayan and two from the Qur'an to compose verses which he sendeth abroad. Observe how foolish and stupid he considereth people to be, that he propoundeth such nonsense, and yet they regard him as possessing proof and evidence. By Thy life, O Beloved of my heart! This servant is greatly astonished at the people.

What hath happened and what have they done to be afflicted with the guidance of one so ignorant? From the beginning of the world until now, such wondrous matters and exalted verses have never been seen, nor have the eye of utterance and the vision of understanding beheld their like.

A single Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet cannot be equaled by all the books—all books bear witness to this, whosoever hath attained unto a drop from the ocean of fairness. The world hath been encompassed by wondrous and exalted verses, and manifest verses equivalent to all heavenly books have been revealed, and outwardly that hath transpired in the past or shall come to pass in the future hath been set forth with utmost clarity in God's Holy Book. Nevertheless, they have uttered and continue to utter that which no heedless opponent hath ever said at the appearance of God's Manifestations. The shamelessness of this rebellious and transgressing band hath reached such heights that they speak these vain words at the appearance of the Manifestation and Messenger. May God grant justice and bestow the eye of grace.

Among the recent tidings is that Mirza Ahmad of the land of K and R, one night in the great city, after partaking of certain things, burned whatever writings against God he possessed and said he was pleased with this. In truth, he is observed to be like a chameleon. It is not known in which direction he intended or intends to go, toward which visage he turned or turneth. God, exalted be His glory, will either purify the hem of His Cause from such souls or, through His grace and favor, bestow upon them the choice wine of certitude and assurance. He is verily the Generous Giver.

Concerning what you wrote about Aqa Mirza ʿAyn Ba, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah], mentioning his expressions of love, and likewise your supplication for special favors from God, exalted be His glory—these matters were presented before His presence. This is what the Tongue of the Most Merciful spoke in the Kingdom of Utterance, exalted be His glory:

> "The glances of God's favor are directed towards him. Praise be to God, they have attained to that which most of the earth's inhabitants are deprived. Some time ago, accompanied by Abu'l-Hasan, one Tablet specifically for you and another in his name were sent. God willing, they will attain unto them. We counsel him to wisdom and steadfastness. God willing, may they be assisted in these two mighty matters, and special favors will also be manifested from the heaven of bounty. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Praise be to God, the Most High, the Most Great."

End.

O My Supreme Pen! Make mention of those who have turned towards My Most Sublime Horizon, hearkened unto My sweetest call, held fast to My sure handle, clung to the hem of My luminous robe, and set their faces toward My countenance after the passing of all things, and soared in the atmosphere of the love of their Lord, the Lord of Names, and quaffed from crimson cups the wine of destiny. Blessed are ye for having attained unto the ultimate goal, the most exalted station, and the highest rank. Joy and felicitations be upon you, for the Beloved of the world and the Most Great Name makes mention of you in such wise that every sincere soul perceives therefrom the fragrance of the garment, and everyone endowed with smell inhales the scent of My Name, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate.

I bear witness that ye have attained unto the recognition of God in days wherein all things and the Concourse on High have lamented by reason of what hath befallen them that have laid hold on the Book of God with the strength that proceedeth from Him, and have spent that which they possessed in His straight Path. Rejoice ye in the Supreme Companion, inasmuch as the Lord of all creation maketh mention of you in this Prison which hath been designated by every name and is known as the Most Great Prison in the Book of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

Your blood was shed while mingled with the love of God, your spirits ascended while perfumed with the fragrances of His days, and your bodies were cast down while adorned with the ornament of martyrdom in this Cause, for which the near ones and the sincere have spent all they possessed. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in your remembrance and praise. He, verily, is the All-Forgiving, the Most Bountiful.

The light shining from the horizon of the heaven of the mercy of the All-Merciful be upon you, O ye manifestations of the names in the realm of creation and dawning-places of recognition amidst the peoples of all religions. Ye are they whom no hinderer could hinder, nor the derision of any idolator could deter. Ye heard and hastened until ye attained unto the station which was ordained by the Pen of God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Joy be unto you and blessed are ye and they who make mention of you and visit you, even as the Tongue of the Wronged One hath spoken while surrounded by sorrows from those who denied the right of God and His loved ones, and turned away from the Face when it shone forth from the horizon of revelation with manifest light.

We make mention of the Trustworthy One, whom We have mentioned in My Manifest Book. He hath outstripped most of creation in the service of God and His Cause, and hath attained unto such bounty as none save the All-Numbering, the All-Informed, can reckon. We were with him when his spirit ascended unto the Supreme Companion, and We gave him to drink of the pure wine time and again, and the mercy of his Lord encompassed him in such measure as all pens are powerless to recount. To this testifieth He Who speaketh and will continue to speak at all times: There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

Section 3: “O Trustworthy One! Thou art a letter…”

O Trustworthy One! Thou art a letter from My crimson scroll and a mention from this Book which speaketh the truth and maketh mention of its loved ones in such wise that the Concourse on High and they who have prostrated themselves before the countenance of their Lord, the Possessor of this wondrous Day, visit them. Blessed is he who maketh mention of thee and draweth nigh through thee unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Varqa! O thou who gazest toward the Supreme Horizon and drinkest My sealed nectar from the white fingers of My bounty! We have made mention of those servants concerning whom thou didst beseech God for their remembrance and the manifestation of His favors and bounties unto them. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for this great favor. Thou hast a station with thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised. He shall assist thee in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and shall aid thee to make mention of Him in such wise as to attract hearts and minds. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

As regards what you wrote concerning Jinab-i-Mirza Muhammad Khan and Jinab-i-Mirza Muhammad-Ali, this was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, and two most mighty and most glorious Tablets specifically for them were revealed and sent down from the heaven of God's Will. God willing, may they attain unto them and be assisted in that which God desires. And concerning what was mentioned about Jinab-i-Sabz-Ali and likewise about traveling to Zanjan and staying in that land for the purpose of teaching God's Cause—all these matters were presented. He, exalted be His glory, said:

> "Most praiseworthy is journeying to that land, for most have no knowledge and are observed to be remote from the Cause. God willing, may you become the cause of enkindling through the fire of the love of the All-Merciful, and may you refresh the withered hearts of those who hesitate through the Kawthar of the remembrance of the All-Merciful. Convey to Jinab-i-Rasul, upon him be the Glory of God, greetings from this Wronged One adorned with the ornament of the Most Great Name. Say: By the life of God! Thou art mentioned before the Throne and thou art inscribed in My Clear Book. The gaze of the True One hath been and will ever be directed towards thee. Be thou steadfast in serving the Cause of thy Lord in all conditions. Soon will all thou seest perish, while that which hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen shall endure throughout the duration of God's kingdom, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Adorn all the friends in that land with the ornament of the utterance of the Lord of Religions. How excellent is the heart that is set ablaze with His love and the tongue that speaketh His praise. Say: O friends of the All-Merciful! Strive that ye may each shine forth like unto the sun from the horizon of the heaven of steadfastness, in such wise that ye may regard those who associate partners with God, and whatsoever is with them and whosoever is with them, as mere handfuls of clay. This is the station of the most great steadfastness, the mention of which illumineth the horizons of the divine Tablets."

O beloved of My heart! Some weak souls in the region of your honor and its surroundings are observed to be on the brink of a crumbling precipice, for they have heard that which was not worthy of hearing and have taken from those who were devoid of understanding. This is what hath been understood from the interpretation of the utterances of the Revealer of Verses, and is presented to your honor. God willing, through the arms of divine power and might, and the hands of God's omnipotence, and healing, sufficient utterances, they may turn from the left hand of conjecture to the right hand of certitude and drink from the Kawthar of steadfastness.

Strange it is that people should inquire of the dim star concerning the rays and lights of the Sun. Say: O ye who possess sight! Turn ye unto the Sun itself and know it through its own self. In establishing Its Cause, It hath no need of any other than Itself. Its proof lies in Its verses, and Its existence in Its manifestation. Have they not heard these words, or have they not seen the Sun of bounty shining from the horizon of the heaven of Revelation, or have they not perceived the fragrances of Its utterances? In any case, in this Most Great Revelation all are commanded to behold Him with His own eyes and to know Him. Moreover, the entire world is a book establishing this mighty Cause, and all things, books, scriptures, psalms and tablets cry out with the most eloquent voice giving the glad-tidings of the Days of God.

The Beloved Himself is astonished at these veiled ones and their utterances—indeed every person of insight is astonished. That which this servant has presented—should some of the friends and dignitaries consider it—would be most praiseworthy, that perchance it might free the servants from the darkness of suspicions and imaginings and illumine them with the dawn of God's Day. Should they reflect upon the grandeur mentioned in all the Books regarding this most exalted, most holy Cause, they would become aware. In one place He says:

> "This is the Day wherein none shall be mentioned save God alone."

False intimations from the past have prevented people from the essence of truth in this wondrous, exalted Day.

In this connection, such utterances have been revealed from the Ancient Tongue that should attentive ears hearken unto them, they would surely become detached and freed from all that the people possess. His is the command and His the grandeur and the power, and He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Strong, the Mighty.

Last night several Tablets were revealed from the heaven of divine knowledge containing certain mentions which truly melted the soul and set the body aflame. This evanescent servant intended to send a copy thereof but found no opportunity, as there were many travelers present and each requested numerous Tablets from the heaven of oneness, and this evanescent servant was occupied with transcribing them. With a hundred thousand tongues I beseech Him to assist this evanescent one to fulfill this momentous task. Verily He is the Helper, the Mighty. The servant beseecheth his Lord not to withhold from His servants that which hath appeared in the Kingdom through His Most Great, Most Glorious Name.

Regarding what you wrote about one of the friends having written a treatise—it was presented before His presence. This is what was revealed in response: Today whatever is written should be considered with the utmost care so that it may not become a cause of differences or give rise to objections from the people. What the friends of God utter today reaches the ears of all the peoples of the earth. In the Tablet of Wisdom these words were revealed:

> "Verily the ears of the deniers are stretched toward Us that they might hear that whereby they can object to God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. This matter is not without importance. Whatever is written should not be devoid of wisdom, and in the words the nature of milk should be concealed, that the children of the age might be nourished thereby and attain maturity. We have previously mentioned that one word is like unto springtime, causing the world of hearts to become fresh and verdant, while another is like unto poison, causing the blossoms and flowers to wither. God willing, the authors from among the friends of God should write that which fair-minded souls would accept and which would not give rise to objections from the people."

End.

Regarding the blessed verse of prohibition which was revealed in the Book of God and about which you inquired—it was presented before the Throne. He said: It would have been preferable and more beloved had it been mentioned to you verbally in His presence. Now it is not permitted to mention it in writing until its time comes. End.

And likewise inquiry was made about this blessed verse, His words, exalted be His glory: "When the ocean of reunion ebbeth" up to His words, mighty be His glory: "which hath branched from this mighty Stock," the divine purpose was the Most Mighty Branch of God and after Him the Greater Branch of God—may my spirit and my being and my essence be offered up for the dust of their footsteps.

Concerning your question about the Branches of God and His Afnan, it was submitted to the Most Holy Court, and He said: Until now, whenever mention of Afnan has been revealed from the Supreme Pen, it has referred to those souls who are related to the Primal Point, for in this Revelation We have summoned all to the highest horizon and guided them to the Most Great Ocean. In the early days, a special prayer was revealed for them, and in that prayer faith and recognition were ordained for them. God willing, may they act according to what God has willed and remain firm and steadfast in this Most Great, Most Mighty Cause. Blessed are they in that We have named them with this Name from which the fragrance of the All-Merciful has been diffused throughout creation. We have related them to this Tree as a grace from Us upon them. Ask God to protect them from the allusions of the people and the doubts of learning.

We have favored some above others in a Book which none has understood save God, the Lord of the worlds. That which has been ordained for them from the presence of the All-Knowing Ordainer shall soon be made manifest. Those souls who are now related to the Tree are mentioned in the Book of Names as the kindred. If they act according to what God has willed, blessed are they in that they have turned and attained. They should beseech God to preserve them and assist them to remain steadfast in their present state. This is a Day wherein all souls must strive to attain the word of acceptance from the presence of the Lord of Names. By Branches are meant the existing Branches, but in the primary station there were and are the two Most Great Branches, and souls thereafter are counted as fruits and leaves. The Branches have no right to the property of others. And this blessed verse was mentioned, His exalted word:

> "Refer ye whatsoever ye understand not in the Book to Him Who hath branched from this mighty Stock."

By Book is meant the Most Holy Book, and by Him Who hath branched is meant the Branch.

Concerning fasting while traveling and the limit of travel, this question was asked: Let the limits of travel and traveler be explained—to what distance the term "travel" applies, and if during the journey one stays in a place for several days what is one's obligation, and on the day when a traveler intends to travel, for instance if one becomes a traveler at noon or after noon, what is one's obligation from morning until noon? The limits of travel have been fixed at nine hours in the Book of God—that is, from the place of departure to the intended destination should be nine hours, then the law of fasting is lifted. If a traveler stays in a place and it is determined that the stay will be for nineteen days, one must fast, and if it is less, fasting is not required. If during the month of fasting one arrives at a place and intends to stay there for

one Bayanic month, one should refrain from fasting for three days and then fast for the remaining days. If one arrives in one's hometown, one should begin fasting that very day. On the day one intends to travel, fasting is not permitted.

This servant wishes to state that all the names mentioned in your letters, both past and present, which reached this servant, were presented at the Most Holy Court. He showed His grace and they were dispatched. One Most Great and Most Holy Tablet was also specifically revealed and sent for Jinab-i-Aqa Sabz-Ali. God willing, he will attain to it. This servant's request is that you convey my greetings and praise, as befitting, to all. Strange and wondrous matters have emerged from the known island. In these days new tidings have arrived which cause embarrassment, and this servant is ashamed to mention them. We leave it to the True One, exalted be His glory. Verily He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. Jinab-i-Aqa Sabz-Ali, praise be to God, has rent asunder the veil and shattered the idol of fancy, and has drunk the water of certitude from the hand of the Spirit of Truth. God willing, may he ever attain to this most exalted station.

As commanded, convey God's greetings to the relatives of Jinab-i-Abu-Basir and Aqa Siyyid Ashraf, upon them be the Most Glorious Glory of God, in the land of Za, and show the grace of God unto all, that all may be illumined by the lights of the Sun of Truth and drink from the ocean of steadfastness. Verily He is the Protector of those who are nigh and the Protector of the sincere ones.

Jinab-i-Nazir, upon him be Baha'u'llah's grace, has arrived in these days and is residing in the vicinity. And regarding what you wrote about Jinab-i-Harf-i-Hayy, upon him be the glory of God, after attaining the honor of pilgrimage, as commanded and willed, he returned. Later he sought permission to stay in the great city, which was granted. After some time he ascended to the highest horizon. Blessed is he, for he is among those who attained what the Primal Point, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him, had foretold, and was among the successful ones.

And Jinab-i-Mulla Muhammad-ʿAli-Dih, upon him be Baha'u'llah's grace, has been gone for some time, and news of him has arrived from the City of God and other places.

O beloved of my heart! The mention that was at the end of your letter, after the presentation of matters, was again presented at the threshold of the Throne. This response descended from the heaven of divine will, exalted be His glory:

> "O Varqa! O thou who gazest upon the face of thy Lord, the Most Glorious! We have heard that which thou didst commune with God at the end of thy letter. Blessed be thy face for having turned, and thy tongue for having spoken. Make mention of thy Lord amongst the servants, that the remembrance and utterance may draw them to the horizon of the All-Merciful and bring them nigh unto a station wherein the affairs of creation shall not prevent them from the Truth, nor shall the doubts of those who have disbelieved in God, the Exalted, the Great. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath heard thy word concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds. The glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon thee, O thou who hast attained unto the choice wine through My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous."

The expression of praise, glorification, and greetings to the friends of the divine city and regions from this evanescent servant depends upon your grace. Glory be upon you, upon your relatives, and upon those who have remained faithful to God's Covenant on His mighty, wondrous Day. Praise be to God, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Wise.

The servant First of Sha'ban 1298

BH01074: He Dawneth from the Horizon of Eternity

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O Husayn! The Wronged One remembers thee on this night wherein were revealed the verses of thy Lord, by which every atom proclaimed the praise of God, the Lord of Names and Attributes. Verily thy Lord is the All-Informing, the All-Knowing.

We bear witness that thou hast believed in God and turned toward the Supreme Horizon when those who denied God, the Lord of the worlds, turned away from it. Thou didst turn by Our leave and didst traverse land and sea until thou didst attain unto this Great Prison. Thou didst seek the ultimate goal and the highest aim until thou didst stand before the Gate and didst hear the call of the Wronged One when He was in the hands of the heedless. Blessed be thine ear for what it heard and thine eye for what it beheld of this luminous Horizon. Thou didst attain, didst hear, didst visit, and didst return by His leave. Verily He is the Commander, the All-Wise.

Convey My greetings to My loved ones in all lands, then remind them that I have mentioned their names in this mighty and impregnable spot. Say: O loved ones of the All-Merciful in all lands! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One from this Prison, whereat the Concourse on High and the dwellers of Paradise have lamented, yet most of the people are among the heedless.

Hear thou in the Persian tongue the call of the Wronged One, that perchance the friends of Truth might drink from the Kawthar of utterance and be found steadfast and firm in the Cause of the Beloved. Say: O friends! The world hath never had, nor hath it now, any constancy, for its changes and transformations have been witnessed at all times. They who possess pure vision and behold the Most Great Scene pay no heed to its diverse colors. They fix their gaze upon the Truth and cling fast unto Him.

God willing, may all be gathered under one word and arise to teach the Cause of the Beloved of the worlds, and in all conditions remain within the bounds of wisdom. This is a word that hath been revealed in God's Book time and again. God willing, they should manifest themselves with goodly character and pure deeds. By the Sun of the horizon of certitude! Discord, contention and strife lead to the wastage of the Cause, while teaching the Cause with joy and fragrance leadeth to its exaltation. Let them abandon their own will and desire and hold fast unto the Will and Desire of God. This is the greatest means for the salvation of the world and the preservation of nations.

Blessed is the soul that hath heard the divine call and tasted its sweetness. Most people have recited and read the Furqan, which distinguisheth truth from falsehood, throughout ages and centuries, yet having

not found the sweetness of the All-Merciful's utterance, they remained deprived of its mysteries and meanings.

Say: O friends of God! This is the day of steadfastness and firmness. Ye must rend asunder the veils of idle fancy through the power of the Lord of Names and manifest such steadfastness in God's Cause that none may find occasion to turn away or object. Shatter the idol of vain imaginings and the false deity of conjecture by the name of your Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful.

Say: Glorified art Thou, O Lord of existence and Sovereign of the seen and unseen! Thou art He at Whose separation the hearts of them that are nigh unto Thee among Thy servants were consumed, and at Whose remoteness rose up the sighs of the sincere ones among Thy bondsmen. Thou art He Who manifested Thyself and called out with Thy most sweet call betwixt earth and heaven, summoning all unto the Dayspring of Thy revelation, the Dawning-Place of Thine inspiration, and the Source of Thy Cause. Among the people are those who heard and hastened unto the ocean of Thy grace, and those who heard and turned away, and those who were seized with such doubts as to be prevented from hearkening unto the verses of Thy grandeur and were kept back from the paths of Thy glory and nearness.

O my Lord! I testify to that whereunto Thou didst testify before the creation of the heavens and earth, that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee. Thou hast ever been sanctified above the mention of all created things and the praise of all possible things. From all eternity Thou hast been one God, single, peerless, unique, independent, exalted above the praise of Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones, and sanctified from the mention of Thy Messengers and Thy trustees.

O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, seeking the gate of Thy bounty, the heaven of Thy generosity, and the ocean of Thy grace. O Lord! I am the poor and hopeful one, and Thou art the All-Giving, the Generous. I am the weak and lowly one, and Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful, the Trustworthy. I beseech Thee by Thy most exalted Self, and by the Most Great Word, and by Thy most beautiful Names and Thy most sublime Attributes, that Thou write down for me with Thy Most Exalted Pen what Thou hast written for those who have heard Thy call, who were attracted by Thy verses, who sought refuge in Thy presence, and who clung to the cord of Thy favors. Ordain for me, O God of the world and Beloved of the nations, that which will profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Thou knowest what is within my soul and seest what is in my heart.

O Lord! I am the ignorant, the heedless one who hath clung to Thy all-encompassing knowledge and Thy great bounty and the mercy that hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. Then I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy Kingdom and the mysteries of Thy Dominion to ordain for Thy servants that which will draw them nigh unto Thee, inspire them with Thy remembrance and praise, and give them to drink of the Kawthar of Thy knowledge and the Salsabil of Thy utterance. Verily Thou art He Whom nothing can frustrate and no affair can hinder. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy power and sovereignty, and Thou ordainest what Thou pleasest through Thy command and might. There is no God but Thee, the All-Giving, the Munificent, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

O Lord! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name to send down from the clouds of Thy bounty that which will purify me and Thy servants from the doubts of the enemies of Thy Self and from what they have

wrought in Thy days. Then forgive, O my God, those who have raised their hands to the heaven of Thy generosity and have turned to the horizon of Thy grace and hastened to the sun of Thy forgiveness and clung to the hem of the robe of Thy favors and gifts and drawn nigh unto the ocean of Thy bestowal. Verily Thou art the Pardoner, the Generous. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great.

BH03135: This is a Book sent down in truth…

In the Name of Him Who is the Guardian over all names!

This is a Book sent down in truth from God, the Lord of all worlds. It gives glad tidings to those who have believed of that which none before has ever attained. To this bears witness He Who has summoned all from the Most Great Prison to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed is he who has cast away vain desire and turned to the supreme horizon, and woe unto those who have turned away by following every ignorant remote one.

Your mention has been made before the Wronged One, and a noble Book has been revealed for you. Verily it will benefit you in all the worlds of your Lord and draw you nigh unto a station which pens and every reckoner of knowledge are powerless to describe. Be steadfast in the Cause and mindful of what was mentioned before from this Great Announcement. Beware lest the affairs of men prevent you from the Lord of the first and the last. Leave the people behind you, turning to the horizon which has been illumined by this wondrous Name.

Praise be to God that through divine grace you have attained and recognized His days. Strive that you may achieve deeds whose mention shall endure throughout the eternity of God's names. Give thanks to your Lord for this wise remembrance. This Day is exceedingly great, yet most of the servants are heedless of it. Love of transient affairs and earthly ornaments has prevented all from the King of Oneness. They are seen immersed in the sea of negligence and will soon surrender their souls to the master of hell. We beseech God that the world's vanities may not prevent accepted and steadfast souls from everlasting stations.

Say: Glory be to Thee, O Thou by Whose Name the created things were attracted and through Whose remembrance all possible things have testified! I beseech Thee by the Revealer of Thy verses and the Dayspring of Thy clear signs to assist me to be steadfast in Thy love and Thy Cause, and to enable me to do what befits Thy Revelation and Thy days, and whereby my mention may endure throughout the eternity of Thy dominion and Thy kingdom. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and holding fast to the cord of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the outpourings of the heaven of Thy grace. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous. Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth!

BH03329: God willing, in your youth you will attain…

In the name of the one incomparable Lord!

God willing, in your youth you will attain to His praise, glorification and service to His divine Cause. The world passeth away like lightning—strive thou to attain in this transient abode the water of everlasting life and drink thereof.

How many souls waited ages and lifetimes for this most mighty, most holy Day, yet when the Sun of Revelation shone forth from the horizon of the Will of the Lord of Oneness, all remained heedless and veiled, nay, showed forth the utmost hatred and aversion. And this despite all created things, through their own deeds and transformations, giving counsel in most eloquent utterance and reminding mankind. For at every moment those possessed of insight witness the signs of evanescence, setting and decline. Yet all remain heedless. By the life of God, the people are in manifest loss!

Give thanks to the Goal of all the worlds that thou hast been mentioned in the Most Great Prison before the Wronged One and hast attained unto this mighty Tablet. Though the value of the divine Word is not known to the heedless at present, ere long its worth shall become evident and its station manifest to all the world. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto a single letter of the Book and acteth according to what is revealed therein.

This is the Day for pure deeds. God willing, the friends of Truth must appear among the servants with perfect trustworthiness, truthfulness and praiseworthy character. They are as lamps amid the darkness of the age.

We counsel thee and the friends of God with two words, and for the sake of God remind you: First, steadfastness in the Cause, for great indeed is its importance, as mentioned in the divine Books. Second, to act in accordance with what befitteth these days. God willing, mayest thou acquire an eternal station in this transient world and attain unto that which is intended.

Give thanks unto God for this mighty favor and say: Praise be to God, the Lord of all the worlds.

BH03980: The Tongue in the Kingdom of Utterance summons all…

In His Name, the Most Holy, Who transcends what was and what will be!

The Tongue in the Kingdom of Utterance summons all to the supreme horizon, the station wherein the Tree exclaims: “There is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting!” This is the Day wherein every soul that has advanced has attained the breezes of revelation, and every soul that turned away has been gathered unto those who rejected the Lord of the seen and unseen. How many a learned one has been prevented by his knowledge from the Self-Subsisting, and how many an unlettered one has heard and hastened until he attained the praiseworthy station!

We have heard thy call and have sent down for thee that from which thou wilt discover the fragrance of the garment of this Revelation, which was promised in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Loving. Hearken unto that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur’an: “The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds.” O Kazim! Wert thou to become aware of that which hath appeared and shone forth from the horizon of creation, thou wouldst soar on the wings of longing in this atmosphere from whose rushing winds can be heard: “There is none other God but Me, the Peerless, the All-Informed.”

Hold fast to the cord of the Cause in such wise that the veils of men who have turned away from God, the Lord of destiny, may not withhold thee, when the Supreme Horizon hath been adorned and every hidden matter hath been revealed through this momentous News. The people have denied God's right and His Revelation, have disputed His signs, and have turned away from His proof which hath encompassed existence.

Say: O God of Names, Creator of heaven, Subjugator of all things! I beseech Thee by Thy most exalted Self to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, ever gazing toward Thy horizon, and voicing Thy praise amongst Thy servants. Thou art He Whom nothing can frustrate and no affair can defeat. Thou doest what Thou willest. Thou art, in truth, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH04164: We make mention of him who has turned…

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

We make mention of him who has turned to the Countenance, and We give him glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for him from God, the Generous Bestower. We counsel him to remain steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of the learned ones who were deceived by vain imaginings in the days of God have slipped, and which has prevented them from this Straight Path. They are learned in their own sight, yet ignorant before thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Say: Can any one of you compete in the arena of utterance with proof and argument? Nay, by My Self, the All-Subduing over all who are in the heavens and on earth!

Today the mountains are warbling and trembling, the hills are in joy and exultation, and the meadows are speaking and rejoicing in praise of the All-Bountiful. Yet the servants are all thunderstruck and bewildered. All have awaited these days and with complete supplication have beseeched from God the Exalted the attainment of His presence. However, when the lights of the morn of revelation became manifest and evident, all denied and turned away save whom God willed.

Say: Those souls who today have attained to this Most Great Cause—they are the inheritors of the Prophets and Messengers, and they are the horizons of the suns of divine love. Blessed is the soul that hath attained, and woe unto the heedless ones.

Remember all the assured and enkindled souls with the mention of this Wronged One and give them glad tidings of that which is with God. He is the Powerful and Mighty, and He is the All-Knowing and All-Seeing. His is the creation and the command, from before and after, but the people are in a mighty veil.

The glory shining forth from the horizon of glory be upon the people of Baha who have attained unto this luminous horizon.

BH04920: O Muhammad qabl-i-Baqir! From time immemorial until now people…

In the name of the one incomparable God, the All-Knowing

O Muhammad qabl-i-Baqir! From time immemorial until now people have clung to vain imaginings. The Friend (Abraham) came, they cast Him into the fire. Moses came, they bore witness to His falsehood.

Christ came, they hung Him upon the cross. The Beloved (Muhammad) came, they pronounced the verdict for His death. The Herald (the Bab) came, they made Him the target of their bullets.

All these holy Beings and Dawning-places of divine revelation spoke at first according to the understanding of the people. And now the Speaker of Sinai hath appeared with the banner of "He doeth what He willeth" and the standard of "He ordaineth what He pleaseth," and hath spoken that which hath been the cause of rending asunder the veils of the world and its peoples.

Reflect then upon what they have done and are doing, and what they wrought and are working. The Cause is in the hands of God, the Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

God willing, through the breezes of this perspicuous Tablet thou shalt attain to that station which hath been recorded and inscribed in the divine Books, Tablets and Scriptures. Praise the Object of all creation, for thou hast been mentioned by Him and hast attained to His recognition.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast strengthened me and caused me to recognize this Cause, whose greatness hath been attested by Thy Books, Thy Tablets, Thy Messengers, Thy chosen ones, and the best among Thy creation. I testify that Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Sovereign, the Commander, the Mighty, the Wise.

BH04895: O Hakim! The time has come and the All-Wise…

He is the One dawning from the horizon of the heaven of mystical knowledge

O Hakim! The time has come and the All-Wise calls out in His Most Glorious Name between earth and heaven, yet most people remain in great delusion. My Most Exalted Pen has moved to make mention of you in the prison of Akka. When you find the fragrance of My sealed wine from My Self-Subsisting Name, then give thanks and say: Praise be to Thee, O Beloved of those in the heavens and earths.

O Hakim! The Day that was recorded and mentioned in all the books has appeared, and the Light that was forever hidden and concealed in the divine treasury of infallibility has dawned and shone forth. Today Palestine is illumined with the lights of His countenance, and Jerusalem is adorned with a new ornament, and Zion cries out with the most exalted call saying: The mysteries are revealed and what was hidden is made manifest. Blessed is the soul that has attained to this testimony. The stones and clay are today attracted and made joyous by the advent of Truth, yet the heedless servants remain veiled and deprived of the breezes of the days and of what has appeared. Blessed is your heart for having turned to Him and your ear for having heard this mighty and wondrous call.

Convey greetings to all the friends from the True One and say: What is beloved today is steadfastness, for the call of the All-Merciful is raised and likewise the cry of Satan. We counsel all to manifest the utmost steadfastness in this Cause through which the Nightingale warbles upon the branches. Verily there is no God but Him, the Manifest, the Speaking, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH05376: He summoneth from the Kingdom of utterance

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A mention from Us to him who has attained unto the days of God, the Lord of the worlds, that it may draw him nigh unto a station wherein he shall behold naught save the lights of his Lord's countenance, the All-Manifest, the All-Informed.

We give thee the glad-tidings of thy Lord's favor, that thou mayest give the people the glad-tidings of this announcement whereby the Most Great Announcement was thrown into commotion. We have mentioned thee before as a token of Our grace, and We make mention of thee in this Perspicuous Book.

By the life of God, verily this Day is great and this Cause is great. Today all things are adorned with a new ornament, and the Promised City hath descended from the new heaven. However, veils of idle fancy have prevented sight, and the coverings of vain imaginings have held back the ears from hearing the divine Word.

Those ears that have hearkened unto the voice of the opponents are not worthy of this mystery. The opponents have been and are those souls who, in the name of truth and in the garb of learning, have debarred and continue to debar people from the living waters of the All-Merciful.

Say: O ye who drink the choice wine of utterance, know ye your worth and preserve your stations, and guard the unique pearl, which is the knowledge of God, exalted be His glory, as a treasure within the repository of the heart from thieves and traitors. Thus hath the Tongue of the All-Merciful spoken forth in the Kingdom of Utterance. Blessed is he who hath heard and praised his Lord, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

BH05324: O friend! The One Friend says: Praise be…

In the name of the One Friend!

O friend! The One Friend says: Praise be to God that you have attained to a bounty that is not equaled by anything in the heavens and earth. Know thou the value of this lofty, glorious station and be vocal in praise of the Beloved of all creation.

Today the Kawthar of utterance is flowing from the right hand of the Throne of the All-Merciful, and the choice wine of divine knowledge is streaming from the left, while the Kingdom before His face calls out and proclaims:

> "This is the Day wherein that which was hidden in God's knowledge and mentioned by the tongues of the Prophets and Messengers has been made manifest."

The whole world was created for this glorious Day, yet when the morn of the Day of Revelation was illumined by the lights of His countenance, all were found to be veiled. Blessed art thou for having turned to the Horizon from which the pillars of the earth turned away. Soon shall all arise in lamentation and weeping, finding no refuge or shelter.

Drink at all times from the ocean of joy, for thou hast attained to this Most Great Cause and art mentioned by the Truth in God's Book. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained to this station by their Lord's leave, and upon those who have acted according to that which they were commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH05334: This Wronged One counsels the friends of God…

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

This Wronged One counsels the friends of God to perform such deeds as will conduce to the exaltation of His Cause and the elevation of His Word amongst His servants. For were those who claim to love Him in these days to act in accordance with that which is acceptable in His sight, the fragrances of His Cause would assuredly encompass the world, and the Sun of His Word would be seen dawning from the horizons of cities and lands. The deeds of men have deprived them of the recognition of God.

This luminous and wondrous Day hath no peer or likeness in the past or future. Nevertheless, none hath quaffed from the Kawthar of divine knowledge in this Day of the All-Merciful save whom God, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful, hath willed. Blessed are they that have turned towards Him, and woe and loss betide the heedless.

God hath appeared with conclusive proofs for all who dwell on earth; yet they have turned away from Him and clung to the sources of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Well is it with him whom the veils of glory have not withheld from the Most Exalted God, who hath forsaken the world and all therein for the sake of the Beloved of all creation, and who hath held fast to the cord of His grace, exalted be His glory. Such a one is free and unfettered. Blessed is he, and his shall be a goodly beginning and end.

BH05648: Praise be to God that in the springtime…

In the name of the One Incomparable Knower!

Praise be to God that in the springtime of youth thou hast attained unto the recognition of the Lord of all Return. Know thou the value of this heavenly bounty. By the life of God! Whatever is hidden or manifest cannot compare with it. Today, due to the lack of capacity in the earth, the station of those who have turned to God and are assured is hidden and concealed from views and eyes. However, I swear by the Sun of the heaven of the All-Merciful's knowledge that a day shall appear on earth which will tell of the degrees and stations of those holy souls. Blessed is the one who today has attained unto what God has willed and has acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this most great favor and say:

I beseech Thee, O my God, my Beloved, and my Heart's Desire, by the Most Exalted Word whereby Thou hast subdued earth and heaven and caused all things to speak, to strengthen me to stand firm in Thy Cause and in Thy love. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Wise.

The Glory be upon thee and upon thy father and thy brothers and upon whosoever hath held fast unto the Sure Handle on this Day wherein the Lord of all beings doth proclaim: There is none other God but Me, the Speaker, the All-Seeing.

BH06797: O Ahmad! The Wronged One of the horizons hath…

In His name, the Protector over earth and heaven!

O Ahmad! The Wronged One of the horizons hath turned from the precincts of the prison towards thee, summoning thee unto truth and guiding thee to the straight path. Today both the call of the All-Merciful and of Satan are raised. Through God's infinite bounties, may thou drink from the ocean of grace and become illumined and radiant through the lights of the Sun of Knowledge.

With utmost effort and steadfastness, voice the praise of the Friend and fix thy gaze upon His horizon, in such wise that the peoples of the world shall be powerless to prevent thee. This is the most glorious, most exalted station. Blessed is he who attaineth thereunto, and woe unto the heedless.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the horizon of the world was illumined, the Most Great Ocean surged, and the pearls of knowledge and wisdom appeared among the nations! I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in this Cause, from which the learned have turned aside and by which the feet of the mystics have slipped. Verily Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp is the Kingdom of Names. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

BH06697: In My Name, the One Who gazeth…

In My Name, the One Who gazeth from the Most Exalted Horizon!

The Supreme Pen, in the sweetest Persian tongue, guideth those endowed with utterance to the Most Exalted Horizon. Blessed is he who possesseth eyes to see and recognize, ears to hear and arise, a heart to turn in devotion, and a countenance to direct itself in attention.

Today the Mother Book is manifest and speaking, and the Preserved Tablet circleth round manifestation in remembrance.

O servants of the Truth! Know ye the value of this Day and deprive not yourselves of its fragrances. True profit belongeth to him who hath taken and drunk the Sealed Wine in the name of the Self-Subsisting Lord, and grievous loss is for him who hath been deprived and forbidden from the endless outpourings of God.

Be thou thankful unto thy Lord, for verily He hath remembered thee when He was oppressed among the servants and imprisoned in His Great Prison.

Blessed is the state of him who hath clung to the hem of grace and become detached and free from the world and all who dwell therein. Blessed are they that are detached.

BH06820: He is the Most Holy, the Most Great. O…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great. O you who gaze upon the Countenance! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, which hath been raised from the prison of ʿAkka. He hath testified to that which God testified before the creation of earth and heaven, and hath acknowledged that which His Prophets and His Messengers and His Chosen Ones and His trusted ones have acknowledged. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We have enjoined upon all that which God hath enjoined. Among the people are those who have denied, and those who have turned away, and those who have decreed banishment and sent Me to this mighty prison. When We entered therein, We summoned all with the most exalted call to the supreme horizon. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

We have arisen to promote the Cause in such wise that neither ranks nor hosts could deter Us. To this testifieth He with Whom is a glorious Book. We counsel thee and those who have believed to observe the Most Great Faithfulness and the Supreme Steadfastness, and that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds, may be exalted.

When thou hast attained unto this Tablet, take it with power from Our presence and might from Our custody, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Desire of the worlds!

BH07410: O Muhammad! Today the Euphrates of mercy is flowing…

He is the One manifest from the horizon of the heaven of grace

O Muhammad! Today the Euphrates of mercy is flowing and the Sun of loving-kindness is shining. Blessed is the soul that has attained unto the Word of God and whose mention has flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. All that is on earth and whatsoever is treasured therein and springeth therefrom cannot be compared with a single Tablet from the divine Tablets, nay rather with a single letter of the Book. Blessed are the souls who have attained unto this most mighty, most holy, most exalted Cause and who have remained steadfast in the love of God. Time and again hast thou been mentioned by the True One. It behooveth thee to render thanks unto Him by night and by day for this great bounty. This is the Day of steadfastness and likewise the Day of service. Beseech God that He may assist thee and the friends to accomplish that which shall endure in the Book of the world throughout the kingdom of names and attributes. Glory be upon every seeing observer and every informed sage.

BH07327: O Isma'il! The Friend of God's Messenger and He…

In the name of the kind Friend

O Isma'il! The Friend of God's Messenger and He Who conversed with Moses, while wronged in this Most Great Prison, makes mention of thee and summons thee to the horizon of steadfastness.

Two matters are regarded as most great in the sight of God and are inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book: first, recognition of the Dawning-Place of Revelation and the Dayspring of His verses; and second, steadfastness in His love and His Cause.

The source of all knowledge hath been and still is this blessed Word, for the purpose of knowledge, in its primary degree, is to withhold men from error and cause them to attain unto guidance, and in its secondary degree, all that which profiteth mankind. God willing, thou shalt succeed in rending asunder all the veils of the past.

Today the people of the Bayan are observed to be like unto the people of the Furqan, nay rather more astray. O My loved ones! Beware lest their doubts veil you or their allusions hold you back. By the life of

God! The Morn of Certitude hath dawned through this Manifest Name. Verily, He guideth the people, even from His mighty prison, unto His straight path.

BH07158: He dawneth from the horizon of proof

He dawneth from the horizon of proof

The divines, mystics and princes of the earth waited night and day to see when the horizon of the world would be illumined by the lights of the Sun of Manifestation, and when the Countenance of the Promised One would descend from the heaven of the divine Will with the hosts of knowledge and utterance.

But when the fragrance of that Day wafted and the Ancient Beauty was established upon the throne of His Cause, all remained veiled, nay, turned away. Their heedlessness reached such a state that they pronounced the death sentence upon that Essence of being. But God preserved Him through the truth in this Great Prison.

That which is regarded today as the greatest of all deeds in the sight of God and is recorded as such is steadfastness in this mighty Cause. Hold fast unto it and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who didst remember me when I was before those who were heedless of Thy most great signs and who turned away from Thy most exalted horizon. I beseech Thee to make me firm in Thy love and steadfast in Thy service. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH07952: O Sadiq! The ornament of the human temple…

In the Name of the Peerless Lord.

O Sadiq! The ornament of the human temple is truthfulness. Blessed is the soul that is adorned therewith. The meaning of truthfulness in its primal reality has been and continues to be the recognition of God's Cause and what He has revealed in His Book. Should a person manifest the truthfulness of all the peoples of the world yet hesitate in this Most Great Cause, he would be accounted among the liars in the Clear Book.

Praise be to God that thou hast attained to the recognition of the Divine Day and hast acknowledged that which hath been made manifest. Now strive thou to remain steadfast in this momentous Cause, and let not the doubts of the opposers and the hints of the corruptors deprive thee of the outpourings of the Day of Faith.

This is the greatest counsel that hath shone forth from the horizon of the Kingdom of Utterance of the Ancient Lord. Seize it through thy Lord's power and cast aside what is with the people. Verily thy Lord is the Commander, the Compassionate, the Bountiful.

BH07537: God willing, mayest thou inhale the fragrances…

In the Name of the One God!

God willing, mayest thou inhale the fragrances of the divine days and attain unto the sweetness of the celestial call. For if all the peoples of the earth were to taste but a needle's eye of the sweetness of the All-Merciful's utterance, surely would they all turn with illumined hearts and radiant faces toward the One Beloved Friend.

This is a Day wherein all who dwell on earth are seen to be thunderstruck and fallen prostrate by the divine trumpet-blast, save only for certain letters of thy Lord's countenance—they who are the people of the Crimson Ark, in whose praise hath spoken the Lord of Names and the Lord of both the beginning and the end.

God willing, mayest thou act in accordance with that which hath been enjoined upon thee by the All-Merciful in all times and arise to serve Him. That which is accounted this day as the most glorious of all deeds in the sight of God is steadfastness in His Most Great Cause. God willing, mayest thou attain and be assisted unto this. Blessed is every servant who hath attained thereunto, and woe unto the heedless.

Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH08534: O Baqir! Gaze with the eye of truth upon…

He is the One manifest, speaking with truth.

O Baqir! Gaze with the eye of truth upon the Most Great Horizon, and with a pure and sanctified ear hearken unto the call of the Peerless Beloved. Be thou so steadfast in the Cause of God that the buzzing of flies shall not debar thee from the Lord of all beings.

How numerous were the souls who made claim to faithfulness, steadfastness and certitude, yet when divine tests appeared, they turned away from the eternal nectar at the croaking of that which perisheth, contenting themselves with a mirage that neither nourishes nor satisfies, forsaking the stream of divine mercy. God willing, thou shalt stand firm in His Cause with legs of steel.

This is the station whose mention hath been revealed in the divine Books, Tablets and Scriptures, both of old and more recently. By the life of God! A lowly dog is better than those who have turned away from this Most Exalted Horizon and have turned to every remote barker.

BH08779: He hath dawned from the horizon of the world

He hath dawned from the horizon of the world

At all times the Pen of the All-Merciful is occupied with the remembrance of friends. Some heard and acted upon it, attaining unto it, while others clung to the vain imaginings and idle fancies of men and were thus deprived and shut out from the ultimate goal, the most exalted horizon and the furthermost Lote-Tree. And some heard and claimed steadfastness, yet when the test appeared they turned away from God, exalted be His glory, because of the censure of the people, and were veiled from the Mighty, the Bestower by the buzzing of a fly. Such is the condition of souls who have not attained unto the Kawthar of faithfulness nor received their portion from the ocean of fairness.

Now God summons thee unto steadfastness. God willing, thou shalt attain unto it and be observed as firm in His love.

BH08707: He ruleth over all names in His Most Glorious…

He ruleth over all names in His Most Glorious Name

God willing, may you attain in this precious and wondrous Day to the fragrances of the divine Robe. These fragrances are mentioned in one instance that has flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. By the sighs of this Wronged One! If anyone truly attains unto them, he will find himself detached and free from the world and all who dwell therein, and will arise to promote the Cause with perfect strength, power and steadfastness, occupying himself with the remembrance of the Beloved of all creation through wisdom and utterance.

Give thanks to thy Lord for having aided thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of Revelation and for having made thee among those who have turned unto Him. The first duty is the recognition of God, exalted be His glory, and after this steadfastness in this mighty Cause. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

BH00036: A praise sanctified above word and utterance beseemeth…

Section 1: "In the Name of our Lord, the Most…"

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

A praise sanctified above word and utterance beseemeth the peerless King Who hath caused all the Books and Scriptures and Tablets of the world to be adorned with His Name and to voice His praise, and Who hath enjoined upon all to observe this most perfect, most comprehensive, most mighty divine Word which hath dawned from the horizon of the Supreme Pen: "Soon will He be made manifest whom no allusion in all the Books can indicate." To this beareth witness that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Bayan, saying: "Verily, I have written a gem concerning His remembrance, and it is that He cannot be alluded to by My allusion, nor by what hath been mentioned in the Bayan."

Is there any that hath an ear to hear what the Nightingale uttereth upon the branches? Is there any possessed of vision who can behold Him through the eyes of the All-Merciful? Every Prophet and every Messenger hath given tidings of this Most Great Revelation, declaring that He cannot be known through aught else besides Him nor through the eyes of His creatures. This blessed Word hath been specifically reserved in all the divine Books for this Revelation. However, the ears of men have been prevented from hearkening to the call of the All-Merciful by the allusions of the followers of the Qur'an and the doubts of the people of the Bayan, and their eyes have been debarred from beholding the lights of the Sun of inner meanings by the ophthalmia of idle fancies and vain imaginings.

Is there any swimmer who can swim in this Ocean without allusion? Is there any seeker who can turn towards the Countenance without direction? Where are the horsemen of the arena of wisdom and utterance whom the veils of the people of creation have not hindered from turning towards God, the

Lord of religions? Is there any endowed with the sense of smell who can detect the fragrance of the Garment in the days of God, detached from all else save Him? Is there any possessed of steadfastness who can arise and proclaim that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an and that which the Summoner hath cried out in the kingdom of the Bayan: "The sovereignty on that Day belongeth unto God, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Gracious"?

He is the One manifest and He is the One speaking in such wise that neither the allusions nor the veils of the people of controversy and majesty could debar Him from His purpose. He hath, with His most exalted call, summoned the people of the kingdom of creation to the most sublime horizon, in such manner that no fair-minded soul hath any way to deny or object. He it is through Whose name the standards have been planted and the banners raised. Blessed is the one whom the buzzing of the fly hath not kept back from the Lord of Lords. He hath arisen to serve his Lord and hath testified to that which God hath testified and acknowledged that which God hath acknowledged. He is indeed among the most exalted of beings in the sight of the Truth. Upon him shall pray every discerning mystic and every well-informed sage.

Glorified art Thou, O God of Names and Creator of heaven! Thou hearest the sighing of Thy chosen ones in their separation from Thee, and the lamentation of Thy loved ones and the burning of their hearts in Thy days. O Lord! Write down for them, through the Pen of Thy bounty, the reward of meeting Thee, and for those who have drunk from the Kawthar of Thy presence. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name, whereby the hearts of the nations were stirred, to enable the people of the Bayan to turn towards the horizon of Thy Revelation and to act according to what they have been commanded in Thy Book. O Lord! Thou seest them turning away from the direction of Thy grace and clinging to that which the people of the Furqan clung to in Thy days.

Thou knowest, O my God, that they behold the verses yet deny them, and they utter that which was uttered by the people of hatred and contention at the appearance of the Dawning-places of Thy Revelation, the Manifestations of Thy Self, the Sources of Thy Cause, and the Day-springs of Thy knowledge. The verses have encompassed all directions, yet they turn away from them; the evidences have appeared like the sun at high noon, yet they perceive them not. O Lord! Enable them to break the idols of vain imaginings and to turn unto Thee, O Lord of all mankind. Thou art He Whom nothing frustrates and no affair prevents. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Subsequently, thy letter sent from Beirut was received and caused joy. God willing, may all attain to the greatest joy—that is, to what is now manifest and evident from the horizon of the world. All divine Books speak of this most mighty, most holy, most wondrous Day, yet all are found to be veiled. How many trials did the Ancient Beauty endure so that some of the veils of contention and the clouds of glory might be rent asunder. Now it is observed that certain barking ones, corrupters and doubters are endeavoring to veil people even more than before. For one thousand two hundred and more years, the people of the Furqan, namely the Shi'ah sect, were uttering certain words and counting themselves the most exalted of creation and the saved and favored community.

When the test appeared, they were seen to be the most wretched of all, to such extent that they martyred the Beloved of all creation with the bullets of hatred and rancor in the land of Ta. I swear by the

Sun of the horizon of utterance that the veiled ones among the people of the Bayan are now clinging to and uttering those same words, allusions, doubts, conjectures and vain imaginings. Say: O ye sightless ones! Reflect a little on what was the outcome of all those contentions and what was the fruit of those meaningless disputes. When this evanescent servant heard these decisive words from the mouth of the Will of the Lord of Names and Attributes, His words, exalted be His grandeur:

These ignorant ones have wished to veil the new creation just as they veiled the Qur'an. O servant in attendance, convey the call of the Wronged One, that perchance those veiled by the Bayan may be granted a drop from the ocean of fairness. Say: This is the Day of God, wherein all that ye and all creation possess is not mentioned. Although at the time of the manifestation of the Daysprings of Oneness in the realm of creation, the term "Day of God" was applicable, yet this Most Great Revelation hath been singled out in all the Books as the appearance of the Hidden Treasure and the Concealed Mystery. Blessed are they who perceive and blessed are they who know. This is that Day concerning which He saith: "The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds," and this is that Day concerning which He saith: "The sovereignty on that Day is God's." The divine Books are replete with such references, yet they have freshly clung to mention of deputies, nobles, Imam, Caliph and the like. Say: Have not these mentions existed before? Bring forth their fruits and effects if ye be of them that are able.

Say: Fear God, O people, and dispute not concerning God's verses, His grandeur, His sovereignty, His proof, His testimony and His evidences. Cast aside what ye possess through Our command and take what hath been sent down from this exalted and hallowed heaven. Say: Reflect upon the former religions. They hearkened unto words from various speakers and, through ignorant fanaticism, clung so tenaciously thereto that they would accept naught else and turned away from hearing aught else. O servant in attendance, speak for the sake of God that perchance they may turn unto God. Let them not say what was said before, nor do what the treacherous and heedless did before. Say: O people of the Bayan, hear the call of the faithful Counselor and hearken to the cry of the noble Adviser. These verses bear no resemblance to previous verses, and this Revelation is distinguished from all revelations. Hear for God's sake and judge with fairness for God's sake.

None of you were or are aware of the source of this Cause's appearance. By Him Who hath caused all things to speak His praise, he by whom ye have been kept back from the straight path and debarred from the Speaking Mother Book was not and is not worthy of mention. Consider his writings in both Arabic and Persian, that ye may perchance find a way to the Truth. Hear the counsel of this Wronged One. Leave the croaking to the croakers and turn to the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree. Leave the pond of vain imaginings to the people of doubt and hasten to the Living Waters which today appear in the name of the All-Merciful. Pass beyond the realm of words and free yourselves from the field of traditions. This is not the day of Abahir and Khawafi. Soar with the wings of detachment that perchance ye may hear the rushing of the winds proclaiming "There is none other God but Him." Turn away from streams and rivers, for lo, the Most Great Ocean is before your faces. Pass beyond the material world and its conditions which are the cause of malice, immorality, rancor and hatred, and take up your abode in the kingdom.

O people of the Bayan, by the life of the All-Merciful, every letter of the Letters proclaimeth at the highest pitch: "I am the Lord of the Bayan, could ye but hear." Behold with the eye of truth. By God's life, from

every word the essence of meanings floweth. Say: This is the day of hearing and sight. See and hear! By God's life, that which passeth you by, ye shall never be able to recover or regain. Have mercy upon yourselves and upon God's servants, and be not the cause of waywardness and error. Leave behind what ye have heard and turn to the divine verses, that ye may understand and comprehend the power of Truth, the sovereignty of Truth, the loftiness of Truth, the exaltation of Truth, the knowledge of Truth, and the all-encompassing nature of Truth. Defile not this most subtle and pure air with your contaminated breaths, and veil not the lights of the divine morn with the clouds of idle fancies and vain imaginings.

O people of the Bayan! The Kingdom of Utterance is stirred by the Word of the All-Merciful, while ye are gathered in the clay around earthworms, wasting your lives in idle talk and disputation. By God's life! Ye are seen to be deprived even of the mirage, let alone the ocean of inner meanings. O ye who are devoid of fairness! Turn with pure sight toward the Most Great Scene and speak with truthfulness. This is the day of revelation and witnessing, not the day of fancy and conjecture. I swear by the Most Great Name that the realm of meanings and utterance and the dwellers of Paradise lament and bewail because of your tyranny. Hearken unto My call and turn unto God, that He may forgive your evil deeds and draw you nigh unto the station wherein the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth: "There is none other God but I, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting."

Although the utterances of the Lord of Names exceeded what hath been mentioned, this servant hath recorded that which was befitting to this station and expedient in these days, that perchance dead souls might be adorned with the vesture of life through the breaths of the All-Merciful utterance, and might be observed free and detached from imitation, limitation, fancy and idle imaginings. Verily, He guideth whom He willeth unto His straight path.

Concerning what thou didst mention about Aqa Muhammad-Javad, father of him who beareth the name of Him Who is the Desired One, and his petition, and Aqa Muhammad-Hasan (ʿAyn-Ta), and likewise about Mulla Ibrahim, upon them be the glory of God—their supplications and petitions were presented at the Most Holy Court. Wondrous and exalted verses were specifically revealed for each one, and these were sent in the letter previously dispatched to thee. God willing, thou hast received it and hast caused the aforementioned souls to attain unto it. No response to that letter hath yet arrived; it was sent to the great city to be forwarded to thee.

At this moment, as bidden, I attained the Most Holy Presence, and He said:

> "O servant present! It is Our wish to make mention of the loved ones of Ya and Alif and Ra, that perchance they may remain firm on the divine path and be preserved from the malodorous winds of the heedless souls."

His word, exalted be His glory:

He is the One manifest from the horizon of the Prison

O My loved ones in Ya! The Wronged One remembereth you from the prison of ʿAkka and enjoineth you to manifest supreme steadfastness in this Cause whereby the earth hath been cleft asunder and the

mountains scattered. Beware lest the veils of glory withhold you from the station of nearness and holiness and beauty. Arise in the name of your Lord, the Possessor of Names, in such wise that the clamor of men shall not frighten you. He hath mentioned you before through that which illumined the horizon of proof, and remembereth you with verses at whose revelation necks were humbled. Look ye, then remember the bygone centuries and ages past, and that which befell the Daysprings of Revelation from those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of Lords.

Beware lest the doings of the ignorant shut you out from this Cause whereby every atom hath testified that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. Prepare yourselves, O people, to hearken unto the shrill voice of My Most Exalted Pen, which was raised up in the prison by the command of your Lord, the Possessor of Names, whereby the Cock of the Throne crowed and the Dove of Knowledge cooed upon the branches. By God! This is a Day wherein none is mentioned save God alone—to this testify the Books of God and that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Bayan. This is the Day of which We informed you aforetime when the Luminary of the Cause was shining from the horizon of Iraq. That which We promised you hath come to pass—verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Cast away, O people, what ye possess and take what hath been sent down unto you from the heaven of the will of your Lord, the Possessor of Religions. Thus hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of proof the Sun of your Lord's remembrance, the Revealer of verses. O people of Ya! Hearken with your inner ear to the call of the Wronged One of the horizons, that perchance the intimations of the godless and the doubts of the perverse may not deprive you from the Lord of the Manifest Day. This is the Lord of Days, around which all centuries and ages revolve. Know ye the value of this most mighty, most holy and blessed Day, and act in accordance with that which exalteth the Cause of God. Strive that ye be not seen as autumn leaves, which fall with but a single gust. Rather should ye be observed steadfast and firm as mountains in the path of God's love.

Section 2: "Today the divine breezes are passing…"

Today the divine breezes are passing, and the Spirit of God proclaimeth "Here am I" in the wilderness of the Cause. Know your worth and recognize your station, and let not the deceptions and stratagems of the deceivers cause you to lose the straight path. Preserve the pearls of the All-Merciful's love in His Name within the treasuries of your hearts.

This is the day of mention and praise, the day of deeds and detachment. Observe the leaves of the trees, how submissive and humble they appear when the winds blow. If the wind bloweth from the south, they incline thither, and likewise toward other directions. Man should not be seen as less than the leaves. God willing, all should manifest perfect submission and contentment when the winds of divine Will blow—that is, they should move by His will, speak by His leave, and act by His command. Beseech God to assist you in manifesting supreme steadfastness, such that ye may regard the voice of aught else but Truth as mere croaking and cawing.

O Abu'l-Hasan! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of the hidden and the manifest. He maketh mention of thee as a token of His grace. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

We make mention of the loved ones in Elraf and give them glad-tidings of that which My Most Exalted Pen hath recorded in their remembrance in the prison of ʿAkka. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

Say: We counsel you to be trustworthy and truthful, and to do that which will exalt the Cause of God above all else. Act ye accordingly and be not of the heedless. Beware lest the ornaments of the world debar you from the Lord of all beings. Abandon all that is therein, then turn with radiant faces unto the Most Sublime Horizon—the station wherein the Creator of the heavens proclaimeth: "There is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

Say: This is the Day wherein all things have been attracted by the fragrance of the garment of your Lord, the Most Glorious, while ye remain fast asleep. Say: By God! The dwellers of the graves have arisen through the breezes of revelation, while ye remain still. The Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in the Kingdom of Utterance, while ye remain silent. Say: Every possessor of a heart hath turned toward the Ultimate Goal, while ye remain slumbering. Arise in My Name to serve My Cause and hold fast unto the cord of teaching. This is God's command, both aforetime and hereafter, did ye but know it.

Say: O Thou at Whose separation the lamentation of them that are nigh unto Thee hath been raised, and the weeping of the sincere ones hath ascended! I beseech Thee by Thy Straight Path and by Thy Most Great Name, the Most Great, to confirm us in steadfastness in Thy Cause and to aid us in that which Thou lovest and approvest. O Lord! We are Thy servants and Thy bondsmen. I implore Thee by the breathings of Thy revelation in Thy days and the fragrance of Thy garment at the dawning of the lights of Thy countenance, to ordain for us through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall preserve us from the allusions of those who have disbelieved in Thy signs and turned away from Thy sovereignty, and from the doubts of every caviller who disputeth Thy signs and denieth Thy proof. Verily, Thou art He Whom the conditions of creation cannot frustrate. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Within Thy grasp is the kingdom of the dominion of the heavens and of the earth.

O people of the divine realm! May ye, God willing, remain firm and steadfast. Ye have emerged from powerful, mighty, triumphant, transcendent and all-encompassing elements. Let not this most exalted and sublime station slip from your grasp. Hold fast unto the cord of power and cling to the hem of grace. Today the station of every possessor of being must needs become manifest and evident, for this is the day of the most great gathering and the most mighty resurrection. Every hidden thing shall come to light and every concealed thing shall become clear and manifest. This is the Day whereof the Tongue of the All-Merciful hath spoken in the Qur'an:

> "O my son! If there be (anything) but 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."

Strive ye, that there may be manifested from you goodly deeds, praiseworthy conduct, and complete steadfastness in the Cause of the Lord of all creation. God willing, may ye be witnessed as so firm, steadfast and unwavering in the Cause of God that the entire world shall be powerless to hinder you and shall find itself utterly impotent. This is the counsel of the Wronged One and His testament. May ye, God

willing, attain unto it and act accordingly, for this is the day for pure deeds performed for the sake of God, the Lord of all worlds. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Trustworthy.

Mention was made of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Husayn—upon him be the Glory of God. His petition reached the Most Holy Court some time ago, and he likewise addressed a letter to this evanescent servant. God willing, may he ever be and continue to be engaged in service to the Cause. In truth, the sweet fragrances of divine love can be inhaled from him. Convey greetings on behalf of this evanescent one and give him glad tidings of God's favors. This evanescent servant implores God to aid him in all conditions in such wise that he may arise as befits the Days of God and exert mighty efforts for the guidance of humanity. This is the station which neither perishes nor is altered by the vicissitudes of time. Blessed is he and joy be unto him! Due to the abundance of correspondence this time, there was no opportunity to send him a separate letter expressing devotion, as your letter arrived and this reply was hastily dispatched. God willing, within these few days a response to his letter which arrived through Shaykh S will be sent.

Mention was made of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Ali and his brother Aqa Muhammad-Husayn and their cousin Abbas-Quli. Mention of them was made in the Most Holy Court and these exalted words descended from the heaven of the Will, the Source of verses. His exalted Word:

O Abu'l-Hasan! Convey greetings to each one from God and counsel them to the Greater Steadfastness. Praise be to God, they have attained mention by the Supreme Pen, and this is a station that will endure throughout the kingdoms of earth and heaven. God willing, may they be aided in matters that cause the exaltation of God's Cause. Say: Today two calls are raised—the Beloved of all creation calls out with the most exalted call, summoning souls to the supreme horizon, while likewise the source of vain imaginings misleads people in the name of truth. God willing, may you be focused on truth, hold fast to the cord of His Cause, and cling to the hem of His grace. Every deed manifested today by God's loved ones is recorded as among the greatest of deeds before the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Blessed are they who fulfill God's covenant and testament, and woe to those who cast the covenant behind them and turned on their heels—they are among the perished ones.

On behalf of this evanescent servant, convey greetings to each one. God willing, may they be aided in that which is pleasing to God. The Primal Point—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him—states that all exist that they might attain the word of His good-pleasure. Now praise be to God, these souls have attained God's mention and are illumined by the lights of His grace. This is a great bounty and a mighty favor, to which every discerning and informed one bears witness.

You also mentioned the people of Milan. Numerous Tablets have been revealed from the heaven of Will concerning them and were previously sent. At this time too, mention was made in the Most Holy Court and this utterance appeared from the Kingdom of knowledge. His mighty Word:

O Abu'l-Hasan! Blessed art thou for having remembered My loved ones and sent their names to My prison. Give them the glad-tidings of My grace, My loving-kindness, and My mercy which has preceded existence itself. O people of Milan! Your Lord, the All-Merciful, remembers you from this exalted station. Blessed are ye for having drunk of My sealed wine through My Self-Subsisting Name and for having

attained unto this Cause which the learned of the earth have denied, save whom God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, has willed. We have mentioned you before and at this hour when the Wronged One walks in His forbidden prison. How many a mystic has his mysticism barred from the All-Merciful, and how many a child has turned and attained unto this ordained Cause!

Blessed is the servant who has attained unto the Most Great Steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of all beings, and woe unto him who has turned away and followed every veiled learned one. Rejoice in that ye have been mentioned by My Most Exalted Pen at this dawn wherein the Tongue of God, the Lord of Names, speaks forth. The appointed time has come and the Revealer of verses has appeared with a preserved tablet. God willing, may all be enkindled by hearing the divine call and, absorbed by the heat of the Most Exalted Word, become vocal with the mention of the Most Great Name in the assemblage of the world.

Say: Know ye the value of this precious day and act according to that which ye have been commanded in the Book. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of the Cause that whosoever has today attained unto the recognition of the Truth is recorded and inscribed among the near ones in the Perspicuous Book. All must manifest themselves among the servants through pure deeds, pleasing character, and goodly conduct. Say: O friends of Truth! He has come for love and unity, not for rancor and enmity. Gather ye all beneath the Ultimate Tree, that is, the Most Exalted Word, and occupy yourselves with the remembrance and praise of God, exalted be His glory, and drink from the crimson cups the pure water of Kawthar in the name of the Lord of Names.

Today is the day of the Most Great Joy; nay, the Most Great Joy has circled and will circle round this joy. Be ye joyous in remembrance of the Peerless Friend and walk in the gardens of His love. Blessed are ye, then blessed are ye! We counsel you at the end of this utterance to be steadfast in the Cause of your Lord, the Lord of Religions. The glory shining forth from the Most Exalted Horizon be upon you and upon those whom neither the tempests of doubts nor the storms of idle fancies have moved from God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

And likewise does this evanescent servant beseech you to mention his extinction and nothingness in the gathering of the divine friends. God is aware and witness that their mention has been and God willing will be before His face and His pen.

And mention was made in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence of him who bears the name of the Desired One, son of the late Haji Ghulam-Husayn from the Land of Ya. His exalted Word:

In Our Name, the Most Holy, the Most Great

O Husayn-ʿAli! There has come before the Wronged One a letter from him who was named Abu'l-Hasan in the Book of Names, wherein thou wast mentioned. We have mentioned thee as a bounty from Us. Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Rejoice thou in this mention which, when it descended from the heaven of thy Lord's will, caused all things to be attracted and to cry out: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting!" Hold thou fast unto the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and say:

O Thou through Whom the path was established and the Balance set up, and by Whose Name the Breath of God wafted over all creation! O Thou at Whose most sweet call those in earth and heaven were thunderstruck! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Word whereby Thou didst subdue the cities of the unseen and the seen, to assist me in Thy remembrance and the service of Thy Cause, and to enable me to achieve that steadfastness which Thou hast mentioned in most of Thy Tablets and enjoined upon Thy creatures and servants. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent before Whose manifestation the embodiments of power bowed down in submission. There is none other God but Thee, the Commander, the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The intention of this lowly one in this station is clear and evident, namely that you should mention on my behalf to them whatsoever may kindle the fire of love. It is hoped that they may drink of the living waters from the verses of the Beloved of all creation, and, detached from the world and all therein, may be observed to stand firm, steadfast and unwavering in the Divine Cause. The command is in His grasp; He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth.

As to what you wrote concerning the friends of Alif and Ra, some time ago Most Holy and Most Great Tablets were revealed from the heaven of divine bounty specifically for each one. If God should will and desire it, they shall attain unto them. The mention of his honor Fath-i-A'zam, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, hath ever been and still is before the Most Holy Court. The Supreme Pen hath testified concerning him to that which shall cause his remembrance to endure throughout the kingdom of utterance for as long as the Most Beautiful Names shall last. This matter too was presented before the Most Holy and Most Great Court. These exalted words shone forth from the Dawning-Place of the utterance of the All-Merciful—exalted be His Word:

In His Name, the One sanctified above all mention and comparison

O Abu'l-Hasan! Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, wherein thou didst make mention of My loved ones who have turned towards My horizon, soared in My atmosphere, and hearkened unto My call. They are assuredly among the triumphant ones. We have previously made mention of them in such wise that the Manifestations of the Names inhaled from it the fragrance of the garment of their Most Glorious Lord, Who hath come from the heaven of destiny with a sovereignty that hath subdued all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named the Most Great Victory by the Ancient King, that through his remembrance every sorrowful one may rejoice, every frozen one may take wing, every stationary one may hasten, and every silent one may speak. We have withheld this wise remembrance, and make mention instead of his brother who turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon when every heedless and remote one turned away. We give him the glad-tidings of God's grace and mercy, and this remembrance wherewith the tongue of the Wronged One hath spoken in this mighty prison. Be as thy brother was—thus doth counsel thee He with Whom is the gracious Book. Arise to serve the Cause with supreme steadfastness and remind the people of this News which hath been mentioned in the Books of God, the Most High, the Most Great.

Section 3: “We make mention in this station of Muhammad…”

We make mention in this station of Muhammad, who was remembered before the Countenance and attained unto the recognition of God in His days and spoke His beauteous praise. We counsel him to preserve what We have given him and to act in accordance with what God hath revealed in His perspicuous Book. We make mention of the beloved one who turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon and testified to that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken from this luminous station. We make mention of My loved ones in that land and summon them unto a station round which circle the Concourse on High and they who have taken hold of the Book with strength from the presence of One mighty and powerful.

Blessed are ye, O loved ones of the All-Merciful, and joy be unto you, O My chosen ones! Ye are they whom vain imaginings have not hindered from the Hidden Name, nor have idle fancies veiled from this luminous Day. Ye are they who have heard the call of your Lord, who have hastened unto the Most Great Ocean, and who are numbered among the triumphant ones.

The Most Exalted Pen maketh mention of the friends of that land and commandeth them to that which beseemeth the Day of God. The first command hath been the recognition of God, glorified be His majesty, and thereafter steadfastness in this Most Great Cause. All divine Scriptures, Books and Psalms have testified to the greatness of this Day. Blessed are they whom the clamor of the daysprings of idle fancies and vain imaginings hath not kept back from the Lord of all beings. This is the Day of service and the manifestation of steadfastness, for the birds of darkness and the birds of night are soaring in the gloomy atmosphere, seeking after their own kind. The Most Exalted Pen hath previously given tidings of these matters.

O friends! Gaze with penetrating vision toward the Most Exalted Horizon and arise with upright feet, that ye may be preserved from the autumn winds. Those souls who for years remained hidden behind the veil out of fear for their lives are now engaged with the utmost deceit and guile in leading astray receptive souls. O friends of Truth! Stand firm with the utmost power and strength, and preserve the people from the daysprings of idle fancies and the dawning-places of vain imaginings, that perchance through the lights of the Sun of Truth the darkness of idle fancies may be dispelled and the brilliant morn of certitude may dawn forth from the horizon of the Divine Will. Every word hath had and shall have its own fragrance. Blessed are they who have attained unto this fragrance and recognized its source.

O God of Names and Creator of Heaven! We hear the lamentation and cry of the Glory by reason of what hath befallen Him at the hands of the oppressors among Thy creation and the rebellious among Thy servants. O Lord! He whom Thou didst nurture with the hands of loving-kindness and favor hath risen to frustrate Thy Cause and mislead Thy creation and Thy creatures. Thou knowest, O my God, that I have desired naught on earth save what Thou didst command me through Thy bidding and Thy sovereignty. O Lord! Aid Thy servants to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy signs and the Manifestation of Thy clear tokens. Then cause them to drink from the Kawthar of steadfastness by the hands of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise.

And specifically for his honor R and M.H. and H.B., wondrous and exalted Tablets were revealed and given to his honor Shaykh S to deliver. God willing, may they attain unto them and drink from the ocean of inner meanings. Although this evanescent servant, after the suns of divine utterances have risen from the horizon of the All-Merciful's expression, does not consider himself worthy to offer praise and commendation in service to the friends of God, yet since all are commanded to love and unity, I therefore count it among my duties to manifest evanescence and nothingness in service to His loved ones and chosen ones to the extent of my capacity. In this case, I convey greetings and glorification to the friends of that land—that is, those souls who have drunk from the most pure Kawthar and who are gazing toward the Most Great Scene—and I submit that, God willing, in this spiritual springtime you may be verdant and flourishing from the rain-showers of the All-Merciful's mercy and be accounted among the flowers and blossoms of the garden of inner meanings.

With the hands of endeavor, lay hold of the hem of steadfastness that perchance you may remain protected from the winds of the allusions of the heedless. This servant beseeches his Lord to grant you success and aid you in that which He loves and is pleased with. Verily He is in the Most Exalted Scene. And peace be upon him who follows guidance.

And you had mentioned the people of Maraghih, namely his honor Aqa Muhammad-Ali and his honor Aqa Mirza Abdu'l-Husayn and his honor Aqa ʿAbdu's-Samad and his son and other friends, may the Glory of God be upon them all. God willing, may they all be illumined by the effulgent lights of the Sun of inner meanings and be aided in the mention and praise of the Eternal Beloved. This matter too was submitted in the Most Great Scene before the face of the Lord of Power. This reply was sent down from the Kingdom of the All-Merciful's utterance, His exalted Word:

He is the One Dawning forth from the horizon of the world through the Most Great Name

O My loved ones in Maraghih! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of Oneness. He maketh mention of you even as He mentioned you before, as a token of His grace, for He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. We have sent down unto you diverse Tablets and dispatched them to you by Our command, for verily I am the Commander, the Omnipotent, the Almighty. Turn ye all unto God, then act according to that which ye have been commanded by an All-Informed Sovereign. This is a Day wherein the Balance speaketh. By God! The All-Merciful hath come with a mighty Cause. On this Day the Mount calleth out saying:

> "The Day of Manifestation hath come! The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the Great."

Be grateful unto Him Who hath aided you to recognize the Dawning-Place of His Revelation and the Dayspring of His knowledge, and Who hath acquainted you with this Straight Path. He hath guided you to the Supreme Horizon and caused you to hear His most sweet call while He was wronged at the hands of the heedless ones.

O people of Maraghih! Previously, most sweet mention of you hath streamed forth from the Most Exalted Pen. God willing, may ye all attain unto it and strive that ye may truly be nourished by the sweetness of utterance. For should a soul attain unto it, the intimations of the people of the world, the veils of the

nations, the tablets of the deniers, and the tongues of the falsifiers shall not withhold him from the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and the earth. By the life of God! Should a soul drink of this most pure wine which hath been unsealed by the hand of might of the Lord of Destiny, he shall find himself detached from the world and all who dwell therein for the sake of the Beloved of all creation, to such extent that he shall regard the falsifiers, the deniers, the godless, and the transgressors as mere nothingness and utter non-existence.

Arise with complete steadfastness in the Cause of the Lord of all beings. This is a Day wherein every soul can attain unto whatsoever he desireth, for the doors of bounty are opened wide, the ocean of generosity is surging, and the sun of bounty is shining and shedding its radiance. And if in certain matters the appearances of grace be delayed, this hath been and shall be due to God's consummate wisdom. One must not become saddened by this. Thus doth the Most Great Book teach you that whereby the world hath been illumined. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Mighty, the All-Loving.

As to what ye had mentioned regarding the loved ones of the land of Qum, it was presented before the Throne. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that whereby the hearts of the world were attracted and the nations were thunderstruck, save whom God, the Most High, the Most Great, willed. His word, exalted be His majesty:

O Abu'l-Hasan! We have made mention of Our loved ones in that place and have revealed for him who was named Rida that whereby the Concourse on High was attracted, and We have revealed for him who was named Husayn that whereby the fragrance of utterance hath been wafted throughout all possibility. Exalted be the All-Merciful, the Manifestation of this mighty Cause! We had previously sent unto them both that whereby the horizons were perfumed, yet the people remain in evident veils. Should thou meet them both, convey unto them the greetings from the Wronged One and give them the glad-tidings of God's bounty, the Lord of all worlds. Say: Blessed are ye both for having turned unto a horizon from which every stubborn tyrant and every doubtful learned one hath turned away. My Most Exalted Pen hath borne witness unto you both. Rejoice ye in this most great favor and in this mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth.

O friends! This Wronged One, at this hour when the sun is at its meridian, has turned towards you, makes mention of you, and counsels you regarding that which ensures steadfastness in the Cause of God. For the transgressors, the corruptors and the evil ones are striving with utmost effort to lead astray the loved ones of Truth. It behooved God, exalted be His glory, to inform His friends. Thus did We forewarn all of the appearance of the croakers and the cawing of the heedless, that they might remain protected through the name of Truth in this wondrous Day. They must, God willing, be observed to be so firmly established and immovable in the Cause of God that none would have power even to speak, much less to hinder. Thus has the Tongue spoken in the Kingdom of Utterance. Blessed is he that heareth, and woe unto the heedless ones. That which hath proceeded from you in the path of God is clear and evident before the Truth. Verily, He draweth nigh unto whosoever draweth nigh unto Him, and rewardeth most excellently whoso acteth in His path. He, verily, is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. May God willing, be ye protected from the enemies of Truth and their insinuations.

O Abu'l-Hasan! Some of the associates are also dwelling in that land. Previously, wondrous and exalted Tablets were revealed and sent especially for them. God willing, they have attained unto them. And if thou meetest them this time, convey to them profound greetings from the Truth and say:

> "May you be blessed, God willing, with divine favors and act according to His command."

Specifically for the two souls mentioned, Husayn and Rida, upon them be the glory of God, two most mighty Tablets were revealed and sent with the letter Sin. God willing, may they attain unto them. The end belongs to the God-fearing, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. End.

Regarding what you wrote about the sons of Mulla ʿAbdu'l-Ghafur, from the relatives of Mulla Raj, upon him be the glory of God, it was presented before the Most Sublime Vision. This is what the All-Giving hath revealed in response:

O Abu'l-Hasan! We have made mention of him who is named Malik-Husayn, and We make mention of him at this hour when the Wronged One walketh in His Most Great Prison and testifieth to that which He testified before the existence of all created things: that there is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. By God's life! This is a Day which the books of the world have been adorned with its mention, and the denizens of the highest Paradise and they who circle round the Throne have spoken its praise, by the command of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. This is a Day wherein the fragrance of utterance hath been wafted, yet most of the people are heedless.

They have cast certainty behind their backs and followed the sources of idle fancies. Thus have their souls enticed them. Verily, they are among the most lost in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. O Malik-Husayn! Dost thou hear My most sweet call from the Most Exalted Horizon, or art thou among the heedless? Open thy sight through the name of thy Lord that thou mayest behold the Sun shining from this luminous horizon. Turn not unto those whom thou seest in doubt concerning the Cause of thy Lord. In all matters place thy trust in God, the Speaker, the All-Informed. Should anyone come to thee with tales of old, leave them behind thee, turning towards the station wherein the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth: "There is none other God but I, the Mighty, the Wondrous."

We make mention of him who is named Muhammad-Baqir, that the call of the All-Merciful may draw him nigh unto the Kingdom of Utterance and strengthen him in steadfastness in this Cause whereby the feet of the knowers have slipped. When thou hearest the call from the direction of the luminous Spot, say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven, for having made known unto me the Dayspring of Thy Cause and the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation, and for having guided me unto Thy Straight Path."

We make mention of him who hath been named Ali and give him the glad-tidings of this Remembrance which cannot be equalled by all the treasures of the earth nor by that which is with the kings and rulers. O Ali! The Wronged One remembereth thee when sorrows have encompassed Him from those who disputed the signs of God and His proof, and turned away from that which they were commanded in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Take thou the choice wine of steadfastness in the name of

the Lord of Oneness, then drink thereof once in remembrance of Me and again in My Name, the Mighty, the Wise.

O Rida! Draw nigh unto the Most Exalted Horizon. By God! Thou wast created for this Day. To this testify the Scriptures of God, both past and future, and beyond them this most impregnable, most holy, mighty and glorious Remembrance. Arise to serve the Cause of thy Lord, the Lord of all creation, with supreme steadfastness, and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who didst remember me through Thy grace and didst enable me to turn unto the ocean of Thy knowledge and wisdom. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have cast away the world for love of Thee and Thy path, and who have hastened to the place of annihilation in remembrance of Thee and Thy Name. O my Lord! Thou art the Powerful, and Thou seest the weak one clinging to the cord of Thy loving-kindness. Write down, then, for him that which befitteth Thy greatness and power. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

We make mention at this moment of him who hath been named Husayn, that the breezes of remembrance may draw him to a station wherein the tongue of God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting, doth speak. O Husayn! Husayn remembereth thee, He Who arose to the Cause in days wherein the limbs of the world trembled at the onslaught of princes and the opposition of divines. Thus hath the Lord of Names spoken from the Most Exalted Horizon, yet most of the people understand not. We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs and informed all of what hath appeared and what shall appear in the earth. To this testifieth he who hath testified to that whereunto God testified before the creation of the heavens and earth, and before the mention of the letter K and N. Hold thou fast unto the cord of certitude, turning away from those whom We behold in doubt concerning this mighty, this impregnable Cause. He hath, of a truth, forgiven thy father as a token of His grace, for He is the Kind, the Forgiving.

Section 4: “O Hasan! The Most Exalted Pen speaketh…”

O Hasan! The Most Exalted Pen speaketh in the Persian tongue that all may attain unto that which God hath desired. Say: Hearken unto the voice of the Wronged One and be not deprived by the doubts of the deniers and those who have turned away from the Lord of the Day of Judgment. This is the day of the most great terror and likewise of the most great joy. Blessed is the one whom the veils of glory and the obscuring doubts and the allusions of the followers of idle fancy have not withheld from the recognition of the Manifest, the Hidden Name. Today the Lord of Names bestoweth, with His white hand, the water of everlasting life. Draw ye nigh through His power and take thereof in His Name, then drink therefrom through His wise remembrance.

The evil ones have ever lain in wait, and likewise the deceitful and the treacherous stand ready at their posts that perchance they might prevent a soul from the truth and deprive it of the outpourings of the true Bestower. Strive ye that ye may become the breakers of the idols of vain imaginings. Whatsoever hath appeared and shall appear in the world hath previously flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Say: O servants! Consider ye the Tablets to the kings and ponder the Tablet to the Chief, that ye might

perchance speak with fairness and tread the path of justice. The Cause is greater than to be veiled by unseemly and unworthy statements. Fear ye God, O people, and follow not the desires of those who have disbelieved in the All-Merciful when He came with clear proof. Thus doth He remind you, He in Whose possession is a mighty Book.

We make mention in this station of My handmaidens who have believed in God, the Lord of all worlds, and We give them glad tidings of God's loving-kindness and His grace that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. O handmaidens of God! God willing, ye shall be observed as sanctified and pure from the doubts and allusions of men, and in all conditions hold fast unto the Self-Sufficing Lord. These are days wherein God, exalted be His glory, hath turned toward all and adorned all with the ornament of His mention. Jesus, son of Mary, upon hearing but one blessed word from the Dayspring of divine utterance, became so enkindled with the fire of love that the waters of the world could neither prevent nor extinguish it. And that word was this: "O My servant and son of My handmaiden!" And now grace hath reached such heights that He Who conversed on Sinai from the seat of the throne of Revelation makes mention of both male and female, young and old, with wondrous words of remembrance. Should anyone truly ponder this blessed word, he would spend his entire life uttering "Thine be the praise, O God of all worlds!"

Beseech ye God that He suffer not your ears to be defiled by the utterances of the corrupt, the aggressive, and the treacherous, nor your eyes to be barred by the allusions of the deniers from beholding the lights, that ye may hearken unto the essence of utterance and perceive the essence of light. Is there any fair-minded hearer in the world who will hear and speak the truth? Is there any just observer to be found who will behold the truth and bear witness to that which God hath witnessed? Thus hath the Tongue spoken in the midst of sorrows through what the hands of those who cast their God behind their backs and took idols for themselves as lords besides God, the Mighty, the Powerful, have wrought. The glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon those who have turned toward the Most Great Scene with pure vision, and upon those handmaidens who have hearkened to the Call and turned unto God, the Lord of Names, on this mighty, exalted Day. End.

All praise be unto God that all the souls mentioned have attained unto the divine verses, and the ocean of utterance hath surged for each one. God willing, they shall arise to that which beseemeth this most great bounty and shall attain unto that which God hath willed. This evanescent servant at all times beseecheth and imploreth God that He may aid souls to recognize this most great favor that hath encompassed the world. He is verily the Mighty, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Furthermore, ye made mention of Haji Muhammad-Rida, upon him be the Glory of God. After its presentation before the Most Holy Court, these resplendent words were revealed from the Source of Command. He saith, exalted be His majesty:

In His Name, the Sanctified above all that was and that shall be

O Muhammad-Qabil-Rida! By the True One! The Promise hath appeared and the Promised One hath come, proclaiming from the heart of the world: "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting! I have created all things for this Day and have heralded unto them this

Revelation wherein the very pebbles proclaim The Kingdom belongeth to the Revealer of verses' and wherein the nightingale warbleth upon the branches Glory be to God, the Lord of what was and what shall be!"' Among men are those who dispute the signs of God and deny His proof, and those who slander Him without clear evidence or an enlightening Book, and those who pronounce judgment against Him. Thus hath spoken the Tongue of Revelation while confined in this forbidden prison. How many learned ones have been barred from true knowledge by following vain imaginings, and how many unlettered ones have hastened to attain My choice sealed wine! This is the Day whereon the Tongue of Revelation speaketh, and that which God foretold through the tongue of His Messenger hath come to pass—the Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the Unseen and the Seen. Abandon all remembrances and hold fast unto this glorious and beloved Remembrance.

Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by the Revealer of Thy verses and the manifestations of Thy power in the kingdom of creation, and by Thy most excellent names and Thy most exalted attributes, to make me steadfast in this Cause whereby the earth hath been cleft and the mountains have been scattered. There is none other God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. O Lord! Thou seest me turning away from all else but Thee and advancing toward the Kaaba of Thy Revelation. I beseech Thee to withhold not from me the wonders of Thy bounty; then ordain for me by Thy Pen that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all names. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

Convey My greetings unto the faces of those whom God hath associated with thee, that the fragrances of glorification may attract them to God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Say: O people! By God, the Day hath come and the Self-Subsisting calleth aloud through this Name whereby God hath subdued all that was and that shall be. Say: Beware lest the veils of them that are wrapt in veils withhold you from God, the Lord of all worlds. Cast away what is possessed by men and take what hath been vouchsafed unto you from the presence of a Mighty, Bountiful One. Thus hath the Sun of utterance shone forth from the horizon of the Tablet of your Lord, the Most Merciful. Blessed is he who hath advanced and woe unto them that turn away.

I swear by the Sun of the horizon of sanctification that divine favor hath reached such a station that the tongues of the world are powerless and fall short of its mention. Yet, O My loved one, the people have clung to an imaginary creature of which they had and have no knowledge, and have deprived themselves of the divine oceans of grace. Supplicate ye the All-Knowing, the Powerful, with utmost humility and lowliness throughout the days and nights that He may not afflict these souls anew with vain imaginings and idle fancies. At all times a putrid odor is moving and passing, to such an extent that the Pen is reluctant to make mention thereof and shall remain so. The servant beseecheth his Lord to guard His servants from the hosts of men and vain desire, and to confirm them in that which He loveth and approveth. This is what shall profit them in this world and the next, and He verily is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed.

Furthermore, ye had mentioned Mulla Abdul-Ghani, upon him be the Glory of God. All that ye had written was presented before the Most Holy Court. This is what shone forth from the horizon of the providence of our Lord, the Most Merciful. His word, exalted be His majesty:

In My Name, the All-Encompassing over all names

O Abdul-Ghani! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison. By My life! If thou wert to hear it as it should be heard, verily it would draw thee to a station sanctified by God beyond the mention of the ancients and the tidings of them that are yet to come. Make thyself ready to hearken unto the words of thy Lord, which have been sent down in such wise that from them the fragrance of the garment hath been wafted between earth and heaven. Blessed is he who heareth, whom the hosts have not deterred; and blessed is he who seeth, whom the veils have not hindered; and blessed is he who turneth, whom the rejection of the rejecters hath not frightened. When thou attainest unto the Tablet of God and its influence, turn with thy heart to the Dayspring of Names, the station from whose horizon have shone forth the lights of the countenance of thy Lord, the Master of all beings, and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my Beloved, and glory be unto Thee, O my Heart's Desire, for having caused me to hear Thy call when I was heedless, and for making me turn to Thee when I was unmindful, and for giving me utterance when I was silent. I testify that Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He pleaseth, and in Whose grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. O my Lord! Having caused me to hear Thy call, withhold me not from the outpourings of Thy days. Blessed is the air that hath been perfumed by Thy breezes, and the earth that hath been honored by Thy footsteps, and the mountain over which have wafted the breezes of Thy Revelation, and the gardens that have been adorned by the flowers from the gardens of Thy knowledge.

O my Lord! I am poor and needy, and Thou art the All-Possessing, the All-Bountiful. Behold me, then, O my God, with the glances of Thy loving-kindness, and grant me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, of whom Thou hast spoken in praise in Thy Books, Thy Scrolls, and Thy Tablets. O my Lord! Make me steadfast in Thy Cause, assist me in Thy service, and enable me to remain constant in my love for Thee. Verily Thou art He to Whose power and might all created things have testified, and to Whose grandeur and dominion all things possible have borne witness. There is none other God but Thee, the Most Exalted, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

The bounty, loving-kindness, compassion and mercy of the True One, exalted be His glory and greatness, are manifest and evident from the verses sent down from the heaven of oneness. O friends of God! Know ye the value of yourselves and of these days, that ye may perchance be preserved from the arrows of Satan and the intimations of the corrupt ones. All that ye have expressed in your letter was presented at the Most Holy Court, and in supreme bounty and compassion the answer to each was revealed and sent forth, that all may receive their portion from the true, ever-flowing ocean of grace. It is requested that on behalf of this evanescent servant ye convey greetings, praise and salutations to the friends of God.

God willing, may all arise to accomplish that which God loveth, and strive with utmost joy and fragrance to teach the Cause of the Beloved of the worlds. This is the divine counsel from before and after. We beseech God to assist all to serve His Cause, for without His grace none hath ever been, nor shall ever be, capable of any deed. As for your having appointed this evanescent one as your representative in visitation, in accordance with your wish, he hath at this moment turned toward the Most Holy Court and acted on your behalf in that which is the purpose of the Lord of all worlds. Blessed art thou and blessed am I.

After attendance, presentation and visitation, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these words, exalted be His glory:

O Abu'l-Hasan! Praise be to God, through divine bestowals thou hast attained again and again, and hast made mention of the friends of God and His loved ones. We bear witness that thou hast mentioned their names and visited them and presented what they have wrought in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. Reflect upon God's grace: that which all who dwell on earth sought with utmost longing and desire was attained by none save a few, yet through His grace and mercy thou didst attain His presence and drink from the Kawthar of reunion and recognize His Day, and wert enabled to make mention of His loved ones. Each of these stations is most lofty and exalted. Strive that through the name of God and His grace thou mayest remain protected. Verily He is the Protector, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

This lowly one submits that several days ago a word was heard from the blessed tongue indicating the agitation of certain weak souls due to the doubts cast by the deniers and corrupters. Perhaps this has had some effect on the relatives as well. According to His command, whatever was sent to your honor, as well as to Varqa—upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God—and some friends in the Land of Ta, should be gathered so that the friends of God may observe. Verily He is the Commander, the All-Wise. And if a copy thereof be given to Mulla Raj—upon him be the Glory of God—it would be most pleasing. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who heed the counsel of their Lord and who have drunk the wine of steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

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Section 1: "In the name of our Lord, the Most…"

In the name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Praise be unto my Lord—praise that transcendeth all that this servant possesseth—for He hath caused the river of His mercy to flow from the Supreme Pen and through His most exalted Word hath summoned all created things to the ultimate goal and the highest summit. Through Him did He take, and through Him did He give. By His fire was the Tree of Sinai set ablaze, and by the light of His divine manifestation was the mountain reduced to dust and Moses struck down. By His single call were all things made to cry out, and by His single name were all the Messengers of the world guided aright. At times He concealed, and at times He revealed. May the souls of all the worlds be a sacrifice unto His concealment and His revelation!

Glory be unto Him, glory be unto Him! Though sorrows march before His face and grief follows behind, He speaketh both night and day that which a single letter thereof surpasseth all that is visible and invisible. He hath manifested and caused to appear that which hath struck down with awe all who are in the heavens and on earth, save them who were embraced by the outpourings of their Lord and were delivered by the hand of His power that holdeth sway over all things, be they great or small.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name the rivers have flowed, the fruits have appeared, and distinction hath been made between the righteous and the wicked! I beseech Thee by the Name which Thou hast made the key to the doors of Thy knowledge and wisdom, and the sun in the heaven of Thy manifestation and power, to assist Thy loved ones to glorify Thee and serve Thy Cause. O Lord! Thou seest them hastening to Thy lands and realms to manifest Thy sovereignty and promote Thy Cause. O Lord! I implore Thee by Thy Most Exalted Self to make them as one word and a celestial melody, then through them, O my God, attract the hearts of Thy servants and creatures. Make them among those whom the manifestations of the world have not prevented from arising to serve Thee, nor the clamor of nations from turning to Thy horizon. O Possessor of might and Sovereign of power! Through them shatter the idols which the people of the Furqan and the Bayan have carved with the hands of idle fancies and vain imaginings.

Thou art He, O my God, before Whose manifestations of power the very essence of power hath bowed down, and before Whose revelations of might the very reality of strength hath submitted. Thou art He to Whose greatness all things have testified, and to Whose loftiness, elevation and glory every letter hath borne witness. O Lord! Thou seest Thy loved ones among the most wretched of Thy creation, and Thy chosen ones amidst the most rebellious of Thy servants. Every day there befalleth them what hath not befallen Thy chosen ones of old. They hear, yet remain silent in compliance with what Thou hast commanded them in Thy Book, such that they refrain from objecting to the servants even when the clouds of hatred rain down upon them the arrows of tribulation from the enemies of Thy Self. O Lord! Aid them through the wonders of Thy help, and preserve them from all that is repugnant to Thy good-pleasure.

O Lord! Thou seest them turning toward Thee and gazing at Thy horizon. Ordain for them from the Pen of Thy decree that which will exalt them in every world of Thy worlds and draw them nearer to Thee in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Hearer, the Answerer. There is none other God but Thee, the Ordainer, the Giver, the Forgiving, the Generous.

I pray, I send My peace, I glorify and I extol the words of Thy Scriptures and the letters of Thy Books through which, by Thy bounty and favor, the horizons of the heavens of detachment were illumined, and through which the suns of steadfastness shone forth in honor of Thy greatness and sovereignty. They are those of whom every book hath spoken in praise and glory, and every tongue hath proclaimed their loftiness and acceptance. They are those whom the gestures of creation did not prevent from soaring in the atmosphere of Thy nearness, nor did the manifestations of princes hinder from drawing nigh unto the horizon of Thy Revelation. They have cast aside the world and circled round the Most Great Name through which the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Secret were revealed. These are Thy friends and chosen ones upon whom the Concourse on High and the dwellers of Paradise, and those who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn, send their blessings.

And furthermore, O beloved of my heart, the letters of your missive caused Me to hear the cooing of the Dove that warbled upon the branches of the Tree of God's love. When I recognized and heard this, rapture and attraction seized Me, and I turned toward the Most Exalted Goal until I was present and laid before His Countenance what was therein. Then did the Ancient Beauty turn toward this evanescent one

and spoke that which diffused the fragrance of grace throughout the world. He said, exalted be His glory: In My Name, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

We have remembered thee and sent thee diverse Tablets, every letter of which speaketh of My grace and favor unto thee and maketh mention of what thou hast wrought in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. Thou art he who hath traversed the lands and countries to proclaim the Cause of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Be thou ablaze with the fire of the Word of God, that thou mayest guide souls to this luminous horizon. Beware lest the coldness of those who have veiled themselves in the days of God, denied His proof and disbelieved in His signs when He came with the kingdom of names upon the clouds of destiny with manifest sovereignty, cause thee to falter. Be thou vocal in My remembrance, turning to My horizon and holding fast to My firm cord. Grieve not for what thou hast heard from those who have denied God and His signs, and who have clung to that which the followers of the Qur'an clung to before. Rather, We find them more veiled than all other sects. To this testifieth He Who speaketh on this Day of God: "Verily, I am the Manifest, the Commanding, the All-Knowing."

Consider those who deemed themselves the most exalted of people and counted themselves among the saved community—how with but a slight test they were found more rebellious and transgressing than all the sects of the earth. Say: O friends! By the sun of the horizon of divine knowledge, this Wronged One hath had and hath no purpose save the salvation of mankind. At a time when all kings and subjects arose in opposition, this Wronged One summoned all on earth to the Most Exalted Horizon with the loudest call and guided them to the straight path.

Observe how the veils and clouds of glory that deprived people from the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, were rent asunder by the arm of power and might and the hands of authority. Now it is seen that the people of Bayan have freshly clung to former conjectures and the fancies of false souls. Say: O friends of God! Arise for God and in His path, that perchance ye may preserve the souls on earth from existing idols and limited fancies, until they behold themselves free and detached through divine grace. God willing, they shall gather mankind beneath the shade of a single Word and shall behold the outward and inward clad in one garment.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Fix your gaze upon this Word, which is of the pearls of the ocean of divine knowledge, and ponder it: Until ye recognize the falsehood of the past, ye shall not testify to the truth of today and shall remain deprived of the ocean of truthfulness. God, with perfect grace and kindness, offereth counsel and commandeth that which causeth the exaltation and elevation of His Cause. O ye essences! Today is the day of testing and the day of supreme profit. Waste not the moments which are more precious than red sulphur, and strive to manifest that which beseemeth and behooveth man.

O Asad! O thou who gazest upon the One, the Peerless! Observe how distant are the people of the Bayan, as though they had not attained even a drop from the Kawthar of inner meanings. They have newly purposed to build a region with fingers of falsehood and hatred, to establish sources of vain imaginings, and are freshly occupied with arranging first and second Imams. Have they not reflected upon the power of God, how He rent asunder the veils of the people and made manifest the falsehood of that which was in the hands of the transgressing and rebellious faction? For years they clung to an imaginary place, an imaginary person, and imaginary matters. Then, when the Hand of Power in this Revelation rent asunder

the veils, they witnessed with their outward eyes that all which had been spoken before was bereft of truth and devoid of sincerity. Nevertheless, they have once again become afflicted with delusions greater than before. Break the idols of fancy and vain imaginings in the name of thy Lord! Thus doth the Lord of all names command thee. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Beseech ye the True One to sanctify your ears from that which is with the veiled ones among the people of the Bayan and the Furqan, that perchance they may attain unto this Call which is more delicate than a breeze, more subtle than spirit, and sweeter than divine protection. Should anyone contemplate with justice and fairness that blessed word which was mentioned as the pearls of the divine ocean of knowledge, he would observe those imaginary souls to be as earthworms. Every person possessed of smell findeth in their words a most foul odor, to this beareth witness the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven.

Say: This is the Day of God, wherein none is mentioned save Him. Where is the station of this most holy, most exalted Day compared to the utterances of those remote, veiled, and imaginary souls? Say: By God! He heareth not your words nor walketh in your way. He hath appeared and made manifest His straight Path. Blessed is he who hath turned unto Him, and woe unto them that turn away. Glory be to him who hath believed in the Glory of God, detached from all who are in the heavens and the earth.

Say: O earthworms! If ye turn away from this horizon, to what horizon will ye turn? And if ye deny these manifest verses, these evident proofs, these shining testimonies, and these perfect words, by what proof are ye able to establish any matter? This is not the station of vain imaginings—the Sun of certitude is shining and the ocean of knowledge is surging. Say: O people of the Bayan! Ye were not and are not aware of the Source of the Cause. Be fair, open your eyes, that perchance ye may become aware and attain the ornament of acceptance. That which is lost today, ye were not and shall never be able to recover. Thus hath spoken the True One before and in this moment.

Today the Mother Book speaketh. Eyes and ears must be sanctified from what they have seen and heard, that they may receive their portion and share of this supreme bounty and profound favor. Verily, He hath spoken the truth. Blessed is every hearing and seeing one. Praise be to God, the Powerful, the Counselor, the Compassionate, the All-Informed.

God willing, your honor will at all times be confirmed in mentioning and expressing the Cause of the Beloved of all creation. Concerning what you wrote about arriving in the Land of Sad and attaining the blessing of visiting the two Luminous Lights, upon them be the Glory of God and His mercy—truly this is a blessing not vouchsafed to everyone, and this servant, with both outer and inner tongue, uttereth and mentioneth “Would that I were with your honor!” Alas that this evanescent servant did not attain to that which was befitting and worthy of the Divine days. How pleasing and delightful for your honor!

Concerning what you wrote about the affairs of the Sultanu’sh-Shuhada (King of Martyrs), may my spirit be a sacrifice unto him—God willing you will be assisted in that which is beloved of God. The most beloved of all things in the sight of God has been and is to manifest love and service to the King of Martyrs and his kindred. The veils of glory have prevented the eyes of the world from beholding the fruits of deeds—otherwise, by God’s life, the wolves and serpents in deserts and wilderness would cry out “Oh,

woe unto us!" They committed such a grievous wrong, yet remain in utter heedlessness, occupied in these numbered days with ornaments of wealth and words. In gatherings and assemblies they mention and lament the martyrdom of past saints, unaware that the King of Saints wails and laments due to the cruelty of those wretches. The lamentation of Noah, the affliction of Job, the anguish of Zachariah, and the cry of the chosen ones were due to the oppression of such heedless souls and their like. May the True One, exalted be His glory, grant insight and bestow a portion from the ocean of justice.

Regarding what you wrote about the friends being newly enkindled by the fire of the Word and engaged in the remembrance of God—God willing, through the grace of His chosen ones, may they ever be adorned with praise and glorification of the Lord of Names. This evanescent servant beseeches the True One, exalted be His glory, to increase your confirmations at every moment so that all deeds, actions and words may be witnessed and heard as one. O people of the world! By God, the Truth has come—the Lord of Eternity has appeared with the Most Great Name, and with Him is that which was with all the Messengers. Blessed is he who has turned unto Him; woe to the heedless ones.

O beloved of my heart and he who is mentioned before my Lord! The Cause is most mighty and the people are most heedless. Skilled physicians are needed so that chronic diseases may be cured by the holy breaths. Some time ago this blessed and decisive Word shone forth from the horizon of the mouth of the will of the Lord of Oneness—exalted be His glory:

> "This is a most great and wondrous Day, for He hath appeared in the garment of He' speaking as the manifest I'."

Would that the people of the Bayan, who like the people of the Furqan count themselves among the saved, would reflect on the greatness of this Day! Have they not heard the cooing of the Dove of the Furqan and the warbling of the Nightingale of the Bayan? Or have they not attained to that which God revealed in previous Books? They speak that from which the Books of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, dissociate themselves.

Regarding what you wrote about intending to travel to the land of N and J—this matter is most praiseworthy. The journeys of God's chosen ones to cities and villages for teaching God's Cause, protecting the believers, and guiding His servants have been and are beloved, nay, essential. From time to time, one who truly speaks for God's sake and gazes toward God should journey to certain lands including A and R and N and J and Q and M and their surroundings. He guides whom He wishes to a straight path. Most of the people of the Bayan had and have no knowledge of the foundation of this Cause. They cling to falsehood and are deprived of truth. This servant begs God to guide all and grant them sustenance from the fruits of the Tree of Faithfulness. Verily, He is the Ordainer, the Generous.

Until this point the answer to that eminent one's letter dated the 12th of Rabi'u'th-Thani has been submitted, and subsequently the exalted letter dated the 27th of Rabi'u'th-Thani brought joy to this evanescent one's heart. God willing, may this love and kindness ever remain constant and enduring. The remembrance of the friends is auspicious to the Friend. After perusal, it was presented in the Most Holy Court and all of it was submitted. This answer was revealed from the Kingdom of Utterance—exalted be His grandeur:

Section 2: “In My Name, the Most Mighty, the Most…”

In My Name, the Most Mighty, the Most Great

Glorified be He Who hath appeared with the truth and hath manifested what He desired by a command from His presence. He, verily, is the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The ears have been blessed by hearkening to the call of the All-Merciful, and the eyes have been solaced by beholding the praised station. Yet behold the people and their paucity of understanding—they turn away from God while saying “We are turned towards Him.” The Tongue of Grandeur hath judged them as liars when He came with the truth and spoke: “There is none other God but I, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.” They have disputed the verses and proof of God while saying “We believe in Him Who appeared before.” Thus have their souls seduced them, and they understand not. Say: By God, He Whom ye claim at all times doth circle round the House and lamenteth because of your oppression, while ye perceive it not.

Say: O people of the Bayan, be fair in what hath appeared and become manifest from the horizon of possibility, and follow not vain imaginings and idle fancies. Turn unto Him with radiant faces and illumined hearts that ye may find what Moses found on Sinai and the Beloved found in the frequented House. Say: He needeth not the books of the world to prove His Cause. To this hath testified the Lord of nations Who came and gave glad tidings to all of this Name whereby every lofty mountain was crushed to dust. Cast behind you your vain imaginings and shatter the idols by the name of your Lord, the Glorious, Whose greatness hath been attested by the Books of God, the Sovereign of existence.

O people of the Bayan! Present yourselves before the All-Merciful and ponder on that which hath been sent down in truth. He will guide you to the supreme horizon. To this doth testify He with Whom are the mysteries of what hath been and what shall be. Fear God, and invalidate not the truth through your desires, and believe not every speaker whom prejudice hath kept back from this Stream which hath flowed from the Pen of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. Reflect upon God’s proofs and signs, then be fair, and follow not every rejected impostor. By God! He hath appeared like the sun at high noon. Blessed is the eye that hath turned toward Him and beheld, and woe unto every heedless one who is veiled. Thus have We mentioned thee that thou mayest mention the people, that haply they may abandon what they possess and take what hath been sent down from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

The Truth hath shone forth as the sun from the horizon of the heaven of grace, yet the disease of vain imaginings hath prevented eyes from beholding it. The Call hath been raised to such a degree as cannot be mentioned, yet the ears have been deprived thereof through the assaults of selfish desires. All utterance hath been and is dependent upon the word of acceptance, and He Who revealed it declareth: “I am the first to worship Him.” Behold ye the greatness of this Cause!

The heedlessness of the servants and the turning away of the people of the Bayan are among the ordained matters. This Most Great, this wondrous Cause is unprecedented in all respects; past and future examples cannot comprehend it. Consider the heedlessness of these veiled souls! If they deny this Most Great, Most Exalted and Most Wondrous Cause, by what proof do they establish the truth of what came

before and what came even before that? A one-year-old child of this Revelation is mightier than all the peoples.

Say: Look ye in the Books of God that ye may recognize that from which ye have been veiled. He, verily, is the Counsellor, the Sincere, the Evident, the Kind, the Generous. Efface all that ye have heard and seen, and fix your gaze upon that which hath been sent down from the Kingdom of God's knowledge. By the life of God! Then will His straight path and the lights of His Great Name become manifest unto you.

Say: The Truth hath never waited and waiteth not for anyone's belief, and the Books before the Bayan and others have testified to and foretold the turning away of the people. O Asad! O thou who gazest upon the One, the Single! It behooveth thee to beseech God night and day to aid His weak servants who have cast aside the Most Great Ocean and have hastened, turning away from it towards the pool.

I swear by the Sun of the horizon of sanctification that the people of the Bayan appear more veiled than the people of the Furqan. After all exertions and the rending of veils, it is observed that this people cling to, hold fast to, and utter the same words which that rebellious and insolent group before them spoke. A hundred thousand pities that ears should be occupied in hearkening unto such words! They are not even aware enough to consider what became of those souls before who uttered such vain words, and what fruit it yielded them. By the life of God! They wander in the valley of error and are immersed in the ocean of heedlessness.

O Most Exalted Pen! Leave the mention of these people and illumine the horizon of the heaven of Thy Lord's Book with the sun of proof and evidence. Then give glad tidings to the peoples of creation of the appearance of the Lord of Names and the Creator of Heaven. Say: By God! The appointed time hath come, and the breeze of the All-Merciful hath wafted throughout all contingent being. Blessed is he who hath inhaled and found, and he whose heart hath turned, and he whose face hath been illumined, and woe unto every heedless doubter.

Turn not unto the people and their doubts, but unto the Truth and Its manifestations which have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Those who turned away from the proof when the All-Merciful came with clear signs have lost, and he who took hold of it by the power of God, the Strong, the Mighty, hath won. Say: All the books of the world cannot be compared to one Tablet from Him. The Tongue of Grandeur hath testified to this, and behind it all things, if ye be of them that hear.

Glory be to God! The wondrous, transcendent verses that have been sent down bear no resemblance to verses of the past, and yet they have said that which no oppressor hath said in the days of Manifestation. Shame upon them and perdition upon them! Have they not seen the new Books and heard the wondrous verses? One is amazed at the heedlessness that hath encompassed that people.

Yea, by My life! The sightless one is deprived of beholding the effulgences of the rays of the Sun of Truth, and the deaf one is prevented from hearing the call of the All-Merciful. Verily, He hath spoken the truth and speaketh with justice. The Command is in His grasp. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

As you mentioned in your letter that on the 9th of Rabi'u'th-Thani you acted as a deputy in visitation, God Himself beareth witness that these words were truly glad-tidings which caused my heart and soul to be adorned with the grace of joy and delight. This evanescent servant hopeth that the All-Bountiful Lord may grant you complete recompense, for verily He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Would that this servant had been with you and had attained unto that which you attained. Though this servant is certain that your deputyship is dearer than any act this ephemeral one could himself perform, praise be to God that you have graciously granted this lowly one a share in your blessed, praiseworthy and acceptable deeds.

With regard to what you wrote concerning Jinab-i-Mulla R.J., upon him be the Glory of God, God willing he is protected through divine grace. Some time ago, a word concerning him was heard from the blessed tongue, and from that word this servant became assured that no harm would befall him. This servant beseeches and hopes from the Truth that at all times he may drink from the Kawthar of steadfastness, in such wise that neither doubts nor insinuations, whether from near or far, may prevent him, and that he may be occupied with teaching the Cause of the All-Merciful with perfect wisdom and utterance.

O my master! The friends of God have not been and are not aware of the root of this Cause, and since the delusions of the past and their effects remain in ears and hearts, therefore certain souls are debarred by foul odors from the sweet fragrances of the garden of inner meanings. This evanescent servant beseeches and hopes from the Truth, exalted be His glory, that He may bestow upon all from the chalice of certitude and assurance, that all may observe His Cause with the eye of God and arise to serve it in such wise that they may regard all else as non-existent and null.

One day I was present before His countenance when He said:

> "O thou who art present! Pray and beseech the True One that He may protect the souls who have turned towards Him from the doubts of the suspicious ones, and in these days when the horizon of the heaven of Revelation is illumined with the lights of His countenance, He may grant salvation from extinction and destruction to those who are assured. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful."

Then such utterances were revealed from the divine kingdom of knowledge that this servant beheld himself bewildered and amazed, to such an extent that I was and am truly incapable and powerless to mention them.

With utmost humility and supplication, I beseech the Gracious, the Merciful One that He may not deprive creation of the outpourings of His days. Verily, He is the One to Whose pardoning grace, generosity, bounty and bestowal all created things have testified. It is strange that souls speak without awareness and that others listen to and accept such vain words. Divine verses are being revealed like torrential rain, to such an extent that it has not been and is not possible to record them, and until now no one has enumerated them. Nevertheless, they have said that He takes two words from the Bayan and two words from the Qur'an, fashions verses from them and sends them abroad. And this statement has come from one who, by God besides Whom there is no God, was not worthy to be mentioned or to speak in the Holy Presence.

Until now, this servant has, according to command, effaced in water the equivalent of what was revealed by the Point (the Bab), may the souls of all else be sacrificed for Him, and what remains equals what has been seen from the Primal Point and the previous Prophets, nay rather exceeds it. Every fair-minded and discerning person bears witness to this. Would that, would that the servants would reflect upon what they say and utter! If only some would truly rend the veils and observe the conditions revealed by God! In such case they would become illumined by the lights of the dawn of divine knowledge and wisdom, and would utter the blessed words "Would that I had not taken such a one for a friend!" This evanescent servant has not been and is not permitted to unveil, otherwise I would have presented that which would adorn the accepted ones with the ornament of knowledge.

O beloved of my heart! Consider those who give ear to such vain and absurd utterances. Has truth ever been, or can it ever be, confounded with aught else besides itself? Nay, by Him Who hath caused all things to proclaim His praise! The Cause is even as the sun—manifest, resplendent, clear and evident. Where are the penetrating eyes? Where are the attentive ears? Where are the enlightened breasts? Where are the illumined and detached hearts?

Some of these false souls have said to one of the assured ones who had drunk from the ocean of certitude that "this copy of the Bayan which you possess is not the original—you have corrupted it. The original is in the possession of His Holiness the Azal." Consider how far removed such a speaker is from the dawning-place of truth! These words are like unto the false claims which the rebellious and tyrannical sect known as the Shi'ites have uttered throughout twelve hundred years, arguing in their gatherings and assemblies that the complete Qur'an is not in the hands of the people, but rather exists in the imaginary Jabulqa and Jabulsa with their imagined Qa'im, and they still await his appearance to bring forth the remainder of the Qur'an. Woe unto them and unto those who have caused them to wander in the wilderness of fancy and vain imaginings!

Say: O hapless ones! For twelve hundred years you uttered these fabricated words—what was the outcome, and what fruit did it yield for you? What is your purpose, what is your object? Hearken to the words of this evanescent servant, and do not that which they did of old, and speak not that which they spoke. Fix your gaze upon the dawning-place of the Revelation and turn toward the horizon of divine knowledge. In this Revelation all are bound to behold the Truth through the Truth itself, for It hath never been and never shall be known through aught else. To this testify all sacred Books, all holy Scriptures, all divine Tablets and every perspicuous Text.

Say: O misguided ones! Have mercy upon the people! Spread not anew the carpet of vain imagining, and leave not the poor and weak to wander in the valley of bewilderment. It is hoped that the people of the Crimson Ark will arise for God's sake and speak for God's sake, that perchance they may protect the helpless servants from the doubts and allusions of souls that are remote and veiled. Tears are flowing and sighs are ascending, for we behold the divine sheep pursued by ravening wolves, and the pearls of divine love lying in wait for thieves and betrayers. The place of counsel and remembrance is encompassed by the darkness of heedlessness and fancy. The Command is in God's hands, the Lord of all worlds and the Master of this mighty Day.

Through your efforts, this petition and the petitions sent to their honors Mulla ʿAli-Akbar and Ibn-i-Abhar and others—the splendor of God rest upon them—which deal with these matters, should be copied. After complete review and correction, they should be sent to assured, steadfast and firm souls, such as his honor R.J., upon him be 66-9 [Baha'u'llah], and others like him who are in various lands, that they might remind the people and protect them from that which God loveth not. Blessed are they who arise for God's sake.

Blessed are those souls who arise for God's sake and guard the Cause, protecting it from that which God does not love. While penning this letter, the missive of his honor Ha and Sin, upon him be the glory of God, which he had written to his honor Aqa Mirza Muhammad, upon him be [the glory of God], brought joy to this evanescent one's heart. In that letter was the glad tidings of the arrival of that honored one and the son of Ismullah, upon them both be the glory of God. They had also written a letter to this servant. God willing, I hope in these days to be enabled to reply to their letter. I request that you convey, on behalf of this evanescent servant, expressions of utter effacement and nothingness to them and to all the friends in that land. God willing, it is hoped that from the horizons of hearts the sun of unity will shine forth and become the cause and means of illumining all regions and countries. Glory be upon you and upon those who have attained the wine of steadfastness in the days of God, the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH00318: Praise be unto Him Who is sanctified above…

Section 1: "Praise be unto Him Who is sanctified above…"

In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord

Praise be unto Him Who is sanctified above the comprehension of all created things, the Goal of all creation, Who through His all-encompassing Will caused the heaven of utterance to be raised up and adorned with the stars of inner meanings. He is the One Who hath power to interpret all the books of the world from a single point and make them manifest. From Him hath appeared the Most Great Word which is like the Water of Life in its effects, and through Him the world and all created things have attained unto the ornament of life. Nay, in truth, He Himself is the Water of Life, and upon Him dependeth the life of all things. Through Him the Path is laid down, the Balance established, the Way made clear, and the Hour set.

Blessed are they who have quaffed the wine of understanding from Him and who have attained unto the word "Yea!" The description of this blessed Word transcendeth the power of tongue, pen, and the comprehension of nations. In every station it is known by a different name and described by different attributes. All the most beautiful names and most exalted attributes circle round it, and all stations have been and shall be through its name. Blessed is he who hath attained unto hearing it in the days of its Lord, its Revealer, its Speaker and its Manifestation. The servant beseecheth his Lord to guide all unto it, to make known unto them its station, its significance and its mysteries, and to aid them to turn towards it and arise to serve it. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Glorified art Thou, O my God and the God of all who are in the world, my Goal and the Goal of the nations! I beseech Thee by this Word through which the tongue of Thy grandeur spoke when Thy Temple was established upon the throne of Thy mercy, to assist Thy loved ones to be steadfast in Thy Cause and to make known unto them that which shall profit them in all Thy worlds. O Lord! Disappoint them not of that which lieth with Thee, for when Thou didst call them unto the Dayspring of Thy Cause and the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation, withhold them not from the Kawthar of Thy utterance and the Salsabil of Thy knowledge. I testify that Thou hast manifested Thyself for Thy creatures and servants to know Thee, and hast made the Supreme Pen to be Thy interpreter that it might remind all in Thy days, draw them nigh unto the horizon of Thy grace, and cause them to hear the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree through Thy permission and will.

O Lord! Thou seest them turning unto Thee and directing their faces toward Thy countenance, grieving for the oppression of Thine enemies who have broken Thy Covenant, disputed Thy signs, denied Thy right, and risen up to extinguish Thy light. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the power that hath encompassed all created things and by the might that hath prevailed over all possibilities, to protect Thy loved ones through Thy bounty and grace, and to honor them with such a station that neither the hosts of the earth nor the ascendancy of every denier who hath turned away from Thy Cause shall frighten them. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise.

Thereafter this evanescent one submitteth in Thy service that the honored letter was received, causing perfect joy and complete gladness, for the fragrance of sincerity was wafting from it and it spoke in praise of the Goal of the world. After reading and learning of its contents, one night during the revelation of verses from the heaven of the Will of the King of Names and Attributes, your letter was presented. This is what the Tongue of the Desired One spoke, exalted be His glory:

He is the Compassionate, the Bountiful

O Muhammad-Qablil-Husayn! The Wronged One of the horizons heard thy call and witnessed thy devotion, and maketh mention of thee in these sublime words. This is among the great bounties of the Lord of the worlds. Praise be to God that thou hast turned to the highest horizon and attained the recognition of the Lord of Names, from which most of mankind remain deprived. Strive thou, that thy remembrance, praise and devotion may increase at all times. This is a Day whereon the call of the All-Merciful is raised, and likewise the croaking of the manifestations of Satan. These manifestations of Satan have never been and are not confined to any limits. Every soul who in this Day uttereth a word that causeth the enkindled hearts to become dejected is accounted before the All-Merciful as being of Satan's company. Obstacles have appeared and will continue to appear before the wayfarer in the divine path, but those powerful and mighty souls who have partaken of the Kawthar of steadfastness—no barrier can deter them and no waters of the world can quench their ardor. They are set ablaze by the Word of God and are gazing toward and turning to the horizon of His Cause with such devotion that all the world is powerless to prevent.

Today the people of Baha who are seated in the Crimson Ark must fix their gaze upon the tracing of the Most Exalted Pen, not upon the vain imaginings of deluded souls. In one word the effect of the living waters appeareth, and from another the scorching wind bloweth. They that are drawn to the Ka'bah of

Reality and circle round the Sanctuary of the Spirit must strive to remove conflict, strife and corruption from the entire world, nay rather to obliterate even their mention, and attain such a station wherein the doubts of the possessors of doubt, uncertainty and misgiving among heedless souls will not prevent them from the light of oneness.

Convey greetings from the True One to the friends in that land and remind them all of the divine verses, that they may not be deprived of the fruits of the recompense for what they have endured and heard in the path of God. Say: Your stations are ordained and mentioned in the divine Kingdom, for ye have borne in the path of the Friend that which none hath borne and have heard that which none hath heard. Now preserve these lofty and most exalted stations and squander them not through the whisperings of devilish souls and the doubts of heedless hearts. Arise with complete steadfastness in the Cause of the Lord of all beings, and with wisdom, utterance, spirit and fragrance guide the servants to the court of the All-Merciful. Say: O friends! This is the Day of pure deeds. Strive ye and endeavor, that perchance ye may succeed in performing a deed the mention of which shall endure throughout the Kingdom of earth and heaven. This is a Day that hath been mentioned in all the divine Books, and all the Prophets and Messengers have given the glad-tidings thereof to the peoples of ancient and modern times. Fix your gaze upon this blessed verse which hath been revealed in the Book of God:

> "Verily He is the One Who is named in the Torah as Jehovah, in the Gospel as the Spirit of Truth and the Comforter, and in the Qur'an as the Great News."

Say: O friends! Do not believe every speaker, and be not assured by every claimant of love. Look ye to that which God hath sent down in the Book, hold fast unto it and act accordingly. The Truth hath ever been and still is with you—He heareth and seeth. Verily He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. The world is like unto a passing shadow; soon it shall perish and become non-existent. At every moment its annihilation can be witnessed. Beware lest its conditions, ornaments, words and embellishments prevent you from Him Who brought it into being, created it and originated it. In the name of God preserve your stations, and beseech the True One that ye may attain unto that which shall cause your remembrance to endure in the Book of God. This is the most exalted station, the highest rank and the ultimate goal. Blessed is he who hath attained thereunto, and woe unto the heedless. Praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds.

The favor of the Truth unto your honor is evident and manifest from the aforementioned revealed verses. God willing, may you speak the mention of the Truth in all conditions and remain steadfast in His Cause. Today, if a soul should become the possessor of but one word from the presence of the Truth—that is, if one word of good-pleasure should be revealed concerning him from the Supreme Pen—in truth he hath been and shall be the possessor of the most precious of all things. The treasures of the world cannot and will never equal this supreme bounty. This evanescent servant beseecheth the Exalted Truth to grant success unto your honor and confirm you in that which containeth the good-pleasure of the Friend. It is hoped that the masters and nobles of that land may discover the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful, may hold fast unto that which hath been sent down from the Kingdom of grace, and may act accordingly. This evanescent servant offereth thanks with a hundred thousand tongues unto the Eternal Truth for having enkindled your honor with the fire of His love and confirmed you in the service of His

Cause. His is the praise in all conditions. There is no God but He, the Confirmer, the Compassionate, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Section 2: "As to what you mentioned regarding separation…"

As to what you mentioned regarding separation from the Beloved of the horizons, He said:

> "Let him praise God for having aided him to serve the Cause."

That which is beloved in the sight of God today is the teaching of the Cause with wisdom and utterance. Blessed is he who attaineth unto this most exalted station. Verily, He recordeth for the one who hath arisen to serve His Cause the reward of attaining His presence. Thy Lord is, verily, the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Kind, the Generous.

In truth, today is the day of mention, praise and assistance of the Cause of the Lord of Names through wisdom and utterance. You must impress upon all that the triumph of God's Cause hath not been and is not through contention, warfare and corruption. All must strive and endeavor to conquer hearts and souls with the sword of wisdom and utterance. At times, these words have issued from the Most Holy Tongue and been revealed in the Most Holy Tablet:

> "Blessed are they who have not oppressed but were oppressed, and who, without rebellion, became the object of vengeance in the path of God."

Consider the Lord of existence, that is, the King of Martyrs. He conducted himself with the utmost joy and fragrance among all peoples, and never did he cause harm to anyone. Even the Armenians of the land of Sad (Isfahan) expressed their satisfaction with that holy being. Several years passed, and no one ever observed him acting contrary to God's will. His will and desire were annihilated in the Will of God. This is the station of the Most Great Martyrdom that hath formerly flowed from the Supreme Pen. He had attained to the Most Great Jihad and was adorned with outward martyrdom as well.

Now reflect upon God's favors towards that essence of being. In his final days he attained to such a station that tongues and pens are occupied with his mention and praise. From all directions, elegies commemorating his tribulation have been submitted and sent, and they continue to arrive unceasingly. Were it not for the decree of wisdom from the Supreme Pen, thou wouldst witness people from every city and land turning towards that blessed land for pilgrimage. Had this occurred for any name other than God's, it would never have been mentioned. How many honored souls—those who, due to their earthly authority, considered themselves the most noble of creation—have returned from palaces to graves, and from the highest station to the worst abode, and today are neither remembered nor mentioned by anyone.

These are but the outward virtues that have been mentioned. Otherwise, I swear by the shrill voice of the Pen of the Lord of Eternity that were the inner stations of that essence of being to be revealed, all would fall unconscious and bewildered, save whom God willeth. This servant, if able, would cry out a hundred thousand "Would that I were!" at every moment. In short, martyrdom is not so cheap as to be attained by this evanescent one. He begs the Exalted Truth to be counted among those who long for this most

exalted station. Verily, He ordaineth what He willeth for whomsoever He pleaseth. He is, verily, the Powerful, the Mighty.

Another submission: All that was sent was presented in the Most Holy Presence, that is, mention of the items and of those who sent them. Praise be to God, they were adorned with the ornament of acceptance.

In regard to the matter mentioned concerning thy wife, upon her be the Glory of God, it was presented before the Throne. A most holy and exalted Tablet was revealed from the heaven of mercy specifically for that noble lady and was dispatched. God willing, she will recite it and become intimate with it. However, at this point one of the handmaidens of God made a supplication, and its answer was revealed from the divine Kingdom of Utterance.

This servant wished to include its contents in this letter so that all may be gladdened by the divine glad-tidings and act as befitteth this Day. His words, exalted be His majesty:

> "Whatsoever appeareth hath not been and is not outside divine wisdom. The people of insight and understanding have borne and bear witness to this truth. Today thou art blessed with something that is seen to be superior to and more faithful than a hundred thousand children. Today is different from other days. Whosoever hath drunk even a drop from the Kawthar of knowledge confesseth to that which the Pen of God hath confessed. Children are for the perpetuation of mention and good deeds and the continuation of name and the like. And if God, exalted be His glory, should bestow His grace and those children be adorned with the ornaments of worthiness, humanity and piety, their mention will soon come to an end with the passage of time. But the mention of the Most Exalted Pen will endure as long as God's most beautiful names endure. Hold fast unto this if thou be of the people of Baha. Thou hast better than what thou desirest and higher than what thou hast, but thou art unaware of it. God willing, if thou become aware of it thou shalt attain unto the greatest joy and supreme gladness. Thus hath My Pen spoken out of grace to My name. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Generous."

End.

I beseech you to convey greetings from this evanescent servant to the friends in that land. Praise be to God, all have attained to that which others are deprived of. They must preserve this great bounty in the name of God and remain so firm and steadfast in the Cause of God that none shall be able to prevent them. The world hath had and hath no significance. They should speak in remembrance of the Friend and drink the water of love in His remembrance. Verily He is with His remembering servants and with His steadfast servants. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. The Glory shining from the horizon of our Lord the Most Merciful's bounty be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the greatest bounty in the days of God, the Lord of all beings, and upon every faithful servant to the Covenant on the Day of Separation.

The servant 24 Sha'ban 1298

Again it is submitted that you should be vigilant in all conditions, and every person's tablet should reach them. Jinab-i-Kazim Nasrabadi, upon him be the Glory of God, has sent two petitions to the Most Holy Court, therefore two most holy and exalted Tablets have been revealed in response. God willing you will deliver them to him. Another submission: Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Riday-i-Misgar sends greetings to you and his request is that you consider how his wife's properties might be sold in whatever way possible and the proceeds collected and sent. Now too, whatever is expedient and appropriate for these days, whether through power of attorney or otherwise, write so that the aforementioned person's wife may act accordingly. If a power of attorney is needed, send it. These matters depend on what you deem advisable. Since these matters pertain to the friends of God, therefore attention to them is beloved by this servant and you and others.

BH00303: Praise, sanctified above the understanding of all creation, beseemeth…

Section 1: "In the Name of our Lord, the Most…"

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Praise, sanctified above the understanding of all creation, beseemeth the most holy court of that Self-Subsisting One Who, through His Most Exalted Word, hath brought forth all who dwell on earth and in heaven from utter nothingness into the realm of being. This Word manifesteth itself in every station through one of the revelations of God—exalted be His glory and magnified be His grandeur. At times, the Water of Life floweth from it, bestowing life upon the world and causing it to endure. At other times, the Fire of Love appeareth therefrom, igniting the lovers and setting them ablaze in the wilderness of longing with the fire of separation. Were all the tongues of created things to attempt to describe or mention the revelations of this Most Exalted Word as they truly are, they would surely find themselves powerless and wanting. Exalted is its grandeur, sublime its station, magnificent its glory!

This Word, despite its majesty, might, power, authority and influence, was revealed in one instance from the Supreme Pen, whereupon the Pen, after hearkening to the irrevocable command from the tongue of the Will of the Ancient Lord, was observed to fall unconscious and bewildered. None save God is aware of the duration of its swooning. Reflect now upon the greatness and loftiness of the Ancient Lord, the Sovereign of the Word, the Revealer of verses. This is the station that hath bewildered the chosen ones and near ones of God, and concerning which the Seal of the Prophets—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake—declared: "Lord, increase my wonderment in Thee," for such wonderment hath ever been and shall forever remain beloved. Well is it with them that comprehend.

Glorified art Thou, O Cleaver of the dawn and Kindler of the light! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance after the extinction of all things, by the manifestations of Thy power in the kingdom of creation, and by the revelations of Thy grandeur between earth and heaven, to aid Thy loved ones to remain steadfast in this Cause whereby every foundation hath been shaken, every forward-moving one hath retreated, every firm foot hath slipped, and the heart of every tranquil one hath been disturbed. Thou art He Whom the conditions of Thy servants cannot frustrate, nor can the might of Thy enemies weaken. Thou hast manifested whatsoever Thou didst desire through Thy sovereignty, and hast spoken whatsoever Thou didst ordain through Thy will. There is none other God but Thee, the Ruler, the

Commander, the Almighty, the Powerful. O my Lord! Thou seest Thy loved ones amongst Thy creatures and hearest their cries and lamentations by reason of what hath befallen them in Thy days at the hands of the oppressors among Thy creatures. I beseech Thee to ordain for them from the Supreme Pen that which will draw them nigh unto Thee in all conditions. There is none other God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

And further: it is submitted that the letter from that honoured one arrived through the postal courier, and as it was adorned and embellished with the mention and praise of the Beloved of the worlds, it increased the power of sight and hearing. Indeed, the fragrance of divine love wafted from it, and after perusing its contents, it was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, before the countenance of the Ancient Lord. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in reply—exalted be His glory:

In My Name, the One Who ruleth over all names

Mention from Us to him who has attained to the lights of faith while the people of the world turned away from the All-Merciful, save whom God, the Lord of the worlds, willed. This is the Day wherein the Book speaketh: By God! The Promised One hath come with a sovereignty that none in the heavens and earth can resist. Blessed is the soul that hath heard and responded, and woe unto the heedless. Be thou thankful for having been mentioned by the Wronged One during numbered years. Verily thy Lord is the Reckoner, the All-Knowing. We have mentioned thee in such wise as the treasuries of kings cannot equal, whereunto beareth witness the Sovereign of the Kingdom in this glorious Tablet.

How many a servant was attracted by the verses of his Lord, and how many a master turned away, having followed the sources of idle fancies who disbelieved in the Day of Judgment. All people, both high and low, sought the presence of the divine Day, yet when the light of the dawn of Revelation illumined the horizon of the world, all turned away and remained veiled. Thereafter, the Truth, beholding with His all-encompassing mercy, His pre-existing grace, and His revealed wisdom, raised the devoted ones to maturity like children through the milk of forbearance, kindness and compassion, and made them aware—exalted be His glory, His grandeur, His might and His sovereignty.

And after the veils were rent asunder by the finger of divine Will and the seal of the choice wine was broken, the assured, steadfast, contented and well-pleased souls arose with perfect steadfastness to serve the Cause of the Lord of all beings, while others remained deprived by the veils of idle fancies. And the most veiled of all parties have been and continue to be the followers of the Bayan.

By the Sun of the horizon of Revelation! The understanding of animals is seen to be higher and more exalted than these heedless souls. Today is the Day of God, and none except God, exalted be His glory, has been or will be mentioned. Those heedless ones, like unto the people of the Furqan, cling to mention of chiefs, nobles, the Imam, and what is above and below these. Not for a moment have they come to their senses nor reflected upon what became of those souls who for twelve hundred years considered themselves more pious and learned than all peoples. Yea, the outcome of their deeds, words and beliefs was that they martyred the Beloved of all creation and manifested such tyranny as the eye of creation had never witnessed.

And the cause of this rebellion, tyranny and unbelief were words that issued from the source of falsehood. For had they acknowledged that God, exalted be His glory, is the All-Powerful, the Unconstrained, that which occurred would not have occurred. The manifestations of falsehood and dawning-places of hypocrisy veiled the people through mention of regions, Jabulqa and Jabulsa, and the appearance of an imaginary form from imaginary cities, to such extent that they denied the Manifestation of Truth and arose with utmost hatred and rancor, martyring the Truth and His loved ones with the most grievous torment.

O thou who gazest upon the Face! Ponder the utterances of the Beloved of all creation and observe with penetrating vision, that perchance those who follow the vain imaginings of the people of the Bayan, who have turned from Truth and clung to falsehood, may not remain deprived and forbidden from the straight path. The world hath never been faithful, nor will it be. Strive thou to attain unto that which beseemeth this divine Day.

Convey to the friends in that land My greetings that perchance they may be enkindled with the fire of greeting—an enkindlement that shall not be quenched throughout the duration of the kingdom of earth and heaven. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the Kawthar of steadfastness in this Announcement, through whose remembrance the Books of God, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting, have been adorned. O Muhammad-Qabli-Kazim! Rejoice in that We have heard thy communion with God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forebears. Blessed be thy tongue for what it hath uttered, thy heart for what it hath understood, thine eye for what it hath beheld, and thy hand for what it hath grasped of the Tablet of God, the Mighty, the Wondrous. We counsel thee and them that have believed to act in accordance with what hath been sent down in the Book of God, the Mighty, the All-Wise. He desireth for you naught save that which shall profit you in all the worlds of God, the Goal of them that have recognized Him. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

As to what thou didst write concerning the two letters thou hadst sent to which no reply had come, God is My witness that those two letters were received and detailed replies were written and dispatched. Although this evanescent servant hath had and hath no time—for night and day he is occupied with the revelation of the verses of God—nevertheless there was no delay in replying to that beloved one, and this servant's letter, together with wondrous and sublime verses revealed from the heaven of God's Will, was sent. God willing, it is hoped it will arrive. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the Unconstrained.

Concerning what thou didst write about the ascension of the forgiven and elevated one, thy brother, upon him be the glory of God, it was presented before the Countenance of the Desired One. This is what was revealed in his remembrance, exalted be His majesty:

Section 2: "In My Name that is sanctified above all…"

In My Name that is sanctified above all that was and that shall be

Blessed art thou, O Baqir, in that thou didst hear the call of thy Lord, the Most Glorious, and didst respond to it with manifest sincerity. We bear witness that thou hast believed in God and His verses and hast turned unto Him when the learned ones of the earth and its princes turned away. Verily thy Lord is

the All-Remembering, the All-Informed. Blessed art thou in that thou hast attained unto the Most Great Ocean and hast believed in God, the Goal of them that have recognized Him. Thou art he at whose mention My Most Exalted Pen was moved, and thou hast attained unto My choice wine. The glory that hath shone forth from the horizon of the Pen of the Ancient of Days, and the glory of the Concourse on High and the Kingdom of Names, be upon thee and upon them who have acknowledged that which God acknowledged before the creation of the heavens and the earth.

If a soul were to possess all that is on earth and were to expend it, he would still not attain unto this supreme mention which hath appeared from the Pen of the Ancient of Days concerning him. Now be thankful for God's favor and behold the station of His loved ones, for these holy, assured and tranquil souls who have been afflicted in God's path by the taunts of the idolaters, the turning away of the deniers, and the oppression of the wrongdoers, have been and shall forever be remembered in His presence and recorded in the Book of God. Know this and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Goal of the world, and glorified be Thou, O Beloved of the worlds.

You have appeared before Our presence in the blessed night of the twenty-seventh of the revered month of Sha'ban to perform visitation on behalf of the departed one, as per his last testament. Blessed be he, and blessed be you and I. This visitation was performed twice—once upon the arrival of the letter and its presentation to the Most Holy Court, and again at the time of submitting the response. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Helper, the Mighty, the Bestower.

This evanescent servant beareth witness to the recognition, certitude and sincerity of that departed soul, for he attained to even more than that which he desired. Praise be to God in all conditions. I beseech God that love for this fleeting world may not prevent or deprive His loved ones from attaining their lofty and everlasting stations. Would that the people knew and understood!

Regarding what you wrote about properties, act in accordance with what God hath ordained in His Most Holy Book.

Concerning your mention of the honored Shaykh Aqa, upon him be the Glory of God, it was presented before His presence. These are the words uttered by the Tongue of the All-Merciful in the Kingdom of Utterance—exalted be His grandeur:

> "We make mention of him who hath attained unto My love, who speaketh My praise and who hath turned towards My luminous horizon. We have turned towards and made mention of him who hath ascended unto Us, that this remembrance may be a treasure for him in the dominion of God, the Master of this mighty Cause. We testify that he believed in God and attained the recognition of the Manifestation of His Cause, and drank the choice wine of utterance in the name of his Lord, the Munificent, the Generous. Glory be upon him and upon those who have cast away idle fancies, clinging to the hem of certitude."

The tongue of the world is powerless to offer thanks for even a drop from the ocean of His bounty. By night and by day, the Most Exalted Pen of God and the Tongue of Grandeur and Glory are occupied with the mention of His loved ones. May the Gracious Lord assist all to arise to that which beseemeth His infinite favors. However, they must in all circumstances hold fast to the cord of wisdom and perform such

deeds as will quench the fire of hatred and silence the clamor of the people of discord. The triumph of the Cause dependeth upon mention and utterance, conducted with the utmost joy and radiance. All must aid the Cause of God, glorified be His majesty, through goodly deeds and luminous, spiritual qualities, and must engage in teaching the Cause with the utmost wisdom, that perchance a wanderer may find his way and one who is deprived may attain to the fruit of the tree of creation, which is the recognition and meeting with God. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Helper, the Almighty.

The mention of the honored brothers Aqa Muhammad Ja'far and Aqa Muhammad Sadiq and Haji ʿAbdu'l-Husayn, upon them be the Glory of God, the King, the Just, the Mighty, the Wise, was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. This is what was sent down for them from the Kingdom of the will of our All-Knowing Lord—exalted be His glory:

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great

O My loved ones! Rejoice in that the countenance of the Wronged One hath turned toward you and His Most Exalted Pen hath moved to make mention of you in this Great Prison. Ye are they who have borne tribulations in the path of God and have heard in His love what the ears of most of the servants have not heard. To this beareth witness the Lord of creation on this night wherein all things proclaim: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the Speaking, the All-Seeing."

Be not grieved by the world's vicissitudes and tribulations. By the life of God! That which hath been ordained for you surpasseth all the treasures of the world. Rejoice ye and be of them that are thankful. Whatsoever hath befallen you from the first day of recognition until now is remembered before God and recorded in His divine Book. All the world and its treasures cannot equal a single word heard from the tongue of the Divine Unity. Praise be to God! Time and again ye have drunk from the living waters of the All-Merciful's utterance and have attained unto the mention of the Most Exalted Pen. This station is most great; know ye its worth and preserve it in the name of Truth, for the treacherous ones, the thieves, the godless, and the deniers lie in wait with utmost deceit.

While this servant was engaged in writing verses before His presence on this night, he heard from the tongue of Grandeur mention of his honor Aqa Abdu'r-Rahim—upon him be the Glory of God. He said:

> "O servant present! We make mention of Abdu'r-Rahim who turned, hastened, entered, attained, and heard the call of the Wronged One in this noble station and drank the water of reunion from the hands of his Lord's bounty, the Forgiving, the Merciful. We have mentioned him before and mention him now that it may be a treasure for him with his Lord, the Preserver, the Trustworthy."

God willing, may they hold fast in all conditions to wisdom and cling to the hem of teaching. Whosoever attaineth unto teaching today hath attained unto all good. However, teaching must be accomplished with spirit and fragrance. All causes of sorrow, vexation and corruption are forbidden in God's Book. This matter hath been revealed in numerous places. Blessed is he who holdeth fast unto that which he hath been commanded by One knowing, wise.

Convey these glad tidings to them wherever they may be. God is witness that this ephemeral one hath mentioned and continues to mention them most often, and beseeches God, exalted be He, to aid them in serving His Cause. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Hearer, the Answerer.

This evanescent servant conveys sincere greetings and praise to each of your brothers, and begs of God that He may cause them to attain His bounties at all times and make them steadfast in His Cause. This is among the greatest prayers before God, our Beloved and the Beloved of all in the heavens and earth, our Goal and the Goal of all in the dominions of Command and Creation.

Another submission: The petition of his honor Aqa Mirza Ahmad from the Land of Ya—upon him be the Glory of God—which you had sent was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. Its answer was revealed from the heaven of grace and sent. God willing, they will attain unto its perusal and be refreshed with a new spirit. Glory be upon you and upon your brothers and upon those with you and upon those who have turned to the horizon of the Cause and have attained unto the knowledge of God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant 27 Sha'ban al-Mu'azzam 1298

BH00173: This is addressed to him who has drunk…

Section 1: "This is addressed to him who has drunk…"

In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord

This is addressed to him who has drunk the cup of inner meanings, Hadrat-i-Ism-i-Jud, upon him be the eternal glory of God. The letter of that beloved one addressed to this evanescent one was presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Threshold, and likewise that which you called out to God. They said:

> "God willing, they are and will be attaining to that which He loves and is pleased with."

Indeed, what was submitted accords with reality. And then, the list of matters contained in the letters of the true beloved one who has arisen to serve God and His remembrance, and who was named Samandar in the Most Great Scene, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of Power, was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. Similarly, two detailed letters from him addressed to that beloved one remained with this lowly one—these two were also newly presented, and likewise a letter from him addressed to this evanescent servant was also presented.

O my beloved! Reflect upon the bounty of God, exalted be His glory. Although petitions and news continuously pour in like rain from all directions, all are blessed with a hearing and honored with a response. If one were to consider this outwardly, these limited, numbered hours would not and do not contain enough time for all these answers and questions. But God brings to pass what He desires; verily He is the One intended at the beginning and the end.

They had lamented separation from the Beloved of the horizons, and the fragrances of detachment, hope for attainment and meeting, and the fire of love and faithfulness were entirely diffused and evident and

manifest from one of his letters. After the presentation of this statement, there was revealed from the Kingdom of proof, His words, exalted be His majesty:

> "O Samandar! Praise be to God, thou art aflame and should indeed be as thou art, for the Beloved of the world speaks saying I am the Witnessed One,' and the Speaker of the Mount utters Behold, behold.' Give thanks for what We have shown thee, caused thee to hear, made thee to know, and given thee to drink of My Beauty, My verses, My Self, and My choice, wondrous wine. The fire of the love of the All-Merciful and the lights of the countenance of the Beloved of all creation have been and will be the cause and reason for the enkindling of the hearts and souls of God's friends. However, the requirements of the Cause today must be observed and considered. Choose for thyself what God hath chosen for thee. Thy services, one after another, have been and are mentioned before the Wronged One. That which thou art occupied with today is, by the life of God, greater than can be known through conjecture, fancy, understanding or imagination. This station cannot be described, nor can praise do it justice. Know thou its worth and value its pearl. Verily thy Lord is the Speaker, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Grieve not over any matter; if God should will, He ordains and answers. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer."

Mention was made of the honoured Dhabih—upon him rest the glory of Baha'u'llah. Some time ago there was revealed, from the heaven of the merciful Will, a Most Holy and Most Mighty Tablet addressed especially unto him, and it was dispatched; God grant that he may attain thereto. This lowly servant is exceedingly abashed before him, inasmuch as for a long time I have not been enabled to lay before him any letter. God willing, it is hoped that, through the divine favour, I may hereafter arise to make amends. That beloved one knoweth full well that this servant hath not been, nor is, for a single moment at ease. This matter needeth neither mention nor explication—He knoweth, and thou knowest; and behind you both standeth our Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, the Witness, the All-Seeing.

And furthermore, mention was made of the honoured Aqa [Khalil] of Eshtihardi—upon him be 66 [the glory of God]—and it was submitted in the Most Holy Presence; and this reply descended from the heaven of loving-kindness. His word—exalted be His glory:

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Generous.

O [Khalil]! The world hath been kindled with the fire of the utterance of thy chosen Lord, and He hath illumined its horizons with the light of the Manifest and resplendent and wondrous One. Beseech thou God that He may confirm thee to shatter the idols of doubt and idle fancy. Thus hath spoken the Tongue of Grandeur in divers Tablets. Blessed is he that acteth according to that which he hath been enjoined; and woe betide the heedless.

O Khalil! We have, in times past and present, informed all souls of the appearance of the clamorous ones and the doubters. In these days they have appeared in certain lands and with utmost deceit and guile have arisen to lead astray sanctified souls. Ask thou of God that He may enable the people of that land to shatter the idols of fancy and vain imagining, even as He enabled them before. Convey My greetings to all the friends in that land and say: God willing, may ye be ever enkindled with the fire of divine love and

illumined by its light. Ye should be witnessed as so steadfast in the Cause of God that the very embodiment of constancy would be astonished to behold itself. The people of the Bayan are seen today to be more veiled than the people of the Furqan. By God's life! They have no share of this Most Great Ocean, nor any path to this Straight Way. From this station We send Our greetings upon thy face and upon the faces of those who have quaffed the wine of steadfastness in My Name, the Mighty, the Powerful.

This lowly servant submittteth: By Him Who hath caused all things to speak in praise of His own Self, and hath summoned all men unto the ocean of His presence, that the veiled ones of the Bayan utter words such as the veiled ones of the Furqan—nay, of all religions—have never spoken. Of late, from that quarter of falsehood which was known by a hallowed name, they have purposed to set in order a scheme—an illusory Jabulqa, and a Jabulsa that existeth not. God is My witness and My proof: were a man to give ear to the signs and tokens of consumption, it would be better, more pleasing, and more exalted than to hearken unto the words wherewith these heedless souls discourse. It is as though these ignorant ones have never heard of the Day of God, nor drunk a single drop from this sea.

He saith: This is the Day of God; naught shall be mentioned therein save Him. This is the Manifestation of God: He hath taken unto Himself neither agent, nor peer, nor minister, nor successor—and so on, His exalted Word.

Yet they have clung to the cord of falsehood, and have laid hold on the hem of an imagined form. In one of the blessed and sanctified Tablets this lofty utterance was revealed. He—exalted be His glory—saith: Lay hold of this firm, well-wrought, and blessed Word, which is as a pearl from the ocean of divine knowledge, that thou mayest not, until thou hast become informed of the falsity of the former, bear witness to the truth of this Day. Ended.

O friends! Arise for the sake of God, speak for the sake of God, and strive in the path of God, that perchance the servants in this age may not be veiled as before and may not be accounted among the worshippers of idols and vain imaginings. O servants! Reflect upon that sect which considered itself the most great and most exalted of all creation and reckoned itself among the delivered community and the favored people, and observe how they believed and how the matter turned out—the difference is as that between earth and heaven.

In brief, that same sect, after numerous claims, was finally recorded in the Book before God as among the rebellious and tyrannical ones. For by the decree of those ungodly souls did they hang the Truth and martyred Him with bullets of hatred. At one time the Tongue of Grandeur uttered these words:

> "O servant present! The one truth which that heedless and atheistic sect possessed was their saying that when the Qa'im appears, He will speak a word from which the chiefs of the earth—that is, the most exalted of the world's people—will flee and avoid. This single word We verify. Yet I swear by the Sun of the horizon of utterance that until now that word hath not appeared, and whosoever after hearing it remaineth steadfast, he is one with whom all the peoples of the world cannot compare."

This is why the Point of the Bayan—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him—hath said that a one-year-old child in His day of Manifestation is mightier than all the people of the Bayan. End.

O My beloved! They are still waiting for the discovery of the ten parts of the Qur'an which this one or that one supposedly stole. Reflect on this matter—for twelve hundred years they called Ja'far-i-Sadiq a liar, and for centuries they have intended to mention him by this title. The curse of God be upon the liars and the calumniators! What has happened that these human-like creatures are seen to be so heedless? Would that they had heeded the call to "look again and yet again," that perchance they might have caught a fragrance from the garden of awareness or attained a drop from the ocean of knowledge. By Thy life! Their ears are deaf and their eyes are blind. This evanescent servant beseeches and hopes from the Truth that He may cause the friends in all regions to attain unto a power and might befitting this blessed Day, that they may see all else as non-existent and count it as nothing. And I beseech Him, exalted be He, to sanctify them from every conjecture and free them from every idle fancy. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

As for what was written concerning Haji Kamal, upon him be the Glory of God, God willing its answer shall be submitted and sent.

Furthermore, concerning the Huquq, something was written, and a letter was also written and sent to this servant on this matter. This servant testifies that whatever reached them, they have delivered. That place is the place of trustworthiness; treachery hath no access to that spot. To this testifieth every just and discerning one, and beyond him and me and the world testifieth our All-Informed Lord. In this case, whatever was mentioned was not and is not befitting. God sufficeth as a witness.

And concerning what was written about Aqa Murtada Q., upon him be the Glory of God, God willing his answer will descend from the heaven of divine mercy and favor and will be sent.

Concerning what was written about "Walaj Ta", this has not occurred until now. His honor Ismu'llah, his eminence J.M., upon him be the Glory of God, has also inquired about this matter. After presenting it in the Most Holy Court, He said that perhaps this "Walaj" does not refer to the friends. Knowledge of this is with God, and it has not occurred until now. God willing, may all the friends of Truth be engaged in mentioning the Beloved of all creation with utmost joy, delight, spirit and fragrance.

Another submission: The brilliant ode which emerged from the virgin thoughts of the Nightingale of the Age, upon him be the Glory of the All-Merciful, along with his two letters that were sent, was presented in the Most Holy Court on this day, which is Sunday at the end of the month of Sha'ban. The Sun of Grace was rising from one direction and the Moon of Providence was dawning from another horizon. And this is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, exalted be His glory:

"Blessed art thou, O Andalib, for having arisen to serve the Cause and for having spoken in praise of God, the Lord of the worlds. Verily, We caused thee to hear My greatest verses, aided thee in the Cause, and guided thee to the right path. Say: O peoples of the earth, cast away your vain imaginings. The Lord of all beings hath come, and the Messengers cry out before His countenance—The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Almighty, the Exalted, the Unconstrained.' This is the Day which hath been attributed to God in the Books, Scriptures and Tablets.

“O Andalib! The Cause is most great. The preface of the Book of Creation was adorned with the word He.’ We removed it by complete power and placed ‘I.’ By the life of God, this is a mighty matter which none can bear save him who is the most powerful in the world and who holdeth fast to the Most Great Name. The Hand of complete power hath rent asunder the veils of creation to a known measure. Now it is observed that the manifestations of idle fancies and the dawning-places of vain imaginings are veiled by other veils. Reflect upon the baseness of nature and paucity of understanding of those who are veiled, who have now returned to their initial station. I swear by the Sun of Grace that shineth from the horizon of the Prison that they are considered before God as more veiled than all religions.

Section 2: “God willing, through divine confirmations, your honor will…”

“God willing, through divine confirmations, your honor will watch over the Cause in all conditions. Verily, He is with whoever speaketh His praise and ariseth to serve His mighty and exalted Cause. The Point of the Bayan gave the glad tidings of the meeting to one of the Letters of the Living who was named Baqir and who in these days has attained the honor of meeting, and then He states: ‘Be assured that the Cause is mighty, mighty!’

> “O ‘Andalib! This Cause hath had and hath no likeness. It is novel from all aspects. Like the sun, its light, its manifestation, and its deeds are evident and clear. However, due to the vain imaginings and fancies of the people, their weakness and heedlessness, the Dawning-Place of the Cause speaks these words. People of insight have always been and will always be as rare as red sulfur in the world. Thus hath spoken the Tongue of Revelation, turning unto thee that thou mayest be of the thankful ones.”

Whatever you had written in remembrance and praise of God, exalted be His glory, this servant presented before His presence. Verily, He will reward thee with the best of rewards. Verily, He is the Bestower, the Generous. Praise be to God, the Most High, the Most Great.

This servant also conveys greetings to him, namely the beloved of the soul, the Nightingale of possibility. God willing, may he ever be speaking in praise of God, exalted be His glory, and engaged in teaching the Cause. This is the deed with which no deeds can compare, and which no descriptions and mentions can surpass. Praise be to the Beloved of the horizons Who confirmed him in guiding the servants and reminding those in the lands.

Concerning Ahmad-i-Kirmani, it was written that he had not chosen for himself any proof, path, way, religion, fairness, or truth. He changes color like a chameleon and turns like a spotted snake. His being is not like wax—though I have said this before—but rather like clay, accepting any form at any moment. May God and the company of the believers protect us from that sinful liar. His claim that the “noisome smell” was revealed about him is false, by the Lord of the Throne and earth! Although now it is observed that he was indeed the intended one of that word, this blessed verse was revealed in the Kitab-i-Aqdas at a time when outwardly there was no mention of him, and the original address was to the land of Kaf and Ra, as He says: “O Land of Kaf and Ra!

We, verily, behold in thee the noisome smell." After the revelation of the Kitab-i-Aqdas and the passing of several years, his petitions arrived successively at the Most Holy Court, as did his letters to this evanescent servant, claiming complete faith. Later, considering his own vile deeds and absurd words, he became deluded and arose in opposition. After some time, his petitions again reached the Most Holy Court, each expressing repentance, return, and remorse to a degree beyond which none is possible, and he raised up intercessors until the petitions of some reached the Throne. A Tablet was revealed from the heaven of Will with this purport: He is granted divine forgiveness if he acts not contrary to what God desires.

But he broke God's covenant and His pact in deeds and words. He has not one face, or two, or three—he has at every moment a different face which none knows save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

In truth, he is an ignorant unbeliever who had and has no understanding whatsoever, but his actions and deeds identify him before the servants. One identifier has been and will be before his face. He has not spoken truth to anyone and will not. After his rejected deeds and words and his despair from the Most Holy Court, he clung to a false person and showed devotion to him. In the great city he found one like himself, obtained the book of Sijjin and papers of fire, and one night after consuming certain things, burned all those writings which were his intention. The next day when asked what he had done, he said, "In truth, I enjoyed watching the flames of those papers," and thus occurred what occurred. After the great city too, due to his repugnant rejected deeds, they expelled him. In truth, he was not and is not worthy of mention.

Convey My greetings to the friends in that land. God willing, all must act in a manner befitting the Days of God. The triumph of God's Cause has been and ever will be through goodly deeds and illumined, spiritual character. Indeed, in most Tablets this binding word hath flowed from the Supreme Pen, making triumph in all cases contingent upon wisdom, pure deeds, and noble conduct. Therefore this evanescent servant beseecheth the Self-Sufficing Lord that He may assist all to achieve that which He loveth and approveth. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful, the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

In Iraq, the Land of Mystery, and the Prison, mention was made from the heaven of God's will of the cawing ones, birds of night, and the like. The people of Baha must, God willing, manifest such steadfastness that none shall find occasion for mention, much less for rejection and denial. God willing, may they hold fast to the strong and mighty cord and fix their gaze upon the straight path. Say on My behalf: O friends! Know ye your worth. By the life of the Beloved! Your station is great and your rank exalted. Let it not slip from your grasp, but preserve it in the name of Truth. The people of Baha have been mentioned in the Qayyumu'l-Asma in terms that transcend understanding and intellect.

In one place He saith: "Beyond the sea of grandeur is a Maiden of heavenly essence," and He describeth her until He concludeth with these exalted words: "And upon her are vessels of moist red ruby, wherein none shall embark save the people of Baha." Let them now ponder that which hath been revealed, that they may become aware of their stations and attain unto that most exalted rank, which is the station of the Most Great Steadfastness, and be established therein. Verily, He hath spoken the truth and appeared with justice and guided all unto His Self, the One Who overshadoweth all in the heavens and on earth.

As to what was mentioned about certain passages having been written and sent to some of the divines, it is known that whatsoever proceedeth from them hath been and will be in the path of God. Praise be to God, they have attained unto that which is acceptable at the Divine Threshold today. However, by command, in all matters they must observe wisdom, that outward wisdom may restrain the hellish souls from agitation and render them tranquil. That which causeth tumult today doth in truth extinguish the fire of love in souls that have newly drunk from the life-giving water and turned toward the most exalted horizon. They should devote all their energy to teaching the Cause with spirit and fragrance, wisdom and utterance. And if at times they wish to enlighten the leaders of vain imaginings and the daysprings of idle fancies, it is best that they be given certain passages that have been sent down from the heaven of God's will, such as the Tablet to the Sultan and the like. Even this is beloved before God only when some inclination is observed. A general proclamation was made to all upon first arrival at the Most Great Prison. Blessed is he who hath recognized and turned unto Him, and woe unto the heedless and those who turn away.

Another submission of this servant is that thy poem was recited repeatedly in the gathering of the friends. Praise be to God, such a fragrance of love and fellowship was diffused that this servant is powerless to describe it. The servant beseecheth his Lord to strengthen him through His command, preserve him through His power, and exalt his station such that every tongue may testify to his grace, sincerity, dedication and detachment in the Days of God, the Mighty, the Wise.

Another submission is that Jinab-i-Nazir, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], attained the Most Holy Court with a package of petitions and letters from the friends. These days the response to each one is being revealed from the heaven of bounty. God willing, they will soon be sent. Verily the servant gives glad tidings to those who are there that they may rejoice and be among the thankful ones. Praise be to our Lord, the Most Holy, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

This servant's submission is that I convey greetings to his honor Javad, upon him be Baha'u'llah. God willing, may they be engaged in utmost joy and yearning and attraction in the remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds, and may they drink from the ocean of divine love at all times and bestow it upon the people of the earth, that perchance all may gather under the shadow of the Most Exalted Word and become engaged in praise of the Lord of creation. Likewise, I express utter nothingness to the other friends of God and beseech them all that they not forget this evanescent one in their intimate gatherings and sacred assemblies, that perchance I may be assisted in that which I am commanded.

In these days the letter of his honor the beloved and honored Nabil the Great, upon him be Baha'u'llah, the Lord of Eternity, became the cause of complete joy. God willing, through divine grace and might, a response will be written and sent. Whatever pertains to this weak, poor and destitute one—the servant beseeches his Lord to assist him in mentioning His loved ones and serving His chosen ones. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous. Praise be to God, the Most High, the Most Great.

God is witness that this evanescent one remembers the days of the presence of his honor Nabil ibn Nabil, upon them both be Baha'u'llah, the Mighty, the Beautiful, and utters the words "Would that I had another chance." I beseech and hope from God, exalted be His glory, that He may ordain another gathering in the shadow of the Blessed Tree. Verily He is the Ordainer, the Powerful. Praise be to God, the

Mighty, the Praiseworthy. And glory be upon your first and your last, and those who love you and remember you and those with you and those who hear your words and serve you for the sake of God, the Lord of the heavens and earth and the Lord of the mighty throne.

O beloved of my heart! All the requests in the various letters of his honor Samandar, upon him be Baha'u'llah, the Lord of Power, were submitted one by one to the Most Holy Court and responses were written and sent. I swear by the beauty of the Beloved that the utterances which today flow from the tongue of the Most Merciful are the cause of eternal life. If a soul should hear one passage thereof and truly attain its sweetness, the events of time and the differences of contingent beings and the conditions of the opposers and the intimations of the corrupters and the ranks of the world and the armies of nations will not sadden him nor overcome him.

With complete freshness and utmost steadfastness he will remain engaged and delighted in the remembrance of the Lord of all beings. The sorrows of the world will not prevent this joy and the events of days will not roll up this carpet. And your honor's supplication was also presented before His presence, and the favor of God, exalted and glorified be He, towards that beloved one is evident and clear—no need to mention it. It is likely that tomorrow we will proceed to the city to visit the friends. Glory be upon your honor and upon those who have gathered for the love of God in those parts and upon those who have taken Him as their guardian.

The servant 29 Sha'ban 1298

The sum that was sent to the Land of Ya has been reported as received at the Most Holy Court.

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BH00355: Say: O friends! The falsehood of the past crucified…

Section 1: "O friends! The falsehood of the past crucified…"

In the Name of the One True God

Say: O friends! The falsehood of the past crucified the Beloved of the future and martyred Him with the bullets of tyranny. Reflect upon those deceitful and treacherous souls who appeared among the people in the guise of truthfulness, trustworthiness, detachment and piety, that ye may be preserved from the terror of this Most Great Day. One made mention of Jabulqa, another alluded to Jabulsa, yet another false one devised an imaginary form and established for it a station upon the throne of vain imaginings. One unjust one made mention of the Holy Land, and another attributed words unto Him falsely. These repugnant and false matters became the cause and reason for the martyrdom of the King of the City of Oneness with utmost tyranny. Should the Hand of Divine Power rend asunder all veils, ye would witness new matters and hearken unto novel utterances. Now He speaketh but one word, that perchance it may serve as a barrier between truth and falsehood, and that word is this:

> "Purify your ears from that which is uttered by those who attribute themselves to the Bayan, yet deny its Revealer, its Sovereign and its Sender."

For these veiled souls follow exactly in the footsteps of those others. Blessed is the eye that seeth and comprehendeth—such a one is accounted before God as among the most powerful and capable of all people.

Hearken unto that which My Herald spoke before Me. He said, and His Word is the truth:

> "A one-year-old seed on the Day of His Revelation is mightier than all the Bayan."

These mentions flow from the Pen of the Unconstrained out of pure loving-kindness and compassion. Preserve them and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all the worlds!

The Shi'ih sect, who counted themselves as the saved and blessed community and knew themselves as the most excellent of all people, related successive traditions stating that whosoever claimed the Promised One would be born was an infidel and outside the religion. These traditions caused many to be martyred without guilt or crime, until the Primal Point—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him—was born in Fars from the loins of a known person and made the claim of being the Qa'im. Thereupon, those who followed vain imaginings and idle fancies were in manifest loss, and the Cause appeared to all the world like the rays of the sun. Nevertheless, that heedless and rejected sect turned away and arose to slay that Essence of being.

O people of Baha! The Lord of Names commandeth you to reflect upon these matters, that ye may truly shatter the idols of fancy and vain imaginings, and not be afflicted with the new idle fancies to which the deniers of the Bayan cling. Arise to uphold the Cause with divine strength and power, and protect the servants from the tyranny of the idolatrous souls and the imaginings of the false and heedless ones. Reflect upon the hidden mysteries—how at the time of the Revelation, the people of the Furqan, namely the Shi'ih sect, were unaware of the Day of God and the manner of its manifestation. They were as though entirely bereft of the ocean of knowledge and deprived of the effulgences of the Sun of inner meanings.

The divine Cause appeared and was manifested contrary to all that they had understood through their vain imaginings and to which they had held fast. And those deluded souls who counted themselves the most God-fearing of creation and the most detached in all the world arose in such tyranny that the Concourse on High, the denizens of the Cities of Names, and the Kingdom of Creation all were bewildered. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen spoken, as a grace from Him, that ye may become aware of that which was concealed from you and witness what lay behind the veil through what the hands of those who wandered in the wilderness of fancy and vain imaginings had wrought, and who pronounced judgment against Him Who came with the truth from God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling.

O ye who drink the choice sealed wine of the Name "Qayyum"! Consider those who regarded themselves as saved and blessed: when tested, they were accounted among the rebellious, transgressing, repudiating, rejected faction, and in God's Book they are inscribed by the Supreme Pen among the manifestations of negation. The people of Baha, who are mentioned in the Qayyum-i-Asma as

companions of the Crimson Ark, must show forth such steadfastness as befits this Most Great Cause and this blessed Day.

This is the day of service and steadfastness. If a child remains firm in this Cause, he is mightier than all the Bayan—by the testimony of God and the testimony of Him Who appeared before and gave glad tidings to the people of this Great Announcement. In the Tablets revealed in Iraq, the Land of Mystery, and the Most Great Prison, We warned God's loved ones and informed them of the appearance of the calf, the barking ones, the birds of night, the book of perdition, and the tablets of fire, that all might become so steadfast that neither the people of the world nor all they possess could corrupt these firm and upright souls. They must be seen as mountains, not as leaves that are moved by every wind and overturned by the slightest breeze.

Thus doth the All-Knowing teach you, the All-Aware make you understand, and guide you to His straight path. Strive ye, and with the utmost lowliness and supplication beseech the Mighty, the Powerful to assist you in that which is adorned with the ornament of His good-pleasure, and likewise to enable you to perform such deeds as shall endure forever in God's Book throughout the dominion of earth and heaven. Let not this opportunity slip from your grasp, nor waste your time. I swear by the ocean of divine knowledge that a single moment of these days excelleth centuries and ages—to this doth your Lord, the Chosen One, bear witness in this glorious station. God willing, burn away the veils that hinder you with the fire of the love of the All-Merciful, and illumine hearts with the light of His countenance.

This is the day of this blessed and decisive Word, which the Tongue of Unity previously uttered: "All things are perishable save His Face." This is the Day of God, wherein naught is mentioned save He alone. Where are the pure and penetrating eyes, and where are the illumined and detached hearts? This is the day of eyes and ears and hearts—beseech ye God to possess these three and keep them free from veils. For verily, a thin veil, nay the thinnest of veils, preventeth the eye from seeing, the ear from hearing, and the heart from understanding. Consider this exalted word which was previously revealed from the Supreme Pen: O sons of knowledge! If the eyelid, however delicate, can shut out the entire world from sight, consider what would result if the veil of covetousness were to descend upon the heart!

O friends! Today the gate of heaven hath been opened with the key of God's Name, the ocean of bounty surgeth and billoweth before all faces, and the sun of grace shineth forth resplendent. Deprive not yourselves, and waste not your precious lives in heeding the words of this one or that. Gird up the loins of endeavor and turn your attention to the education of the peoples of the world. Consider not the religion of God as a cause of opposition, rancor and hatred. The Tongue of Grandeur proclaims: That which hath been sent down from the heaven of the Will of God in this most holy and exalted Revelation hath been for the unity of the world and the love and fellowship of its peoples.

Section 2: "The people of Baha, who have drunk…"

The people of Baha, who have drunk of the choice wine of significance, must associate with all the peoples of the world with the utmost spirituality and fragrance, and remind them of that which profiteth all. This is the counsel of the Wronged One to His loved ones and chosen ones. The world was created

through love, and all are commanded to fellowship and unity. Fix your gaze upon this blessed word which hath dawned from the horizon of the mouth of the King of Oneness, and make mention of it:

> "I was in My Ancient Entity and My Eternal Being. I knew My love in thee, therefore I created thee, cast upon thee My image and revealed to thee My beauty."

O people of Baha! While ye are in your homes and this Wronged One is in the Most Great Prison, submerged in an ocean of tribulations, He mentioneth each one of you with such words and utterances that were but one letter thereof to be shed upon the mirrors of all created things, the words "Thou art the Beloved" would appear visible in all things, in such wise that all would read and recite them. Let not this boundless grace slip from your grasp, and be not heedless of what hath befallen this Wronged One and you in the path of God. Know ye your worth and preserve your stations in the name of the Truth, for the ungodly, the deniers, and the treacherous have appeared in the guise of unity, acceptance and trustworthiness, and strive with the utmost effort to lead souls astray. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, speaketh the truth and informeth you of His grace and guideth you to His straight path.

Abandon the ways of men and count as non-existent the paths of the heedless, and say: He walketh not in your ways, nor doeth what ye do. He hath appeared and made manifest His straight path, and made known to all His mighty course. Blessed is the soul that hath hastened to the ocean of its Lord's mercy, and the ear that hath heard the Most Exalted Pen's shrill voice, and the eye that hath beheld His mighty signs, and the tongue that hath spoken His beautiful praise. Say: Have mercy upon yourselves and follow not those who have denied God and His signs, rejected His proof and His evidence, and have risen up in opposition with manifest injustice. Verily He, from the Most Great Prison, summoneth both kings and subjects unto the Most Great Name, which was hidden in God's knowledge and mentioned in the Scriptures of the Messengers.

O friends! The mention of all hath been and shall continue to be recorded in the divine Books, and should some of God's chosen ones not be honored with a separate Tablet, let them know with absolute certitude that their names, their devotion and their acceptance, according to their ranks, have been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Book. Beseech ye God for His confirmation, that ye may achieve that which shall cause your eternal remembrance. Verily He seeth and heareth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The world hath never had, nor doth it now possess any significance. Ere long shall all who dwell on earth return to their graves. By Him Who hath caused all things to speak forth His praise! This world and all that is therein appeareth, in the eyes of the discerning, as worthless as a single word from the divine utterances, for the former is transient and perishable, while the latter shall endure as long as God's names and attributes endure. No person of understanding would forfeit the everlasting divine bounty for the sake of a day or two of earthly life.

In truth I say, the soul hath ever yearned and will continue to yearn for the garden of revelation and divine presence, yet vain imaginings and desires have prevented it from the kingdom of nearness. Ye must consume the veils with the fire of certitude and the light of faith, and illuminate your hearts and

minds. Strive ye to drink from the Kawthar of certitude which floweth from the right hand of God's throne. Whosoever attaineth unto it is numbered among the people of eternity in the Crimson Book.

Praise be to God! His grace and favors have guided those who have turned unto Him to the straight path and blessed them with the supreme gift and the greatest bounty. Know ye the value of your station and be vigilant at all times, for those who would lead astray have ever lain and shall continue to lie in wait for the guides. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Hath there ever been seen on earth a sincere seeker who was deprived of the outpouring grace, or a true pursuer who, having intended with complete sincerity to reach his ultimate goal, was prevented therefrom? Nay, by His very Self, the Truth! And if some of the believers, near ones, and sincere ones sought something outwardly but did not attain it, this was due to God's all-encompassing wisdom. They must not be saddened, for unto everything there is an appointed time. When its hour cometh, it shall be manifested in truth from God, the Lord of the worlds.

Rejoice, O friends of God and His chosen ones, in that My Most Exalted Pen remembereth you on this night wherein the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth that there is none other God but He, the Helper, the Counselor, the Single, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the most great steadfastness; he is indeed among the people of the highest Paradise in the Book of God, the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens, Who hath appeared in truth with manifest sovereignty.

Beware lest the veils of names prevent you from their Sovereign, their Source and their Creator. Hold fast unto the cord of your Lord's loving-kindness and cling to His resplendent hem. Whoso acteth according to what hath been commanded, the Concourse on High shall pray for him, as shall the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise and they who abide within the tabernacles of grandeur, as ordained by God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Thus doth the Wronged One remember you while in the prison of the heedless, and teach you that which shall, under all conditions, draw you nigh unto God, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Peerless.

We counsel all to observe wisdom and utterance in the Cause of their Lord, the All-Merciful, even as We counselled them aforetime. He, verily, is the True Counsellor. These are words We have sent down in diverse Tablets. It behooveth everyone who hath believed in God in this Revelation to hold fast unto them and be of those who are steadfast. We have forbidden all from whatsoever God loveth not and have commanded that which gladdeneth the hearts of the peoples. He, verily, is the Most Gracious, the All-Bountiful.

Associate with the followers of all religions, O My loved ones, in a spirit of friendliness and fellowship. Beware lest ye make the Word of God the cause of your differences or a pretext for manifesting hatred among you. Say: Fear ye God, O people of the earth, and be not of the negligent. He commandeth you to that from which ye can inhale the fragrance of the spirit, were ye of them that comprehend. The glory be upon you and upon those who are with you and who love you and serve you and hearken unto that which hath been inscribed by the Supreme Pen in this irrevocable, this manifest and perspicuous Cause.

BH00365: The Divine Lote Tree beareth witness unto Him Who…

Section 1: "The Divine Lote Tree beareth witness unto Him…"

He is the Manifest, the Speaking, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

The Divine Lote Tree beareth witness unto Him Who hath appeared in the kingdom of creation, that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been sanctified above mention and praise, and exalted beyond the comprehension of all who dwell on earth and in heaven. He is the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Symbol, He through Whose remembrance the books of the world have been adorned, and of Whom the All-Merciful hath spoken in the Qur'an: the Day when all people shall stand before the Lord of the worlds.

O Mihdi! Thy letter hath reached the Wronged One, and the servant standing before the Throne hath read it. Thou art he who hath acknowledged what God hath acknowledged, and hath spoken what the Most Exalted Pen hath spoken between earth and heaven. Blessed be thine eyes for having beheld the Most Great Sign, and thine ears for having heard My sweetest call, and thy heart for having turned toward My luminous horizon. We have nurtured thee, guided thee, caused thee to hear, and made known unto thee this Revelation, at whose appearance every edifice hath been shaken, the heart of every learned one disturbed, the foot of every man of wisdom hath slipped, and every lofty mountain been leveled.

We have found from thee the fragrance of sincerity. We made mention of thee before, and at this moment when the Speaker on Sinai calleth out upon the Branch of Revelation: "There is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed." Rejoice in this Tablet from which the fragrance of the loving-kindness of the All-Merciful hath been wafted throughout all possibility. He Who possesseth the perspicuous Book beareth witness to this, and give thanks for being mentioned by the Mother Book from this station which hath been named with the Most Beautiful Names in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. Thou hast attained unto that whose fragrance shall never cease to exist, as long as God, thy Goal and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth, endureth.

Thou wert silent—His sweetest call made thee speak. Thou wert asleep—the Cry which was raised in truth awakened thee. Thou wert seated—the hand of thy Lord's power, the Mighty, the Powerful, caused thee to arise. Canst thou render thanks befitting this most great favor? Say: There is no strength nor power except through Thee, O Beloved of the world, and no might nor ability save through Thy mighty sovereignty. Thus have the pearls of knowledge appeared from the ocean of thy Lord's mercy, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

God hath ordained for thee that which shall gladden the hearts of them that are nigh unto Him. My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness that thou didst hear the Call and didst turn toward the horizon of the Cause when every learned one remote from God turned away therefrom. The glory be upon thee and upon thy wife, toward whom the glances of thy Lord's loving-kindness have been directed. Give her the glad-tidings of her Lord's bounty, that she may rejoice in this remembrance from which the sincere ones perceive the fragrance of the garment of their Lord's grace, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Wise.

We make mention of Hashim, who was mentioned in thy letter, that he may rejoice in God's remembrance, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. O Hashim! Hear the call of thy Lord, the All-Glorious, from the Supreme Horizon in the luminous spot:

> "Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Loving."

The world was created for this Most Great Revelation, yet when it appeared in truth, every heedless one turned away and every ignorant one rejected it. Say: O people of the earth! This is the Day of remembrance and praise, and this is the Day of the Call—how is it that ye hear not? This is the Day wherein the Supreme Horizon hath been illumined with the lights of the Revelation of Him Who is the Lord of Names—how is it that ye see not? By My life! This is the Day of utterance, yet ye remain silent, and this is the Day whose mention God hath sent down in the books of old, yet most of the people are unaware. Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord's grace, and cleave unto the hem of the True One's loving-kindness, the Knower of all secrets. Thus hath My tongue spoken, as a favor from Me unto thee, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Possessor of all existence.

We make mention of him who hath been named Ali in the Kingdom of Names, who desired to drink of My choice-sealed wine. O Ali! Hear My call from the precincts of My prison. Verily, He remembereth thee with that which gladdeneth the hearts and souls. Open thy vision that thou mayest behold My greatest signs and My most exalted horizon, then incline thine ear that thou mayest hear the call of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Say: O concourse of the earth! This is a Day wherein all things speak forth: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all mankind!" Verily, He hath appeared with the truth, with a sovereignty before which the hosts of the world cannot stand, nor can the cannons of the nations frighten Him. He proclaimeth between earth and heaven with the most exalted call: "By God! The Desired One hath come with manifest sovereignty!" Arise with supreme steadfastness in the Cause of the Lord of all creation, then rend asunder the veils in the name of thy Lord, the Sovereign of the seen and the unseen.

Beware lest the veils of the peoples prevent thee from the Most Great Name. Behold, then remember when Muhammad, the Apostle of God, came, the divines of that age denied Him, and when the Spirit came, the Jewish scholars turned away from Him. Were anyone to judge with fairness, even to the extent of a needle's eye, he would arise and cry out among the servants by virtue of this Name, through which the sincere ones have hastened to the shade of the mercy of their Lord, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Should anyone deny this Cause, by what proof can he establish that which he possesseth, and by what evidence can his heart find assurance?

Thus have We expounded the verses and sent them down unto thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Possessor of the Kingdom. Leave the world behind thee, turning unto God and detaching thyself from all existence. This is a Day wherein the proof calleth aloud and the evidence crieth out, yet the people do not understand. When thou findest the fragrance of the garment and hearest the call of the Wronged One, turn thy face toward God and say:

> "I testify that Thou hast appeared and hast manifested Thy Cause, the Mighty, the Hidden."

O Mahmud! The Best-Beloved turneth toward thee and calleth thee from the precincts of His hallowed House, and remindeth thee of that which God hath revealed in the Book. We make mention of them who have believed in God and We leave every sinful doubter. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the Most Exalted Word, which the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered in this Prison, round which circle the Concourse on High at eventide and at dawn. We have found thy acceptance, wherefore We have turned toward thee and mentioned thee with that which shall cause thy remembrance to endure throughout the eternity of the names of thy Lord, the Revealer of verses. Preserve this station through the Most Great Name, Which speaketh from the most exalted station. We counsel thee and those who have believed in that which exalteth the Cause of God, the Lord of Lords. Blessed is he who hath arisen to serve the Cause and hath done that which he was bidden in the Book.

O Muhammad-Rida! The Lord of Names maketh mention of thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Bountiful. We counsel thee and those who have believed to perform pure deeds in this Day which was mentioned in the Books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Take hold of God's Tablet with the power that proceedeth from Him, then act in accordance with that which thou hast been commanded by an All-Wise Ordainer. Beware lest the veils of creation prevent thee from this Truth, at Whose appearance the atoms cried out: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the worlds!" This is the Day of deeds, yet most of the people are heedless. This is the Day of knowledge, yet most of the people are turning away. And this is the Day of God, were ye of them that know. Say: Cast behind you what ye possess of idle fancies and vain imaginings, and hold fast unto that which ye have been commanded in a glorious Book. Every rock hath stood up, every stone hath stirred, and every clod hath spoken through the fragrances of the verses, yet the people are in evident blindness. Blessed is the strong one who hath shattered the idols of vain imaginings through My Name, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Compelling.

O Muhammad-Sadiq! The face of Him Who was wronged hath turned towards thee, inasmuch as thou hast turned unto God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. Render thanks unto God for having caused thy name to flow from His Most Exalted Pen, and for having honored thee with this Tablet which hath been ordained, from which all who are endowed with perception can inhale the fragrance of God, the Lord of the Kingdom. We counsel thee and those who have believed to observe trustworthiness and truthfulness, and all that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of all that hath been and shall be, may be promoted. Strive that there may appear from thee that which shall immortalize thy name in God's preserved Tablet. Be thou a speaker before the face of thy Lord and a doer of that whereunto thou art bidden by God, the Mighty, the Beloved. It behoveth every one who hath believed in God to act according to that which hath been ordained in the Most Holy Book, which hath been sent down from the presence of the True One, the All-Knowing.

O Ali-Muhammad! Bear thou witness unto that whereunto God hath Himself borne witness—that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who speaketh is the Hidden Mystery, the Treasured Secret, He Whom the Messengers of God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting, have heralded. By God's life! The Day is come, yet the people have turned away therefrom. The time of escape hath arrived, yet most men understand not. Hold fast unto the Book of God; verily it shall suffice thee. He Who hath turned towards thee from His Glorious Habitation beareth witness unto this. Say: This is the Day whereon the Trumpet

calleth out, saying: “The Lord of Revelation is come!” and the Speaker of the Mount proclaimeth: “There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved!”

All things have testified to the Lord of Names, and the Balance crieth out from the heart of creation: “By God! The All-Merciful is come, yet the people are turning away!” Blessed is the heart that hath turned towards Him, and the face that hath set itself towards Him, and the eye that hath beheld the glorious station. Arise, O My loved ones, to remember and praise God, then act in such wise as to exalt your stations and elevate your names in the worlds of the seen and the unseen. Thus doth the Mighty in Power instruct thee—He Who hath come with the Greatest Sign unto all who dwell in the kingdom of creation. Thy Lord is, verily, powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Protector of all that hath been and shall be.

Section 2: “O My Pen! Make mention of him who…”

O My Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named with My name, and give him the glad tidings of God’s signs, the Lord of all worlds. O Ha preceding Sin, and Ayn preceding Lam! Rejoice that the King of Names remembereth thee from His resplendent seat. Say: By God! The Greatest Vision hath appeared and the Lord of Destiny proclaimeth therein, saying: “O people! Cast away what ye possess and take that which I have commanded you from God, the Mighty, the Beauteous.” How many learned ones have been kept back by their knowledge from My Self-Subsisting Name, and how many unlettered ones have heard and hastened to the ocean of My Great Name! Say: O peoples of the earth! Fear ye God, then judge fairly of this Cause, at whose revelation all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck, save such as God willed, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thus hath the sun of thy Lord’s utterance shone forth from the horizon of the Tablet. Be thou thankful and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of them that are near unto Thee!”

O Hasan! Show kindness even as God hath shown kindness unto thee. Then praise thy Lord for having turned unto thee from this exalted station. Verily He hath borne for the sake of God that which none before Him hath borne, whereunto testifieth every fair-minded and discerning soul. Say: He was imprisoned once in the land of Ta, and again in Mim, then once more in Ta, and yet again in this mighty prison. By God’s life! Were it not for tribulation, nothing in this world would have profited Me, as testifieth the Lord of all things. He, verily, is the All-Informed, the Trustworthy. Blessed is the tongue that hath acknowledged that which God hath acknowledged, and the hand that hath taken what it was given from the presence of One mighty and powerful. We make mention of God at all times and guide mankind to His straight path. Among them are those who turned away, those who objected, those who denied, and those who pronounced judgment against the All-Informed One. Thus did they violate God’s Covenant and His Testament—they are assuredly among the lost. Say: O people! Fear God and abandon not that which ye invoke by night and by day. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Knowing Counselor.

O Muhammad-Qabl-i-Hasan! Dost thou hear the Call of God, or art thou among the slumberers? Dost thou behold the Supreme Horizon, or art thou among the heedless? Hast thou found the sweetness of My most sweet utterance as it was raised betwixt earth and heaven, or wert thou far removed? Say: Glory be to Thee, O Thou by Whose name the horizon of knowledge was illumined and by Whose face-light all creation was made to shine! Thou seest and bearest witness that this servant hath cast aside all

else save Thee and hath turned to the horizon of Thy grace, the ocean of Thy mercy, and the heaven of Thy bounty. My Lord! I testify that Thou didst cause me to hear Thy call, showed me Thy signs, and guided me to Thy mighty and perspicuous path.

I bear witness to that which the Tongue of Thy Grandeur testified before the creation of Thy heaven and earth: There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. I beseech Thee, O God of Names, by the Most Great Word and Thy Most Exalted Self, to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and destined for Thy loved ones. Thou art, verily, the Almighty over what Thou willest, and within Thy grasp lies the kingdom of creation. Thou doest and judgest, Thou givest and takest away. There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Almighty.

O Abu'l-Qasim! The Day hath come, and the Self-Subsisting calleth aloud from the Supreme Horizon, yet most of the people hear not. The greatest veil hath prevented them from the Lord of Destiny, as attesteth He with Whom is the hidden Book. All things have been illumined by the lights of the countenance of the Lord of Names, yet the people have turned away. Heedlessness hath so seized them that they have denied God and rejected His proof and testimony that encompasseth all beings. They would enter mosques and temples to remember God, yet when the Dayspring of Revelation appeared, they turned away from Him, following instead vain imaginings and idle fancies. Blessed is the strong one who hath broken the idols, and the steadfast one who hath arisen for this forbidden Cause. We made knowledge for the recognition of the Known One, yet when He appeared in truth, the learned and the mystics turned away, save whom God willed, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken. Blessed is he who hath heard and woe unto every heedless and veiled one.

O Mir-Muhammad! We make mention of thee and those who have believed in God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: O people of the earth! Set aside mere words and hold fast unto deeds. Thus doth command you the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, would that ye might perceive. This is the Day of remembrance and praise, and this is the Day of revelation and meeting, yet the people turn away therefrom. This is the Day wherein the ocean of divine knowledge hath surged and the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath wafted, yet most of the people know it not. They have cast aside their God and taken their vain desires, yet they perceive it not. They hear the verses of God and deny them, yet they understand not.

We counsel thee and those who have believed to observe My virtues and that which hath been sent down in My Book. By My life! Through these shall the Cause of God be made manifest amongst the servants. Of this beareth witness the Preserved Tablet that is with Him. Thus have We illumined the horizon of the Tablet with the sun of the remembrance of My Name, the Mighty, the Loving.

O Mihdi! Thou hast heard the divine verses in eloquent Arabic; now hear them in the sweeter Persian tongue and arise to praise and glorify the Best-Beloved of the worlds. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the hearing of the Call and been enabled to respond, for verily, in this day whosoever hath attained unto "Yea" is recorded among the near ones in the Manifest Book. All people have been created for the divine Day, for His recognition and service, yet when the banner "Verily I am the Lord of Revelation" was raised upon the highest summit of Sinai, all were found to be deniers and turned away. Fie upon them and upon those who followed them without clear proof or Book!

Praise be to God that thou art triumphant through divine grace and occupied with the mention and promotion of His Cause. This station is most great in the presence of the Throne. Know thou its value and preserve it in the Name of Truth, for the barking ones and the satans lie in wait, occupied with utmost deceit and craft. Ask thou God to protect those who have believed from the evil of these ones. Verily, He is the Hearing, the Answering.

God willing, thou shalt offer the Kawthar of divine knowledge to the people of the world with joy and fragrance, and like a banner upon the hills thou shalt be known by the divine Name. Today, conflict, corruption and contention have all been strictly forbidden in God's Book, and victory hath been made dependent upon wisdom and utterance. Blessed is the soul that hath held fast unto these through the teaching of One Who is All-Informed.

Remind all through wisdom. The promotion of God's Cause hath been and shall ever be among the greatest of deeds. Assured, content and well-pleasing souls must engage in this most great matter with perfect wisdom. Divine confirmation hath assisted and will continue to assist. Verily, He is the Bountiful, the Generous.

Convey greetings from the Wronged One to all the friends. God willing, may all act as befitteth the days of God. Say: O friends! The Tongue of the All-Merciful declareth: Until ye become aware of the false utterances of the past, ye shall not properly comprehend the truth and sincerity of this wondrous Day. Say: Hold fast unto that which the Wronged One hath taught you, purely for the sake of your Lord, the Mighty, the Wise.

Today the people of Bayan are seen to be the most veiled of all people, for they cling to vain imaginings and hold fast to idle fancies. To this beareth witness the Book of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. The cause of the world's ruin hath been and is those souls who, in utter ignorance, have appeared in the guise of knowledge, and falsehood that hath appeared in the garment of truth. O people of Baha! Avoid these and remain at a clear distance. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon them from God, the Mighty, the Great. Praise be to God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the Wise.

BH00385: Blessed are they who speak the truth and hold…

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Blessed are they who speak the truth and hold fast to wisdom and utterance at all times. These are servants whom the might of creation hath not deterred from that which was enjoined upon them in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed are the deeds of those whom veils have not withheld, nor the opposition of the divines and mystics who cast the Command of God behind their backs and followed vain imaginings and idle fancies without any clear proof or enlightening Book.

Praise be to God Who hath manifested the proof and revealed the utterance and given glad tidings unto all on this Day which the All-Merciful mentioned in the Qur'an through His words "The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds." Praise be to God Who hath spoken and caused all things to speak as befitteth His Day, which was recorded in the ancient Scrolls and inscribed in the hearts of the chosen ones, the pure ones, the Prophets and the Messengers.

And further: the dove of thy remembrance caused Me to hear, and thy love moved Me, O thou who lovest Him Who is our Beloved and your Beloved, our Purpose and the Purpose of all who are in the heavens and the earth, our Object of worship and the Object of worship of all who are in the kingdoms of Command and Creation. When I broke its seal and read it and became aware of its contents, I repaired to the Most Great Scene, the Station wherein the Lord of Destiny speaketh forth every hidden secret—He by Whose finger the heaven was cleft asunder and the moon was split and that which was in God's knowledge appeared quicker than the twinkling of an eye. When I turned towards it and drew nigh and entered the seat of the Throne, I arose and, having obtained permission, read what was in your letter. Then the glance of my Lord's loving-kindness turned toward Me, and He revealed that which caused the breezes of the All-Merciful to waft over all possibility, and He said, exalted be His grandeur:

He is the Witness, the Hearer, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

O Sadiq! We have mentioned thee before in verses that caused the ocean of forgiveness to surge in all creation and the fragrance of thy Lord's mercy, which hath preceded all in the heavens and earth, to waft. And We have revealed unto thee what lay hidden in the treasuries of all the Books. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. He confirmeth whomsoever He willeth among His servants and draweth him nigh unto this Ocean, from whose waves can be heard that which the Interlocutor of Sinai uttered in the Land of Manifestation and the Bird of the Throne when the Ancient Beauty was established upon the seat of His Most Great Name.

Say: O concourse of divines! By God, He Who was promised in God's Books hath come, and He Who was hidden in the knowledge of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, hath been made manifest. Cast aside what ye possess and take hold of that which ye have been bidden by God, the Lord of all worlds. Do ye deny Him to Whom the Tongue of Grandeur bore witness in former ages? Fear God and follow not your idle fancies. Follow ye Him Who hath come to you with a perspicuous Book.

O Sadiq! The servant in attendance hath laid thy letter before the Wronged One, and as the fragrance of acceptance and sincerity wafted from it, these resplendent verses shone forth from the Dayspring of the Divine Pen. Blessed are they who in this Day have attained unto that which God hath willed. Whosoever hath attained unto a single word from the Tongue of Grandeur is recorded before God as one of the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise and is inscribed in the Book. Strive to preserve this most exalted station and reflect upon the Day of God and its requirements. I swear by the seat of the Most Great Throne! Should anyone recognize the station of this glorious and wondrous Day, which is mentioned in all divine Books as the Day of God, he would attain unto the most great steadfastness, and neither the cawing of the deniers, nor the croaking of the croakers, nor the doubts of the divines, nor the allusions of the composers would debar him from the Dayspring of verses and the Source of revelation.

Thus hath the Pen spoken by command of the Ancient King, as a favor from His presence upon thee and upon those who have testified to that whereunto God testified before the creation of the heavens and earth: that there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The bounties of the Lord of Names and Attributes are evident and manifest through the appearance of resplendent verses. They have no need of mention or presentation by this servant. My mention is

according to my capacity and powerlessness, while His mention transcendeth my understanding and the understanding of the peoples of earth and heaven, and my intellect and the intellects of all created things. May God, exalted be His glory and universal be His bounty, confirm this servant and thyself in preserving that which hath been bestowed. The servant beseeches his Lord at all times to protect His loved ones, His chosen ones, and His pure ones from the evil of every misleading croaker and every lying detractor, and from every ignorant scholar and every deceitful atheist.

O My loved one! The world hath been laid waste by vain imaginings. The world hath but one Builder, one Destroyer. The Command is in God's hands, the Lord of lords. The people are seen to be so heedless that one is astonished. If one veil is rent asunder, they are found to be afflicted with another veil greater than the first. For twelve hundred years and more, the well-known sect was occupied with calumny, slander and the like. At the time of the test, it became clear and evident to every person of insight that that rebellious and transgressing sect was the party of Satan, not the hosts of the All-Merciful. Now those who are veiled in the Bayan follow the same paths.

These ignorant ones have not reflected even slightly upon what was the outcome and result of those souls' deeds and actions. Yea, I have knowledge of their deeds. The fruits thereof were that they pronounced sentence against the Beloved of all worlds, and with manifest tyranny martyred the Beloved One Whose mention they had uttered night and day with the words "may God hasten His relief." Moreover, they martyred souls who had no peer under heaven. Woe unto them for what their hands have wrought on the Day which was mentioned as the Day of God in the Books of the Prophets and Messengers.

Let us say and supplicate with utmost lowliness, entreaty, imploring, lamentation and contrition, from the depths of our hearts:

O Thou Beloved of existence and remembered in hearts! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Word whereby the gate of heaven and the kingdom of names was opened, to aid all eyes to behold the horizon of Thy Manifestation and all ears to hearken unto what hath been raised from the shrill voice of Thy Pen. O Lord! Thou seest Thy servants and creation turning away from Thy face and heedless of what Thou hast revealed through Thy power and might, save for the few letters of Thy face whom Thou hast mentioned in Thy Book and described in Thy verses. O Lord! I beseech Thee by them and by their acceptance and their steadfastness and their remembrances and their attributes and their being wronged and what befell them in Thy days and in Thy path, to send down from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will draw the people of earth nigh unto Thee. Verily Thou art the Source of bounty and its Sovereign, and the Manifestation of grace and its signs. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

God willing, may all these servants be enabled to remain steadfast in God's Cause and be aided to protect the helpless people from the veils and doubts and uncertainties and intimations of the chiefs of fancy and vain imaginings.

Concerning what you wrote about the family of His Holiness the Name 66 (Allah-jim-mim), upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, that they were imprisoned and that you wished to substitute yourself

for that imprisonment—this matter is evidence, indication, witness and testimony to your faithfulness and your steadfastness. Blessed are ye and joy be unto you.

That you mentioned he sought a guarantor from you against corruption after speaking with the aforementioned person—Glory be to God! Glory be to God! At these words one finds oneself plunged into an ocean of wonderment, for it has become manifest and evident to all the world, like the sun at its meridian, that the Dawning-Place of Divine Revelation, the Manifestation of His Self, and the Day-spring of His verses, has appeared solely for the reformation of the world. In this regard, you should recite those verses which have been sent down in the divine Books, Tablets and Scriptures concerning this Most Great Revelation—all of which proclaim unity and concord, reformation and kindliness, love and compassion, while forbidding corruption, conflict, contention and the like—that all may become aware of that which God, exalted be His glory, has willed and commanded His servants.

Although this servant believes that all are and have been aware of this matter, for in most Tablets the friends of God have been strictly forbidden in the Book from unseemly deeds, unpleasing conduct, and base utterances. Pure souls should gather divine verses pertaining to every situation and, with wisdom and appropriateness, convey them in a spirit of joy and fragrance—for instance, verses concerning character, as well as those revealed regarding deeds and words and the prohibition of corruption, contention and conflict, and likewise keep in mind verses for other occasions, reciting them when necessary, that perchance the heedless may become aware and comprehend their purpose. The loved ones of God must reflect upon those matters that conduce to the exaltation and glory of the Cause and that accord with the wisdom revealed in the Tablets, and act accordingly.

Were someone to compile the verses sent down from the Kingdom of the divine Command concerning the absence of corruption, conflict and contention, it would surely constitute a mighty book. At times this evanescent servant heard blessed words from His tongue to this effect—His glory be exalted: “Blessed is the state of one who killed not but was killed in God’s path, who harmed no one and became the target of the heedless people’s harm.” And likewise He says, exalted be His grandeur: “I have come for unity and concord, not for hatred and obstinacy.” He further states: “The Truth has come for the reformation of the world, not for corruption.” And likewise He says—exalted be His glory: “God has entrusted the world, both land and sea, to the kings, and that which God regards is and has ever been the hearts of His servants.”

The friends of God must, through wisdom, utterance, kindliness and compassion, take possession of hearts and direct them to the supreme horizon. And likewise He says: “God and His loved ones are quit of those who shed blood, who consume people’s wealth unjustly, and who enter houses without the permission of their owners, after all this has been strictly forbidden in the Book. Corruption and conflict befit the beasts of the field, not man. The attribute of man has ever been and will ever continue to be kindliness and compassion.”

One of the passages from the Crimson Tablet is mentioned here, so that all may truly attain to what God has willed. His glory be exalted! The heaven of divine wisdom is illumined with two luminaries: consultation and compassion. In all matters hold fast unto consultation, for it is the lamp of guidance that leadeth the way and bestoweth understanding. Thus doth the All-Informed, the All-Wise, inform you.

Likewise, in that same Tablet He saith: The heaven of wisdom is illumined by two suns: forbearance and righteousness. O people of the earth! Hearken unto the counsels of the One Friend and preserve them as the apple of your eye. And again, in another passage, His glory be exalted, He saith:

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

Through this word the Kingdom of Utterance is stirred, but the heedless remain in manifest obscurity.

According to His command, your honor should act with the utmost wisdom. It is not permissible to mention the Cause before the government and its officials, for this would be contrary to wisdom. That petitions and correspondence from the friends arrive and their replies are delayed—this has been and will continue to be due to wisdom, for should the authorities become aware, it may result in adverse consequences, as they are not yet cognizant of God's purpose and believe this holy, pure Cause to be contrary to the welfare and tranquility of government and nation. By God's life! Had they known, you would have found them among those who arise to serve God's Cause.

Convey greetings to all the friends on behalf of this evanescent one. God willing, may all associate with all people in love and harmony. If possible, it would be desirable for your honor to proceed to Baku or its surroundings for some time to guide the people, but with the utmost joy and fragrance. The Glory be upon you and upon those who believe in the All-Merciful.

BH01917: A remembrance from Us to him who has turned…

He is the Dawning One from the horizon of utterance

A remembrance from Us to him who has turned to the Supreme Horizon and drunk the Choice Wine sealed from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Lord of Names, on a Day wherein the greatest terror seized all mankind except whom God, the Lord of Destiny, willed—He Who summoned all in the Most Great Prison unto God, the Lord of the world, and before that in Baghdad and other lands. Thus was the matter decreed from God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Ashraf, O thou who gazest upon the Most Great Scene! Remind the people and acquaint them with what was sent down before regarding the mention of this Day, which was named the Day of God in the Scriptures of God, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Say: This is the Day wherein mankind has arisen unto the Lord of the worlds, and this is what the All-Merciful revealed in the Qur'an—to this testifies every just and informed one. Say: O people of creation! By God, the All-Merciful has come, Whose advent every Prophet and every trustworthy Messenger heralded. Say: Open your eyes and follow not those who followed vain imaginings until they turned away from the All-Informed One. Say: Die in your wrath! Your Lord has come with the angels rank upon rank, and this is the Day whereof God, the King, informed that "the Kingdom on that Day shall be God's"—be fair, O people of the earth, and be not of the wrongdoers.

This is the Day wherein none is mentioned save God alone. Read ye the former Books that ye may discover this Treasure, through Whose appearance the tribes of the earth have lamented, the daysprings

of vain imaginings were terrified, and the hearts of the idolaters were troubled. O people of the earth! Dispute not the signs of God after their revelation, and follow not every remote ignorant one.

Blessed art thou for having turned, heard, and answered thy Ancient Lord. The Supreme Pen testifies that thou art the star rising from the horizon of steadfastness in this heaven which was raised up through this Most Great Name. Soar in this atmosphere and speak forth His Name, through Whose manifestation all on earth and in heaven were thunderstruck, save whom God, the Mighty, the Powerful, willed. It behooveth thee to convey the Cause of thy Lord with spirit and fragrance—this is among the most excellent deeds with God, the Goal of the worlds. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist thee in helping the Cause of thy Lord and to enable thee to do what befitteth this glorious and wondrous Day.

Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones and give them glad tidings of this Remembrance, through Whose appearance all things proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth to Him Who hath come with manifest sovereignty." Say: This is the Day of steadfastness, did ye but know. Say: Beware lest the doubts of those who have disbelieved in God and His signs, and denied this grace to which all the Books of the world have testified, hold you back—verily they are among the abased ones. They have cast the ordinances of God behind their backs and taken what they were commanded by every dubious ignorant one. Arise to promote the Cause and illumine hearts with the lights of thy Lord's countenance, and acquaint them with this Straight Path.

Say: With Him is not what is with you, nor doth He walk in your ways. He hath appeared and manifested what He desired through His sovereignty over all in the heavens and earth. Grieve not at the people and their clamor. Rather, rejoice in that thou hast been mentioned before the Truth in this Clear Tablet. The glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who hear thy word regarding this Cause whereby the earth was rent asunder, the heaven was cleft, and every lofty and towering mountain was scattered. And praise be to God, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

BH01945: O Muhammad-Rida! God willing, mayest thou be favored…

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

O Muhammad-Rida! God willing, mayest thou be favored with the loving-kindness of the Beloved of the worlds and drink of the choice wine of His utterance. Time and again hath thy call been heard, and whatsoever thou didst privately and openly supplicate from God, exalted be His glory, hath been manifest and evident in the mirror of divine knowledge.

This is a Day wherein all must speak for the sake of God, turn unto Him, and arise for His Cause. Hearken thou unto the call of the One True Speaker and hold fast unto that which will cause the exaltation of the Cause of God. All created things summon the people of creation to the most sublime horizon, and yet earthly temples remain occupied with vain imaginings, turning away from and heedless of the Lord of Lords.

Today the fragrance of the divine raiment is diffused and the call of God is raised. All must regard the time as precious, for a single minute of these days cannot be compared with the centuries of bygone ages. Know thou the value of this supreme gift and occupy thyself with service to the Cause.

Say: O friends of God! The Promised One hath appeared from the horizon of the world, manifest and visible to all, and the Mother Book hath been sent down from the heaven of bounty. Verily, He hath appeared with the truth and walketh not in your ways and paths. He hath appeared and made manifest His straight path. This Day hath no peer or likeness.

Say: Strive ye, that while the Sun of Truth is shining, the heaven of grace is raised high, and the ocean of bounty is surging, ye may attain unto your portion. All that ye behold shall soon return to nothingness, save the Word that hath been sent down from the Supreme Pen—it shall endure as long as endureth the kingdom of earth and heaven.

Say: O friends! Waste not your time. Turn ye unto the horizon of God's Cause. Today all must fix their gaze upon the Will and Purpose of God, not upon that which they themselves possess and desire.

That which I have asked of God, thy Lord, for thee—verily He ordaineth what He willeth. Thy Lord is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He knoweth that which profiteth His servants, and with Him is the knowledge of all things in a perspicuous Book. Grieve not over anything. Put thy trust in God—verily He is with His servants who trust in Him.

Blessed is the one who hath not squandered these moments which are more precious than the rarest crimson ruby, and hath attained unto service to the Cause. And service to the divine Cause, in its primary degree and first station, hath been and shall ever be mention of Him with wisdom and utterance. Hearken thou unto the call of the Wronged One and convey unto the friends that which He hath commanded.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Rida! This is the Day of steadfastness—whoso attaineth unto it hath attained unto all good. If thou hast attained unto the divine tablet and inhaled the fragrance of the divine raiment, turn thy face toward God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thou hast made it to exercise dominion over all that hath been and shall be, to write down for me by Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. I testify that I know not what profiteth me. The reins of knowledge are in Thy grasp. Thou art verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. I moreover beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy Cause. I testify unto that whereunto the Tongue of Thy Greatness testified before the creation of the heavens and the earth. Thou didst say—and Thy word is the truth—"Verily My Cause is mighty, mighty—none hath comprehended its might save God, the Single One, the All-Knowing."

BH02046: Consider the former generations. Witness how every time…

Consider the former generations. Witness how every time the Day Star of Divine bounty hath shed the light of His Revelation upon the world, the people of His Day have arisen against Him, and repudiated His truth. They who were regarded as the leaders of men have invariably striven to hinder their followers from turning unto Him Who is the Ocean of God's limitless bounty.

Behold how the people, as a result of the verdict pronounced by the divines of His age, have cast Abraham, the Friend of God, into fire; how Moses, He Who held converse with the Almighty, was

denounced as liar and slanderer. Reflect how Jesus, the Spirit of God, was, notwithstanding His extreme meekness and perfect tender-heartedness, treated by His enemies. So fierce was the opposition which He, the Essence of Being and Lord of the visible and invisible, had to face, that He had nowhere to lay His head. He wandered continually from place to place, deprived of a permanent abode. Ponder that which befell Muhammad, the Seal of the Prophets, may the life of all else be a sacrifice unto Him.

How severe the afflictions which the leaders of the Jewish people and of the idol-worshipers caused to rain upon Him, Who is the sovereign Lord of all, in consequence of His proclamation of the unity of God and of the truth of His Message! By the righteousness of My Cause! My Pen groaneth, and all created things weep with a great weeping, as a result of the woes He suffered at the hands of them that have broken the Covenant of God, violated His Testament, rejected His proofs, and disputed His signs. Thus recount We unto thee the tale of that which happened in days past, haply thou mayest comprehend.

Thou hast known how grievously the Prophets of God, His Messengers and Chosen Ones, have been afflicted. Meditate a while on the motive and reason which have been responsible for such a persecution. At no time, in no Dispensation, have the Prophets of God escaped the blasphemy of their enemies, the cruelty of their oppressors, the denunciation of the learned of their age, who appeared in the guise of uprightness and piety. Day and night they passed through such agonies as none can ever measure, except the knowledge of the one true God, exalted be His glory.

Consider this wronged One. Though the clearest proofs attest the truth of His Cause; though the prophecies He, in an unmistakable language, hath made have been fulfilled; though, in spite of His not being accounted among the learned, His being unschooled and inexperienced in the disputations current among the divines, He hath rained upon men the showers of His manifold and divinely-inspired knowledge; yet, behold how this generation hath rejected His authority, and rebelled against Him! He hath, during the greater part of His life, been sore-tried in the clutches of His enemies. His sufferings have now reached their culmination in this afflictive Prison, into which His oppressors have so unjustly thrown Him. God grant that, with a penetrating vision and radiant heart, thou mayest observe the things that have come to pass and are now happening, and, pondering them in thine heart, mayest recognize that which most men have, in this Day, failed to perceive. Please God, He may enable thee to inhale the sweet fragrance of His Day, to partake of the limitless effusions of His grace, to quaff they fill, through His gracious favor, from the most great Ocean that surgeth in this Day in the name of the Ancient King, and to remain firm and immovable as the mountain in His Cause.

Say: Glory be to Thee Who hast caused all the holy Ones to confess their helplessness before the manifold revelations of Thy might, and every Prophet to acknowledge His nothingness at the effulgence of Thine abiding glory. I beseech Thee, by Thy name that hath unlocked the gates of Heaven and filled with ecstasy the Concourse on high, to enable me to serve Thee, in this Day, and to strengthen me to observe that which Thou didst prescribe in Thy Book. Thou knowest, O my Lord, what is in me; but I know not what is in Thee. Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH02072: Praise be to God that through His boundless grace…

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

Praise be to God that through His boundless grace, mercy and loving-kindness, thou hast turned thy face to the Most Exalted Horizon and drunk from the hands of the Beloved of all creation the living waters of immortality, and the tongue of the All-Merciful hath uttered: “Well is it with thee!” Know thou the worth of this most exalted station, this furthermost goal, this primal pearl, and guard this precious jewel from the eyes of the thieves and traitors, by the name of God, exalted be His glory.

O Kazim, My friend, My servant! In the days when all souls were troubled and fearful of the might of the oppressors and the idolaters, and dwelt behind veils and clouds, this Wronged One arose to promote the Cause with utmost determination, power and majesty—an arising that no sitting could overtake—and with loudest call summoned the people of the Kingdom of Utterance to the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven. And when the world of possibility was illumined with the lights of the utterance of the All-Merciful, and the crimson standard was, through the grace of the Most Exalted Word, hoisted in the highest station, the veiled, concealed and fearful souls emerged from behind their veils and with a hundred thousand tricks and deceptions set about to lead astray the illumined and assured souls, turning to every land and region that perchance through fiery tablets and the book of hell they might bar those on the right hand from the living waters and draw them to the source of idle fancies and the dawning-place of vain imaginings.

God willing, your honor must remain so steadfast that through its influence the people of that region, nay, of all regions and districts, may attain unto the supreme steadfastness. This is not difficult for thy Lord. Strive thou that in life thou mayest sacrifice thy precious soul for thy glorious Lord and in living attain the lofty station of martyrdom. Whosoever today hath caused his will and desire to be lost in the will and desire of God, exalted be His glory—that is, hath abandoned his own desire and held fast to that which God hath willed—hath in life and living attained unto the supreme martyrdom. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto this most exalted, most glorious and most sublime horizon.

O Kazim! Rejoice thou in this most great gladness, for verily God, exalted be His glory, hath accepted thy mention and thy offering hath been accepted before the Wronged One. Give thanks unto God for this bounty which hath preceded thee and this mercy which hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. God willing, thou shalt be the cupbearer of the wine of mystic knowledge and shall revive and quicken the withered ones of that land and its people through the living waters of divine utterance, that all may not remain deprived of the ocean of knowledge.

Would that they might become aware of the Most Great Luminary that hath shone forth from the horizon of the world! I swear by the Sun of divine knowledge that hath risen from the horizon of the prison, were they to become cognizant of but a trace of His countless favors, thou wouldst surely behold them all circling round. This is the Most Exalted Word that hath appeared from the Dawning-Place of knowledge of the Lord of Names. Blessed are they that hear! Blessed are they that understand! Blessed are they that act! Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!

BH02097: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

In His Name, the One Who ruleth over what hath been and what shall be!

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come with the truth is verily the One through Whom was revealed that which lay hidden in God's knowledge and was recorded in the Books of the Prophets and Messengers. Through Him hath the Hour appeared, and the Resurrection come to pass, and the Bridge been laid, and the Balance set up, and every firm and steadfast mountain been moved. This is the Day which in all the divine Books, Scriptures and Psalms hath truly been attributed to God and is known as the Day of God.

Nevertheless, doubtful and hesitant souls remain veiled therefrom, clinging to the conjectures and idle fancies of the past. For twelve hundred years they considered themselves the best of all sects, the saved community and favored nation, yet when God's test appeared they proved more wicked than all other sects and more rebellious than all other peoples, for they hanged the Essence of Being and the Worshipped Beauty and martyred Him with the most grievous torment. The curse of God be upon the wrongdoing people!

And now the people of the Bayan remain veiled and deprived of the Name of the Self-Subsisting and the sealed wine, clinging to the same vain imaginings. Blessed is he who with might hath rent asunder the veils, and he who with power hath shattered the idols of fancy, and he who through steadfastness hath illumined the horizon of certitude.

In these days, in one of the Tablets this blessed word hath dawned from the horizon of the Supreme Pen: Until thou becomest aware of the falsehood of the past, thou shalt not bear witness to the truth of this wondrous Day. The heedless people must be awakened that they may recognize the daysprings of conjecture and fancy of the past and future, and may hold fast to the straight path and the firm and mighty cord. The Cause is most mighty, yet the people remain weak. Until now they have not understood the Day of God and like earthworms remain stuck in the clay of vain imaginings.

In one of the Tablets these firm and perfect words were revealed: Great and wondrous is this Day, for He is manifest in the garment of I and the Hidden One speaketh with the tongue of I am the One Who is seen.

O ʿAta! Say: This Day hath no peer or likeness. Strive that ye may not be deprived of the outpourings of the true Outpourer. Say: O ye who are veiled! To whom do ye turn, and from whom do ye turn away? Say: Cast away what ye possess and take what God remindeth you of. It shall profit you in all His worlds. He is verily the Truthful Informer.

Should anyone ask you by what proof ye have believed in God, say: By this perspicuous Book and this firm and mighty Cause. Say: Thus doth God teach you as a token of His grace, and He is the Forgiving, the Generous.

Blessed is he who hath cast away the world, turning unto the Most Great Name through which the seas have surged and the winds have blown and the Nightingale hath warbled upon the branches. There is none other God but Him, the Manifest, the Speaking, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH02475: This is a Book sent down in truth…

He is the One manifest from the Supreme Horizon through His Most Glorious Name

This is a Book sent down in truth in this Prison which hath been named with the Most Beautiful Names, wherein the Lord of all beings hath spoken—there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Thou wert mentioned before the Countenance, and there was revealed for thee aforetime that from which the fragrance of the All-Merciful was diffused. Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Blessed art thou for having spoken the truth and acknowledged that which God acknowledged before what was and what will be. Blessed is he who hath attained to the knowledge of his Lord, and blessed is the speaker who hath spoken in the name of God, the Lord of existence. Arise to the Cause by Our command and remind the people of this Day which was promised in the Books of God, the Lord of the seen and unseen.

Praise be to God that thou hast attained to that which was intended. The mention of this glorious Day and what hath appeared therein hath been recorded in the divine Books, Tablets and Scriptures, as every clear Book and wondrous Tablet doth testify. With perfect wisdom and utterance, occupy thyself with teaching the Cause of the All-Merciful. I swear by the pearls of the divine ocean of knowledge that no station hath been or is more excellent than this station. Drink and give to drink the sealed wine in the name of the Self-Subsisting, that perchance troubled hearts may attain peace and withered souls may be adorned with freshness. Quicken the dead through the name of the Beloved of all creation, and guide those who remain behind to the Kawthar of guidance.

This is the Day for the manifestation of supreme steadfastness. Whosoever attaineth unto it hath attained unto all good. God willing, thou shalt appear and shine like a standard upon the hills of the world through the name of the Lord of Names. This is the station that endureth as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endureth. Hold fast unto it in the name of thy Lord, the Almighty, and say:

> “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth.”

Convey My greetings to all the friends in that land on behalf of this Wronged One and say: This is a Day wherein all must gather around one Word and drink from the chalice of unity and concord. We previously announced that the cawing of the crows would be raised and fiery leaves would be spread abroad. In these days this hath appeared and shall continue to appear. Ye must be so steadfast in the Cause that neither the clamor of the world nor the parties of the nations shall prevent or debar you from the Most Great Name. This is the counsel of the Wronged One to His friends.

The Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have sought the Ultimate Goal and have attained unto supreme steadfastness in this mighty and wondrous Cause.

BH02770: This is a mention from Us to him whose…

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing!

This is a mention from Us to him whose book was presented before Our face in this Prison, whose particles testify that the Intended One hath come with manifest sovereignty, that the fragrances of remembrance may attract him in such wise as to rend asunder the veils through the name of his Lord, the Commander, the Almighty.

Thou hast expressed grief. This is the Day which in all the Scriptures, Books and Tablets is rightly attributed to God and mentioned as the Day of God. The Most Great Joy standeth manifest and visible before the face of the world. Reflect upon the stories of old, that perplexity may be transformed into certitude and the sun of assurance may shine forth from the horizon of the heaven of thy heart. Whatsoever hath occurred in the world was revealed with utmost clarity from the Supreme Pen. If thou wouldst observe, thou wouldst become somewhat aware of the all-encompassing knowledge of God.

In every age and epoch, when the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree was heard and the fragrance of the Revelation was diffused, the divines of the age arose to deny and denounce. They are learned in the eyes of men but ignorant before thy Lord, the All-Knowing. It is not known in what wilderness these ignorant souls walk or toward what visage they turn. They adduce proof of their own truth from a mere drop while remaining heedless and turning away from the ocean of verses. If they look to knowledge, its sun is manifest and evident from the horizons of divine Tablets in such wise that none hath any way to deny or object. And if they look to verses, these have encompassed East and West.

In the Tablet of Proof these two verses were sent down from the heaven of the will of the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who readeth them and findeth the sweetness of the utterance of his Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. We said: “Dost thou object to Him Who hath brought thee what thou possessest and what the people of the world possess of God’s proofs and His signs? Open thy vision that thou mayest behold the Wronged One dawning from the horizon of God’s will, the King, the Truth, the Manifest.” And in another place: “Dost thou deny the verses of thy Lord which, when sent down from the heaven of the Command, caused all the Books of the world to bow before them? Thus did the Tongue speak in the kingdom of utterance, yet most of the people are heedless.”

The souls that are firm, steadfast, established and assured must become illumined by the lights of the Sun of divine utterance and give light to the world. It behooveth him who hath attained unto this Tablet to render thanks unto his Lord, the Speaker, the All-Knowing. Thus hath the sun of grace shone forth and illumined the horizon of the loving-kindness of God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH02793: A book from Us to him from whose mention…

He is the One dawning from the horizon of the Tablet with His name the All-Powerful.

A book from Us to him from whose mention wafts the fragrance of the love of his Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, that the utterance of the All-Merciful may draw him to a station wherein he heareth from the rustling of its breezes that there is none other God but Me, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Great.

O thou who hast turned! Rejoice that thy letter hath been honored to attain the presence of the Lord of Names in this station which hath been named with the most beauteous names in the Crimson Tablet and

with the heaven of this heaven in My Preserved Tablet. We have found from it the fragrance of thy sincerity, thy turning and thy orientation toward the Supreme Horizon, the Dawning-Place of the rising of the sun of My Most Glorious Name, and We have answered thee with a Tablet wherein thou shalt find the fragrance of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the All-Bountiful.

Blessed art thou in that thou hast desired to arise to serve thy Lord, the Lord of all mankind. He shall strengthen thee through His grace from His presence, and He is the Ever-Bestowing, the Ancient. Look, then remember what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an:

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

When the lights of the dawn of the Day shown forth and gleamed, the divines and mystics turned away from it, until they pronounced judgment against Him Who came with manifest wrong. They had been waiting through the nights and days for the appearance of the Manifestation of their Lord, the All-Merciful, but when He appeared in truth they turned away from Him and disputed His verses which encompassed the heavens and earth. They committed that which the divines of idolatry did not commit when Muhammad the Messenger of God came, nor the Jewish divines when the Spirit came with a clear command. Thus was the matter decreed, but most of the people are among the ignorant. They cast the Book of God behind their backs in that they followed every ignorant doubter.

Arise to serve the Cause with wisdom and utterance, and remind those in creation of what hath shown forth and dawned from the horizon of God's will, the Lord of the worlds. Grieve not at separation and its might, for He recordeth for whomever desireth it the reward of attaining His mighty, impregnable presence. He verily seeth and judgeth; with Him is the knowledge of all things in a mighty Book. Blessed is the tongue that speaketh the truth, and the heart that turneth to the Single One, the All-Wise, and the pen that setteth down the traces of its Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

Say: Should one who crieth out come to you with tablets of fire, cast them behind you, turning unto God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. The Glory be upon thee and upon those whom neither the books of the world nor the clamor of the nations have prevented from this Most Great Book which speaketh: "There is none other God but Me, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing."

BH02788: The Supreme Pen makes mention of all the emigrants…

He is the Compassionate, He is the All-Merciful!

The Supreme Pen makes mention of all the emigrants in the Land of Sad who have been scattered by the tyranny of the oppressors and have chosen exile, with a mention which, by the life of God, diffuses the fragrance of divine favor to such a degree that the people of the most exalted Paradise have perceived it.

O emigrants in the path of God! Ye have heard the terrible clamor of the ungodly in His path; now hearken to the sweet call of the Goal of all creation. Your names are like stars in the heaven of the command of the All-Merciful, and your mention flows and courses like the Euphrates of mercy through the body of contingent being.

What station, what condition, what rank could be more glorious, more exalted, and more holy than these blessed and decisive words which have been sent down specifically for you from the heaven of the will of the Lord of Names and inscribed in the Tablet? The Most Great Joy circles round these words, and the Supreme Gladness bows down in worship.

However, the transcendent Truth counsels you to preserve these stations. In all conditions ye should fix your gaze upon these exalted stations which have been recorded by the Supreme Pen, and preserve them through the name of the Mighty, the Powerful, lest the fires of heedlessness and passion consume the fruits of the Tree of Grace. Great indeed is this Cause, and mighty is steadfastness therein. God willing, ye shall attain unto it.

O people of Sad! Your mention hath been sent down again and again from the heaven of will. The Books of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, bear witness to this. Rejoice then in God, your Creator, your Fashioner, your Helper, and your Speaker. Verily, He is with you, and He is the All-Watchful, the Near One.

Blessed art thou, O son of Abhar, in that thou hast mentioned My loved ones who were beneath the glances of the providence that hath precedence over the worlds. O Husayn! Previously a Tablet was revealed specifically for thee and sent. God willing, thou shalt perceive from it the fragrance of the divine Robe and attain unto the most great steadfastness.

And this Tablet was revealed in response to the petition, but the divine attention was directed toward the loved ones of the Land of Sad. All have and shall have their portion from this most mighty, most holy Tablet. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. Verily, He is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Glory be upon you, O loved ones of God and His friends, and chastisement be upon your enemies who have perpetrated that which hath caused the Supreme Pen and the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing and those who circle round His mighty Throne to lament.

BH03406: O Abu'l-Hasan! The Lord of the hidden and manifest…

He is the Remembering One, the Witness, the All-Informed

O Abu'l-Hasan! The Lord of the hidden and manifest hath turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison and maketh mention of thee. Blessed art thou, happy art thou, joy be unto thee, and felicitations be unto thee, inasmuch as thou didst hear the verses and didst behold the clear proofs and didst drink of the sealed wine and didst partake, without interruption, of the Kawthar of the love of the All-Merciful. Most of thy days were spent in the love of God. I swear by the Ancient Beauty that all that existeth and is visible on earth cannot compare with this testimony that hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen concerning thee. Drink thou from the ocean of joy through My Name, and from the Kawthar of gladness. Praise be to God that thou didst attain unto the divine verses in these numbered years. They are better for thee than all the treasures of the earth. Therefore praise and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!"

Be not grieved at separation, for the reward of attainment unto His presence hath been inscribed for thee by the Pen of the Ancient of Days, and this hath been and continueth to be among the matchless bounties of God.

Convey My greetings to all the friends and say: This blessed Day hath been mentioned in all the Books and Tablets and is known as the Day of God. Know ye its value and act as beseemeth it. That which is accounted this day as the most great of all deeds in the sight of the Self-Sufficing, the Most High, is steadfastness in His Cause, for the embodiments of idle fancies have been and continue to be engaged in preventing the loved ones of God. This is why We have forewarned all aforetime. Clamor will be raised and the book of the netherworld and the tablets of fire will be spread abroad. The people of certitude who are mentioned in the Qur'an as the companions of the right hand and in the Qayyumu'l-Asma as the dwellers of the Crimson Ark must manifest such power and might that such idle persons will be powerless to prevent them. Thus hath spoken the Wronged One with that which benefiteth His loved ones in this mighty Prison.

Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH03479: He is the Compassionate, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! Praise…

He is the Compassionate, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! Praise be to the Beloved of the world Who, through the Most Great Word, has gathered to Himself the gems of all peoples and illumined them with the lights of the Sun of Revelation. Every soul that turned unto Him He drew to the highest horizon, and no seeker did He deprive of the choice sealed wine. Blessed are they who have arisen to serve and have attained the waters of steadfastness.

This is the Day of steadfastness and utterance. Beseech ye God, glorified be His majesty, that He may enable all to attain His special grace and bestow upon them a portion from the spring of assurance. In truth I say, this is the Day wherein whosoever wishes may attain whatsoever he desires.

O thou who drinkest from the cup of My love! Strive that perchance the people of that land may attain such a station wherein the cawing of the ungodly and the hints of the deniers may not prevent them from the truth. The evil ones have been and are lying in wait with utmost cunning, and in the name of truth have prevented and continue to prevent the people from the highest horizon. Thus doth the Pen command thee from the presence of God, the Lord of eternity, and give thee glad tidings of that which He hath ordained for thee in His kingdom, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

Convey My greetings to My loved ones who have cast aside all else but Me and chosen My straight path. Say: O people of Baha! Give thanks for having been mentioned by the Tongue of Grandeur while He was imprisoned among the heedless. He hath appeared with the truth and revealed what He desired as a grace from His presence. He is, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful.

Rejoice, O servant Before Mercy, that the face of the Beloved hath turned toward thee and mentioneth thee with that which shall endure through the eternity of My most beautiful names. Verily, thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Generous. He hath, as a grace from His presence, forgiven thee and revealed unto thee this

noble Book. Glory be upon thee and upon those with thee who have believed in the signs of God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH03576: O ʿAli! Today the very essence of proof proclaims…

In the name of the One Beloved Friend!

O ʿAli! Today the very essence of proof proclaims “Verily, the All-Merciful has come!” and all atoms bear witness to the Divine Form established upon the Most Great Throne. Although the Truth, exalted be His glory, is manifest with utmost revelation and wondrous new rivers flow from the right hand of the Throne, all remain deprived and forbidden. This has been and will continue to be the cause and reason for this most great veil.

O ʿAli! Bestow upon all contingent beings from the pure waters of the Kawthar of divine knowledge, that these earthly, transient conditions may be entirely removed and hearts may become powerful and firm through divine might. One who is sanctified from selfish conditions and shows perfect love and kindness to all people in the world will surely not be seized by fear nor disturbed by the conflicts of the earthly realm.

Convey greetings from the Truth to all and say: if you truly succeed in hearing a single call, or drink but one drop from this ocean, you will surely behold the entire world as a handful of dust. By My life! Then neither sorrows would seize you nor would you experience any disturbance. Thus has your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, testified.

God willing, preserve all your stations through the Name of God. Say: Beware, beware lest you deprive yourselves of that which has been ordained for you in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. All tribulations and afflictions that have been visited upon the path of God are remembered with Him and recorded in the Book. Know your worth, for you have attained to that which the distinguished and the pillars have been observed to be heedless of. Say: Give thanks unto your Lord, the Generous Bestower.

O ʿAli-Akbar! Upon thee be the Glory of the Lord of Destiny from the prison, and He says: The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have held fast to the Name of God and acted according to what the All-Merciful has revealed in His perspicuous Book.

BH03654: A mention from the Wronged One to those who…

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

A mention from the Wronged One to those who have answered the Lord of Names when the Call was raised from the Prison of Akka while We were in the hands of the heedless.

When We entered the Most Great Prison, We summoned the kings of the world and all peoples to God, the Single, the All-Informed. Among the people were those who found the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful and turned to Him, and among them were those who turned away, following every dubious learned one who cast the verses of God behind their backs and clung to the suppositions and idle

fancies they possessed. By God! What they possess will not profit them—to this testify all things, and beyond them this truthful, speaking, trustworthy Tongue.

Hearken to the call of the Wronged One and trust in God in all matters. He loves those who have turned to Him with radiant faces and clung to the hem of My All-Bountiful Name.

God willing, may you be successful through divine grace and remain steadfast in His Cause. The beginning of the matter is the recognition of God, and its end is steadfastness in His Cause, for the demons have been and are lying in wait. Be on your guard against them. Thus does He Who possesses the Mother Book teach you.

Be not grieved by any matter. The grace of God has been and will be with you. Soon there shall be revealed to you what lies hidden in an inscribed Book. Divine joy and heavenly victory have been and will be made manifest. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Triumphant, the All-Knowing.

Though for some days affairs may be observed contrary to what is pleasing, be not saddened. I swear by the Sun of the heaven of inner meanings that ere long whatsoever hath flowed from the Divine Pen shall become manifest and evident. Be assured and be among those who render thanks.

Glory be upon you and upon those who have attained unto the Most Great Steadfastness in this mighty, exalted Cause.

BH03765: O Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli, thou hast been and art ever mentioned…

In the name of the Beloved of the worlds.

O Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli, thou hast been and art ever mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. Thou art accounted among those souls who, before most others, attained repeatedly unto His presence. Neither did the buzzing of flies hold thee back from the Lord of Lords, nor did the croaking of ravens prevent thee from hearing the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree. This testimony, which hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen by leave of the Lord of Names, sufficeth thee. By the life of God, thou hast attained unto a great bounty! God willing, thou shalt be enabled to preserve this station, for the Cause is mighty great and steadfastness exceedingly glorious.

Convey My greetings to the loved ones in that land and say: God hath been and is the Witness and Observer, and whatsoever befell you He hath witnessed. Ye have borne in God’s path that which none else hath borne. Blessed are ye, then blessed are ye, nay rather, He circleth round about you.

Preserve, in the name of the Creator of heaven and the Lord of all things, this lofty and most exalted station. Let not the events of these fleeting days debar you from the immortal Kingdom. With the utmost joy and fragrance, with perfect calm and contentment, occupy yourselves with the remembrance of God and service to His Cause.

In truth, ye have heard taunts and witnessed abasement, and for the sake of God ye have renounced all that pertaineth to the world. Now preserve these tribulations, that ye may not be deprived of God’s great recompense and may attain unto His most excellent reward.

Rejoice in My remembrance and My loving-kindness, and in that which hath proceeded from My Pen. Verily it speaketh that whereunto nothing can compare nor anything equal. Know ye this and be of the thankful ones.

BH03895: In My Name, the Witness, the Witnessed

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This is a Book sent down by Him Who is the Goal from His praiseworthy station to him who turned to God, the Lord of the Throne and earth, when mankind turned away from Him by following every heedless doubter, that the Book might draw him to a station where neither the hosts of earth can frighten him nor the might of those who have turned away from God, the Lord of the worlds, can weaken him.

O Ali! Thy letter was read before the Wronged One and We found it adorned with the pearls of the love of God, and We have answered thee with these verses which all the treasuries of earth cannot equal, as thy Lord, the Speaking, the All-Seeing, doth testify.

Rejoice thou in this Most Great Remembrance and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the kingdom of names and in Whose right hand are the reins of all things. Thou art He Who hast aided me and taught me and made me know the Dayspring of Thy verses and the Dawning-Place of Thy clear tokens, from Whom most of mankind who followed their desires have turned away and cast behind them that which they were commanded in Thy perspicuous Book.

When thou hast attained unto the Tablet of God and found the fragrance of loving-kindness, say with wisdom and utterance: O people of the world! By God, the horizon of Manifestation hath been illumined and He Who conversed on Sinai hath appeared, through Whom the graves have been raised and the Trumpet hath been sounded. Know ye the Day and turn unto Him with such humility as would cause the princes of the earth and beyond them every discerning scholar to bow down.

Preserve thou God's Tablet and recite it. By My life! It will draw thee to an exalted station and send down for thee that which hath been ordained in the heaven of thy Lord's mercy. He, verily, is the Munificent, the Generous.

Hold thou fast unto the cord of steadfastness, lest the intimations of every barking dog cause thee to slip or the doubts of any accursed satan hinder thee. Thus doth the Mighty in Strength teach thee as He speaketh in the prison of Akka. He, verily, is the Expainer, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH03951: O Tahir! He that is manifest maketh now mention…

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

O Tahir! He that is manifest maketh now mention of thee—He Who, no sooner did He reveal Himself, than every believer in the unity of God turned back from Him; every doctor of religion condemned Him; every learned sage repudiated Him; and every jurist who had turned away from God, the Incomparable, the All-Knowing, unsheathed the sword against Him. Verily, this Wronged One beareth witness that thou didst arrive in the Most Great Prison, didst hearken unto the call of thy Best-Beloved, and didst stand

before a portal that hath been thrown open before all who are in heaven and on earth. Thou didst quaff the stream of everlasting life in the days of thy Lord, the Most Compassionate, and didst stand before Our Countenance when the Snow-white Hand passed round the cup of reunion. Unto this bear witness those who circle around Our habitation in the daytime and in the night-season.

Yield thou thanks unto God, inasmuch as He hath assisted thee to believe in Him, and hath enabled thee to hear His call from this luminous horizon. Thou hast come into Our presence, and heard and seen that which every perspicacious seer hath been deprived of recognizing. Thou art he who hath attained the bounty and mercy of God, and art of those who have achieved their object. He, truly, hath absolved thee of thy sins, and pardoned thee thy transgressions. Thy Lord, verily, is powerful to do as He pleaseth; no God is there but Him, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Glorious, the Most Bountiful.

Return thou unto thine abode, by the leave of God and at His behest, and admonish thou My loved ones, they whose hearts have melted in separation from God, the Lord of the worlds. We, verily, hear at all times their plaints andcries, their sighs and lamentations, in love for God and for the Dayspring of His Revelation. He, verily, is the Hearing, the Seeing. We, truly, exhort them to evince the most perfect steadfastness in this Cause, unto whose greatness have testified the Books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Say: By the righteousness of God! At the time when My straight path was made manifest, the footsteps of every seer stumbled, and the hearts of them that had attained unto Him were sore troubled. Thus have We illumined the horizon of the heaven of this Tablet with the effulgence of this Orb, before which, as soon as it appeared, the inmates of the All-Highest Paradise, and the angels that have drawn nigh unto God, bowed down in adoration. The Glory of God rest upon thee, and upon all those who have quaffed the wine of steadfastness in this Name that overshadoweth all things great and small.

BH04117: In the Name of the Beloved of the Heart!…

In the Name of the Beloved of the Heart! O ʿAli-Qabli-Muhammad! Your letter was presented at the Most Holy Court, and this servant submitted all of it in His presence. You had written:

> “Send down tribulation upon Your enemies and seize them with the fullness of Your might and Your power to chastise and punish.”

These words were heard, but the tongue of the All-Merciful speaks thus: O friend! Give praise to the Beloved of the world Who has enabled you to recognize the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Secret. If this bounty that was bestowed upon you had been bestowed upon all the peoples of the world, all would have turned to the Friend and gathered beneath the shade of the Tree. That which was not given to them was given to you, for their past deeds have deprived and excluded them from God’s infinite bounties.

In the station of communion and supplication with the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, speak these words:

> “O my Beloved, my Purpose, and the Ultimate Goal of my desires! You behold this evanescent servant who has turned to You and sought from You the eternal water. Grant that which befits Your greatness and is worthy of Your days. I beseech You by Your Most Great Name to rend

asunder the veils of the servants and to show and open unto them the gate of mercy. Awaken those who slumber with the hand of loving-kindness and tenderness, and make the heedless aware through the call of Your sweet banquet, that all may turn to You and advance towards You. O Lord! Deprive them not of the outpourings of the clouds of Your mercy and the breezes of the springtime of bounty in Your days. I testify that Your mercy has preceded all created things and Your loving-kindness has encompassed all who dwell on earth and in the heavens. There is no God but You, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful."

BH04138: Today the Sun of grace is manifest…

He is the Compassionate, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful

Today the Sun of grace is manifest and the ocean of loving-kindness is surging, and whatsoever God's consummate wisdom requireth will assuredly appear from the heaven of His Will. And if the fulfillment of certain wishes of the friends be delayed, they should not become sorrowful.

Fix thy gaze upon this blessed word which, like unto the sun, hath shone forth from the horizon of the divine Tablet and was sent to one of the servants: The pulse of the world is in the hand of the skilled Physician. He perceiveth the disease and in His wisdom prescribeth the remedy. God willing, drink ye in all conditions from the ocean of contentment.

The loving-kindness of God hath ever been and shall ever be with the steadfast ones who have turned unto Him. Verily, all affairs are in His hands. He seeth and speaketh, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

The fragrance of the love of the All-Merciful was wafted from thy letter. We found it through Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. He hath desired to make mention of Himself through thy turning unto Him. This is naught but a supreme bounty.

O God of the worlds and Sovereign of the nations! I beseech Thee by the rustling of the Tree of Thy loving-kindness and by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge, that Thou mayest ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will profit me in all Thy worlds. O God of Names and Creator of heaven! O Lord! Thou seest me clinging unto Thee and turning unto Thee, acknowledging that which the Tongue of Thy grandeur hath acknowledged before the creation of Thy earth and heaven. I beseech Thee to assist me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with, and to withhold from me that which is unworthy of Thee, O Lord of all men and Master of the hereafter and the former times!

Glory be upon Thee and upon Thy handmaiden who hath turned unto God, the One, the All-Informed.

BH04239: God beareth witness that there is none other God…

He is the One Who ariseth in the Cause through His Most Great Name.

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath come upon the clouds is indeed the One promised in the Books and inscribed in the Scriptures of God, Lord of all the worlds. He hath arisen in the name of the Self-Subsisting, and with the finger of certitude hath rent asunder the veils

of idle fancies and vain imaginings, and called all to the All-Informed One. Through Him the gate of heaven was opened, and the Nightingale warbled upon the branches of the Divine Lote-Tree that there is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

By the life of God! The wine of revelation hath so seized them that turned unto Him that they have cast the world behind their backs, hastening to the Most Great Ocean which surgeth amongst mankind through this great Name. Thy letter hath arrived and been read by the servant in the presence of this Wronged One. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the Answering.

We testify that thy letter voiced the praise of the Beloved and acknowledged that which God acknowledged before the creation of the heavens and earths. Blessed be thy tongue for having spoken the truth, and thine eye for what it beheld, and thy heart for having turned toward the lonely Prisoner. We found it adorned with the ornament of certitude and sanctified from the allusions of the heedless ones who cast the Truth behind their backs and followed the people in hope of what they possessed. Verily thy Lord is the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing.

Blessed art thou for We found thee standing firm in the service of thy Lord's Cause and speaking His beauteous praise. He will, in truth, exalt thee and give thee to drink of the Kawthar of life, once through His name the Self-Subsisting and again through His name the All-Bountiful. He will assist thee under all conditions. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have shattered the idols through the name of their Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH04160: We had sent down a Tablet for you…

He is the One through Whom the Promised One arose and the Self-Subsisting appeared

We had sent down a Tablet for you, and this is another Tablet sent down in truth from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The servant in attendance has brought your letter and read it before the Wronged One. He has attained the honor of your Lord's hearing in this station, around which circle the Concourse on High and every lofty dwelling.

Arise with wisdom and utterance and say: O peoples of the religions! By God, the Day has appeared which was adorned by its mention in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: Cast aside the dawning-places of idle fancies and take what you have been commanded by the Strong, the Ancient.

Say: O people of the Bayan! By the life of the All-Merciful, you are worshippers of idols. Fear God and follow not every heedless remote one. Be in all conditions one who speaks My Name, soars in My atmosphere, turns to My horizon, and gives glad tidings of this Great Announcement.

Say: He has come with what exists in the world of God's Books and His proofs, if you be fair and not among the oppressors. He has appeared in truth in such wise that none denies it save every aggressive sinner. Thus has the sun of utterance shone forth from the heaven of the Tablet of thy Lord, the Speaking, the All-Knowing.

Thou art mentioned before the Imprisoned One—rejoice thou in this great bounty. Be the shepherd of My sheep in My lands and the herald of My Cause in My realms. Thus commands thee He at Whose appearance the Books cried out: “By God, the Ancient Sender of Revelation has come!”

The glory from the Lord of Names be upon thee and upon those who have inhaled the fragrance of My garment and have arisen to serve My wondrous Cause.

BH04893: O Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God!…

O Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Glorious!

O Husayn! Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and the servant in attendance hath read it. We have heard and respond to thee through this Tablet which beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Great.

Let not sorrows overtake thee in the days of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Leave creation behind thee, placing thy trust in God, the Lord of all worlds. Look not upon the people and what they possess. Reflect upon the Revelation of God and His sovereignty, and that which hath appeared from Him on this Day whereat the Concourse on High rejoiced and those who hastened to the Most Great Ocean and drank therefrom in My Name, the Generous.

Let not the conditions of men sadden thee. Hearken unto that which the Lord of Destiny uttereth from the direction of His Most Great Prospect, that joy may so possess thee that the veils of the world will not withhold thee from this Cause at whose appearance the hearts of the heedless were sorely troubled.

Take hold of the hem of thy Lord’s mercy and say: O Thou Lord of all beings and Sovereign of the hereafter and of the former world! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name, the Most Glorious, whereby the Ship of Thy Cause did sail upon the ocean of Thy mercy, to make me steadfast in this Cause which hath caused the feet of the learned to slip and the hearts of the mystics to be perturbed—they who cast the Command of God behind their backs and followed their own imaginings without clear proof or illuminating Book.

Thus have We lit the lamp of knowledge within the niche of utterance and sent it unto thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

BH04921: O Muhammad Qabl-i-ʿAli! Thou hast attained unto the remembrance…

He is the One Who observeth from His Most Exalted Horizon

O Muhammad Qabl-i-ʿAli! Thou hast attained unto the remembrance of the Lord of Names and hast heard the rustling of the Most Exalted Pen. God willing, thou shalt in all conditions be occupied with the remembrance of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, and shalt drink and give others to drink from the cup of His love.

Convey My greetings to the friends in that land on behalf of the Wronged One and give them glad-tidings of God's favors. Blessed are they in that they have attained in the days of their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Whoso hath today attained unto the divine Word hath attained unto all good. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of grace that all the world cannot equal a single letter that hath proceeded from the Source of the utterance of the All-Merciful.

Say: Know ye the value of the divine Tablets and beseech Him that ye may remain steadfast in this Most Great Cause. Say: How many souls laid claim to love, yet were later deprived of the Lord of the Beginning and the End by a mere croak or buzz. Say: O friends! Ye must be ablaze with such a fire and shine with such a light that no opportunity remains for the perverse and the deniers.

We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid them to do what He loveth and pleaseth. We make mention of the two Names in this station that they may rejoice in the remembrance of their Lord, the Merciful. Verily We mentioned them before and sent to each one of them a Tablet from which wafted the fragrance of My loving-kindness that hath preceded all worlds.

Glory be upon thy father and upon thy brother and upon thee and upon them and upon every steadfast and firm one.

BH04767: In the name of the All-Knowing Speaker! The divine…

In the name of the All-Knowing Speaker! The divine nightingale winged its flight from the heavenly garden to this mortal world, and for a few days, perched upon the branches of time, warbled its soul-stirring, melodious notes. Then it soared to its ultimate goal. Verily He knoweth its return, its origin and its destination. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Those songs and melodies brought assurance to the faithful and increased the fear of the treacherous. Therefore the sword was drawn and trembling seized all the tribes, and most of those souls who had turned to the most exalted horizon attained martyrdom and quaffed the deadly poison as though it were spirit-giving honey in the path of the Friend.

And when the Luminary of the horizons illumined the horizon of Iraq, no voice was raised from any direction, and no movement was observed from any body. All were found to be dead or withered while living, and were concealed behind veils from the severity of the days and the wrath of men.

When these things were witnessed, We arose to promote the Cause—an arising after which there was no sitting down. And when, through divine power, the banners of the Most Great Remembrance were raised upon the highest station of the world, the buzzing of flies emerged from behind the veil. Verily thy Lord knoweth what befell the Temple of the Cause at the hands of the oppressors.

God willing, they must in all conditions exert their utmost endeavor, that perchance weak souls may drink from the wine of steadfastness and turn to the most exalted horizon.

BH04753: God beareth witness that there is none other God…

He is the One manifest from the horizon of eternity.

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath appeared is, verily, the One mentioned in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. Whoso acknowledgeth Him hath acknowledged the Books of God and His Messengers, and whoso turneth away is of them that have perished.

Say: He hath come with the truth and hath summoned all unto God, the Single, the All-Informed. How many a servant hath heard and responded, and hastened unto the ocean of His Most Great Name, the All-Glorious; and among them are such as have turned away from God and denied His verses and rejected His proof and pronounced judgment against Him with manifest injustice.

We counsel thee and those who have believed even as We have counseled all in My Preserved Tablet: Abandon that which the people possess, then turn ye unto the Most Sublime Vision, the station wherein the Lord of Destiny hath proclaimed:

> "There is none other God but I, the Manifest, the Speaking, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

Beware lest the doubts of the people of the Bayan prevent you, or the allusions of those who are heedless of this momentous News withhold you. Say: This is the Day of Arising, did ye but know it, and this is the Day of remembrance and praise, were ye to understand.

By God! The mention of a single mention from My Most Exalted Pen equalleth the worship of all who dwell on earth and in heaven. To this beareth witness the Lord of all creation in His preserved Tablet. Thus hath the ocean of knowledge surged forth as a bounty from His presence. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Give thanks and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of them that know!

BH05094: The Most Great Joy hath come, yet the people…

In the Name of the One God!

The Most Great Joy hath come, yet the people have turned away from it save those whom God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, hath willed.

God willing, may thou cling to the hem of truth and hold fast to His cord in such wise that the clamor of the people of the Bayan shall not keep thee back from the direction of the All-Merciful.

For twelve hundred years the people of the Furqan clung to vain imaginings and idle fancies, depriving the servants of God from all the infinite divine bounties and heavenly sustenance, such that, as was witnessed, those imaginings and fancies caused the martyrdom of the Primal Point, may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake. I swear by the Sun of certitude that those fancies have been and will continue to be the cause and reason for the kindling of the fire of tyranny throughout the world.

And now the people of the Bayan desire, through the same idle fancies of the past, to prevent people from drawing nigh unto the Dayspring of divine revelation and the Source of inspiration.

Say: O friends of God! Stand firm and place your trust in God, and with complete power and strength preserve the treasuries of divine love from the thieves and betrayers, that perchance they may not henceforth occupy themselves with the deeds and words of the past, and deprive people from the straight path.

Verily He speaketh the truth and guideth to the Way. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

BH05179: O Ibrahim! The glance of loving-kindness is turned towards…

In the Name of the Friend, the All-Loving

O Ibrahim! The glance of loving-kindness is turned towards thee and the Supreme Pen moveth like unto the gleaming lightning to make mention of the friends at all times, drawing them near. Be not grieved at what hath come to pass. In all conditions, give precedence to the will, purpose and good-pleasure of the Friend over thine own will, purpose and good-pleasure. Blessed is he who hath attained unto this most exalted station and moveth by naught save the will of his Lord, the Mover, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Ibrahim! We have heard thy call and that wherewith thou didst commune with God, thy Lord, and We have answered thee through this perspicuous Book. The Truth hath been and is the witness. This is a Day wherein the Balance speaketh and the earth giveth its tidings. Blessed is he who hath not been deprived of His bounty and hath arisen as beseemeth His days. He is accounted among the people of Baha in the Book of God, the King, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Convey My greetings unto the friends in that land on behalf of the Wronged One and say: Preserve your stations through the Name of the Revealer of verses, for the ungodly and infidels have appeared with the utmost craftiness and guile. This is a report that hath flowed from the Supreme Pen in books both past and future. God willing, may all be blessed by the fragrances of His days, be gladdened by His mention and find peace through His Name. He is, verily, the All-Bountiful, the Ancient. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Wise.

BH05120: In My Name, Which Warbleth upon the Branches

In My Name, Which Warbleth upon the Branches

A Book sent down by the All-Merciful to her who hath heard and responded and hath attained unto the days of her Lord, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

O leaf! Hearken with the ear of thy soul to the call of the King of Oneness.

I swear by the life of the Beloved that should anyone partake of this cup—that is, should they attain unto the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful—they would, throughout all their days and nights, remain occupied with the remembrance of the Peerless Friend.

This is the Day whose mention hath been from time immemorial and will endure forever, and all the peoples of the world were promised its coming. Yet when the lights of the divine Dayspring appeared, all turned away and followed that which Satan commanded them, save those souls who were detached and free from all else but God. These are they whose mention hath been recorded in the divine Books, both past and future. Blessed are they and joy be unto them!

God willing, that leaf shall at all times hold fast unto the Divine Lote-Tree in such wise that diverse winds shall not cause her to fall. This is the counsel of the Beloved of the world unto thee and the other handmaidens.

At all times praise thou the Beloved of all creation, for He hath enabled thee to attain unto that whereof the divines of the earth remain veiled. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

The glory be upon thee and upon My handmaidens in that place, from One loving and bountiful.

BH05216: In the Name of the One God! O Sadiq!…

In the Name of the One God! O Sadiq! Thy petition hath arrived, and from it wafteth the fragrance of the love of the Best-Beloved of the worlds. Praise be to the Purpose of the world Who hath enabled thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of Revelation, the Dayspring of Inspiration, and the Manifestation of His Self. Whoso hath attained unto recognition in this Day hath attained unto all good.

The whole world was created for this blessed Day which in the divine Books hath been designated as the Day of God. Nevertheless, when the Day appeared and its Lord was seated upon the throne, all turned away save whom God, the Lord of the worlds, did please. The cause and reason for this are the divines of the age. We testify that they are numbered among the ignorant in the Perspicuous Book. They are honored by the name of Truth yet turn away from Him; they are known by His name yet remain heedless and veiled from Him.

Whosoever hath in this Day attained unto the Most Exalted Horizon must, throughout his life, voice the praise and glorification of the Truth and through His name preserve this most exalted station, for verily the evil ones lie in wait and stand ready in ambush. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Informed, the All-Knowing.

Convey on behalf of the Truth greetings to all the friends in that land and give them glad-tidings of that which hath been ordained for them. Ere long their station shall become manifest and evident unto all the world. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

BH05218: O ʿAbdu’l-Husayn! Thy petition was presented in the Snow-White…

In the Name of the Best-Beloved of the world

O ʿAbdu’l-Husayn! Thy petition was presented in the Snow-White Spot before Him Who is the Possessor of all Names, and the glances of His loving-kindness were directed towards thee. It was adorned with these words:

> “Establish me firmly in the confession that Thou art the pure Truth and the sheer Light.”

Blessed art thou for having uttered these words!

In truth, all created things must needs, in this day, implore this station from God, inasmuch as the Cause is mighty great. How numerous were the souls who made claim to firmness, steadfastness and constancy, yet afterwards, at the slightest breeze that blew from the Beloved of hearts, turned away and joined the worshippers of idols. God willing, thou shalt remain so firmly established and steadfast in the Cause of God that all the peoples of the world shall be powerless to hinder thee.

Be thou aflame with the fire of My love, soaring in My atmosphere, holding fast to My cord, clinging to My robe, stirred by My will, turning thy face toward My face, speaking in My praise, and acting according to that which hath been sent down in My perspicuous, mighty and wise Book.

Glory be to God! Should a soul turn away from this horizon, to what horizon would he turn, and to what proof and testimony would he cling? By the life of God! The proof doth circle round, and the testimony doth prostrate itself before My countenance, yet most of the people are in evident obscurity.

The glory be upon thee and upon every servant who is steadfast in this mighty Cause.

BH04964: The Book proclaims: “The Kingdom is God’s, the Lord…

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

The Book proclaims: “The Kingdom is God’s, the Lord of all worlds!” and all things cry out: “The Truth has appeared and the Cause is in the hands of God, the Possessor of this mighty Day!”

And the Revealer of the Bayan declares:

> “O people! By the life of the Beloved, I am ashamed to mention what ye have wrought against Him Who came with the truth and Who proclaimed: ‘There is no God but Me, the Forgiving, the Generous.’ I left no counsel save through wisdom, and no wisdom but I commanded it unto you. To this testifies He Who appeared and spoke that which all the books of the world cannot equal. He, verily, is the Truthful, the Trustworthy.”

O people of the Bayan! Ye have cast the All-Merciful behind your backs and have clung to every ignorant remote one. That which is on earth shall profit you not this day. Fear God and deny not Him through Whom the standard of God hath been raised upon every lofty and noble mountain. Abandon what ye possess. He Who was hidden behind the veils of the unseen and inscribed in the books of God, the Mighty, the Wise, hath come. Arise to serve thy Lord in such wise that the hosts of the oppressors shall not deter thee.

Say: I beseech Thee, O my God, my Beloved, and my Heart’s Desire, by the Most Great Ocean which hath surged in Thy name throughout the world, to aid me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Mighty.

BH04958: Today the heaven of generosity is raised high…

In the name of God, the Almighty!

Today the heaven of generosity is raised high, the ocean of bounty is surging, and the rays of the Sun of loving-kindness have encompassed all things. Blessed are they who have not deprived themselves and who have not been prevented by the veils of the heedless ones. With utmost joy and gladness, occupy thyself with the remembrance of the Goal of all the worlds.

The glance of favor hath been directed to thee from the Prison, and its effect shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Hold fast to the cord of grace and cling to the hem of bounty. Verily He ordaineth for whomsoever He willeth that which shall profit him in the world to come and in this world. Verily He is the Lord of all mankind and within His grasp is the dominion of creation. There is none other God but Him, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

I swear by the Sun of Truth that nothing in the world hath equalled or shall equal a single word from the words of God. Give thanks unto the Peerless Beloved, for verily He hath mentioned thee in such wise that the fragrances of revelation shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Loving.

The letter of that honored one was presented before the Wronged One and was seen. Praise be to God that thou hast been successful in attaining the bounty of recognition and hast been made to achieve that which most of the learned and mystics of the earth have been deprived of. Be grateful then to thy Lord for this great favor. God willing, thou shalt attain unto all that God hath desired. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH05352: All earthly ties are severed this day, for it…

In the name of the Beloved of the worlds

All earthly ties are severed this day, for it is the Day of revelation and meeting, and all relationships return to the Truth Himself. Relationship to Him, exalted be His glory, is as the sun among the stars. Blessed is the one who hath recognized the Day of God and attained its effusions.

Today all are beheld on a single plane. How excellent is the state of the one who hath turned with celestial power and might toward the King of Oneness. Whosoever hath attained this most exalted station regardeth all else but God as non-existent, save those souls who have quaffed from the Kawthar of the All-Glorious and clung fast to the Crimson Ark.

Grieve not over what befell thy son. By the life of God, he turned towards and entered the prison, and ascended unto the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Thou must praise and glorify the Lord of the Revelation with utmost joy and delight, for He accepted thy sacrifice and hath mentioned thee in this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of Names and Creator of the heavens, for having strengthened me, made me know Thee, and accepted what befell my son in Thy path. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy love under all conditions. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH05616: In the Name of the one God! O Mihdi!…

In the Name of the one God! O Mihdi! May you be, through God's grace, successful! Your mention was made in the Most Great Prison—this is from the bounty of your Lord unto you. Be thou thankful and among those who praise.

In truth, God's bounty and mercy and grace have encompassed His loved ones at all times, for in this most mighty, most impregnable, most holy Day they have attained unto the recognition of God, and the opposition of the divines and mystics and princes did not prevent them from the Most Exalted Horizon. Blessed are they and blessed are those who have attained what they have attained. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

Beseech God—exalted be His glory—that you may attain unto the most great steadfastness, for the cawing of the crows and the fire of the souls of the ungodly in that land are ablaze and rising up. At all times they have been and are engaged in craftiness and deception, that perchance they might prevent those who have turned towards God from the Greatest Scene. Blessed are those who have cast them and what they possess behind their backs, turning unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

The glory be upon you and upon your father, whom the Supreme Pen hath mentioned in various Tablets, and upon those who are with you on this Straight Path. We have sent unto you that which telleth of your Lord's favor, that thou mayest wear it and be of the thankful ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH05607: O Muhammad-Baqir! Your cries, lamentations and wailing in separation…

In the name of the All-Knowing Speaker

O Muhammad-Baqir! Your cries, lamentations and wailing in separation from the Beloved of all worlds have been heard.

God, exalted be His glory, brought these creatures from nothingness into being for the recognition of this blessed Day and the knowledge of Him Who hath appeared therein with His Name, the One Who holdeth sway over the worlds. There is and hath been no doubt that all were created for attainment unto His presence, and the One True Beloved hath ever loved and loveth the nearness of His friends. The divine Tablets and heavenly Books bear witness unto that which hath been mentioned.

However, the rebellious, heedless and transgressing souls have become the cause and reason of prevention. Be not grieved by this prevention, for His Will is supreme and His Purpose prevailing. The Supreme Pen recordeth the reward of attainment unto His presence for whomsoever He willeth. Verily thy Lord is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou seest me turning toward Thy Kingdom and beseeching from the ocean of Thy bounty that which beseemeth the heaven of Thy generosity and grace. O Lord! Deny me not that which lieth with Thee. Ordain for me the reward of one who hath attained unto the vision of Thy countenance and circumambulated around Thy throne. Verily Thou art the Almighty Whom the circumstances of creation cannot frustrate, nor can the hosts of the oppressors prevent. Praise be unto God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH05605: O Fadl! The exalted True One hath heard thy…

He is the Manifest, the Speaking One, the All-Knowing

O Fadl! The exalted True One hath heard thy call and hearkened unto thy mention. Praise be to God that thy pen and tongue have been blessed to offer praise to the Lord of Names, and thy face hath turned toward the horizon of the Countenance. At all times preserve this great bounty through the Name of Truth, glorified be His grandeur.

Blessed art thou for having attained to the remembrance of thy Lord and turned toward Him when they who dwell in all lands and cities turned away, save whom God, the Lord of the worlds, did will. Rejoice in that which was read before the Throne—that which thou didst commune with God—and which was adorned with the ornament of acceptance from the presence of the Hearer, the Witness, the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing.

We make mention of My handmaiden referred to at the end of thy letter—give her glad tidings of My remembrance of her. She may commune with her Lord through that which the Supreme Pen hath uttered in this exalted station:

“I beseech Thee, O Sovereign of eternity and Lord of Names, by the waves of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the lights of the Sun of Thy utterance, to ordain for me through the Pen of Thy decree that which will profit me in Thy worlds. I testify that I know not what lieth within the treasuries of Thy knowledge, and Thou knowest what is with me. Thou art in truth the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the wonders of Thy bounty and the manifestations of Thy favors to grant me one who will inherit from me. Thou art, verily, the Best of inheritors. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.”

BH05482: He is the One speaking in His Most Glorious…

He is the One speaking in His Most Glorious Name in the Kingdom of Utterance. This is a Book sent down by the All-Merciful to him who hath believed and acted according to what was commanded in the Scriptures and Tablets.

O peoples of the earth! Adorn your temples with the ornament of tranquility and dignity. Thus have We commanded you aforetime and in this Book. Blessed is he who hath cast away what the people possess and taken what was given him from God, the Lord of all men.

We counsel thee and those who have believed to manifest spiritual qualities and goodly, virtuous deeds, that there may appear from you what beseemeth you and this Day which every Book and every Messenger who came with the truth from God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Bestower, hath extolled.

Behold, O people, what hath appeared and shone forth from the horizon of Revelation, then judge it with fairness and follow not every doubtful idolater. The Promise hath come, and this is the Promised One Who calleth out with the most exalted call amidst the peoples. He hath desired naught for Himself, as testifieth He Who speaketh the truth, and behind Him is the Mother Book.

Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Master of all mankind. Glory be upon those who have attained to hearkening unto the Call when it was raised between earth and heaven from God, the Lord of the Day of Mutual Divorce.

BH05337: In the Name of the Goal of all horizons!…

In the Name of the Goal of all horizons! That which is beloved before God is the knowledge of Him and steadfastness in His Cause. Whosoever attains unto this has attained unto all good. Blessed is he who has attained unto that which God, the Lord of the worlds, has desired. Be not grieved by the conflicts of the world and its changes. In all conditions, turn thy face to the countenance of God and fix thy gaze upon the Most Exalted Horizon.

Today the intoxication of heedlessness has seized the people of the world, and it has seized the people of the Bayan in such wise that they are seen to be more veiled than all the peoples of the earth. For twelve hundred years and more they have been the dawning-place of vain imaginings, and for several more centuries they desire to continue in the same manner. By the lights of the Sun of Revelation! They are deprived of the fragrances of the flowers of the garden of inner meanings and are forbidden from the meanings of the divine words. They have shunned the choice sealed wine that was unsealed by the finger of the Self-Subsisting and have turned to the bitter tree. Such is the condition of the souls who have turned away.

God willing, may the people of Baha drink with perfect certitude and assurance from the Kawthar of the mercy of the All-Merciful and become free and detached from all mention of the world through His remembrance. The Glory be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon the handmaidens who have believed in God, the One, the All-Informed.

BH05795: The fragrance of divine love was wafting from thy…

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

The fragrance of divine love was wafting from thy letter. Praise be to God that thou hast attained to a bounty which most of the world's learned men have failed to attain. Through the assistance of God thou hast turned to a horizon that is hidden from most of mankind. Through divine grace thou hast heard a call from which most ears are debarred. Know thou the worth of this most great station and voice thy gratitude to the Lord of ancient days.

Strive thou to attain unto that which befitteth this divine Day. This is the day for the manifestation of praiseworthy characteristics, goodly words, and holy deeds. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of the Cause that the triumph achieved through goodly deeds and praiseworthy characteristics is mightier than that won by artillery and armies. Beseech ye God that all may be assisted to achieve that which is worthy of the Day of God and befitting to the station of man. God willing, may all gaze upon the horizon of the All-Merciful with the utmost joy and radiance, and act in accordance with that which the Supreme Pen hath ordained.

Rejoice thou in what hath been sent down unto thee in this wondrous Tablet. He, verily, heard thy call and answered thee through His grace. He is, in truth, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. We send Our greetings upon thee and upon Our loved ones in that place who have turned towards God, the Lord of all worlds. The glory be upon thee and upon them from the presence of One Who is Forgiving, Merciful.

BH05724: The entire world awaited the Days of God…

He is the Helper, the All-Wise!

The entire world awaited the Days of God, for the True One, exalted be His glory, had promised them in His Books, Psalms and Scriptures. Thus in the Furqan, which is the supreme proof of God, He saith:

> "Lead forth the people from darkness into light and announce to them the Days of God."

This blessed verse was revealed aforetime, and the True One, exalted be His glory, informed His Beloved of it.

All souls, in their nights and days, yearned and longed for the encounter with this blessed Day, yet when this Day dawned from the horizon of God's Will, all were found to be heedless and turned away.

O friends! Praise with the utmost humility, submissiveness and devotion the Beloved of all creation, for He confirmed you in a Cause from which most of the world, despite their seeking, remained deprived. All the tongues of created things have failed and will forever fail to offer sufficient thanks for this supreme blessing.

Hearken unto the testament of the Wronged One of the horizons and strive that ye may attain to the good-pleasure of the Friend. No station greater than this station can be seen. Verily He is the One Who speaketh the truth, and He is the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

BH05948: In My Most Great Name. O My handmaiden! Say…

In My Most Great Name. O My handmaiden! Say: Glorified art Thou, O my God and my Lord! Thou knowest that when I imagine I can describe and mention Thee with names by which I name Thee before the court of Thy knowledge, after gaining this knowledge I seek Thy forgiveness, by the everlastingness of Thy earthly and heavenly dominion and Thy glory, O King of Kings!

For whenever I call upon Thee and say "O my God," I witness that it is but a name whose letters have issued from my mouth. And that which has issued from my mouth and appeared through my will—how

could it be worthy to ascend to the heaven of Thy glory or capable of rising to the ultimate goal in the presence of the effulgences of the lights of Thy Beauty? Nay, by Thy glory, O Beloved of the world! Nay, by Thy sovereignty, O Desire of the nations!

Rather, I become certain, O my God, that whatever my mouth utters and my tongue reveals stains the hem of the robe of Thy sanctity. Therefore, O my God and my Beloved, after my knowledge of this and my certitude of what I have spoken before Thee, by what thing shall I hold fast in Thy days, and to what matter shall I cling beneath the shadow of Thy mercy? By Thy glory, in this moment the breeze of despair has wafted, O Hope of the worlds! Thou seest how anxiety and agitation have seized me, O my Lord, the All-Bestowing!

I beseech Thee to open, with the finger of Thy power, a door for Thy handmaiden that will guide her to what befits Thy greatness and Thy sovereignty. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Great.

BH05650: Praise be to God that thou hast been successful…

In the name of the One peerless God, the All-Knowing!

Praise be to God that thou hast been successful in turning towards Him in days when the mystics, divines, men of letters and princes of the earth have turned away from the Truth, save those whom God hath willed. This station is so great that, by the truth, none upon earth can be compared with it. Through God's grace, remain firm and joyous, and free and detached from all else.

The Supreme Pen hath informed all of the cawing of the crow and the croaking of the raven. God, the Exalted, will, God willing, protect all and give them to drink from the Kawthar of steadfastness.

This day belongeth unto God, for in previous Books it was mentioned and recorded as the Day of God. Exalted is the station of one who hath attained unto supreme steadfastness and remained firm and steadfast in the Cause of God.

Thy services and efforts are known and remembered before God. May God willing, thou shalt attain unto His endless bounties. The reward of no one hath been, nor ever shall be, lost before God. Blessed is the one who hath recognized Him and emptied the heart from all else.

The Glory be upon thee and upon those women who have heard and answered the call of God, the One, the All-Informed.

BH05985: In My Name, the Mighty, the Great

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O Ghulam-Husayn! Thy name is most beloved. God willing, thou shalt act in accordance with what befitteth this blessed name, never departing from servitude and arising to serve the Lord Who is manifest and visible.

How many were the souls who claimed to love and who gazed toward and were oriented to the Most Exalted Horizon, yet afterwards, at the slightest breeze from the winds, remained deprived of the garden of inner meanings. I swear by the Sovereign of the kingdom of earth and heaven that they became occupied with a fetid odor and were prevented from the sweet fragrances of the luminous garment.

God willing, thou shalt manifest the most great steadfastness, in such wise that the hosts of the idolaters shall not hold thee back from the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

Thy letter was presented before the Throne, and the glance of favor hath been directed toward thee from the direction of the Prison. This most great bounty hath had and hath no measure or limit. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this mighty favor.

We convey greetings to all the friends and command them to the most great steadfastness, that they may not be deprived of the Lord of mankind by the utterances of the embodiments of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Verily, He teacheth His loved ones that which shall profit them in all the worlds of His worlds. He, verily, is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Generous.

BH05681: God willing, may you be blessed with the grace…

He is the One who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance!

God willing, may you be blessed with the grace of the All-Merciful and speak His praise in such wise that the fragrances of remembrance may awaken and attract the heedless ones. Verily, every deed that appears for the sake of God will surely manifest its effects upon the earth. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Informed, the All-Aware.

Walk thou among the servants of God with perfect assurance and with spirit and fragrance. Thy letter was received and this servant read it in the presence of His Countenance. Praise be to God that from it wafted the sweet savors of divine love. We have heard thy call and have answered thee through this perspicuous Book.

A most mighty and holy Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of favor specifically for the person mentioned and hath been dispatched. God willing, may he attain unto it and be assured and gladdened by what is recorded and inscribed therein.

Although the worth of these utterances is not now known, I swear by the Object of all the world's adoration that were the veil to be lifted, all that is visible and hidden would be seen to fall short of equaling even a single letter of God's Book. He, verily, speaketh the truth and manifesteth the proof. The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

Glory be upon thee and upon My loved ones in that land. We send them Our greetings from this Spot and give them the glad-tidings of My wondrous remembrance.

BH06330: In the Name of the one incomparable, all-knowing God!…

In the Name of the one incomparable, all-knowing God! O loved ones of the All-Merciful! A letter was received in the Most Holy Court mentioning nine souls, for each of whom a wondrous book hath been sent down from the heaven of bounty, that all may become so enkindled with the fire of divine love that neither the vicissitudes of time, nor the oppression of tyrants, nor the depression pervading the contingent world may prevent them from feeling its warmth or deprive them of the sweetness of God's remembrance.

O Muhammad! The Wronged One calleth thee and saith: Thou hast attained the supreme divine bounty, which is recognition of the Dawning-Place of Revelation and the Source of His Command. Know thou the value of this station and act according to that which hath been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Book. Verily, whosoever in this Day holdeth fast unto His commandments and prohibitions shall assuredly be seized by His infinite outpourings.

Pure and sincere deeds have been and shall ever be the cause of the appearance of blessing and bounty. God willing, thou shalt attain unto that which shall cause the preservation of thy remembrance and be the means of its protection. Thy Lord is verily the All-Forgiving, the Bountiful.

Be thou steadfast in the Cause and put thy trust in the One, the All-Informed. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH06049: O My handmaiden! Bear thou witness unto that whereunto…

In the Name of the One, the Helper, the All-Knowing

O My handmaiden! Bear thou witness unto that whereunto God Himself hath testified—that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath come is indeed the Hidden Treasure, made manifest from the presence of the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling.

Say: Glory be to Thee, O Thou at Whose separation the sighs of the sincere have ascended and the tears of the believers have fallen, through Whose absence the hearts of them that are nigh unto God have melted and the breasts of the longing ones have been torn asunder. I beseech Thee by that Name through Whose manifestation the mightiest idol was struck down and the hearts of the nations were shaken, and whereby the trees of Thy loving-kindness have borne fruit amongst Thy creation, to ordain for this handmaiden of Thine one who shall inherit from her, through Thy bounty and grace.

O my Lord! This is a tree from among the trees of Thy love—adorn it, then, with fruits, for Thou art the Chosen One, and through Thy Name the banner of 'He doeth whatsoever He willeth' hath been raised throughout all regions.

O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward the horizon of Thy grace, hoping for the wonders of Thy bounty and favor. I beseech Thee to ordain for me in all conditions that which shall profit me in the world to come and in this world. Verily Thou knowest better than I what is to my benefit. I testify that I know not what is with Thee, and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH06083: O maidservant of God! Again and again hast thou…

He is the One dawning from the horizon of utterance!

O maidservant of God! Again and again hast thou been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One of the world. Know thou the value of such mentions, for by the waves of the ocean of the utterance of the All-Merciful, one letter thereof is, in the sight of God, more precious than the world and whatsoever hath appeared or shall appear therein. Know thou the station of this precious gem and this matchless pearl, and occupy thyself with the praise and glorification of God—exalted be His glory.

The glance of God's loving-kindness hath ever been and shall ever be directed towards His steadfast male and female servants. One goodly word and one righteous deed are, in this Day, more precious in the sight of God than all the books of the earth—namely, those books which the heedless divines have written according to their vain imaginings. Rejoice thou in this most great bounty, and render thanks unto thy Lord, the Bestower, the All-Bountiful.

In all circumstances, beseech thou God to make the handmaidens of that land steadfast in His Cause and to vouchsafe unto them the water of certitude. He is, verily, powerful and mighty. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

The glory rest upon thee and upon those who have quaffed the choice wine through this glorious and mighty Name.

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BH06022: Praise be to God, thou art accounted before…

In the name of the Beloved of the world.

Praise be to God, thou art accounted before the Divine Throne as one of the leaves of the Divine Tree and art mentioned as a handmaiden of God. Should anyone reflect upon this blessed word, they would witness the Divine bounty and be seized with such joy and gladness that the troubles of the world and sorrows of nations would have no effect upon them. Exalted, exalted is this most great station!

God, glorified be His majesty, in manifestation of His grace and favors, saith unto the Spirit: O My servant and child of My maidservant! Behold now the divine favors, how He hath caused thee to attain this most exalted station and sublime rank. With the utmost joy and fragrance, speak forth the praise and glorification of the Beloved of all creation.

Be not sorrowful. By the Luminary of grace, delight and joy and gladness were created specially for the friends of God. Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto the recognition of the Divine Friend, which is the most glorious and ancient of all things. He hath ordained for thee that which gladdeneth hearts and delighteth eyes.

Be patient, O My handmaiden, and render thanks unto thy Lord, the Helper, the All-Bountiful. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy two daughters. Convey My greetings unto them both and give them the glad-tidings of My gracious remembrance.

BH06361: O Hasan! Thy letter hath come before the Wronged…

In His Name through Whom the ocean of utterance surgeth!

O Hasan! Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and whatsoever was mentioned therein hath been honored to reach the ears of the Lord of Names. God willing, thou shalt at all times drink from the living waters and be illumined by the Sun of Knowledge. Thy cry and lamentation in separation from the Beloved of the horizons was heard. Be thou assured of thy Lord's favor, for He recordeth for whomsoever He willeth the reward of one who, with His leave, hath turned to Him, traversed land and sea in His love, presented himself at the door, and hearkened to the call of the Lord of the Final Return.

Today, souls that are steadfast and assured must engage, with perfect wisdom, in teaching and promoting the Cause. Blessed are they who have attained to this most great bounty and acted in accordance with that which God hath willed. This is the Day whereof all have been given glad tidings, for it is associated with Truth and known as the Day of God. One must strive that in this transient station, everlasting stations may be acquired.

Glory be upon thee, upon those who have mentioned Me before thee, and upon those who have attained unto the Most Pure Wine when the Most Great Horizon appeared through this Name, the One that holdeth sway over all who are in the heavens and on earth.

BH06611: Your cry and lamentation were heard and the flame…

In the name of the Peerless Beloved!

Your cry and lamentation were heard and the flame of your love was observed. Wherever you were, the Friend was with you, and whatsoever befell you was recorded in the Book of the Lord of Names by the Supreme Pen. By My life! You were under the gaze of your Lord. Verily, He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Seeing Witness.

Reflect upon the heedlessness of the people, who all utter the words "May God hasten His coming," yet not a single soul hath understood what this allusion signifieth and whence it shall appear, though all were beseeching the Ancient Truth for His manifestation. Praise be to the Goal of the world that thou hast recognized that which the divines and mystics of the earth are veiled from. They have pronounced judgment against Him Whom they invoke night and day. Such is the condition of heedless souls.

Soon shall they find themselves in grief and remorse, while they shall behold thee radiant from the horizon of thy Lord's tender mercy. This remembrance from this wondrous Pen sufficeth thee, from thy Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

BH06679: I swear by the Sun of the horizon…

In the name of the All-Knowing Speaker!

I swear by the Sun of the horizon of Revelation that this Day has had and has no equal. This is a Day wherein if any soul manifests a deed or word for the sake of God, its mention shall never be erased from the book of the world, but rather shall endure and remain recorded in the Book of Names throughout the eternity of God's most glorious attributes.

Strive that you may not be deprived of the springtime of mystic insight and witnessing. Leave behind whatsoever you have heard and listened to in the past, and meditate upon that which is manifest today, that perchance you may drink and give others to drink of the choice wine of steadfastness, which is more precious than all the known and mentioned rivers.

O people of Baha! Through the outpourings of the divine ocean of utterance, quicken the dead and adorn the ignorant with the ornament of knowledge.

Glory be upon those who have remained faithful to God's Covenant and His Pledge, and who have clung to the Tree when it appeared and was raised up in truth and proclaimed: Verily there is no God but Him, the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH06807: O My handmaiden! The glance of God's loving-kindness hath…

In the name of the all-seeing Friend

O My handmaiden! The glance of God's loving-kindness hath been directed toward thee from the prison, and with the tongue of grandeur He calleth and mentioneth thee, saying: Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this great favor. How excellent is the state of one who hath turned unto God and acted according to that which hath been sent down in His Book!

The sweet fragrances of your love were inhaled and your good deeds are mentioned before the Throne. You must strive to be enabled to act according to that which hath been revealed in the Book. Today, goodly deeds and spiritual virtuous character are beloved in the presence of the Wronged One. God willing, may you attain unto them. He is the Rewarder, He is the Bestower, He is the Forgiver, He is the Compassionate.

How excellent is the state of the soul who hath clung unto Him and held fast to the hem of His mercy. She is mentioned and recorded among the leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree before the Throne. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this clear remembrance and this wondrous Tablet.

The glory be upon thee and upon every handmaiden who hath turned and attained, and woe unto the heedless ones.

BH06851: O ʻAli-i-Akbar! Thy petition hath reached the Most Holy…

He is God, exalted be His station, unto Him belong grandeur and majesty!

O ʿAli-i-Akbar! Thy petition hath reached the Most Holy Court, and the servant in attendance laid before Us that which thou didst mention. God willing, thou shalt drink of the sealed wine and receive thy portion from the heavenly Kawthar of divine utterance. We have heard thy call and have remembered thee with these sublime words: In this Day, they who attribute themselves to God must be seen as evanescent in themselves and abiding in God—that is, they must seek no desire save His desire and move according to His Will and Purpose. This is a station with which no other station can compare. This is the station of contentment, mention of which hath been made in the Books, Tablets and Scriptures of God, both of old and more recently. Blessed is he who hath attained thereunto and is of the thankful ones.

Give thanks unto God for having caused thy name to flow from His mighty and wondrous Pen, and for having the Countenance of thy Lord, the Goal of all desire, turned toward thee from this glorious and luminous station. God willing, through the bounty of the Goal of the worlds that which shall bring joy and gladness to those who have drawn nigh and are near will become manifest.

BH06858: In the Name of the peerless Lord! O Fath'u'llah!...

In the Name of the peerless Lord! O Fath'u'llah! Thy letter hath been honored to attain the presence of the Best-Beloved of all mankind, and this servant, present before His countenance, laid before Him whatsoever was recorded therein.

Today, whosoever hath attained unto the recognition of God is recorded in the Divine Book as one of the people of the Crimson Ark. Know thou the station of this most exalted rank. The peoples of the world, with lamentation and weeping, beseeched the Lord, glorified be His majesty, for attainment unto the presence of this blessed Day. Yet when the dawn of the Day of God rose above the horizon of the Will of the Lord of all names, all turned away save whom God willed.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having caused me to recognize Thee and bear witness unto Thee and taught me and given me to drink from the Kawthar of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee by Thy Pen of grace to ordain for me the reward of those who have attained unto Thy presence. O my Lord! Thou art He around Whose name, the Gracious, circle all who are gracious, and around Whose name, the Merciful, circle all who are merciful. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which I have desired from the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy favor. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH06710: In My name, Supreme over all Names

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This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down for all who dwell in the realm of possibility. Verily it calleth out amidst the world through the Most Great Name and summoneth all unto His straight path.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear ye the All-Merciful and follow not those who have denied the proof of God and His evidence after they were revealed in truth from this swift Pen. Say: Repent ye and return unto God—He will absolve you of your misdeeds. He is verily the Forgiving, the Generous.

When thou hast attained unto this Tablet, render thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the Compassionate.

I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thou didst subdue the world, to make me in all conditions standing firm in Thy service and speaking forth Thy remembrance and praise. O my Lord! Thou art He at Whose call the sincere ones were drawn […] and the Kawthar of Thy presence. I beseech Thee to ordain for me from the Supreme Pen that which Thou hast ordained for the chosen ones among Thy servants.

O my Lord! I know with the knowledge of certainty the evanescence of all things, therefore have mercy upon me, O my God, through Thy great mercy. Then aid me through Thy bounty. O Lord! Thou art the Generous One. Thou seest me clinging to the hem of Thy generosity and favor, therefore do that which befitteth Thy bounty. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH06616: Blessed is he who is just in the Cause…

In the Name of Him Who seeth and heareth!

Blessed is he who is just in the Cause of God and uttereth the truth when the Desired One appeareth with sovereignty that hath subdued all who are in the heavens and on earth. And woe unto the heedless!

Look ye upon others as ye look upon yourselves. This is the way of God, were ye among them that know. This is the religion of God, were ye among them that hear.

O people! Cast aside your vain imaginings and take hold of that which ye behold illumined with the lights of certitude. Thus hath the sun of knowledge shone forth from the horizon of the utterance of your Lord, the All-Wise.

Say: O people! Fear God and oppose not Him through Whom God hath come upon the clouds and through Whom the Book hath spoken. Verily, there is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Hold fast, O My loved ones, unto God and His sovereignty, and walk not in the ways of the treacherous ones who consider themselves among the most exalted of people and who dispose of others' properties without permission or any clear warrant. Thus have We made mention of thee that thou mayest remind the people in the days of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

The glory rest upon thee and upon whomsoever hath turned unto the One, the All-Knowing.

BH06646: We have lit the lamp and sent down…

He is the One speaking between earth and heaven!

We have lit the lamp and sent down the verses and made manifest the Cause and given voice to all things, yet most of the people remain heedless. They heard the call but denied it, disputing the verses when they were sent down from the presence of the Ancient Revealer. They are those who denied God's proof and evidence throughout all ages, as attested by Him Who possesses knowledge of all things in a clear Book.

Thy letter hath come before Our presence and from it We perceived the fragrance of thy love. We have sent down this Tablet unto thee that thou mayest read it and be of the thankful ones. We counsel thee and those who have believed in that whereby the Cause of God is uplifted. Verily thy Lord is the All-Wise Counselor.

Say: O people of the earth! Leave behind what ye possess. By God, the Lord of the Kingdom hath come with a mighty Book. Beware lest vain imaginings prevent you from Him by Whom the horizon of utterance was illumined and the Nightingale warbled upon the branches. Verily there is none other God but Him, the Ancient Revealer.

Thus have We illumined the horizon of the Tablet with the Sun of utterance. When thou attainest unto it, praise God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH07246: A Book sent down by the Ancient King…

He is the Dawning Place from the horizon of the world

A Book sent down by the Ancient King for him who has turned to the Cause when every heedless doubter turned away from it.

The Wronged One approaches thee from the prison quarter and summons thee to the sovereign of all deeds, which is steadfastness in this Cause—that Cause which, when it appeared, caused the pillars to tremble and the mountains to pass away like clouds.

Rejoice in the Tablet of thy Lord, then give thanks to Him in the watches of the night and the ends of the day. Verily the most excellent of deeds, and the greatest of them, is recognition of Him Who is the Manifestation of the Hidden Mystery, and after this steadfastness, which the All-Merciful hath sent down in the Book.

Say: O God of kings and the Merciful One to the servants and the Ruler of the Kingdom! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the rains were caused to fall and the seas to surge and the trees to speak, that Thou assist me to be steadfast in this Cause which, when it was revealed, caused feet to slip.

Hold fast unto that which thou art commanded. By the life of God! The world shall pass away, but there shall endure for thee that which hath been sent down from God, the Revealer of verses.

BH07140: God testifies that there is no God but Him…

In the Name of the One Who is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

God testifies that there is no God but Him, and that He Who has appeared is indeed the Most Great Ocean amidst the world. Blessed is he who hastens unto Him, and woe betide the heedless ones. This is the Day whereon the Tongue of Grandeur speaks amongst the nations, yet they turn away from Him. The Call has been raised from the prison of Akka, summoning all to God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Among the people are those who heard and denied the proof of God and His verses, and among them are those who drank the sealed wine and said: “Praise be to Thee, O Lord of the seen and unseen!” O people

of Baha! By the life of God, this is your Day. Know ye your station and follow not every heedless and veiled one. The sun of My Most Glorious Name has dawned from the supreme horizon. Behold and be not of those who denied God when He appeared through His irrevocable Command. Thus has the Tongue spoken in the Kingdom of Utterance. Blessed is he who has heard and arisen to serve the Cause of his Lord, the Possessor of all existence.

BH06923: Today is the Day which all have heard mentioned…

In the name of the one omniscient God!

Today is the Day which all have heard mentioned, for it hath been extolled in all the divine Books and, like unto the true Sun, hath shone forth resplendent from the horizons of the divine Tablets. Nevertheless, all have risen in opposition and engaged in objection.

Strange it is that all wait expectantly, beseeching and imploring God not to deprive or withhold them from recognizing this wondrous and glorious Day. And yet now that the Day hath appeared manifest and the divine Voice proclaimeth at its loudest between earth and heaven, all are found heedless and slumbering. The intoxication of selfish desire hath held men back from the Lord of all being.

Blessed is the state of that soul whom the veils of the world and the coverings of the peoples have not prevented from beholding the splendors of the lights of the Most Great Name. By God's life! He is assuredly among the triumphant and among the people of Baha inscribed in a perspicuous Tablet.

BH07274: In the Name of the One God! The affliction…

In the Name of the One God! The affliction of the world comes from the ignorant one who adorns himself with the ornament of knowledge and makes a show of it, for he forbids the helpless servants from that which benefits them and commands them to that which harms them. Of knowledge they have neither seen nor heard save a few limited words. They have taken fancy for certainty and the idol for the Eternal. They have erased the Covenant and Testament of God from their hearts. By vain imaginings do they appear, through vain imaginings do they speak, and unto vain imaginings do they return. May the exalted Truth preserve His servants from such souls and their like.

Hearken to the call of the Wronged One Who speaks purely for the sake of God and commands thee to firmness, steadfastness and constancy. Act according to that which thou hast been commanded in the Book and that which hath been revealed in this Clear Tablet.

The Glory be upon thee and upon every servant who hath drunk the wine of constancy in the name of his Lord, the Almighty.

BH07225: The Most Exalted Pen today commands all the chosen…

In the name of the one true God!

The Most Exalted Pen today commands all the chosen ones of God to that which befitteth them in this Day. How excellent is the state of the one who hath become detached and freed from all else save God

and hath turned towards the Most Great Ocean. Today is the day of deeds and the day for the manifestation of human stations. All must, God willing, be witnessed as firm and steadfast in the Cause of the Lord of Names with the most great steadfastness, and act according to that which hath been revealed in the Book. One pure deed today is better than the deeds of countless years. Fear God, O people, and be not of those who cast the deeds behind their backs and cling to idle fancies and words. Deal with the servants with utmost love, fellowship, affection and unity, that perchance the sleeping ones may awaken and turn towards the Friend. Verily He hath come with the truth and made manifest the Path as a favor from His presence. Blessed is he who hath turned towards Him and woe betide the deniers. Praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds.

BH07100: Glorified be He Who appeared and spoke forth…

In the Name of Him Who illumined the horizon of proof!

Glorified be He Who appeared and spoke forth in an age whose advent honored Paradise itself. Sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful. When He was established upon the throne, He shed His radiance upon all things through all names. Blessed be God, the Originator of the heavens and the Creator of names, Who appeared with such authority that all in the kingdom of creation were thunderstruck, save those whom […] delivered, He Who holds dominion over all in the heavens and earth. O peoples of the earth! Hearken unto that which none hath heard before. By God! The One Who called out from the Mount now speaketh, and He Who spoke forth at the ascension recounteth unto you what befell Him at the hands of the wrongdoers. They seized Us until they cast Us into this Prison, which hath been named by all names in the Crimson Book and the Most Great Prison in My mighty Book. When thou receivest My letter and findest the fragrance of Mine utterance, turn thy face toward My direction and say: Unto Thee be praise, O Thou Goal of the worlds!

BH06970: Man is even as a mine rich in gems…

In the Name of the One Friend

Man is even as a mine rich in gems of inestimable value. Through education alone can these gems of spiritual virtues and praiseworthy deeds be brought forth from the mine and appear in the realm of visibility. Blessed is he who hath attained unto that which God hath willed, and hath adorned himself with such virtues and characteristics as promote the exaltation of the Cause of God.

That which hath been sent down from the heaven of divine Will hath had as its purpose the unity and concord of mankind after the recognition of God, yet the heedless people have made it a cause of discord and dissension. An interpreter is needed, and likewise one who will remind. Remind the people of that which We have mentioned unto thee in this perspicuous Tablet.

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and the servant who was present read it. We have answered thee that thou mayest rejoice and be among the thankful ones. We have heard thy call and answered thee, and We have seen thy humility before God and have turned toward thee from My Most

Great Prison. He will assist thee and make thee successful and ordain for thee what He hath willed. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

Rejoice thou in this Most Great Remembrance and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds!

BH07881: This is the Day whereon human ears have been…

In the name of the Beloved of the worlds!

This is the Day whereon human ears have been privileged to hear what He Who conversed with God heard upon Sinai, what He Who is the Friend of God heard when lifted up towards Him, what He Who is the Spirit of God heard as He ascended unto Him, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

Blessed is the soul that hath apprehended the Days of God and remained steadfast in His Cause. All divine Books and Scriptures have testified to the greatness of this Cause, yet most souls remain heedless and unaware. Attachment to the world hath debarred the servants from the Lord of Names. Ere long they shall arise in lamentation and weeping, but shall find for themselves neither helper nor protector except if they repent and return unto God, the Mighty, the Kind.

Hearken thou unto the call of thy Lord. He maketh mention of thee from His Most Great Prison with that which diffuseth the fragrance of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Loving. Know thou the station of this Tablet, then preserve it in the name of thy Lord, the Possessor of existence.

BH07971: O Muhammad! We have heard thy mention and have…

He is the One Who standeth firm in the Cause

O Muhammad! We have heard thy mention and have made mention of thee. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord, the All-Remembering, the Most Generous. We have remembered everyone who hath turned towards God, and have counseled every one who hath turned away from His straight Path. We entered into prison and called all to the supreme horizon. Among the people are those who heard and turned towards it, and among them are those who turned away and were numbered with the idolaters. Fear ye God, O peoples of the earth! Reflect upon the Manifestation of God and His Cause, and follow not every ignorant remote one. He maketh mention of you through His grace and draweth you nigh unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Grieve thou not over anything. Rather, praise thy Lord for having attained unto this manifest Book which hath been sent down in the Most Great Prison by the command of One Who is the Powerful, the Ancient of Days. Glory be upon the people of glory who were not prevented by the doubts of the divines nor by the might of the powerful from this Cause, before which, when it appeared, every discerning prince hath bowed down.

BH07516: We sent forth ʻAli before Nabil [=Muhammad] to give…

He is the One manifest through His Most Great Name, the All-Glorious.

We sent forth ʿAli before Nabil [=Muhammad] to give glad tidings unto all of this Revelation which was promised in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. He came with the truth and gave glad tidings unto all as commanded by the One Who is the Powerful, the Ancient.

And he announced to all this Revelation at whose appearance the Hour was troubled and all who dwell on earth and in heaven were thunderstruck, save whom God willed, the Mighty, the All-Wise. He spoke forth this Name and proclaimed this momentous News.

Yet when the Promise was fulfilled and the Promised One appeared, He was denied by the peoples of the earth and behind them the people of the Bayan who violated the Covenant even as the followers of past religions had violated it before them. To this testeth He with Whom is a preserving Tablet. Thus was the matter decreed in the Book by God, the King of this luminous Day.

We counsel thee to show forth the Greater Steadfastness in this Cause, at which the limbs of every ignorant remote one have trembled.

BH07536: May you be confirmed to perform deeds that will…

In the Name of the One God

May you be confirmed to perform deeds that will cause the exaltation of God's Cause.

For example, if today a soul becomes successful in trustworthiness and manifests praiseworthy qualities and virtues, this will surely become the cause of guidance for people. Even as in the past, a king along with a group of princes and ministers attained to the faith and were adorned with the recognition of God through the deed of one person who remained faithful to his covenant.

How beloved is the state of one who has arisen today to serve the Cause and whose mention has flowed from the Most Exalted Pen—verily he is among those who are nigh in the Perspicuous Book. Beseech God that He may assist all to achieve His good-pleasure. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

We make mention of My handmaiden Hajar and give her the glad-tidings of My tender mercy and loving-kindness which have preceded all created things. God willing, may she be illumined by the lights of recognition and hold fast to the unifying Word. Blessed is she and blessed are My handmaidens who have believed in the All-Informed, the One.

BH07976: O Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli! The Wronged One hath made mention…

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

O Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli! The Wronged One hath made mention of thee before, and mentioneth thee in this Tablet which beareth witness to that whereunto God did witness before the creation of the heavens and earth, that there is none other God but I, the Mighty, the Bestower. Be thou fluent in the remembrance of thy Lord and steadfast in this Cause whereby the idols have lamented. Should a cawing one come unto thee, shun him and put thy trust in God, the Lord of Lords.

Hold fast unto the cord of the Cause in such wise that were all the books of the world to come unto thee and all peoples to oppose thee, thou wouldst arise with supreme steadfastness in the name of the Lord of all beings to uphold this Cause whereby the foundations were shaken. Give thanks unto God for this most great favor, then render such thanksgiving as beseemeth God, the Lord of all religions. We, from this station, send Our glorification upon thee and upon My loved ones in that land, and We give them the glad-tidings of My grace, My loving-kindness and My mercy that have preceded all creation.

BH07591: Ha. Sin. The servant in attendance brought your letter…

He is the One with power over what was and what will be

Ha. Sin. The servant in attendance brought your letter and read it before the Countenance. Verily your Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing. We perceived from it the fragrance of your love for the Beloved of the world and your turning to God, the Single One, the All-Informed. Indeed it tells of your sincerity, humility and submissiveness before God, the King, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

Blessed is your tongue for having uttered the remembrance of the Wronged One, from Whom every sinful doubter has turned away. Rejoice that the Most Exalted Pen has moved to make mention of you—this is naught but a mighty favor. He has ordained for you what you desired from the wonders of His bounty. Verily your Lord is the Compassionate, the Generous. Arise to serve the Cause, then speak with wisdom and utterance that perchance the people may find for themselves a path to God, the Lord of the worlds. The Glory be upon you and upon those who have attained unto the verses of their Lord, the Speaker, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH07823: This is a Book sent down in truth. Verily…

He is the One Who calls between earth and heaven!

This is a Book sent down in truth. Verily it beareth witness to that which was sent down aforetime by God unto the Prophets and Messengers. The Books have attained the honor of God's testimony in this Revelation which was promised by God, the Lord of the worlds.

Thy letter hath arrived and been read by this Servant in the presence of the Countenance. We found from it the fragrance of turning unto God. We have sent down for thee this perspicuous Tablet. Read thou the Book of thy Lord. Verily it will draw thee to a station wherein thou shalt behold naught save the lights of His Face. To this testifieth every truthful and perceiving one.

Speak forth in the remembrance of thy Lord and steadfast in this Cause, which when it appeared caused the feet of those who turned away from the Countenance to slip, while they turned unto every rejected idolator. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the All-Bountiful.

Glory be upon thee and upon those whom the intimations of the idolators have not held back from this momentous News.

BH07528: God grant that thou mayest become illumined…

In the name of the Lord of Utterance, the All-Wise!

God grant that thou mayest become illumined with the lights of the Daystar of this Revelation, which are shining above the horizon of the will of God, exalted be His glory. Thy name was mentioned in the presence of this Wronged One. Every soul, in this new Day, hath been adorned with the ornament of recognition, is remembered by the Concourse on high before God, and is recorded in the Mother Book. Happy is the man who hath not allowed the doubts and suggestions of those who have gone astray to deter him from the Revealer of Verses, who with perfect steadfastness hath quaffed the choice sealed Wine proffered by the hand of the Self-Subsisting, and who is occupied with the praise and glorification of the Lord of all names.

Give praise to the Beloved of the world, for thou hast attained unto this supreme grace, and thy name hath issued forth and appeared from the Tongue of God. Know thou the value of this most resplendent and exalted station, and through the name of the True One preserve it. Today is the day of steadfastness, for the croaking of the ravens is upraised. Hold fast to the hem of the manifold favors of thy Lord, and rely in Him at all times.

BH07560: O Hushang! Hearken unto the melody of the Friend…

He is the One, the All-Hearing

O Hushang! Hearken unto the melody of the Friend, for until the outward ear is purified and sanctified from the hints and doubts of the people of the earth, it will not discover the sweetness of the divine melody. I swear by the Lord of the worlds Who proclaimeth from the Most Great Prison that were all the people of the age to comprehend the utterance of the peerless Friend, all would now be seen circling round the will of the Dayspring of the light of oneness. Heedlessness and ignorance have held men back from the ocean of divine knowledge and left them wandering in the wilderness of error and misguidance. Strive that thou mayest not be deprived and excluded from the outpourings of the Most Bountiful One. This is the counsel of the Wronged One of the horizons unto thee and all the friends. Your letters from before and after arrived. Blessed be your faces for having turned, and your tongues for having spoken, and your hearts for having been adorned with the ornament of the love of your Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH07464: Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto…

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing!

Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto that which was recorded and inscribed in His Books and His Scriptures, and that is the recognition of the Hidden Mystery Who hath illumined the world with the lights of His Revelation.

O ʿAli! We have heard thy call and witnessed thy turning unto Us, and from the direction of the Most Great Prison have We turned toward thee. Reflect upon thy Lord's favor and be of them that prostrate themselves.

All have been created for Him and have been adorned with the ornament of existence for His service. Yet so resplendent hath shone the Sun of His grace that He maketh mention of His loved ones by night and by day, and remindeth them of that which leadeth to their elevation and advancement. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

Blessed art thou for having been aided to recognize Him and for having been enabled to make mention of Him. Know thou the worth of this most exalted station and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!

BH07786: He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom!...

He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom! Say: Glory be to Thee, O Thou through Whom every lover hastens to the precincts of the Beloved and every seeker speeds to the seat of the Sought-After!

I beseech Thee by the Name through which the near ones were drawn and advanced toward the arrows of the enemies in Their love for Thee and Their good pleasure, to assist me in that which Thou lovest and approvest.

O my Lord! Thou art the One through Whom the oceans of knowledge surged and the fragrances of Thy Name, the All-Merciful, were wafted. I beseech Thee by the First Word and by Thy Most Exalted Self to grant me the Kawthar of steadfastness from the hands of Thy bounty and to ordain for me, by the Pen of Destiny, the reward of those who have attained unto Thy presence.

O my Lord! Thou art the Generous and I am the suppliant at Thy gate. Ordain for me that which will profit me in all Thy worlds and preserve me from the allusions of those who have denied Thee and Thy signs. Verily Thou art He from Whose knowledge nothing escapes and Whom nothing frustrates. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou desirest. Thou art, in truth, the Almighty, the All-Praised.

BH07750: The Tongue of Grandeur hath testified that there...

In the Name of the Most Exalted!

The Tongue of Grandeur hath testified that there is none other God but Him, and He Who is established upon the Throne is indeed the Lord of the beginning and the end. Through Him hath been manifested the sovereignty of God and His power, and the greatness of God and His majesty.

Blessed is he who, athirst, hath hastened to His Most Great Ocean; and the stranger who hath speedily advanced toward His Most Sublime Vision; and the ignorant one who hath drawn nigh unto the Dawning-Place of knowledge in the most exalted station. He is the One Who guideth all who are in creation to the Kawthar of eternity and acquainteth them with the straight path.

Verily, they who have turned away from God and denied His sovereignty are accounted among the most abject of creatures in the Scriptures and Tablets, while they who have quaffed the choice wine of inner meanings are among the most exalted of servants in the Book. Thus have We illumined the horizon of utterance with the light of the recognition of your Lord, the All-Merciful.

O My loved ones! When ye have gained the blessing of hearing My call and have beheld the horizon of the heaven of My utterance, arise and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of Names, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the reins of all mankind.

BH07711: God beareth witness that He speaketh the truth…

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

God beareth witness that He speaketh the truth in this station which hath been named with the most beautiful names in the Crimson Book: “There is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Bestower!” The verses have testified to Him Who is the Manifestation of clear proofs, yet the people remain in wondrous intoxication. They hear the call of God and deny it—verily they are among those who wander distracted.

The proof hath been perfected and the evidence hath appeared, and He calleth from the midmost heart of contingent being: “The horizon of Revelation hath been illumined!”—yet most of the people remain heedless.

We make mention of him whom We found steadfast in the Cause and We give him glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for him in the Kingdom of God, the Mighty, the Wise. Let nothing grieve thee on this Day when the Most Great Joy walketh abroad and proclaimeth: “I am the All-Distinguishing, the All-Knowing!”

The very stones have spoken in remembrance of the Chosen One, while the trees are in grievous lamentation. Thus hath the Cock crowed and the Nightingale warbled, when the Speaker of Sinai spoke forth in this noble station.

BH07458: In the Name of the one true God! Praise…

In the Name of the one true God! Praise be to God that thou hast been illumined by the dawning rays of the Sun of Truth through His most great bounty, and hast been aided to recognize God. Preserve this mighty blessing in the Name of Truth, that it may be protected from the sight and grasp of the treacherous ones.

This is the Day which all those who are nigh unto God and sincere have yearned to attain, and thou hast attained it and recognized that which hath been manifested therein. Now thou must beseech God to aid thee to remain steadfast with supreme steadfastness. This is the mighty command that hath been revealed in the divine Books of the past and in what hath been sent down from the Supreme Pen.

Be thankful unto thy Lord for having been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, Who hath revealed unto thee this wondrous Tablet. Take hold of it with the power of God, and praise Him at all times. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have spoken the truth in this glorious and exalted Day.

BH07719: Thy petition hath attained unto the hearing…

In the Name of the One God.

Thy petition hath attained unto the hearing of the Lord of Names. How excellent is the tongue that hath spoken in praise of the Peerless Friend, and the eye that hath turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon.

Today all who dwell on earth are beheld on a single plane. He who hath attained to the blessed word "yea" is reckoned among the denizens of the most exalted Paradise, while they who tarry, turn aside, deny, and join partners with God are numbered among the people of the fire.

O friends! Strive ye to attain unto that which will cause the exaltation of God's Cause. In this perishable dust-heap acquire ye an everlasting station. This is the counsel of the Peerless Friend.

Praise thou the people of Baha for the Beloved of the worlds, in that He aided thee in a matter from which most of the people of the earth are debarred and excluded. Give thanks unto God that thy letter hath come into the presence of the Throne, and this Perspicuous Tablet hath been revealed unto thee.

Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH07880: This is the Day whereon the rivers have flowed…

In the Name of Him Who holdeth dominion over all who are in the heavens and on earth!

This is the Day whereon the rivers have flowed, the trees have swayed, and the fruits have spoken forth that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken:

> "There is none other God but Me, the Single One, the All-Speaking, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

Bear thou witness unto that whereunto God hath testified, and be not of the heedless.

This is the Day whereon the Call hath been raised from the luminous Spot, and that which was hidden in the knowledge of God, the Lord of all worlds, hath been made manifest. Blessed is the strong one who hath cast behind him vain imaginings, turning unto the Most Sublime Horizon, this hallowed, glorious and wondrous Station.

Say: This is the Day whereon the rustling of My Most Exalted Pen hath been heard and the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken forth, as He sat upon the throne of eternity: "There is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

When thou hast attained unto the Tablet of God and its traces, arise from thy place, turning toward the Prison, and say:

> "Thine be the glory, O Wronged One of the world, and Thine be the praise, O Beloved of them that have recognized Thee!"

BH08194: He shineth forth from the horizon of the heaven…

He shineth forth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance!

This is a mention from Us to one who has turned toward the Kingdom when most of the servants turned away from it. Thus does God reward those who turn to Him, as a grace from His presence, and He is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Bear thou witness to that which God did testify before the creation of the heavens and earth, and glorify the praise of thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. He hath testified to His Own Self by His Own Self that there is none other God but Him, and He Who proclaimeth is indeed the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Secret, and He is the One Who was mentioned in the Books of God, the Lord of Lords.

We counsel thee to manifest great steadfastness and that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of creation, may be exalted. Hold fast to the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and place thy trust in Him under all conditions. Verily He witnesseth and seeth and heareth the call of those who have turned unto Him with humility and contrition.

BH08571: O ʿAli qabl-i-Muhammad! The clamor of the opposers hath…

In the name of the Best-Beloved of the worlds!

O ʿAli qabl-i-Muhammad! The clamor of the opposers hath been raised, and the machinations of the plotters have become manifest, and the fire of the mischief-makers hath become evident and apparent from beneath the ashes.

God willing, thou wilt fix thy gaze upon the truth and remain steadfast in the divine Cause in such wise that the utterances of the wicked and the words of the evil ones will not debar thee from the Most Exalted Word and the Supreme Horizon.

Hearken unto the call of the Perspicuous Book, and beseech God, exalted be His glory, at all times, that He may preserve thee and thy friends from the book of the froward. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

Praise be to God that thou didst turn toward the prison and didst attain unto that which was recorded and inscribed in the divine Books of the past and of the future. Blessed art thou for having advanced and received the choice wine of reunion from the hand of thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted, and for having drunk in remembrance of Him, the All-Wise.

BH08092: May thou drink of the sealed wine which hath…

In the name of the All-Knowing, the One

May thou drink of the sealed wine which hath been unsealed by the Finger of the Self-Subsisting, and receive thy portion. For this wine diverse interpretations have been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book: in one place it is interpreted as the Most Great Word, in another as the Most Great

Steadfastness, and likewise as the Most Exalted Pen, and as He Who speaketh between earth and heaven, and likewise as that which floweth and streameth forth from the Pen of the Lord of antiquity. In truth, whosoever drinketh thereof and attaineth unto it, the entire world shall be powerless to prevent him: he shall speak forth the truth, turn unto the truth, and arise to serve the Cause for the sake of truth. May thou drink of this wine in such wise that the braying of the wayward souls shall not hold thee back from the Lord of Oneness. Verily thy Lord is the Counselor, the Compassionate, the All-Knowing.

BH08103: People of the Bayan, in their own estimation, broke…

In the Name of Him Who speaketh, the All-Seeing

People of the Bayan, in their own estimation, broke the chains of imitation and turned with perfect freedom to the horizon of divine unity. But when God's touchstone appeared and the Word of God was made manifest, they were found to be more veiled than all other peoples. They occupied themselves with worthless and unprofitable words in opposition to God, and are seen to be debarred and deprived from the Mother Book. Fie upon them and upon those who led them astray! God willing, thou wilt be numbered among those whom the braying of the heedless, the clamor of the deniers, and the croaking of the ungodly did not prevent from the Manifest Truth nor hold back from the Straight Path.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the seen and unseen, for having aided me to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the Dayspring of Thy signs! I testify that Thou art the All-Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH08119: O friends! Today is the Day which was promised…

In the name of the Manifest, the Hidden

O friends! Today is the Day which was promised to all the peoples of the earth from different parties, even as this matter hath been recorded and mentioned in the divine Books, Scriptures and Psalms. Yet after its appearance the heedless people are seen to be deprived, as though they had never heard mention of the Day of God. Woe unto them, then woe unto them!

Being hath come into existence from the realm of nothingness for the purpose of recognition. Were it not for this purpose, this mighty edifice would not have been raised up and these things would not have been witnessed. Blessed is the soul whom the oppression of the oppressors hath not prevented from the Temple of Justice. The world shall pass away and its people shall pass away, but God—exalted be His glory—and that which is with Him shall endure. Hold fast to His Name and cling to the hem of steadfastness in this Most Great, Most Mighty Cause.

BH08542: O Hasan! The Lord of the hidden…

In the Name of the one true God!

O Hasan! The Lord of the hidden and the manifest summons all who are on earth today to the straight path of God. Blessed are they who, through this call, have found their way to the Most Exalted Horizon

and have drunk the wine of immortality from the cup of utterance of the Lord of Names. Such souls are recorded and inscribed as the people of Baha in the Crimson Book.

Strive that thou mayest attain unto the most great steadfastness and be illumined with the lights of the Day of God. The Most Great Joy hath appeared among the peoples, and likewise the Most Great Terror. Guard yourselves through the Name of your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

God willing, be ever focused on truth and speaking in His remembrance. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

The glory be upon thee and upon thy wife who hath believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Convey my greetings unto her and gladden her with My wondrous remembrance.

BH08340: We have heard your call and have answered you…

He is the One manifest and dominant over all names.

We have heard your call and have answered you, for We are the Answerer. We have seen your turning to Us and have turned to you, for We are the All-Seeing.

God willing, may you be blessed by divine grace and act according to what has descended from the heaven of God's will in His Book. Verily He makes mention of you and of him who spoke on your behalf. Be thankful and be among those who are firm.

Strive that you may act as befits the days of God. He makes mention of you and those who have believed, and makes mention of him who was named Nasru'llah. Verily your Lord is the All-Mentioning, the All-Informed.

God willing, may all attain to what is recorded and inscribed in God's Book. Be not grieved at anything, but put your trust in God, the Lord of all worlds.

We make mention of your handmaiden whom you mentioned in your letter, and give her the glad tidings of My remembrance, My grace and My mercy which have preceded all worlds.

BH08198: A mention from Us to him whose letter appeared…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

A mention from Us to him whose letter appeared before the face of his Lord, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We make mention of him through this Tablet that he may give thanks to his Lord, the All-Forgiving. Rejoice in the Book of God and His mention, for the treasures of the world cannot compare with it. Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Hold fast to the cord of loving-kindness and say: O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy mercy and Thy grace and the tenderness that hath preceded existence to make me in all conditions one who uttereth Thy mention, who gazeth toward Thy horizon, who moveth by Thy will, and who standeth firm in Thy service. Thou art He Who doeth what He pleaseth through His sovereignty and ordaineth what He willeth through His command. Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent. At the end of this Tablet We make mention of Our servant Al-Baqi and give

him the glad-tidings of God's mercy and His grace, and We make mention of him through this wise remembrance. The glory be upon thee and upon him and upon those who have attained to the mention of this praiseworthy station.

BH08579: O Ghulam! The book was present and the servant…

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

O Ghulam! The book was present and the servant was present before the Countenance. He made mention of thee. Blessed art thou, for thy book was purified from doubts and sanctified from allusions. We heard thy sighing and lamentation in the love of God, and We have made mention of thee in this Most Impregnable, Most Holy Tablet. Blessed is the eye that hath beheld the Most Great Sign, and the ear that hath heard My Most Sweet Call, and the tongue that hath spoken My praise amidst the concourse of creation. God willing, thou shalt speak forth the mention of the Truth with the greatest steadfastness and with the utmost joy and fragrance, and arise to serve Him in such wise that the chains of the ungodly and the clamor of the deniers shall not deter thee from the Straight Path. Know thou the station of this Most Great Remembrance and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art wronged throughout all lands, and glory be unto Thee, O Beloved of them that have recognized Thee!

BH08548: O Khusru! Give ear to the voice of God…

In the name of God, the One!

O Khusru! Give ear to the voice of God issuing from all directions.

Praise be to God! The dark and gloomy winter hath passed and the springtide of divine mercy hath adorned the world in a new raiment. Strive to obtain a share and portion from the rose garden of inner meanings.

I swear by the Ancient Beauty! There hath never been another day like unto this preeminent Day, notwithstanding that the smoke of the envy of Our foes hath encompassed the Friend. But if a sanctified eye would turn away from the ashes of vain imaginings, it would behold the Daystar of this Revelation shining resplendently above the highest peaks of the mountain of true understanding.

Well is it with him who hath attained unto this sublime and exalted station and become illuminated with the lights of this Revelation. Blessed is he who hath quaffed from the living waters of utterance proffered by the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the All-Merciful, and woe betide those who have turned away.

Praise be to God, the Lord of all the worlds.

BH08122: O friends! Hearken unto the Divine Call…

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

O friends! Hearken unto the Divine Call in the Persian tongue, that perchance ye may become aware of the Will of God and drink from the ocean of knowledge and vision.

The seeing mystic perceiveth from a single blessed and decisive Word that appeareth from the Dayspring of the Divine Will all that is befitting this Day. Gaze with penetrating vision and hearken with attentive ear.

Verily He seeth not through any eye save His own, nor can He be known except through Himself. I swear by the Sun of the ocean of Divine Unity that whosoever is enabled to hearken unto this Word is recorded and inscribed as one of the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise in the Crimson Book.

Take thou the Most Great Word and leave all else beside it. Thus doth He command thee from Whose presence is the Preserved Book and the Guarding Tablet.

BH08311: My first counsel is this: cast aside…

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

My first counsel is this: cast aside that which is with men and take what hath come from God, the Lord of all worlds. By God! This is the Day whereon the Mother Book speaketh and the Balance proclaimeth among all possibilities: O peoples of all religions! The Promised One hath come and through Him the horizon of the world is illumined. Turn ye unto Him and be not of the heedless ones.

This is the Day wherein that which lay hidden in God's knowledge hath been revealed. Rejoice ye, then draw nigh unto Him with radiant faces. He, verily, is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing. Blessed is the servant who hath turned to the Countenance, and woe betide them who have turned away from God, the Mighty, the Wise. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee as a grace from Our presence, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Bestower, the Generous. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Lord of Names, rest upon those who have shattered the idols of vain imaginings and turned to the horizon of certitude.

BH08231: Glorified be He Who hath appeared and made manifest…

In His Name, through Whom surged the ocean of divine knowledge!

Glorified be He Who hath appeared and made manifest His straight Path, Who hath spoken and caused all things to speak that there is none other God but Him, the Single One, the All-Informed. O people of the earth! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of Heaven, for verily it will draw you nigh unto the supreme horizon, that station wherein the Divine Lote Tree proclaimeth: The kingdom belongeth unto God, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed is the servant who hath taken the choice sealed Wine through My Self-Subsisting Name and hath drunk through this wise Remembrance. And woe unto them whom veils have withheld from the Lord of Lords—they are assuredly among the perishing ones. Blessed is the heart that hath turned, and the tongue that hath spoken, and the eye that hath beheld this luminous horizon. Even thus have We adorned the horizon of the heaven of the Book with the sun of knowledge and wisdom. Blessed is the servant who hath read and said:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Beloved of the worlds, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou the Desire of them that have recognized Thee!"

BH08383: The Supreme Pen, in the name of the Lord…

In the name of the Ruler of the Kingdom

The Supreme Pen, in the name of the Lord of the Kingdom, makes mention of one of the handmaidens, that she may voice the praise of the Ancient Lord with supreme joy and greatest delight. Most of the queens of the world who were engaged in the remembrance of God during the nights and days, and were awaiting the days of the Manifestation—when the dawn of the Day of God broke forth, all were observed to be veiled and deprived, while thou didst attain thereunto.

I swear by the Sun of utterance which shineth from the horizon of the prison, should a soul sacrifice his life a hundred thousand times in the path of the Friend, verily it would be seen as non-existent and as naught compared to this most great bounty. Rejoice thou in this bounty. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

BH09165: O Mihdi! Praise be to God that thou hast…

He is the Summoner between earth and heaven

O Mihdi! Praise be to God that thou hast drunk from the cup of recognition and received thy portion from the rain-showers of the mercy of the All-Merciful, for thou hast attained unto His recognition, which is the ultimate purpose of creation. This in days when the divines, mystics and all souls are seen to be opponents and deniers, save a small few whom the hand of grace hath delivered and guided to the straight path. If thou wert to render thanks until the kingdom of earth and heaven endure, it would be as utter nothingness compared to this supreme bounty and most great gift.

Thus have We informed thee and acquainted thee with this most brilliant station, that thou mayest be assured of the grace of thy Lord, the Beneficent, the Generous. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

BH08902: The Euphrates of mercy is flowing, the gate…

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

The Euphrates of mercy is flowing, the gate of grace is opened, and the pavilion of bounty is raised up. Yet most people are deprived and forbidden from it. How many servants are seen to be bereft of all divine outpourings in the Days of God, and how many handmaidens have turned to the highest horizon and drunk from the waters of everlasting life.

Blessed art thou, O My handmaiden, in that thou hast heard My call, turned to My horizon, and responded to that which My tongue hath uttered from My station. Give thanks unto thy Lord, for He hath ordained for thee that which none knoweth save His all-encompassing, all-pervading knowledge.

From this station We send Our blessings upon thee and upon every handmaiden who hath turned to God and believed in God, the Single One, the All-Informed.

BH08886: The glance of loving-kindness hath been directed towards thee…

He is, verily, He! There is no God but Him!

The glance of loving-kindness hath been directed towards thee from the Most Great Prison, and mentioneth thee, that perchance the attraction of divine verses may so seize thee that neither the happenings of the world nor the clamor of the nations may hold thee back from the Ancient King. Should you praise the Truth with all the tongues of the peoples of the world, it would not equal a single letter of this most mighty, most holy Tablet.

Blessed art thou and thy father! Ye have attained to that which most of mankind hath failed to attain. The splendor shining from the horizon of eternity be upon thee and upon thy father and upon those who are with you, and upon those who have been intoxicated with the wine of My recognition and have been steadfast in this mighty Cause.

BH08791: A mention from Us to him who desires…

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

A mention from Us to him who desires to drink from the Kawthar of utterance from the hands of his Lord's bounty, the Mighty, the Generous, that the pure wine may attract him to a station wherein the intimations of the people shall not withhold him from the Self-Subsisting Name, nor shall conjectures debar him from that which hath shone forth from the horizon of certitude. O Rida! The Lord of Names calleth thee from His Most Great Prison and commandeth thee that which hath been sent down in the Book, a command from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have heard thy mention and have mentioned thee, and We have seen thy turning and have turned unto thee, and We have sent down for thee that which hath brought joy to the eyes of them that are nigh. Be thou steadfast in the service of the Cause. By the life of God! It shall profit thee in every world among the worlds of thy Lord, the Speaker, the All-Seeing. And the glory be upon thee and upon those on whose faces thou findest the radiance of Baha when every ignorant one far removed hath turned away from it.

BH08794: A remembrance from Us unto him who hath believed…

In the Name of the Most Glorious, the Most Splendid

A remembrance from Us unto him who hath believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed, that it may at one time draw him unto My heaven of might, at another unto My kingdom, and yet another unto My luminous horizon. Verily, he who hath turned unto the Face is among the most glorious of creatures before the Truth, whereunto every fair-minded and discerning one doth testify. Hearken unto the Call from the precincts of the Crimson Spot, from the right hand of the sacred and radiant Land:

> "Verily, there is none other God but I, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing."

Every hearing ear hath testified to this Light, and every seeing eye to this mighty Cause. Verily, he who hath turned away from God is among the worshippers of desire, as doth the Lord of all creation testify in His perspicuous Book. Whoso hath attained unto the Book of God and His Cause is assuredly among those

drawn nigh. It behooveth him to beseech God at all times to make him steadfast in this momentous Cause.

BH08971: The Supreme Pen testifies, in the name…

In the Name of Him Who speaketh, the Ever-Abiding

The Supreme Pen testifies, in the name of the Everlasting Speaker, to thy faith and thy turning and devotion and humility and submissiveness for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds. Praise be to God that thou didst migrate and didst drink the Kawthar of reunion from the hand of bounty of the Beloved Who knoweth no decline. Say: O friends! Strive that the jewels of human beings may become manifest and evident through the burnishing of divine grace. Man is like unto a tree—its fruits are praiseworthy spiritual qualities and attributes. God willing, through divine grace may the trees of being be adorned with these fruits. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Thy letter was received before Us and We heard thy mention and have remembered thee in this Most Exalted Tablet. Rejoice, then give thanks to thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

BH08660: Today is a day when the clamor…

In the Name of the Peerless Lord

Today is a day when the clamor of the objectors has been raised and inflammatory papers are being circulated. Blessed are those souls whom the doubts of the antagonists have not prevented from the Kingdom of utterance, and who with complete steadfastness stand firm in service and speak His praise. Know thou the value of these days. By the life of God! The sun hath never risen upon their like. Strive thou to attain to that which will cause its mention to endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Verily We have mentioned thee before and in this Clear Tablet. By the life of God! All the treasures of earth cannot equal one word thereof. Thus hath spoken the Tongue of the Wronged One when He was imprisoned through that which the hands of the oppressors had wrought. Glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath turned with his heart unto the countenance of God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH08658: Today is a day when the horizon…

He is sanctified above mention and description.

Today is a day when the horizon of the world is illumined and bright with the lights of the Sun of Manifestation. Yet the birds of night remain heedless of it, nay, turn away from it, for they were not and are not worthy to behold it or capable of facing it. They are of the essence of darkness, returning to it and intimately associated with it. There has been and will be no remedy for divine wrath. By their own deeds they have become deserving of discord and opposition and darkness and ignorance. Otherwise, the Truth created all through one Word and called all through one Call. Verily He is the Just, the Wise. God willing, may you be confirmed and remain firm and steadfast in the Cause of the Beloved of the worlds. This has

been and will ever be among the greatest of deeds. Blessed are the steadfast ones, and woe unto the wavering ones.

BH08659: This is the Day whose mention hath flowed…

In the Name of the All-Powerful One!

This is the Day whose mention hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen in the Books of old. None save God, exalted be His glory, is aware of the greatness of this wondrous Day.

Whosoever desireth to attain unto the recognition of the Lord of this Day must needs detach himself from all that he hath seen and heard, and must, with an eye sanctified from the film of vain imaginings, observe within the very Essence of Truth, and ponder upon His signs. Then will he find himself upon the straight path.

Blessed is he who, for the sake of God, acteth in accordance with that which hath been mentioned. He is assuredly among those who have attained in the perspicuous Book.

The glory rest upon thee and upon those who have acted according to that which the Lord of all mankind hath taught them in His mighty Prison.

BH09147: O My Pen! I bear witness that thou hast…

He is the Manifest, the Hidden One

O My Pen! I bear witness that thou hast not fallen short in that which was commanded thee from before God, the Lord of all worlds. Thy shrill voice was raised up on a day wherein every learned one turned away, every mystic objected, every oppressor denied, and the tongue of Grandeur proclaimed: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the All-Praised. We have heard thy call and witnessed thy turning toward Us. We make mention of thee through this Luminous Book whereby the fragrance of divine knowledge hath been wafted throughout all contingent being. Blessed be the All-Merciful, the Manifestor of this mighty favor. This is a station round which circle the Concourse on High and which the near-stationed angels visit. Verily, if thou hearest the scratching of My Pen and findest the fragrance of My robe, turn thy face toward My Prison and say: I testify that through Thee the horizon of the world was illumined, the river of wisdom flowed, and the gate of heaven was opened by the key of Thy Name, the All-Powerful.

BH09225: Rejoice thou in that We have remembered thee…

He is the One Who calls out in the world through His Most Great Name!

Rejoice thou in that We have remembered thee and aided thee to turn towards this Cause, from which most of the servants have turned away. We have borne for God’s sake that which has caused the sighs of them that are endued with insight to ascend. How many nights have the hosts of tyranny encompassed Us, and how many days have the hearts of the righteous been troubled by that which hath befallen Us.

O thou who hast turned towards Us, hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He calleth thee and summoneth thee unto the Mighty, the Bestower. Beware lest the affairs of men hold thee back from the Truth which hath come unto thee with the standards of verses. Blessed is he who hath sought the Sought One and blessed is he who hath attained to the knowledge of God, the Lord of all men. Woe unto him who hath denied God and turned away from Him when He came with the hosts of inspiration.

BH09572: Your letter arrived and your call was heard. Your…

In the name of God, the One

Your letter arrived and your call was heard. Your petition was accepted at the Divine Throne, for you sought steadfastness from the Exalted Truth. I swear by the Sun of Truth that this station is lofty and this Cause is great. The Exalted Herald (the Bab) says to one of the Letters of the Living that you comprehend Him, but verily the Cause is mighty, mighty. God willing, may you be occupied at all times with the remembrance of the Lord of all beings, and be steadfast on His path, arise in His service, and speak His praise. Verily your Lord is the Hearing, the Responding. The Glory be upon you and upon My servants who have turned to the Most Exalted Horizon, and upon My handmaidens who have heard and answered the call of God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH09661: O Abbas! Your mention hath been made before…

He is the Truth, the Knower of the Unseen

O Abbas! Your mention hath been made before the Wronged One, and this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet hath been revealed in the Persian tongue that thou mayest drink from the Euphrates of the All-Merciful's mercy and occupy thyself with the praise and glorification of the Beloved of all creation. This is a day wherein the call of the All-Merciful is raised from one direction, and likewise the cawing of Satan from another. Blessed is the state of the one whom the cawing of the cawers and the doubt of the doubters hath not prevented from the breezes of the Day of Judgment. Through the power of the Most Great Name, take hold of the Book of God, cling fast unto it, and act according to that which hath been sent down therein from the heaven of God's Will. Thus doth the Wronged One command thee from the precincts of His mighty prison.

BH09294: O Most Exalted Pen! The Lord of Names declares…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great!

O Most Exalted Pen! The Lord of Names declares: Thou wert created for the purpose of proclamation. This is the Day whereon thou must give glad tidings of the appearance of the Lord of all creation to all the friends and guide them to the straight path of God. Act in accordance with that which thou art commanded. Verily, He is with thee and will aid thee through His grace. He is the Mighty, the Powerful. Give mention from the True One to Ali-Akbar and give him glad tidings of the Most Great Horizon, that he may engage in thanksgiving to God with both his outer and inner tongue. O Ali-Qabli-Akbar! We have heard thy call and have made mention of thee in this wondrous Tablet. Render praise unto the Beloved of the world and the Ancient Lord. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

BH09656: O Shukru'llah! Thy letter reached the Most Great Prison…

In the name of the Desired One

O Shukru'llah! Thy letter reached the Most Great Prison and was read before the Wronged One. Praise be to God that, through God's infinite loving-kindness, thou hast quaffed from the cup of mystic knowledge the living waters in the name of the Beloved of all creation. All who dwell on earth were created to attain unto this station, and yet most of them are seen to be heedless, turned away, and veiled.

Blessed art thou, for thou hast heard the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and hast turned toward the most exalted horizon. Glory in this, then render thanks unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Know thou the value of this station and preserve it as thy very life in the name of the Beloved of all creation.

BH09522: Say: My God, my God! Thou seest Thy handmaiden…

He is the Speaker in the Kingdom of Utterance!

Say: My God, my God! Thou seest Thy handmaiden who hath believed in Thee and in Thy signs, and who hath turned to the ocean of Thy bounty and the horizon of Thy mercy and the heaven of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee by the Primal Word and the Most Exalted Leaf to ordain for this handmaiden of Thine that which beseemeth Thy bounty and Thy favors and Thy care and Thy gifts.

O Lord! The hearts of Thy handmaidens are set ablaze in Thy days. I beseech Thee to honor them with Thy presence or to ordain for them the reward of attaining unto Thee.

Verily Thou art He Whom nothing can frustrate and no command can prevent. Thou doest as Thou pleasest and willest, and Thou art God, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Praised.

BH09393: Glorified art Thou, O God of Names and Creator…

He is the One melodiously warbling upon the branches in His Name, the All-Merciful!

Glorified art Thou, O God of Names and Creator of heaven! I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thou hast subdued all things, and by the pearls of Thy knowledge in the Kingdom of creation, and by the stars of the heaven of Thy Command in the Realm of eternity, to make me in all conditions to turn toward Thy most exalted horizon and to drink from the Kawthar of Thy supreme mercy. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thy countenance and holding fast to the cord of Thy loving-kindness. Do with me, then, as befitteth Thy bounty and beseemeth Thy days. Thou art He Whom nothing whatsoever can frustrate from that which Thou hast purposed through Thy power. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Within Thy grasp is the dominion of destiny. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH09424: God beareth witness in the Kingdom of Utterance…

He is the Manifest, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

God beareth witness in the Kingdom of Utterance that this Cause is mighty, mighty indeed. Blessed is the soul whom the doubts of the people have not caused to slip away from the Self-Subsisting, and whom the intimations of those who have disbelieved in God, the Exalted, the Great, have not held back. Verily, he who hath attained unto this Most Great Name is accounted among the most exalted of peoples in the perspicuous Book. We counsel Our loved ones with that wherewith We counseled Our servants aforetime. He, verily, is the True Counselor, the All-Knowing.

O loved ones of the All-Merciful in all lands! Be ye steadfast, and be ye trustworthy, and do that whereby the Cause of God, the Powerful, the Almighty, may be exalted. The glory of God be upon thee and upon whosoever hath attained unto My Day, hath heard My call, and hath acted according to that which was ordained in My wondrous Book.

BH09218: Today the Call of the Dawning-Place of the Self-Subsisting…

In His Name, the One Who rules over all names!

Today the Call of the Dawning-Place of the Self-Subsisting is raised, and likewise the clamor of the people of idle fancies. You must arise to serve the Cause with utmost endeavor and, with supreme steadfastness, be engaged in mentioning the Lord of Names amidst all people. Strive that the leaves of fire may not prevent you from the Dawning-Place of light.

You are related to the Truth and are known by His name. Know the value of this exalted station and preserve it through the Name of God. The satans have been and are lying in wait in the name of truth. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and put thy trust in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Verily, He will grant His chosen ones the best of rewards from His presence. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH11899: Today every falsifier layeth claim to truth, and every…

In His Name Who hath dawned from the horizon of the Kingdom!

Today every falsifier layeth claim to truth, and every transgressor adorneth himself with the vesture of piety. World-consuming is the fire of the ignorant one who decketh himself with the ornament of knowledge. Beseech thou God that He may graciously assist thee to remain steadfast in this supreme steadfastness, that thou mayest not be moved by the putrid winds of malicious souls and mayest be witnessed firm and steadfast as a mountain in the Cause of God. The Most Exalted Pen hath testified to thy acceptance, humility, submissiveness and service, and this testimony is more beloved before God than all that thou hast seen and heard. Rejoice thou in this great bounty.

BH09902: He Who is the Goal beareth witness that there…

In the name of the Goal of all worlds

He Who is the Goal beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath spoken with truth is indeed the Most Exalted Horizon, the Uttermost Tree, the Dawning-Place of God's Most Beautiful Names, the Dayspring of Revelation, and the Source of grace unto all who are in the heavens and on

earth. Blessed is he who hath attained unto His mention, though it be through a single word, and joy be unto him who hath heard His most sweet call on this wondrous Day. O loved ones of the All-Merciful in all lands! Remember your Lord with spirit and fragrance, and hold fast unto that which ye have been commanded in His perspicuous Book. He hath commanded you that which profiteth you—to this testifieth every discerning knower.

BH09817: God, the Exalted Truth, brought creation into being…

In the Name of the one true God!

God, the Exalted Truth, brought creation into being from nothingness specifically for this Day, and afterwards caused the sun of grace to shine forth equally upon all, that all might attain to the recognition of the true Friend. Likewise He commanded all to be steadfast in His Cause. Nevertheless, some broke the Covenant at the buzzing of a fly and violated the divine Testament. O handmaiden of God! Fix your gaze upon the horizon of steadfastness, that you may not be debarred from the Truth by the words of the heedless, the gestures of the wayward, and the book of evil. This is God's counsel to His male and female servants.

BH10123: God makes mention of one of His handmaidens who…

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Hearing!

God makes mention of one of His handmaidens who heard the Call and responded to her Lord, the Lord of Names. Verily do We make mention of every servant who has turned unto Him and every handmaiden who has attained unto the recognition of God, the Lord of the worlds. Thus has the Most Exalted Pen spoken by the command of God, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

When thou hast received My Tablet and heard My Call, render thanks unto thy Lord and glorify Him with His praise at all times. Thus doth the Wronged One command thee as He turneth toward thee from this remote spot. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon My handmaidens who have turned unto Him and hearkened unto the Call of God, the King, the Mighty, the Most Beautiful.

BH10099: O Ghulam-ʿAli! The fragrance of thy love reached…

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing

O Ghulam-ʿAli! The fragrance of thy love reached the Most Holy Court. We heard thy call and witnessed thy turning to the Most Exalted Horizon, and We make mention of thee in this Most Mighty, Most Sublime Tablet that thou mayest behold the favor of God with both thine outer and inner eyes.

Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the fruit of existence. Consider man as a tree: its fruit hath been and ever shall be the knowledge of God, and its leaves and branches are goodly deeds and spiritual qualities. Praise the Object of all creation Who hath enabled thee to attain unto this station. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, then render thanks unto thy Lord, the Remembering, the All-Loving, the All-Bountiful.

BH09796: O handmaiden of God! Moses attained to hearing…

In the name of the Beloved of the world

O handmaiden of God! Moses attained to hearing the divine call in the Sinai of recognition, and this is that same call with which the Goal of the world now speaketh. Strive thou that this most great bounty may remain and endure. The evil ones have ever lain in wait for God's loved ones, and through tales of the past they prevent the servants from the supreme horizon.

Beseech ye God that ye may attain to such a station wherein ye will regard all save God as non-existent and count it as nothing. Verily He calleth with truth and revealeth unto whomsoever desireth His straight path. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Wise.

BH09886: God beareth witness that there is none other God…

He is manifest above all things.

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him. His is the dominion and the kingdom and the glory and the power. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful. And she who hath believed, verily she is a leaf in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath turned unto God and done what she was bidden by the One Who commandeth, the All-Wise.

O handmaidens of God! Rejoice in that ye have been mentioned in His Most Great Prison when the Tongue of Pre-existence did speak: "There is none other God but I, the Forgiving, the Generous." Thus hath the matter been decreed from before God, the Most High, the Most Great.

BH11902: O servant of the True One! Today the divine…

He is the One Who has dawned from the Most Exalted Horizon.

O servant of the True One! Today the divine call is raised high. How blessed is the state of the one who has attained unto hearing it and has turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon. Today the Dayspring of Light is in its dawning and manifestation, and likewise the Source of Fire is in motion and emergence.

Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the days of God and hast drunk of the wine of merciful compassion in this dawn-time. Now strive that thou mayest remain steadfast in His Cause, for the evil ones are, in the name of truth, engaged in leading astray the sincere ones and the believers. Know thou this and be among the firm ones.

BH10487: O Muhammad-Qabli-Rida, thou art remembered and thy name hath…

He is the Dawning One from the horizon of utterance

O Muhammad-Qabli-Rida, thou art remembered and thy name hath attained. God willing, through the loving-kindness of the Best Beloved of the world, thou shalt taste the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful in these days which are more delicate than spirit and more subtle than the spring breeze.

How many among those who claimed to love attained this station for themselves, yet when the divine touchstone appeared, they remained deprived by a cry from the choice wine and forbidden by a scratch from the Supreme Pen. Hold fast to the cord of steadfastness and cleave to the hem of the mercy of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful.

BH10298: Glorified art Thou, O Thou in Whose hand…

He is the Witnessing, the Witnessed One!

Glorified art Thou, O Thou in Whose hand is the dominion of all created things and in Whose grasp are the reins of all existence. I beseech Thee by the Revealer of verses and the Manifestor of clear signs, Who soared in the atmosphere through Thy name and walked upon the sea through Thy power and might, to ordain from the Supreme Pen for Thy handmaidens that which will draw them nigh unto the shore of the sea of Thy oneness and grant them what Thou hast destined for Thy trusted ones and chosen ones.

O Lord! Thou art the All-Bountiful, possessed of great bounty. There is no God but Thee, the Ruler over whatsoever Thou willest. Within Thy grasp is the kingdom of the dominion of the heavens and earth, and verily Thou art the Mighty, the All-Wise.

BH10214: O handmaid of God! Today whoever has attained…

In the name of the one Friend!

O handmaid of God! Today whoever has attained to the recognition of the Purpose of creation must arise in all conditions to offer praise and thanksgiving, and must speak forth: Praise be to God, you have borne trials in the path of the Friend and attained to the most great honor which is the recognition of God. Blessed art thou and blessed is she who heard and responded to the call of her Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Knowing.

BH10608: The Wronged One beareth witness in the Most Great…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great!

The Wronged One beareth witness in the Most Great Prison that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath appeared is indeed the One promised in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. We testify that He was one in His essence and one in His dominion, He Who hath conquered the world. He is, verily, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. O My handmaiden! Rejoice thou that thy mention hath been honored by God's hearing, and that this Clear Book hath been revealed unto thee—a Book that speaketh of God's grandeur and His sovereignty, and guideth mankind unto His straight Path.

BH10684: O my handmaiden! Your call has attained the honor…

In the name of the All-Knowing Beloved!

O my handmaiden! Your call has attained the honor of being heard, and the glance of God from the direction of the Most Great Prison is turned toward you. Were you to find the sweetness of this utterance

which has appeared from the Dayspring of the mouth of the All-Merciful's loving-kindness, you would, throughout your entire life, be moved to exclaim: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!" Know thou the value of this bounty and preserve it as you would your very life.

BH10564: The exalted Truth hath testified to the greatness…

In the Name of the One Incomparable Speaker!

The exalted Truth hath testified to the greatness of this glorious Day and the majesty of the Cause, yet none hath comprehended the purpose of the utterance of the All-Merciful nor discovered the greatness of the Day of God. They hear but understand not, they see but remain heedless. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the Divine Word which is this most sublime Tablet. Beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, that He may keep thee steadfast and not deprive thee of the reward of this most exalted, most holy Day.

BH00219: He saith, and sweet is His utterance

Section 1: "He saith, and sweet is His utterance…"

He saith, and sweet is His utterance:

God grant that thou mayest attain unto His loving providence and mayest turn to and speak of that which refineth the character of His servants. O physician! The people are heedless and in need of a Teacher and Educator. They must, through the care and loving-kindness of the divine Physicians and the learned ones of the age, recognize the cause of their illnesses and seek to find their cure. Strive then, that haply the heedless may perceive the fruit of goodly deeds and a praiseworthy character. Should they attain unto this station, each one would find himself capable of reforming, edifying, and uniting the negligent and the wayward. The Pen of this Wronged One hath at all times directed everyone to show forth love, compassion, and concord, and hath explicitly set forth the meaning of "rendering the Cause victorious", which hath been mentioned in the holy Tablets.

And yet, it is observed that some have considered sedition to be the means of the betterment of the world and of gaining victory. Nay, by the One Who hath created the world through a single word of His mouth! The Cause of God is rendered victorious through wisdom and utterance, which are in turn conditional upon the utmost joy and radiance. We beseech God to confirm all in achieving that which is worthy of this Day.

Say: O people! Ye have stepped out of nothingness into the realm of being that ye may reconstruct the world. Dissension and strife ill beseem the station of a human being. In this day, should a soul become the cause of sorrow to another soul, no matter from which Faith, this would not be pleasing to this Wronged One. Unto this bear witness both Mine inner and outer tongue, and beyond them every wise and discerning, every learned and attentive soul. The fundamental purpose of religion as brought down from the heaven of divine Revelation is harmony and union among all people. O physician! Now consider how this pure and gem-like reality hath been clouded by the dust of vain imaginings and how, through the

tyranny of the ignorant, things have come to such a pass that religion hath become the cause of hatred amongst God's servants.

This is the pure stream of utterance flowing down from the Kingdom of divine knowledge. Blessed is the soul who approacheth it and drinketh therefrom in the name of the one true God. It is hoped that the people of Baha may attain unto that which God hath purposed and become the dawning-places of harmony and fellowship, that perchance, through the grace of God and the outpourings of His bounty, they may become the cause of the rehabilitation of the world and its reconstruction.

Convey to the friends in that land the greetings of this Exile and say: God grant that ye may be occupied in making mention of God with the utmost wisdom, so that your words may stir the hearts. We counsel you to observe compassion, mercifulness, forbearance, trustworthiness, and sincerity, that haply this darksome world may be illumined with the light of a praiseworthy character and goodly deeds. This is the true meaning of "rendering the Cause victorious" which hath been revealed in the Book. In this day, should any soul commit an act that is the cause of affliction or harm to another, that deed would in truth revert unto this Wronged One. Beware, O My loved ones, lest ye commit that which human minds abhor. Thus doth My Pen counsel you and My truth-speaking and trustworthy tongue exhort you.

Ye are before Mine eyes. We make mention of you and commune with you and give you glad tidings of what hath been ordained for the sincere ones in the Kingdom of God, the Lord of the worlds.

As regards what was written concerning the movement and attention of that personage with his family, it was submitted, whereupon He said:

> "At present it is not and has not been advisable—with Him is the wisdom of all things in a perspicuous Book. This land too, due to certain matters, is observed to be declining day by day. You are in Our thoughts and whatever is advisable has certainly been and will be mentioned. Convey My greetings to her and give her the glad tidings of My remembrance. God willing, God's special favors have been and will continue to be with her. The reward of no doer of good has been or will ever be lost. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Generous."

As regards what you wrote concerning Sa'id, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], it was submitted, whereupon He said:

> "O Sa'id! Mention was made of thee before the Wronged One. We make mention of thee through this remembrance. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to grant thee a goodly end, to ordain for thee that which will draw thee nigh unto Him, and to decree for thee that which will profit thee in this world and the next. Verily, He is the Lord of creation and the Possessor of Oneness. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

He said write to the physician, upon him be My glory:

> "O physician! Convey My greetings to My loved ones and deliver unto them My peace, and give them the glad tidings of My will and My favor and My grace, and counsel all by My leave with wisdom, and wisdom, and wisdom, lest there appear from anyone that which would

> disturb even a gnat, how much less a human being. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who hath taught us what He desired and guided us to the straight path."

This is what the Kingdom of Utterance hath spoken:

> "O Muhammad-i-Amin! Thy letter was presented and the servant in attendance before the Wronged One read it, and We have answered thee with that which will solace the eyes. Say: Glory be to Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the fragrance of utterance was wafted throughout creation and the ocean of knowledge surged! I beseech Thee to aid me in that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book and to enable me to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee amongst Thy servants. O my Lord! Thou seest me clinging to the cord of Thy grace and holding fast to the hem of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by the Name through which the breezes of generosity were wafted over the world and the fragrance of the garment of Revelation was diffused among the nations, to make me in all conditions one who makes mention of Thee, who gazes toward the direction of Thy grace, and who acts according to that which Thou hast commanded me from the Dayspring of Thy Revelation. O my Lord! I am the poor one who hath sought Thy bounty and favors, and the needy one who hath hastened toward the ocean of Thy riches. I beseech Thee to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have turned toward Thee and have turned away from all else beside Thee. Verily Thou art the Almighty Whom the conditions of the world cannot frustrate, nor can the signs of every heedless doubter prevent. There is none other God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the All-Conquering, the Almighty, the All-Powerful."

O Muhammad! We have seen what thou didst send unto the Wronged One. We beseech God, exalted be He, to acquaint thee with that which shall profit thee and teach thee that which shall guide thee to His straight path. The Tree of Wisdom, its root, branch and twig is the knowledge of God—exalted be His glory, magnificent His station, and great His grandeur. He cannot be known except through Himself, nor can He be described by what the people possess. Know thou that all mention, all description, and all knowledge returns unto His Messengers and ends with His chosen ones whom He hath sent unto His servants and His creation. Blessed is he who hath recognized this most exalted station and attained unto that which God, the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens, hath desired.

God willing, thou must strive to attain unto such wisdom whereby thou and all other created things may benefit both outwardly and inwardly. The wisdom of the people of Persia, which some of their eminent divines claim to possess, hath been and is mere words—it began with words and ended with words. Every person of insight beareth witness to that which the Wronged One hath testified in this mighty prison.

God willing, through the bounty of the True One, mayest thou drink from the divine ocean of knowledge and be illumined by the Sun of Truth. Some of the philosophers of Persia have inquired of this Wronged One concerning certain words of previous philosophers, and the inquirer had studied under Hakim-i-Sabzivari. In the early days, this Wronged One would engage in answering such questions. In response to their question about the "simple reality," that was mentioned which any person possessed of sight and hearing would witness and hear, directing him to the horizon of guidance. Nevertheless, no trace appeared from the inquirer.

Ask thou God, besides Whom there is none other God, to assist all to achieve that which He loveth and is pleased with. Verily, He is the Lord of the Throne and earth, and the Sovereign of the hereafter and this world. All people have passed by the choice wine of fairness and occupied themselves with the bitter water of tyranny. They have deemed the learned ignorant and the ignorant learned, and wander in the wilderness of heedlessness and ignorance, following the dictates of their desires, save whom God, the Lord of creation, willeth. And peace be upon him who followeth guidance.

According to the command given, be not assured of such persons, for their aim is but a word that may be spoken— even as it hath become known, clear, and manifest. When that which hath been mentioned is established, an answer shall be returned. Yet the barren land is not meet for growth; unto this beareth witness every discerning soul. End.

And as to that which ye had written concerning the honored Muḥammad of the people of Kabul: it was submitted before the Throne, and these exalted words were sent down in reply.

O Muhammad! This Wronged One hath summoned all the peoples of the world unto the Lord of Eternity, and guided them to whatsoever conduceth to the tranquility of humankind. Yet the heedless people have clung to vain imaginings and idle fancies, turning away from the Manifest Truth. They have taken conjecture in place of certitude, and have worshipped the idol, mistaking it for the Self-Subsisting. Such is the condition of the people. By the Sun that shineth above the horizon of the heaven of utterance! This Wronged One hath desired naught but pure good, and hath spoken naught save that which enjoineth righteous conduct and befitteth the station of man. Yet they visited upon Him that which none other hath endured. We have heard, in the path of God, the clash of the swords of enemies and the neighing of the steeds of the wicked ones, and We have been patient through His grace and favor. We beseech Him in all conditions to assist His servants in that which He willeth and to grant them success in that which He loveth and pleaseth. Verily He is the Lord of all beings and the Sovereign of the hereafter and the present world.

God willing, may that honored one observe the Cause of God with penetrating vision, an illumined heart and an expanded breast, and ponder upon it, that he may attain unto the pearls of the ocean of inner meanings. We have heard thy mention and have remembered thee with this Remembrance whereby the gate of true knowledge hath been opened to all who dwell within the realm of possibility. Glorified be the All-Merciful Who hath appeared in the manifestation of His conclusive and wise Command. Soon shall the world and whatsoever it containeth of ornaments, souls, sciences and arts pass away, and the Cause shall remain with Him Who hath testified to His Own Self by His Own Self before the creation of all things. Verily there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. It behooveth all to cleave unto wisdom and to associate with the people in a spirit of joy and fragrance, and to acquaint them wisely with that which is hidden from the eyes of the heedless ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Section 2: “They have stated that it is most difficult…”

They have stated that it is most difficult for such souls to ascend unto the Kingdom of certitude, to speak for the sake of God, and to turn unto Him. Many such souls have been mentioned in the letters of the friends of God and numerous Tablets have been revealed specifically for each one, yet afterwards no

news whatsoever was heard of those souls. Beseech ye God, exalted and glorified be He, to assist the people in that which is pleasing unto Him. Let them at least understand this much: that discord, conflict and contention have never been and never will be worthy of God and His chosen ones. Man must strive to promote unity. He is as the eye among mankind.

Thus was it mentioned before and at this time. At one time this blessed word shone forth from the horizon of the Divine Will: O servant who art present! Verily this Day walketh before the faces of the world and speaketh, and verily it is the City of God sent down from the heaven of the Command, and verily it is that whereby the sealed choice wine was unsealed and the ocean of life surged in the contingent world and the Dove warbled upon the branches. Verily there is no God but Him, the Supreme Ruler over all names, and He is the Doer of whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

This is what the Tongue of the Intended One hath spoken in the Kingdom of Utterance: O physician! Upon thee be My glory! A servant presented thy letter before the Wronged One, and that which was mentioned and written therein was made known. I pray that thou mayest drink from the Kawthar of divine favor and the ocean of merciful bounty, and give others to drink thereof. This Wronged One hath commanded all the peoples of the earth to that which would bring them freedom, liberty and tranquility, that the whole earth might be seen as one country and all might gather beneath the shadow of a single Word. By the life of the Beloved! Had the servants attained unto that which the Wronged One desired, the world would have been seen adorned with the ornament of joy and delight, in such wise that sorrow and its hosts, grief and its cohorts, would have been seen to be non-existent and vanished. Nevertheless, they regarded the Dawning-Place of reformation as the source of corruption and thus deprived themselves of the divine bounties.

O physician! So long as the lights of the sun of justice remain hidden behind the clouds, the people of the earth have not and will not find tranquility and rest. Arise for God's sake and speak for His sake, that perchance the people may become aware and arise to that which befitteth their stations. Through the revelation of Books and the sending of Messengers, God hath desired the unity and concord of His servants and the education and tranquility of all who dwell in the lands. Yet now it is seen that religions and laws have been made the cause of hatred and rancor. Therefore hath this Wronged One desired, through the grace of the Lord of Names, to remove and efface this hatred and rancor from among the servants. Had the divines, mystics and rulers of the earth pondered but a little on that which hath appeared, assuredly the people of the Furqan would today be seen above all peoples and sovereign over all. The Word had not yet been fully uttered from the mouth of Will when they arose to pronounce the verdict of unbelief and stood up in rejection and protest.

Say: "Glory be to Thee, O Thou at Whose separation the cry of the yearning ones and the lamentation of them that are near unto Thee have been raised! I beseech Thee by the Word through which the spirit of life was breathed into all creation, and by Thy Name whereby the horizon of proof was illumined for the followers of all religions, to draw Thy servants and Thy creatures nigh unto the ocean of Thy knowledge and recognition. Then grant them to drink of the Kawthar of Thy bounty through Thy generosity and favors. O my Lord! Thou seest their poverty and Thy wealth, their weakness and Thy power. I beseech

Thee by the Light that shineth from the horizon of Thy Manifestation to assist me and Thy loved ones to remain steadfast in Thy Cause and to enable them to mention Thee and praise Thee amongst Thy servants.

Thou art He Whom the happenings of the world cannot frustrate, nor can the signs of those who have turned away from Thee prevent Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven! My outer and inner tongue beareth witness that Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee. Thou hast ever been One, Alone, Single, Self-Subsisting, the Eternal, and Thou wilt ever continue to be as Thou hast been. There is none other God but Thee, the Powerful, the Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful."

Concerning what you wrote about gatherings of meetings held previously, it was submitted and He said:

> "The truth is as you have written—meetings and gatherings were being held where it was not known who was guiding and who was misleading, which seeker was investigating and which visitor was unknown, whether they came seeking fame or were themselves spies. In all circumstances, gatherings are not permitted—one must act with perfect wisdom, for people are ignorant and heedless of the root of the Cause. If they were to become aware of a single word from this Book, or a drop from this Ocean, or a gleam from this Light, all would be found circling round. Take wisdom by My command and set aside all else—thus does the All-Knowing command you from this noble station. Despite all that has flowed from the Pen being counsels and exhortations, nevertheless if a leaf or tablet appears or they hear that someone has gone from one place to another, they will surely become agitated. By Him Who has caused all things to speak in praise of His Self—if they were to recognize what God has willed, most would perish from joy and gladness. The purpose of all these utterances is that people must be educated with the utmost joy and fragrance and made aware of that which benefits them. God's mercy has preceded and His grace has encompassed all. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful."

And regarding what you mentioned about him who was named with Alif and Ha in the Kingdom of Names and what he composed—the servant was honored by it and recited it before his Lord's face, and this is what the Tongue of the Intended One spoke after hearing it:

> "We have heard what the tongue of love and affection spoke in mention of this Wronged One Who has called the people to the supreme horizon and the ultimate goal. We have mentioned him in such wise that his remembrance shall endure through the perpetuity of names in the kingdom of creation. We beseech the Lord of the servants to confirm him and assist him in that which He loves and is pleased with, and to give him to drink of the choice sealed wine whose seal was broken by the name of God, the Possessor of Names and Creator of heaven."

Concerning what was written about seclusion—meaning you do not go to coffeehouses—He said: Blessed indeed is this deed.

And regarding that Tablets are not being sent from this place and there is delay in responding to letters—this has been and will be due to wisdom, for if they were sent repeatedly and consecutively, a friend would disclose to another friend whose heart's secrets he knows not, and it would spread and cause

corruption to appear. The assured and confident ones should be seen as patient, silent, dignified and composed. They should not say what is not permitted, nor follow what is not befitting. They should not confirm every speaker nor consider every claimant truthful, nor be assured by every arrival. They should speak with wisdom and hold fast to kindness and mercy. With the sword of spiritual morals and goodly deeds they should assist the truth and protect people from the arrows of Satan. The fragrances from the gardens of God's kindness and mercy have encompassed the world, yet its people remain veiled and deprived. Verily He speaks the truth and guides the way. There is no God but He, the Mighty, the Beautiful."

And concerning what you wrote about Aqa Mirza Muhammad, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah], the details were submitted to the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence and He said:

> "All the people of Iraq are aware and informed of the details, and beyond them, verily your Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

At a certain time these words flowed from the tongue of the Beloved:

> "O servant! These are the days of pure servitude, that all may arise to serve the Cause of the Lord of creation with the utmost humility, submissiveness and detachment. Through the manifestation of this station, man's station in creation has been and will be made evident. Whomsoever submitteth unto God, God will exalt him through His grace. The loved ones should be counseled and reminded in all circumstances, that they may all conduct themselves in such wise that others may inhale from them the sweet fragrance of sanctity, holiness and pure servitude unto God, the True One. The idle fancies and vain imaginings of the people of error have never been and never shall be worthy of the friends of the Self-Sufficient Lord. O friends! Aid ye the Cause of God through the hosts of goodly spiritual qualities, the battalions of holy deeds, and the banners of humility, submissiveness and supplication. By the life of God! No hosts in the world have been or shall be mightier than the hosts of justice and wisdom. Had the kings of the world held fast unto these two, all the peoples of the earth would have attained unto supreme tranquility and the greatest ease. But now the sun of justice is veiled behind the clouds of oppression. We beseech God to deliver this light from the claws of darkness. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful."

At this moment, a call was raised from the Most Holy Court summoning this servant. After presenting himself, this blessed word shone forth from the Dayspring of divine knowledge:

> "O servant! We make mention of My physician and his son Jalalu'd-Din and his mother, and We send Our greetings unto them and give them the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness and mercy. We beseech Him to protect him beneath the shade of the Tree of His Cause. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful. There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

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BH01992: In the Name of God alone, and blessings…

In the Name of God alone, and blessings and peace be upon Him after Whom there shall be no Prophet. Praise be to God Who with the arm of power has shattered the idols of evil imaginings of those who cast the Book of God behind their backs and followed the dawning-places of vain fancies. Praise be to God Who sent down the Furqan in the month of Ramadan, wherein He prescribed fasting for all peoples. Blessed is he who holdeth fast unto it and unto whatsoever commandments and ordinances were revealed therein from God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid them and confirm them in that which will exalt the Cause of God amidst all peoples. Verily He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Protector over what is and what hath been.

And then, O thou who art mentioned in the heart of this servant! The cooing of the dove of thy praise hath awakened me and raised me up to remember those days wherein we dwelt together beneath the pavilions of our Beloved and yours, our Goal and yours. When I received and read and understood, I turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon and presented it before His countenance. Thereupon the Kingdom of Utterance spoke forth that which diffused the fragrance of the All-Merciful. He spoke—and His word is the sweetest—saying:

> "We have mentioned him with that which nothing on earth can equal, and We have adorned him with the robe of Our favor. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid him and prosper him in all matters and conditions. Verily He is the Single, the One, the Hearing, the Answering."

And We send Our greetings upon him and upon his wife and children who have drunk from the Kawthar of reunion from the hand of this Wronged One Who hath called all unto the Self-Subsisting, the Most High.

My spirit be a sacrifice for your remembrance. This servant doth acknowledge and confess his shortcoming or failing, but your heart beareth witness to my love and sincerity toward you. My occupation hath prevented me from mentioning you. By the life of the Beloved! Had I found opportunity I would have mentioned you night and day. I have sent to the honored physician, upon him be the Glory of God, in response to his letter which was sent from you. And I give you glad tidings of the two Most Great, Most Holy, Most Pure Tablets according to your request. I beseech God, exalted be He, to honor them with a visit from you. Verily He is the Protector of those who remember Him and the Answerer of those who call upon Him.

This servant sends greetings to the loved ones of God in Zawra and to the imprisoned one, upon him be the Glory of God, who was mentioned in this station. This evanescent one beseecheth his Lord to aid him and confirm him and cause him to speak that whereby the servants may be mindful. By Him Who caused all things to speak forth His praise! This servant desireth to mention him and send unto him every month that which would demonstrate my love for him, but two things have prevented me: occupation with writing and what we have been commanded regarding wisdom. I seek forgiveness in all conditions from the friends of God and His chosen ones who speak not until He hath spoken and who act according to what they have been commanded in His Wise Book. Praise be to God, the Most High, the Most Great.

Glory be upon you and upon the apple of all eyes and upon her who hath attained to serving you in this Day wherein the raven of unbelief and Islam hath croaked in manifest weakness. Peace and greetings be upon my beloved heart's friend, the helper, and upon every beloved one through whom the face of the Cause hath been illumined and who hath followed God's command in His Ancient Book.

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BH00200: Praise, sanctified from all allusions, letters, indications and words…

Section 1: "Praise, sanctified from all allusions, letters, indications…"

He is God, Exalted be His Glory, Majesty and Power

Praise, sanctified from all allusions, letters, indications and words, befitteth the Day which hath been mentioned and recorded by the name of the True One in the divine Books. This is the Day wherein all possessors of hearts and vision shall be blessed with the light of the revelations of the Lord of Names. Exalted be this Day, for it is the Day of unveiling and meeting. It is the Day which, in all heavenly Books and among the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the cities of names, is known and attributed as the Day of God, as He, exalted be He, hath said: "Lead forth thy people from darkness into light and remind them of the days of God." And the Nightingale of Utterance hath warbled upon the branch of the Qur'an in another station: "The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds, and the Kingdom on that day shall be God's."

In truth, this Day hath a station from which the hand of praise falleth short, and the voice of remembrance is powerless to attain unto it. At one time this blessed word shone forth from the horizon of the Divine Will:

> "O servant in attendance! Verily the Day walketh before the faces of the world and speaketh, and it is indeed the City of God which hath descended from the heaven of Command. Verily it is that whereby the sealed choice wine hath been unsealed, and the ocean of life hath surged in the contingent world, and the Dove hath cooed upon the branches. Verily there is no God but Him, the Protector over all names, and He doeth what He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

O beloved of My heart and one who is mentioned before the throne of My Best-Beloved! Observe how far the heedless souls are removed from the shore of truth and debarred from the holy station of nearness. Throughout all nights and days they beseeched the Dear All-Knowing One for the attainment of this most exalted and holy Day, yet when the veils were rent asunder and the Hidden One became manifest and the Concealed One spoke forth, all clung to vain imaginings that neither nourish nor satisfy, and remained deprived and veiled from that which God had intended. All friends must supplicate the Self-Sufficing One with utmost lowliness and devotion, that perchance the slumberers may awaken, the heedless become aware, the misguided find the straight path, and those unknown may attain the ornament of divine mention in the sacred scriptures and tablets. This evanescent servant beseecheth the True One to raise up souls who shall arise purely for His sake and detached from all else, and who shall arise to teach His Cause with the utmost humility, submissiveness and servitude unto God, the Truth. By

the life of God! Their very beings shall surely influence the world. To this testifieth every knowing name and every wise book.

When Thy glorious missive, dated the eleventh of Jamadi'l-Avval, reached this evanescent servant, it brought tidings of joy and dispelled all gloom. Praise be to God that it conveyed news of Thy wellbeing and health. In truth, this servant hath in these days pondered deeply and found that no service worthy of God's Day hath proceeded from him. I swear by the Sun of the heaven of utterance that I behold myself abashed and ashamed. Yet I cherish the hope that the All-Powerful, the Lord of Names, may assist His other chosen ones and friends to accomplish deeds worthy of His path, that through divine grace they may, with perfect detachment and freedom, guide souls to God, glorified be His majesty, and lead them to the supreme horizon.

All the Prophets and chosen ones, including the Seal of the Prophets—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake—endured countless afflictions and calamities for the exaltation of God's Cause, until certain cities and lands were illumined by the effulgent rays of the Sun of Truth. I beseech God, exalted be His glory and abundant His favors, to aid that beloved one through wisdom and utterance, and through that which attracts the hearts of His servants. This servant knoweth not today what he writeth or presenteth, for the wine of heedlessness hath overtaken him in such wise that he ascendeth at one moment and descendeth at another. The matter is in God's hands, the Lord of the Last and the First. Such mentions will cause grief to sanctified hearts, therefore I seek forgiveness from God, the All-Glorious.

When this evanescent servant learned of Thy noble letter, he turned to the Most Exalted Station and presented all before His presence. Thus spoke the Tongue of the All-Merciful in the Kingdom of Utterance: "O physician! Upon thee be My glory! The servant in attendance submitted thy letter before the Wronged One, and all that was mentioned and written therein was presented. God willing, thou shalt drink and give to drink from the Kawthar of divine favor and the ocean of merciful bounty. This Wronged One hath commanded all the peoples of the earth to that which conduceth to tranquility, freedom and comfort, that the whole earth might be seen as one country and all gather beneath the shade of one Word. By the life of the Beloved! Were the servants to attain unto that which the Wronged One hath desired, the world would be adorned with the ornament of joy and delight, such that its sorrows and their hosts, its grief and their legions would become nonexistent and disappear. Nevertheless, they regarded the Dayspring of reformation as the source of corruption and thus deprived themselves of divine bounties.

O physician! So long as the lights of the sun of justice remain concealed behind clouds, the people of the earth have not and shall not find tranquility and comfort. Arise for God's sake and speak for His sake; perchance the people may become aware and arise to that which beseemeth their stations. Through the revelation of Books and the sending of Messengers, God hath desired the unity and concord of His servants, and the education and comfort of all in the land. Yet now it is observed that religions and laws have been made the cause of rancor and hatred. Therefore, this Wronged One hath desired, through the grace of the Lord of Names, to remove and efface this rancor and hatred from among the servants. Had the divines and mystics and rulers of the earth pondered even briefly upon that which hath been manifested, they would assuredly have beheld today the party of the Qur'an exalted above all parties and

supreme over all. But ere the Word had been uttered in its entirety from the mouth of the Divine Will, they rose up in denunciation and arose in opposition and protest.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou at Whose separation the lamentation of the yearning ones and the cry of them that are nigh have been raised! I beseech Thee by the Word through which the spirit of life was breathed into all creation, and by Thy Name whereby the horizon of proof was illumined for the followers of all religions, to draw Thy servants and Thy creation nigh unto the ocean of Thy knowledge and recognition. Then bestow upon them the Kawthar of Thy bounty through Thy grace and favor. O Lord! Thou seest their poverty and Thy wealth, their weakness and Thy strength. I beseech Thee by the Light that shineth from the horizon of Thy Manifestation to assist me and Thy loved ones to be steadfast in Thy Cause, and enable them to remember and praise Thee amongst Thy servants.

Thou art He Whom the conditions of men cannot frustrate, nor can the intimations of those who have turned away from Thee prevent Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens! My outer and inner tongue beareth witness that Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee. Thou hast ever been alone, unique, one, self-subsisting, eternal, and wilt ever remain as Thou hast been. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Regarding what you wrote about the gatherings of past days, it was mentioned and He said: Indeed it is as you have written—meetings and gatherings were being held and it was not known who was guiding and who was misguiding, who was seeking truth and who was spreading rumors, whether they came seeking honor or were themselves spies. In all circumstances, gatherings are not permitted—one must act with utmost wisdom, for people are ignorant and heedless of the essence of the Cause. If they were to become aware of but one word from this Book, one drop from this Ocean, or one ray from this Light, all would be seen circling round. Take wisdom by My command and set aside all else.

Thus doth the All-Knowing command thee from this noble station. Although all that hath flowed from the Pen hath been counsels and exhortations, yet if a single leaf or tablet should be revealed, or if they should hear that it has gone from one place to another, they would surely become agitated. By Him Who hath caused all things to speak in praise of His Self! Were they to understand what God hath willed, most would perish from joy and gladness. The purpose of all these utterances is that people must be educated with the utmost joy and fragrance, and made aware of that which will profit them. God's mercy hath preceded all and His grace hath encompassed all. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

And concerning what you mentioned about him who was named with Alif and Ha in the Kingdom of Names: This servant was honored by what he sent and recited before the Face what he had composed, and this is what the Tongue of the Beloved uttered after hearing it: We have heard what was uttered by the tongue of love and affection in remembrance of this Wronged One Who hath called the people to the supreme horizon and the ultimate goal. We have remembered him with that whereby his remembrance shall endure throughout the continuance of the names in the kingdom of creation. We beseech the Lord of all beings to assist him and enable him to do that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to give him to drink of the choice sealed wine, whose seal was broken by the name of God, the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens.

Regarding what you wrote about seclusion, meaning that you do not frequent coffeehouses, it was mentioned and He said: Blessed indeed is this deed.

As to the fact that Tablets are not being sent from this place and the answers to correspondence are delayed—this hath been and will continue to be due to wisdom. For if they were to be sent continuously and successively, a friend would disclose matters to another friend who hath no knowledge of the secrets of his heart, and these would become widespread and lead to mischief. The assured ones and they that are steadfast must remain patient and silent, and be seen to be composed and dignified. They must not utter that which is not permitted, nor follow that which is unseemly. They must not confirm every speaker nor consider every claimant to be truthful, nor trust in every newcomer. They must speak with wisdom and hold fast to kindliness and mercy. Through the sword of spiritual morals and goodly deeds must they assist the Truth and protect the people from the arrows of Satan. The fragrances from the flowers of the gardens of God's kindness and mercy have encompassed the world, and yet its people remain veiled and deprived. Verily He speaketh the truth and guideth to the Way. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

Section 2: "And as for what you wrote concerning Aqa…"

And as for what you wrote concerning Aqa Mirza Muhammad, when the details were submitted to the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, He stated that all the people of Iraq are informed and aware of the details, and beyond them verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The substance of this matter is that this servant was present during all events that occurred in Iraq. The details are that after the passing of the late Jinab-i-Mirza, upon him be the Glory of God, Jinab-i-Mirza Siyyid Radi repeatedly attained the Most Holy Presence and with utmost humility and supplication requested that "We wish to divide these properties, and there is fear that disputes may arise among the heirs and strife and corruption may ensue." No response was given. God is witness that he persisted to such a degree that no greater insistence could be imagined. Finally he petitioned, expressing in these words that "The purpose is for the Master to be present while some assayers divide the items. His presence would be a source of assurance and prevent disputes and conflict." Then He said, "The Master is but a child." Then he submitted that "Whoever else You designate would also be excellent, but the Master must also be present."

Then for several days […] until one night Jinab-i-Mirza Siyyid Radi attained the Most Holy Presence and produced a key which he placed before Him. He asked, "What is this?" He submitted, "This is the third portion of the properties. After division, seven thousand tumans worth of jewels and four thousand tumans worth of effects constitute the third portion. The choice lies with the Most Holy Presence." He said, "Aqa Mirza Musa claims that considerable sums of cash are with his sisters and their mother, which they have concealed from me. In this case, it would be best to hand over this third portion to him so that he too may be satisfied." He submitted, "This servant is not responsible for this matter, as the circumstances of the aforementioned Mirza are evident in the Most Holy Presence.

We submit the third of properties and items to the Most Holy Presence; let them act as they deem advisable. We have no obligation to give it to the aforementioned Mirza." He further submitted that "Had

any of the outward divines become involved, they would have taken the third portion and caused other scandals as well. And in these latter days the late Aqa, upon him be God's mercy, had trust in no place but here, therefore we acted according to his wishes." Then by command he sent that same key to the chest containing the third portion to Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Musa himself, upon him be the Glory of God, son of the deceased. Similarly, regarding the third portion of real estate, Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Siyyid Radi came and transferred it.

That too He commanded should remain in the hands of Aqa Mirza Musa, son of the deceased, until its disposition would later be determined. The purpose is that that beloved one should know that a sum of property was here in the hands of Aqa Mirza Musa, and afterwards all those properties reverted to the Most Holy Presence in accordance with and conformity to the resplendent Law, and the deed bearing the seals of many divines and learned ones is in hand.

Then suddenly the matter of exile occurred. After arrival in the garden of Najib Pasha, which was named Ridvan, His Holiness appointed Aqa Mirza Muhammad and the aforementioned Mirza as agents to rent out the properties and spend the proceeds as commanded. This servant knows only that an agency arrangement was made; beyond this, this servant was not properly informed whether this agency was established in both their names or in one name. Whatever happened afterwards, that Beloved One knows. The purpose of these submissions is that now too all those properties belong to the True One, as testified by all the people of Iraq as well as by the deed in hand. [But] his Honor Mirza took possession of everything, even the third which had no connection to him. Moreover, he seized even the house that was the Blessed Place.

All these matters occurred due to the imprisonment of the Beloved. In truth, this servant thinks much about His Honor Mirza's circumstances, for he endured many hardships and truly served the friends and followers. But at the time of fruition, he let it all slip away for nothing. This ephemeral one does not forget the times when he sat in the Most Holy Presence and tears flowed involuntarily from His eyes. What happened that with one commotion all this love and friendship and devotion vanished? Or perhaps what this servant hears about him has no basis, for until now not a word has been heard from the Beloved's tongue confirming or indicating the truth of these reports. And this servant's hope from God, exalted be His glory, is that He may enable them not to efface their services and labors and not to lose their lofty station.

The matter is very great and the Cause very mighty. I swear by the fragrances of His Robe that had he turned to the True One in those days and left the city, he would now be seen prominent and manifest like a banner upon the hills. In any case, God willing, may he not lose this bounty, and may the veils of fear, ornaments, imaginings and suspicions not prevent him from the Truth and conceal him from considering the end. Not every rumor can be spoken, and not every hidden thing should be revealed. The Prophets, God's blessings be upon them, spoke saying "Would that my people knew!" Would that this servant could meet with him but once, that what was hidden from him today might be revealed.

This ephemeral servant at all times begs the exalted Truth for his protection, that he may be seen aflame with divine love—a flame whose effect would be manifest in the kingdom of creation. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Forgiving, the Generous, and what the servant desires is not difficult for God. And

among the great favors shown him is that when some of the loved ones were hurt by certain of his words and deeds and showed distress, even hatred, a command issued from the Source of the Cause that no one should speak any unbecoming word about him. May my spirit be sacrificed for His bounty and His favor! By the life of the Intended One, he will ultimately be seen remorseful, but when remorse bears no fruit. This servant and that Holy One and all the friends must cling to the hem of God's mercy and compassion and submit our needs, that perhaps God, exalted be His glory, may adorn him with a new ornament and honor him with fresh robes. Verily He has power over all things.

We beseech God to assist all to attain that which is befitting. These are the days for goodly deeds and spiritual qualities. At one time these words flowed from the tongue of the Beloved:

> "O servant! These are the days of pure servitude, that all may arise with the utmost lowliness, submissiveness and detachment to serve the Cause of the Lord of creation. Through the manifestation of this station hath been and shall be revealed man's station in creation. He whom God abaseth, God shall exalt through His grace."

The friends must at all times be counseled and reminded, that they may all conduct themselves in such wise that others may inhale from them the sweet fragrances of sanctity, holiness and pure servitude unto God, the True One. Idle talk and the ways of the misguided have never been and shall never be worthy of the friends of the Self-Sufficient Lord. O friends! Aid ye the Cause of God through the hosts of goodly spiritual qualities, the ranks of holy deeds, and the banners of humility, submissiveness and supplication. By the life of God! No hosts in the world have been or shall be mightier than justice and wisdom. Had the kings of the earth held fast unto these two, all the peoples of the earth would have attained unto supreme tranquility and greatest ease. But now the sun of justice is veiled behind the clouds of oppression. We beseech God to deliver this light from the claws of darkness. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

Convey greetings to all the friends on behalf of this evanescent servant. God willing, may all be assisted to that which He loves and is pleased with, and may they conduct themselves with the utmost wisdom, calm and dignity. The world has been and ever shall be transient. Through God's grace, they must, God willing, acquire in this transient abode an everlasting station. In all conditions they must strive to quench with the waters of wisdom the fire of hearts and the rancor and hatred of all. Whosoever today becomes the cause of clamor and agitation has strayed from God's good-pleasure. That which all must fix their gaze upon and act according to today is teaching the Cause, that all on earth may acquire tranquil souls and goodly qualities and deeds.

And this teaching, if conducted with spirit and joy—otherwise silence is preferable. The Lord of the Beginning and the End! Had the people of the world been aware of God's purpose, they would all have arisen with complete yearning, enthusiasm, determination and power to serve. But it is veiled from them because of what their hands have wrought. The glory be upon you and upon them and upon those who have recognized the word of unity in this grievous age. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds, and peace and blessings be upon the Prophets and Messengers.

Another matter: I conveyed the greetings and praise of the honored lady, upon her be the Glory of God, to the people of the pavilion of chastity and greatness. All send greetings to you and to that leaf, and each expressed their loving-kindness. Praise be to God, mention of you and those related to you has been and God willing shall continue to be made in the prison.

To his honor Jalalu'd-Din, upon him be the Glory of God, this evanescent servant sends boundless greetings. May he be assisted, God willing, to serve the Cause and make mention of God and praise God. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to grant the blessing of meeting, that we may speak and listen in the shade of the divine Lote Tree….

BH00932: Praise, sanctified from the mention and description of all…

He is God—exalted be His station, the Glory and the Power

Praise, sanctified from the mention and description of all contingent beings, beseemeth that peerless Beloved Who, through His perfect grace, hath guided them that are endowed with vision to the Most Exalted Horizon and enabled them that are possessed of hearing to hearken unto His sweetest call. Glory be unto God! Should all the tongues of the world and the pens of all nations engage in mentioning but the least of His verses, they would assuredly fail in their task. All good hath proceeded from Him and unto Him doth it return; all loving-kindness and grace have been manifested through Him and unto their Source do they tend.

He it is Who guided them that possess sight—but who bestowed that sight? And He it is Who enabled them that have ears to hear—but whence came those ears and who granted them? Glorified be His majesty, abundant be His favors, exalted be His station, and there is no God but Him. He is the Bestower in the Beginning and the End, in the Manifest and the Hidden, and He is the Beneficent in the First and the Last, in the Seen and the Unseen. He granted sight and enabled its possessors to behold; He bestowed hearing and honored its recipients with the ability to hearken.

Whatsoever proceedeth from Him is pure light, though it might appear as fire when kindled, and is absolute good, though outwardly it might be perceived otherwise. I testify that there is no God but Him. His are the glory and the power, His are the grace and the mercy and the authority. Whatsoever hath been and shall be manifested from Him is the beloved of the souls of His chosen ones and the light of the hearts of His sincere ones. He hath created souls that are assured, content and pleasing, and then He hath spoken the word "Verily, I am the Doer of whatsoever I will."

Glorified art Thou, O God of all beings and Goal of all creation! I beseech Thee by Him Who revealed the verses and manifested the clear proofs, to assist Thy servants in that which beseemeth Thy days and to make known unto them the mysteries of Thy decree and the fruits of the Tree of Thy ordination. O my Lord! Thou seest Thy loved ones turning unto Thee and holding fast unto the cord of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by Thy bounty which hath encompassed all existence and by Thy mercy which hath preceded both the unseen and the seen, to send down from the heaven of Thy grace that which will acquaint them with the manifestations of Thy wisdom and the revelations of Thy knowledge.

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having caused me to hear from Thy loved ones that which indicated their contentment with what was ordained for them by Thy binding decree. And thanksgiving be unto Thee, O my Best-Beloved, for having enabled me to inhale the sweet fragrances of their submission to that which hath come upon them from the Pen of Thy ordination.

I testify, O my God and the God of all who are in the heavens and the earth, my Lord and the Lord of all who are in the kingdom of command and creation, that Thou hast ever been the One God, the Single, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Giving, the All-Merciful. Thou didst bring forth creation as a token of Thy grace and ordained for them in the Most Exalted Pen, in Thy Book, that which would benefit them in every world of Thy worlds. Blessed is he who hath quaffed the choice wine of contentment in Thy days, O Lord of all names, and hath attained unto the pure water of submission unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the kingdom of creation.

I beseech Thee by the leaves of the Tree of Thy Cause, and the trees of the garden of Thy bounty, and the stars of the heaven of Thy wisdom, and the lights of the countenances of Thy near ones among Thy chosen ones, to assist me and Thy servants in the service of Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O beloved of my heart! Your letter has reached this servant and your missive brought me joy, adorned as it was with the mention of our Beloved and your Beloved, acknowledging what the Book of our Goal and your Goal has acknowledged. When I read and understood its contents, I approached the Most Holy Presence and presented it before Him. Thereupon the tongue of the Beloved spoke, saying:

O servant in attendance! Although a great calamity befell Muhammad—upon him be My glory—yet since it occurred during the illumined and blessed days of the Promised One, at a time when he was adorned with the ornament of contentment and illumined by the sun of steadfastness and assurance, his is the station of contentment and submission. Blessed art thou, O Muhammad, for We found from thee the fragrance of contentment when there befell thee what was ordained by the Pen of Destiny from thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Marfu' ʿAli—upon him be My glory—by the testimony of the Supreme Pen, turned unto God, heard the Call, attained its answer, was honored by the meeting, and drank from the Kawthar of reunion—a draught whose effects neither before his ascension nor after it were or ever shall be effaced. I swear by the Sun of Utterance that he ascended with utmost joy and delight and entered the pavilions of grace, bounty and pre-existing mercy. Happy is he and blessed is he.

And you, praise be to God, are turned toward the Truth, speak of Him, remember Him, and are related to Him. This word cannot be equaled by the treasures of the first and the last. Be thou grateful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds! The Glory be upon thee and upon those who are there. Verily We remember them as We remembered them before. He is, in truth, the All-Remembering, the All-Bountiful.

Whatever this servant might express or mention regarding that which has appeared from the Kingdom of bounty would truly be out of place. However, this much I submit: in hardship and adversity, in comfort

and difficulty, in health and otherwise, we have been and are partners. God willing, we are united and gathered like the letters of a word.

I swear by the Beloved of all creation that this evanescent servant at all times begs that there might befall him what befell His Holiness Marfu'—upon him be the Glory of God—for it occurred in the days of Truth and he had truly attained the ornament of contentment. There has not been and is not any greater bounty than this. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to cause all to attain this most exalted and highest station. He is, verily, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

From your letters which you had sent to the friends of God, the fragrances of contentment were wholly diffused and the lights of submission, like the sun, were rising from their horizon. I presented those same letters before His Countenance. God knows what the tongue of the Beloved uttered. He is, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He is, verily, the All-Witnessing, the All-Seeing. His is the command in all conditions. There is no God but He, the Ruler over what He willeth. In His grasp is the reins of all servants, and He is the Protector of all who are in the heavens and the earth.

The Glory be upon thee and upon those whom God has adorned with the robe of submission and contentment, and given to drink from the Kawthar of purity from the hands of His bounty. He is, verily, the Munificent, the Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

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BH01127: The essence of praise befitteth Him Who…

He is God, exalted be His glory, majesty and grandeur!

The essence of praise befitteth Him Who is the Lord of Names, Who hath illumined the Most Great Horizon with one of His names and guided His servant Ali-Qabli-Akbar unto it. He is the One Who at one time made Baghdad the Most Glorious Horizon and at another time made Adrianople the Dawning-place of His verses. At times He made Akka the Source of Names and at other times adorned Mazra'ih with the lights of His most exalted attributes. Blessed is the eye that hath turned unto Him, the face that hath been set towards His seat, the ear that hath heard His call, and the tongue that hath uttered that which was commanded in His Book. The servant beseecheth His Lord to aid His loved ones to do that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to write down for them from the Supreme Pen that which shall profit them in this world and in the world to come. He, verily, is the Hearer, the Answerer.

I offer my prayers, my salutations and my glorification unto the Manifestations of His oneness, the Dawning-places of His singleness, the Sources of His laws, the Recipients of His revelation, and the Repositories of His grace and bounty—they who broke not His Covenant on His Day and acted according to what was commanded in His Book. These are the monarchs of the seen and unseen realms of existence. These are the servants in whose praise His Supreme Pen moved in the Torah, the Gospel, the Psalms and the Qur'an. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful, the Bountiful.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou by Whose light the horizon of the world was illumined and by Whose Word the Most Great Ocean was stirred! I beseech Thee to protect Thy loved ones from the arrows of the ungodly and the deniers who have disbelieved in Thy signs, disputed Thy proof, warred against Thy Self, turned away from Thy manifestation, Thy appearance and Thy sovereignty. O my Lord! Write down for Thy chosen ones that which befitteth Thy generosity, then send down upon them from the heaven of Thy mercy that which beseemeth Thy days. Thou art He to Whose loftiness, sovereignty and power the tongues of all created things have testified. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Powerful, the Great.

And now, O my beloved! The lights of thy mention of my Beloved and thy Beloved and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and the earth have illumined me. When the breezes of utterance awakened me to the remembrance of our Lord, the Most Merciful, I arose and turned towards a station that cannot be indicated by my indication nor by the mention of any on earth. When I entered and attained His presence, after permission was granted, I presented what was contained therein. Then the face of the Beloved turned toward me and He spoke that which I am unable to mention except according to my weakness and poverty. By Him Who hath caused all things to speak forth His praise!

Every possessor of utterance, every person of understanding, and every seeker hath fallen short of that which the Tongue of Grandeur spoke forth in that hour wherein the sun of utterance shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the favors of our Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. And when hour upon hour had passed, He spoke—and His word is most sweet: "O ʿAli-Qabli-Akbar! The Wronged One, from the direction of His Most Great Horizon, maketh mention of thee, as a favor from His presence, and He is the Compassionate, the All-Knowing. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as We have found from thee the fragrance of steadfastness in this Most Great News at whose appearance the hearts of the mystics were sorely troubled. Let nothing grieve thee. Rejoice in the remembrance of thy Lord and say:

"Praise be unto Thee, O Creator of the heavens and Lord of Names, for having caused me to turn unto Thee and for having revealed unto me that which was inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the Crimson Scroll and was mentioned in the Books which Thou didst send down unto the Prophets and Messengers. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by Thy Self and by Thy Manifestation and by the sweetness of Thy utterance, to aid me in the service of Thy Cause and to grant me Thy presence even as Thou didst grant it unto me the first time. Verily, Thou art the Kind, the Forgiving, the Merciful. There is none other God but Thee, the King, the Just, the Manifest Truth."

Thus endeth the matter. Praise be to God that thou hast been blessed with the most excellent remembrances from the presence of the Beloved of the worlds. In the former Holy Books, those near to God, the believers, the Prophets, and the Messengers beseeched God, exalted be His glory, for the encounter with His Day, which is referred to as the Day of God. How many souls have appeared and come into the world, yet remained heedless and veiled from that for which they were created! Their likeness is as bubbles upon the water, appearing and moving without consciousness, and enduring even less than that—they appear, they move, and they perish. Verily, God is the Everlasting, the Eternal, the Strengthener, the Manifest, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

This evanescent servant is exceedingly joyful and filled with delight and gladness through the favors of the Beloved concerning your honor. Blessed art thou, and I, and whosoever hath attained unto this cup which is circulated by the fingers of the grace of His Most Generous Name.

Regarding what thou didst write about the dream, it was submitted, and He said: "We have confirmed him in his turning unto God and have mentioned him as befitteth. We beseech God, exalted be He, to ordain for him that which he loveth and with which he is well-pleased. It behooveth him to say: ʻO my Lord! Ordain for me that which shall profit me in Thy worlds. I know not what is within Thyself. Thou knowest what is with me, and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."'

I beseech thee to convey greetings on behalf of this evanescent one to those who drink from the cup of inner meanings. I implore God to strengthen them all and cause them to attain unto that which hath been ordained for them. Verily, He is the Answerer, the All-Bountiful. God willing, that which appeareth from them in God is preserved in the Divine Treasury until God shall make it manifest, as a grace from His presence, and He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. The Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon whosoever acteth in accordance with that which hath been commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. Praise be to God, the Desired One of all worlds.

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BH01565: Praise be to God Who hath sent down His…

He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Power!

Praise be to God Who hath sent down His bounty and manifested what He desired. He, verily, is the One Who is desired in the former and latter days. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. I bear witness that there is none other God but Him, in acknowledgment of His grandeur, in recognition of His sovereignty, and in submission to all that appeareth from His presence. He, verily, is the Single One, the One, the Mighty, the Powerful. Praise be to God Who hath assisted the sincere ones to turn towards the Supreme Horizon and to achieve the most great steadfastness, and hath enabled them to remember and praise Him and to serve His Cause in days wherein clamor hath been raised between earth and heaven and the hearts of the people of wisdom have been perturbed. Exalted be the Lord of the Throne and the dust, and the Master of the former and latter days. There is none other God but Him, the One Who overshadoweth all who are in the heavens and the earth.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name the rivers have flowed from the impenetrable rock and the Dove of the Cause hath warbled upon the branch of eternity! I beseech Thee by the sovereignty of the Names whereby the idol and its hosts have lamented, to assist Thy loved ones to remember and praise Thee and to do that which beseemeth Thy days. O my Lord! Thou seest them turning towards Thee and awaiting the wondrous tokens of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee to send down upon them from the heaven of Thy grace a blessing from Thee and a mercy from Thy presence. Then ordain for them through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which Thou didst ordain for Thy chosen ones who hastened to Thy horizon and quaffed the wine of Thy love. Thou art, verily, the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Thereafter, the letter of your honor brought joy to the heart. God willing, you will at all times be occupied with the remembrance of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. All that is in the world hath been and will be evanescent, and all upon earth acknowledge and confess this fact. That which endureth and lasteth is the service that is rendered for the sake of God, and greatest of all is a word that is recorded by God for any soul. Praise be to God that your honor hath been favored with His grace—this is the essence, and all else is counted as derivative. As for your expression of embarrassment at the delay—never be saddened or troubled by such matters and their like. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Self-Sufficient, the Mighty, the Powerful. It is most clear that your honor and all that pertaineth unto you belong to God, glorified be His majesty. In this case, whatever occureth causeth no harm. He knoweth and seeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Due to certain necessary matters, mention was made to Haji Mirza Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be the glory of God. Whatever was mentioned, he hath surely related the details. There is no need to mention it again. This evanescent servant beseecheth and imploreth God to enable your honor to attain unto that which hath been and is the purpose. Regarding the dispatch of the packet about which you wrote—excellent is what thou hast done for God, the Lord of the worlds. And since that packet was bearing Tablets, the recompense of the bearers is and shall be with God. And concerning your supplication to God, glorified be His majesty, for the facilitation of affairs—God willing, it hath been and shall be manifested. Previously a word was heard from the blessed tongue which indicated what hath been mentioned, and this servant beseecheth God to assist you in that which is the cause of the perpetuity of existence in the divine worlds. Verily, He guideth whom He willeth and giveth to whom He willeth and withholdeth from whom He willeth. In His grasp is the key to all things. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Powerful.

As for your mention of Aqa Muhammad-ʿAli, upon him be the glory of God—surely by now he hath arrived safely and in good health. Convey greetings to him, and likewise to the friends if you meet them. Glory be upon your honor and upon those who have attained unto steadfastness in this wondrous Cause. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

The servant 16 Ramadan 1298

BH00093: O beloved of my heart and the one remembered…

Section 1: "In the name of our Lord, the Most…"

In the name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

O beloved of my heart and the one remembered in my heart! The breezes of love wafting from the gardens of your recognition have gladdened me, and the manifestations of affection flowing from the pen of your will in remembrance and praise of God and in love of God and His Cause have stirred me. It is as though your honor has sent with the morning breeze the fragrance of all the gardens. God knows that through it my body was revived, my breast was dilated, and my spirit was gladdened. Therefore, I praised God, the Beloved of the world and the Goal of the nations, for having aided you to serve His Cause, manifest His bounty, and exalt His Word. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to ordain for you that which befits His generosity, munificence and grace. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Almighty.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whom the horizon of the world was illumined and that which was hidden in the hearts of the nations was revealed! I beseech Thee by the Name through which every face was turned, every tongue spoke, every heedless one attained, every hidden thing was revealed, and every treasured thing emerged, to assist Thy servants and creation to turn unto Thee. O Lord! Thou seest Thy chosen ones and loved ones have arisen to aid Thy Cause, have entered every land in Thy name, have associated with Thy loved ones in spirit and fragrance, and have shown them the path of Thy good-pleasure and what Thou hast commanded them in Thy Book. O Lord! Illumine the eyes of Thy servants' hearts with the lights of their faces, then grant them the sweetness of Thy verses in Thy days.

O Lord! This is the Day wherewith Thou didst give glad tidings to all in Thy Tablets, which Thou didst associate with Thyself and make the King of Days through Thy command and power. Yet when it appeared, the servants who disputed Thy verses, denied Thy proof, disbelieved in Thy Self, and cast behind them Thy Book—which, when sent down from the heaven of Thy Will and the atmosphere of Thy Purpose, all books, scrolls and scriptures submitted to it—turned away from it.

O Lord! I beseech Thee by the power that hath encompassed all possibilities and the might that hath overcome all created things, to send down from the heaven of Thy bounty upon the people of Thy realm that which will draw them nigh unto Thee, give them to drink of the Kawthar of Thy bestowal, and acquaint them with what hath been sent down in Thy Book and inscribed by the Pen of Thy decree. O Lord! They are the poor and Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Generous; they are the weak and Thou art the Strong, the Powerful. I beseech Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the Supreme Pen was set in motion and the tongue of knowledge spoke in the kingdom of creation, to ordain for him who hath arisen to mention Thee and serve Thee every good thing Thou hast decreed in Thy Book. Thou seest him, O my God, speaking Thy Name, crying out in Thy Cause, turning unto Thy face, and directing himself toward Thy horizon. Aid him through Thy bounty and favor in that which will attract the hearts of Thy creation. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp is the kingdom of creation. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

I send blessings and salutations and glorification upon the stars in the heaven of Thy knowledge and the Hands of Thy Cause who circled round Thy will, who spoke not except by Thy leave and who clung to none save Thy robe. These are servants whose service, aid, steadfastness, mention and praise have been attested by Thy Books, Thy Scriptures, Thy Scrolls and Thy Tablets. Through them were hoisted the banners of Thy unity in Thy cities and domains, and the standards of Thy sanctity in Thy realm. These are they who preceded Thee not in speech regarding any matter. Their ears were attentive to hearken unto Thy commandments and their eyes were expectant for the lights of Thy countenance. These are honored servants. These are successful servants. These are steadfast servants. Upon them pray the denizens of the Kingdom and the Realm, the people of Paradise and of Supreme Dominion, and beyond them the Tongue of Thy Grandeur. Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having aided me to make mention of them and to praise them, and for that which they have achieved in Thy Cause and in Thy days. There is no God but Thee, the All-Numbering, the All-Encompassing, the All-Knowing.

And furthermore, this evanescent one submits that after becoming informed of what was recorded in the august letter, he turned toward the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court and presented all of it in the divine

presence. This is what the Tongue of the Beloved uttered as He was walking in His Most Glorious, Most Holy and Most Luminous vista. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

> "We verily glorify from this station thee who hast been gazing toward My horizon, who hast been standing in service to My Cause, and who hast been speaking in praise of Me. We make mention of thine arrival and of that which thou didst attain from the ocean of attainment, and of thy departure after permission, and of thy turning toward various regions for the Cause of God, the Revealer of verses and the Manifestor of clear proofs. Blessed is the deed that hath won the ornament of acceptance, and the tongue that hath won the praise of God, and the man who hath hastened to the cities and regions to serve His Cause, the Mighty, the Wondrous."

This is a Day that cannot be equaled by even an hour of former centuries. This Most Holy, Most Exalted Day hath ever been and shall ever be special, and in the divine Books is attributed unto Him. Every deed that appeareth purely for the sake of God therein is recorded as the lord of deeds before God. Blessed is the soul that ariseth for God's sake and speaketh for His Face.

O thou who dwellest in the Crimson Ark! Thou shouldst, with the aid of God, glorified be His majesty, be occupied at all times with the service of the Cause of the All-Merciful, that perchance thou mayest enable souls that are far removed to attain the Kawthar of nearness, and quicken lifeless bodies through the outpourings of the ocean of utterance. People have ever been, and continue to be, in need of educators and reminders. Though the people of the Bayan have witnessed with their outward eyes and heard with their outward ears the veils behind which the deluded ones were concealed and to which they clung, yet now these same souls are observed to be even more veiled and further astray.

The Water of Life must be offered with the utmost wisdom and utterance, that haply they may become aware and bear witness to the greatness of this Cause. That Essence of being for Whose manifestation they waited throughout ages, cycles and epochs, and Whose presence they beseeched God, exalted be His glory, by night and day—when the Dawn of the divine Day appeared, all were found to be veiled and turned away, save whom thy Lord willed. Would that they had been content with that! Their rancor and hatred reached such a point that they pronounced the death sentence against Him. By the Sun of the horizon of the Cause! The veiled ones among the people of the Bayan are seen to be more wretched, more rebellious and more astray than those souls.

Therefore must thou and the assured, convinced and contented souls arise for the sake of God to preserve the weak ones, that perchance they may be protected from the fire of self and passion and turn towards the pavilion of glory and the canopy of grace.

O thou who hast turned thy face towards My countenance and set thy course towards Mine horizon! Hearken unto My call. It maketh mention of thee in such wise as cannot be equaled by the treasures of the world or the riches of the nations, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We have made mention of thee time and again from this most exalted Station, when the Servant was standing before the face of his Lord, the Most Glorious. Verily thy Lord hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

The Tongue hath spoken in the Kingdom of Utterance in such wise that the Mother Book hath circled round it, yet most of the people understand not. The lights of Beauty have shone forth from the horizon of grandeur, yet they see not. The Most Great Book moveth before their faces, yet they perceive not. They have followed their own desires and cast behind their backs that which they were commanded by God, the Lord of all being. They have denied the favor and turned away from Him Who came unto them with that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Blessed is he who hath heard My sweetest call and blessed is the one who hath beheld My praiseworthy station. Joy unto him who, though far, hath sought the ocean of My nearness through My leave, and unto the seeker who hath held fast to the cord of My good-pleasure, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Convey, on behalf of the Wronged One, My greetings unto My servants who have quaffed My sealed wine, and give them the glad-tidings of My remembrance, My loving-kindness and My favor which have encompassed both the seen and the unseen.

Say: By God! This is the Day of Resurrection. Blessed is he who hath arisen to assist the Cause of his Lord with wisdom and utterance amongst all created things. He is assuredly of the people of Baha in the Preserved Tablet. This is a Day wherein the Spirit calleth out from one direction and Moses from another, while the Beloved standeth before the face of the Beloved One. Say: O peoples of the earth! Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of this most exalted station. Fear God and follow not every heedless and veiled one. Say: Behold the Most Sublime Horizon which hath been illumined by the lights of the countenance of your Lord, the Lord of Names. Beware lest the doubts of the wayward hold you back or the intimations of the heedless frighten you. Leave the world behind you, placing your trust in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Thus hath the Supreme Pen moved and the Kingdom of Names been stirred by the breezes of Revelation as they wafted forth by the command of God, the Almighty, the Most Beloved.

O beloved of my heart! In truth, if one were to reflect even briefly, in every word of God's utterances one would behold an ocean of bounty. The veiled, heedless, and corrupt natures perceive not the song of the nightingale and turn not to the rose-garden of divine knowledge. He who has given his heart to croaking knows not the value of the choice wine, and he who has drunk from and grown accustomed to the brackish, bitter pool will not turn to the water of life—he has been and will forever be deprived thereof, unless the hand of grace should seize him and through the blessing of the breath of pure and assured souls he find his way to God's straight path. This evanescent servant beseeches and implores the True One, exalted be His glory and abundant be His favors, to burn away and obliterate the veils of idle fancies and vain imaginings of the heedless ones through the heat of the sun of certitude, that all may attain to the ocean of oneness and gather beneath the shade of the all-embracing Word. A hundred thousand regrets, a hundred thousand regrets that these days are passing and none has recognized their worth and station save whom God, the All-Knowing, the All-Numbering, has willed.

God willing, through your efforts and those of perfect souls, the heedless may drink from the ocean of awareness and the ones who have turned away may become illumined by the lights of the sun of acceptance. Every difficult matter that servants find most challenging has been and will be easy and simple before Him. The servant asks his Lord to open, by the hand of power, a door before the faces of the servants that they may enter therein through His leave, His name, His remembrance and His grace. Glory be upon you and upon those with you who follow the Cause of your Lord Who has appeared in

truth with a sovereignty that has conquered all who are in the heavens and the earth. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

As for the question concerning the harmony and fellowship of Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be the glory and might of God, it was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. This is what the tongue of our Lord, the All-Merciful, uttered in response: This matter is acceptable and beloved. The station of love, fellowship, agreement and unity, after recognition of God and steadfastness in His Cause, takes precedence over most good deeds. This is what God has testified to in the Books and Tablets. This is what the Desired One has acknowledged morning and evening. God willing, may they act in accordance with what has been revealed in the Most Holy Book—that is, with the consent of both parties and your consent.

For you are now considered in the place of a father. Would that this servant were present in that gathering and could mention that which gladdens hearts from the words of the Beloved, and could share in the joy and delight with those assembled. O beloved of my heart! Your letter was presented twice at the Most Holy Court. Indeed, supreme contentment was observed from the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court regarding the degrees of your sincerity and devotion, and your arising to serve the Cause of God and spread His signs. Blessed art thou for having attained unto His grace and good-pleasure. And His utterances concluded with these mighty and blessed words, exalted be His utterance: God willing, may all that he possesses of limbs and members, certitude and assurance, acceptance and spirit, existence and breaths be spent in the path of divine service. We are with him and his helper.

Section 2: "Regarding what you mentioned about the Land…"

Regarding what you mentioned about the Land of Kha and those regions, and their acceptance, steadfastness, assurance and devotion—these matters were presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Threshold. His Word, exalted be His grandeur:

> "This is of God's grace unto them. O thou who speakest My praise! All must be thankful to the Truth, the Most High, for having enabled them to attain this most exalted station. By the life of God! This is such an exaltation that all exaltation boweth down before it. We acknowledge their acceptance, their devotion, their mention, their utterance, their love, their affection and their steadfastness. We desire to behold them rise to heights beyond their present station. God willing, may they manifest such steadfastness that should all the peoples of the world—that is, the learned, the wise and the mystics, together with the books of the first and the last—attempt to prevent them from partaking of the Salsabil of the All-Merciful and the choice-sealed wine, they would find themselves powerless and would regard them all as a mere handful of dust."

Praise be to God! You and Asad—upon him be My glory and My mercy—have exerted your utmost in service and teaching. The fruits thereof will assuredly become manifest. The seed of knowledge, when sown in pure soil, will certainly sprout and flourish verdantly in the world. Henceforth also, they must in all conditions occupy themselves with this Most Great, Most Great Cause and this Most Great, Most Great Station. From this station We send Our greetings to the faces of the people of Kha who have

forsaken the world and turned to the Most Great Name, whereby the horizons of the hearts of those near unto God and the sincere ones were illumined. We give them glad tidings and make mention of them on this Day, one hour of which cannot be equated with ages and centuries. The Supreme Pen hath previously testified on their behalf in such wise that the fragrance of their Lord's loving-kindness, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, hath been diffused. Ask God at all times to grant them success and to confirm them in teaching this irrevocable Cause. That which would gladden hearts and souls hath been revealed for them aforetime and in these days.

God willing, may they be illumined at all times by the lights of the morn of God's Day, arise to serve His Cause, speak in His Name, drink in His love, and be engaged in His remembrance. Praise be to God! They have attained unto that which most of the divines, mystics and rulers are today deprived of. Thus hath the Tongue of Utterance spoken in the Kingdom of Knowledge. Blessed is he who hath heard and woe unto the heedless. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

And concerning what you wrote about your intention to consult about proceeding, if agreeable, with the beloved Mr. Mirza, upon him be the Glory of God and His Light, to the land of Kha—this matter was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. His word, exalted be His grandeur, states:

> "Previously it was revealed from the Supreme Pen that they should proceed to the regions of the land of Ta. However, at present whatever becomes manifest from the consultation you have intended is acceptable. In all conditions, you must hold fast to that which causes the promotion of God's Cause and the exaltation of His Word. Those souls who are today occupied with ornaments and are proud of outward glory, even if they should turn, their acceptance would be limited. But after holding fast to teaching and the manifestation of the Cause and the exaltation of the Word, thou shalt see them turning, accepting, submissive and humble before the remembrance of God and His Cause. Thus hath it been in all ages. This is why it was previously mentioned that it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God. Glory and wealth are two great obstacles for heedless souls. But ere long they shall be seen as more perishing than Abu-Lahab. The dead are not worthy of being heard, nor will they ever be, although at present some from various regions among these souls claim to have turned and accepted, yet verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The acceptance of such souls is in all cases limited. Ask ye God to assist all to that which He loves and is pleased with."

End.

In truth, the matter of teaching is a great matter. That beloved one and other gentlemen must be mindful of it and in all directions occupied souls who are at rest should, with perfect joy and fragrance and revealed wisdom, engage in teaching God's Cause.

And further, mention was made of the beloved of the soul, Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Haydar-ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God. Praise be to God, he is favored by God's grace. Some time ago his letter arrived requesting Tablets, which were revealed and sent in those same days. Later another letter arrived from the direction of Hadba specifically for the land of K and its surroundings, requesting wondrous and

exalted Tablets. However, nearly a year had passed from its date, therefore there was delay in sending those Tablets. In these days it was again presented before the Most Holy Presence. Several Tablets were revealed specifically for Q.M.S. It is hoped that the rest will also be revealed. The purpose is that the delay in the Tablets was due to the delay in the arrival of his letter. On behalf of this evanescent one, convey exalted greetings to him. Mention of him has been made in the Most Holy Presence and, God willing, will always continue to be made.

And concerning what you wrote about sending names on a separate sheet—it was not in your envelope.

Know ye concerning the direction of prayer towards the Most Holy and Exalted Spot, what ye wrote hath been submitted. This word was heard from the Sacred Tongue, speaking the truth. His Holiness Asad, upon him be Baha, also hath permission. These two are confirmed and adorned with acceptance. Yet praise be to God that they turned towards the Sacred Court, traversed land and sea, and endured hardships in the path of God. Praise be to God, they ultimately reached their supreme goal and attained the station of meeting and reunion that is mentioned in all divine books. Happy are they, blessed are they! Now, since the teaching of the Cause is the most important of all matters, We have therefore commanded this. By the life of God, the greatness of this Cause is such that every great thing testifies to its greatness. God willing, may they be successful therein and illuminate all horizons with the light of His countenance and kindle them with the fire of divine love. We have not forbidden it now, but since this matter had occurred, We commanded another matter which is most important today. Upon them be My glory, My grace, My mercy and My loving-kindness.

Concerning what you wrote about his honor M.S., this servant is aware of several instances where the True One, exalted be His glory, protected him and delivered him from great dangers. However, his many occupations have at times preoccupied him. God willing, relief shall come. Once this evanescent servant heard these words from the Sacred Tongue:

> “O servant in attendance! Divine grace hath several times delivered his honor M.S. from great dangers. However, due to excessive attention to worldly matters, when a divine tablet was sent to him, he did not succeed in reciting what was revealed therein and reflecting upon it, that he might discover its purpose and hold fast to that which is everlasting and enduring.”

After hearing this, this servant prayed for him that he might be assisted in that which is pleasing to God, and God willing, I hope that what was submitted may be answered. In this last instance when they summoned him to the land of T., as commanded this servant wrote and sent the well-known blessed circle for his protection. This evanescent servant beseeches the Truth in all conditions to protect him and assist him in that which is befitting.

And this is what was revealed for him who was named Muhammad-Husayn and who ascended unto God, exalted be His grandeur:

He is the Forgiving, the Generous

We make mention of him who made mention of Him Who turned to My Self, circled round Me, soared in My atmosphere, spread My traces, and spoke My praise when he desired to help Me, and I am the All-

Knowing Witness. O Muhammad-Husayn! Thou art in the Supreme Companion, and the Lord of Names maketh mention of thee in this Great Prison. God forgave thee at the first moment when the Countenance of the Ancient One turned toward thee, and there was revealed from the Pen that which caused the ocean of forgiveness to surge and the fragrance of the Merciful's loving-kindness to waft, and I am the Forgiving, the Merciful. By the life of God! Thou hast attained unto that whose fragrance shall never be cut off from the world. Thus doth the Lord of Eternity bear witness, and I am the Informed, the All-Knowing. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto that which thou hast attained on this Day whereon the Point of the Bayan crieth out before the face of the Merciful: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And this is what God revealed for him who was named Haji Muhammad, exalted be His utterance and His grandeur

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing!

O Muhammad! Hearken unto that which the Wronged One calleth out to thee on this Day which was inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the ancient Scriptures and mentioned in the hearts of the Messengers. Be thou of such steadfastness that neither the veils of the enemies nor the doubts of the perverse shall hinder thee. Verily We have sent down the Bayan wherein We gave glad tidings unto all of this Revelation which hath appeared and made manifest His straight Path. Say: This is the Day of God, were ye of them that know. All the books of the world have testified unto it, were ye of them that hear.

Say: This is the Day wherein the Mother Book hath appeared and hath testified that there is none other God but I, the Ancient Revealer. He needeth not any thing to prove His Cause, neither any mention from among mentions, nor any name from among names, nor any book from among the former books. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken as He walked in this manifest Prison. This is a Day wherein none hath attained save those who have cast the world behind their backs and taken that which they were commanded by God, the Lord of all worlds. Rejoice thou in this Tablet through which the fragrance of My garment hath been wafted, and the breaths of My utterance have been diffused, and every tongue hath proclaimed that there is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Beauteous. Take thou the Book with strength from Us, then read it among myriads of them that are nigh. We counsel thee and Our loved ones to be steadfast in this Cause whereby every foot hath slipped save such as God, the Possessor of this wondrous Day, hath willed. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the grace and mercy of God and have acknowledged that which God hath acknowledged in this glorious Tablet.

In these days a letter arrived from Aqa Mirza Kazim and Aqa Khudadad, upon them be the glory of God, and likewise from Aqa Mulla Ali, upon him be the glory of God, wherein mention was made of Aqa Azizu'llah and other friends, upon them be the glory of God. Praise be to God, all were mentioned before the Divine Throne and attained unto infinite grace. That beloved one had also made mention of Aqa Ishaq and Aqa Rajab, upon them be the glory of God. Concerning all of them this blessed word hath issued forth from the Source of the Cause—exalted be His grandeur:

Section 3: "Verily We have heard their call and have…"

Verily We have heard their call and have answered them with truth, and We have beheld their turning and have turned unto them from this most exalted Station that they might rejoice in the grace of their Lord, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. We send Our greetings upon their faces from this forbidden Station, and We give them glad tidings of God's grace and mercy, and We remind them of the supreme steadfastness, and We bid them to that whereby the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Loving, may be exalted. If all the friends of God were to attain unto a single word from Him, verily it would suffice them all, for nothing that appeareth or is hidden in the earth can equal it. He Who possesseth knowledge of all things in a Book that was sealed with the seal of God and hidden from the eyes of all who are in the heavens and the earth beareth witness unto this. Thou shalt give them glad tidings from the Wronged One, then impart unto them that which God hath imparted unto thee in this sealed and preserved Tablet.

This servant had not the opportunity this time to present their answers. God willing, they shall be sent later. Ye had made mention of Muhammad Rida Khan and Sulayman Khan, upon them be the glory of God. It was presented at the Most Holy Court. This is what was revealed for them from the heaven of the will of our Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful:

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O Muhammad-Qabli-Rida! Today, whosoever hath been mentioned with the word 'contentment' from the Dawning-Place of Revelation, the Lord of Names, hath attained unto the boundless effusions of God. Blessed is he who hath drunk from the ocean of contentment and hath arisen with perfect steadfastness to promote the Cause of the Lord of all beings. This is the Day of goodly deeds, goodly words, and praiseworthy conduct. Blessed is the soul through which the Cause of its Lord, the Protector of all who are in the heavens and on earth, hath been aided. Every good deed performed today is and shall be the cause of everlasting remembrance. Exalted is this glorious station! God willing, may you at all times fix your gaze upon the Most Sublime Horizon and be set ablaze with the fire of God's love.

All things lie within the grasp of extinction save that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen—this shall endure and remain forever. Rejoice thou in the remembrance of thy Lord and render thanks unto God, the Lord of the worlds. He hath remembered thee as a token of His grace. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. The glory rest upon thee, upon thy son, and upon those who have attained unto this Cause which hath caused the limbs of every heedless one to quake.

This is what hath been sent down from the heaven of the bounty of our Lord, the Creator of the heavens, unto him who was named Ghulam-Qabli-Rida:

He is the All-Speaking, the All-Seeing

O Ghulam-Qabli-Rida! Rejoice that the Wronged One remembereth thee from the direction of the Most Great Scene, the Spot which God hath made the circling-point of them that are nigh unto Him. Be thou ablaze with the fire of My love, soaring in My atmosphere, and speaking with wisdom and utterance in praise of My beautiful Name. Take thou the choice wine of utterance in the name of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, then drink thereof with His wondrous remembrance. Erelong shall clamor be raised in most

lands. This is what He Who broke the Seal hath informed you of through His luminous and choice wine. By God's life! Wert thou to taste the sweetness of utterance, such joy would seize thee that neither the doubts of the divines nor the allusions of the heedless would grieve thee.

Thus hath crowed the Cock of the Throne, while the Wronged One was in this noble station. The Most Exalted Pen counseleth all to show forth the utmost steadfastness, that they may be observed to be so firm and steadfast in the Cause that the cawing of them that are on earth shall not deprive them of the divine Kingdom. The deniers among the people of the Bayan are seen to be more veiled than the peoples of former times. They have perceived naught of the Day of God save its name, and are heedless and unaware of that which God hath purposed. Convey thou My greetings to the friends in that land on behalf of the True One and make them aware.

We, verily, send Our greetings unto them from this Spot and give them the glad-tidings of God's grace and mercy, and We bid them observe the wisdom which We have sent down in the Sacred Scriptures and Tablets. The glory rest upon thee and upon them from God, the Revealer of verses.

And likewise thou didst make mention of the servants, that is, the Siyyids of the lands of S and Sh, and the friends of those regions—upon them be the glory of God. This was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken:

In the Name of the All-Knowing Speaker

The Wronged One's Pen and Tongue have not paused for a moment in promulgating the Divine Cause except as ordained. I swear by the Sun of Revelation that hath risen above the horizon of the prison that, at a time when sorrows had encompassed Us from all directions and trials and tribulations were pouring down like torrential rain, We summoned the peoples of the earth to the Most Exalted Horizon with all Our power and might. God willing, may the noble ones of that land arise to aid the Cause with such arising that neither weariness shall overtake it nor shall sitting still comprehend it. Today, every goodly deed that is manifested for God's sake—its influence and remembrance shall endure as long as God's names endure. They must occupy themselves with the utmost determination in teaching God's Cause, exalted be His glory. Today is the day of this blessed verse which sayeth:

> "Lead forth the people from darkness into light and give them glad tidings of the days of God."

We beseech God to assist them in protecting the weak souls, that each may be observed more steadfast than that which is steadfast and more firmly rooted than mountains. The Cause is exceedingly mighty and the people are weak. They must, through the power of faith, assist the people of that land to recognize the Cause of the All-Merciful through wisdom and utterance. Verily their Lord, the Self-Subsisting, is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Protector, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

The clamourers are present in every land, and this matter hath been revealed aforetime in the divine scriptures and tablets. Assuredly, whatsoever hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen shall come to pass. One must educate souls through the Most Great Word in such wise that diverse winds shall not remove them from the shore of the sea of oneness, and they shall be observed so steadfast that the power and

might of the world shall appear as non-existent and null. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to all the friends of that land and give them glad tidings of God's grace, loving-kindness and mercy, exalted be His glory. Praise be to God, all are mentioned in the Most Great Prison and are present before His face. The Glory be upon them and upon those who have cast aside the world on this Most Great Day and have taken up that which they were commanded by the Powerful, the Ancient.

Regarding what you wrote about one of the handmaidens of God who used opium for pain and who, after the prohibition was declared, abandoned it and nearly perished—the divine decree is that the patient must follow the physician's directions, but the physician must be skilled. In such case, whatever is prescribed must be followed, for the preservation of human life is, in God's sight, greater than any other matter. God, exalted be His glory, hath given precedence to the science of medicine, for in the existence and health of the body lies the obligation to carry out His laws. Thus health was and shall remain of primary importance.

Concerning what you wrote about the honored wife, upon her be the Glory of God, it was presented at the Most Holy Court. He said:

> "God willing, may she attain to that which God loveth and is pleased with, and may she be gladdened through the favor of the Beloved. We, from this spot, send Our greetings to her and make mention of her as a bounty from Us. Verily thy Lord is the Hearer, the Answerer."

God willing, hereafter the Most Holy, Most Great Tablet specifically for that honored lady shall be sent.

Concerning your mention at the close of your letter of the name of Ismu'llah al-Asdaq—upon him be all the most glorious glory and the most exalted exaltation—it was presented before the Throne. His word, exalted be His might and His grandeur: "We verily seal the end of the letter of Our servant in attendance with the mention of him who was named 'The Most Truthful' in the Kingdom of God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who turned to the Lord of Names in such wise that a company of the Concourse on High turned with him. His Lord, the All-Merciful, is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Through his turning, faces were turned, and through his arising, the servants arose before the countenance of their Lord, the All-Subduing, the Mighty, the All-Wise. The wine of recognition so intoxicated him that he soared unto the All-Merciful until he stood before the face of his Lord, the Almighty, the Omnipotent. We testify that he attained unto that which was inscribed in the Books of God and bore witness to that which God did testify: that there is none other God but Me, the Single, the Ancient.

The lights of the Throne so seized him that his sighs of longing ascended and his tears fell like spring rain. We have mentioned him time and again in the Tablet of him who was named Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin in the Book of God, the Exalted, the Great. Likewise have We mentioned him in diverse Tablets in such wise that all the treasures of earth and heaven cannot equal it. To this testifies He Who speaks in all things: 'There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.' Blessed is the soul that drew nigh unto him and visited him, as spoken by the Tongue of Grandeur concerning his noble station. The glory from Us be upon him and upon those related to him, whether female or male, whether young or old."

“O thou who speakest My praise and standeth in My service! Give glad tidings from Me to his family. Say: By God’s life! You stand before the face of your Lord, the Possessor of this wondrous Day. Beware lest the affairs of creation sadden you. Leave the world to its people and cling to the hem of your Lord’s mercy, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.” End.

Furthermore, convey to all the friends in that land the expression of this servant’s sincerity, devotion and nothingness, which depends on the favors of that Beloved One. God willing, may all attain to the water of steadfastness in such wise that its effects become manifest. To the true beloved one, he who was named at the Most Great Scene as Ali-Qabli-Akbar—upon him be God’s care, might and favors—I express my evanescence and nothingness. Likewise to the other gentlemen who are all in my thoughts: Haji Muhajir, Aqa Abdu’r-Rahim and his brother—upon them both be the glory of the All-Merciful. God willing, they have arrived by now; to them also I express my greetings. Glory be upon you and upon those who have sacrificed their spirits, their bodies and all they possess in service to the Cause of God—our Beloved, their Beloved, our Goal, their Goal, and the Goal of all in the heavens and the earth. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant, 29 Ramadan 1298

One more submission: In these days, if someone were to turn towards the lands of Sad, namely Najaf and Ard and other territories, it would be most beloved. However, it must be an enlightened person whose heart is connected to God’s grace. In such case, whatever he mentions will prove effective. The same applies to other lands, whether cities or villages.

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Section 1: “In the name of our Lord, the Most…”

In the name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the Most Ancient, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

O beloved of my heart! Praise be to God that through His infinite bounties you have attained, and have been blessed with His remembrance, and confirmed in teaching His Cause. For His sake you undertook migration, aspiring to the most exalted station, the highest rank, the ultimate goal, and the most glorious vista. Through the special confirmations of the Lord of Oneness, you traversed land and sea through divine love and reached your goal. You drank from the ocean of reunion, and after returning, girded up your loins with determination and turned towards all regions to proclaim and raise aloft the Word.

These stations require a hundred thousand nightingales and a hundred thousand doves, and like these two divine birds, one must needs raise such melodies as befit these stations in the divine days, reaching the ears of the sincere ones, the near ones, and the believers in unity. What else can this small bird accomplish, and how can it raise its song in this garden of inner meanings where every branch of its sacred trees speaks with a different melody or sings in remembrance of the Friend?

I seek God’s forgiveness! I swear by the Sun of Truth that this servant sees himself as lower than even a small bird, for that which today befits divine grace, this Day of God, and celestial bounty and mercy has

not been manifested from him. For every good deed manifested by one of the loved ones, this servant utters “Would that I…”, and for every praiseworthy characteristic shown by one of the chosen ones, this ephemeral one remembers “Would that I were with him.”

What more can be said and expressed? Were it not that divine praise and remembrance and the teaching of His Cause are beloved to the soul and the qiblih of the spirit, surely this ephemeral one would not have relinquished holding fast to silence and quietude. However, this is the Day in which He says: “This is the Day of calling out, yet you remain silent” to the end of His exalted Word—exalted be His station, elevated be His grandeur, and glorious be His manifestations.

It would be better to take hold of the reins of the pen from this station and turn to necessary supplications. At the beginning of this letter, the intention was to make a brief submission, but the flame of love for your honor took away the reins of choice and will. This ephemeral servant begs and hopes from God, exalted be His Glory, that He may assist your honor and this ephemeral one in that which pleases Him and benefits His Cause. Your honor, who praise be to God is confirmed, I request that you also supplicate God, exalted be His Glory and Greatness, for this ephemeral one, that He may assist him and other friends. Verily He answers every caller, confirms every seeker, and assists every sincere aspirant. He is indeed the Powerful, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Wise.

I submit that your letter dated the tenth of Jumada II brought glad tidings and increased joy. It taught the bird of separation the path of reunion and bestowed the Kawthar of meeting, for it was adorned with the mention of the Beloved of the worlds. After becoming informed of its contents, it was presented before the Throne, and after the submission of these exalted words, these appeared from the Dayspring of utterances of the Lord of Names and Attributes—praise and gratitude be to God. All things have testified to His grace, mercy and bounty. Blessed is he who has found and recognized. Woe unto the heedless and the deniers. His Word, exalted be His grandeur […]

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

Thou hast been mentioned before the Throne, and there hath been revealed for thee that which hath diffused the fragrance of the All-Merciful throughout all lands, and the Dove of the Cause hath warbled upon the branches, saying: “There is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.” Blessed art thou for having attained unto the verses of God and His mercy, and for having traveled through the lands to exalt His Cause. Verily thy Lord is the Witness, the Hearer, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

This is the Day whereon the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken, calling all to this noble scene, round which circle the denizens of the highest Paradise and those who have acknowledged that which the Tongue of Ancient Days acknowledged before the creation of the heavens and earth. We have revealed in thy name various tablets. Thy Lord is, verily, the Omnipotent, the Almighty. We have caused diverse rivers to flow, as a mercy from Us unto thee, that thou mayest be of the thankful. Blessed art thou for having cast away that which is possessed by men, taking hold of that which thou wast bidden by One mighty and powerful.

Remind the people of that which We have revealed unto thee, that perchance the remembrance may draw them nigh unto the kingdom of the loving providence of their Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. The Day is come, yet they have turned away from it. They hear the call of God, yet they are heedless thereof.

They have cast the command of God behind their backs, having followed their own desires. They understand not. They drink from the seas of fancy and vain imaginings, and deny that which hath appeared from God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Arise to aid My Cause through wisdom and utterance. Thus was it revealed aforetime and in this praiseworthy station.

Praise be to God, time and again hast thou been blessed with God's special favors. He was with thee as thou didst journey through the lands. He heard thy voice when thou didst speak in remembrance of Him, the All-Wise. All the friends and loved ones of God must, as decreed by God, observe wisdom and hold fast unto it. This binding divine command hath been revealed in most of the Tablets, yet some have not heeded it and have not comprehended its purpose. Today, by command, every matter must be carried out through consultation with souls who are devoted and assured, and be made manifest.

Say: O servants! Whatever floweth from the Most Exalted Pen hath as its purpose a benefit that returneth, both outwardly and inwardly, to those souls themselves. They must act with complete submission and contentment in accordance with whatsoever appeareth from the Dayspring of the Cause. This is God's counsel that hath been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in diverse places. Well is it with them that act, and well is it with them that have attained!

From this station We send Our greetings to the loved ones of God and His chosen ones who have acted in accordance with that which they were bidden in His mighty Book. We counsel them with that which beseemeth this blessed, mighty and wondrous Day. He who acteth, acteth for himself, and he who turneth away—verily He is independent of all that hath been created in the heavens and on earth. To this testifieth every possessor of utterance, understanding and enlightened vision.

The praise of God—the favors of the Truth, exalted be His glory, are manifest and evident from the ocean of utterance. Verily, He needeth not the mention of any mentioner, nor the description of any describer, nor the exposition of any expounder, nor the praise of any praiser, nor the testimony of any just and knowing one.

Concerning what you wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Abu-Talib, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory—some time ago funds were written about which had become available in a certain place to be sent to the Most Holy Court. By specific command it was written to send these to your honor—thirty tumans of it to be given to Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Abu-Talib. Some was also assigned to Jinab-i-Ibn-i-Abhar, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory. Previously too some funds became available elsewhere which were assigned to the Land of Ta, but that did not arrive. People are waiting to serve the Cause, and moreover they do not pay the Huququ'llah as they should, although this matter is the cause of protection, blessing and bounty. Blessed is the patient poor one who was among the patient ones.

Section 2: "At one time this firm and established word…"

At one time this firm and established word shone forth from the Dawning-Place of divine utterance—exalted be His grandeur:

> "If those who have turned to God had acted according to what God desired, the earth would now be seen as other than it is."

Words to this effect were repeatedly heard from the Tongue of Grandeur. God willing, your honor and this servant beseech the True Outpouring Grace that He may assist all and deprive no one from what His will desires.

Another matter—Jinab-i-Mulla Sadiq, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, from the people of Baku wrote a detailed letter to this servant and its reply was sent. Among other things he had mentioned that the chief of police, in their words, had asked for assurance regarding absence of corruption. Although it is now clear to all that the purpose was not and is not corruption and upheaval—that beloved one himself mentioned this matter—but due to previous errors that appeared from some at the beginning of the Cause, it is very difficult for the hearts of government authorities to become free and pure from suspicions and imaginings. However, if they became aware of the verses that have been sent down from the heaven of God's will regarding kindness, compassion, and absence of corruption, conflict and dispute, they would attain certain faith and would testify to what God, exalted be His glory, has willed.

When this servant presented Jinab-i-Mulla Sadiq's letter at the Most Holy Court, this blessed word emerged from the Source of Command—exalted be His grandeur: "If they had known the Truth to be truthful, surely a Tablet would have been bestowed and in that Tablet would have been revealed from the Supreme Pen that none from this party should commit any act contrary to the interests of the government." In the Tablet to the Sultan it was also revealed that God, exalted be His glory, has relinquished the earth, both land and sea, to the kings—what He has desired for Himself has been and will be the hearts of His servants. Would that the people of the earth were fair and would attain to hearing what has been sent down from the heaven of divine will. At that time they would speak these words: "Would that we had attained in the beginning of the Cause to what we have attained today, and would that we had known in the beginning of the Manifestation what we know today."

Some deeds have become the cause of preventing the turning and attention of the servants. This evanescent servant beseeches from the Exalted Truth that He bestow a drop from the ocean of insight upon these people, that all may see and know and hear and become aware. He is the All-Merciful, the Kind. There is no God but Him, the Forgiving, the Generous.

With regard to what you wrote about your brother, upon him be the Glory of God, and also about Ali Akbar Bey, upon him be the Glory of God, it was presented before the Most Holy Court. He says, exalted be His grandeur:

> "Let them not be saddened by outward upheavals. Today the Kingdom of wealth has been and will continue to circle round the people of God. In accordance with the time it shall be made manifest. The steadfast and assured souls have attained unto the Most Great Grace, the Supreme Bounty, and true wealth. And if for a few days in the outer world the manifestation of certain matters is delayed, this is due to divine wisdom and His expediency. Ask God, thy Lord and the Lord of all who are in earth and heaven, to ordain for them that which shall profit them in the Hereafter and in this world. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Giving, the Generous."

Regarding what you wrote about Dervish Abdul-Samad, upon him be the Glory of God, the prayer which that loved one submitted in his name was presented before the Most Holy Court. This is what the Tongue of the All-Merciful spoke in reply, exalted be His grandeur:

> "We have heard thy call and what thou hast praised the Wronged One with a tongue that hath testified to what God hath testified and acknowledged what the Desired One hath acknowledged in the Holy Books and Tablets. Blessed art thou for having attained, and seen, and heard what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. There hath befallen thee what hath befallen Us time and again. Be thou thankful and say: ʿPraise be unto Thee, O God of the Kingdom and the Realm.' Grieve not for what hath befallen thee in My path. Rejoice in that thou hast been mentioned in the prison by the Pen of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be."

With a hundred thousand tongues give thanks to the Desired One of the world that He hath preserved you from the manifestations of idle fancies and vain imaginings and guided you to the Dawning-Place of certitude. By the life of God! The objectors to the Bayan are seen to be more veiled than the parties of old. They have newly purposed to establish chiefs and nobles and pillars and the fourth pillar and the successor and the like thereof, in the same manner as existed before. By My life! They are in evident delusion. These mentions are as thorns and thistles in the City of inner meanings. Beseech God that He may purify and sanctify that City from thorns and thistles. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

O Asad! O thou who gazest upon the One, the Single! Strive to sanctify the people from these vain imaginings. In all conditions, be occupied with the triumph of the Cause through wisdom and utterance. God willing, thou shalt take possession of the cities of hearts through the mention of the Beloved. Verily, He aids whomsoever He willeth through a command from His presence, and He is the Manifest, the Speaker, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Another submission is that some time ago a detailed letter was sent to the beloved of heart and soul, his honor Aqa Mulla ʿAli-Akbar, may the glory and favors of God rest upon him, together with sacred and exalted Tablets. God willing, they will arrive and he will attain unto them. It would be most pleasing if copies of some of the divine sacred Tablets and this evanescent one's letters were sent to various regions, for although most people have, through divine assistance, broken the chains of vain imaginings, they nevertheless require a reminder. The divine rose garden must be kept fresh and verdant through the rain of the All-Merciful's grace. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Knowing Educator. The submission of nothingness and evanescence to all the friends in that land is contingent upon the grace of that Beloved One. Glory be upon you and those with you and upon all who stand firm, whom the doubts of those who have denied God, the Lord of all worlds, have not caused to slip.

It is further submitted that regarding the honored mother of the household, may the glory of God rest upon her, you had written about the sum of one hundred tumans—fifty tumans for her and fifty tumans specifically for the orphans of the late Haji ʿAli of Qarabagh. As commanded, it was written that they should deliver it. Surely it has arrived by now.

Another submission to the honored friend, his honor Aqa Mirza ʿAli-Naqi, may the glory of God rest upon him—I offer greetings. Some time ago, this servant submitted a detailed letter in response to the letter written on behalf of his honor Aqa Shahvirdi, may the glory of God rest upon him. That letter also bore divine verses specifically for them and his honor Aqa Shahvirdi and other souls, may the glory of God rest upon them, who were mentioned in that letter. God willing, it has arrived by now and they have attained unto it.

The servant 29 Ramadan 1298

BH06131: All praise that is sanctified from the limits…

All praise that is sanctified from the limits of time eternal past and future befitteth Him Who is the Beloved that perisheth not, Who hath illumined the world of utterance through the dawning rays of the Sun of inner meanings…

The horizons have been seized by the dark dust of ignorance. Hence the world is in upheaval, hearts are troubled, and souls are perplexed. At one time these words were heard from the Revealer of Verses, exalted be His glory:

> "O servant! The world is in upheaval, and its upheaval shall not be stilled save through the will of thy Lord, the Almighty."

Strange it is that despite the spreading of divine verses and the appearance of clear proofs, they still know not the cause of upheaval and discord. The Supreme Pen hath previously erased the glory of two peoples from the Book, as thou dost observe. Consider how Alexander of Russia, who was the greatest monarch in the world, perished in such abasement.

O servant! If external upheavals be stilled, internal commotions shall appear. If the rule of the sword and fire be removed, the gates of calamities and tribulations shall be opened upon the face of the world. Would that they might reflect even slightly and recognize the cause and reason for the events of the time. By My life! They have no refuge nor escape. They shall cry out for help when there shall be no time for it….

BH00359: The Most Exalted Pen hath made mention…

Section 1: "The Most Exalted Pen hath made mention…"

In the Name of the One True God!

The Most Exalted Pen hath made mention of the friends of God in the most eloquent tongue, and now uttereth in the sweetest Persian that this is a Day of surpassing greatness and magnitude, a Day attributed in all the Divine Books to God Himself and known as the Day of God. It behooveth all to ponder the greatness of this Day and to refrain from comparing that which hath come to pass therein with aught that hath preceded or shall follow it. Let them reflect upon the diverse parties in the world, how each hath clung to a name among names, fixing their gaze upon God, the Most Glorious, and beseeching Him night and day, hoping that in the days of the appearance of the Dayspring of His Cause, the Dawning-

Place of His Revelation, and the Source of His inspiration, they might not be debarred from the ocean of His grace nor be deprived of His abundant favors.

Yet when the Sun of Truth shed its radiance from the heaven of God's Will, all returned to their own kind, which is the embodiment of darkness, save whom God did will. Blessed are they who, in this spiritual morn, have quaffed the wine of inner meanings and who have arisen, with supreme steadfastness, to serve the Cause of the Lord of creation.

O friends of God! Every word of the most excellent Words is an ocean most great, from which flow countless streams. Blessed is the one who, in the name of God, hath drunk therefrom. By God's life! Such a soul is mentioned in the sight of God as among the most powerful of all creation. In all the Books, Tablets and Scriptures of God, mention hath been made of souls who are well-pleased, pleasing unto Him, assured and tranquil. These are they who stand firm in service to the Cause, whom neither the opposition of the world, nor the ranks of the nations, nor the conditions of the deniers, nor the insinuations of the heedless, nor the clamor of the rejectors could deter from turning to God, the Manifest Truth, or prevent from directing their gaze to the supreme horizon.

By the Sun of Truth which shineth from the horizon of this Prison! The corruption of the world hath ever been, and shall ever be, from the ignorant one who appeareth in the guise of knowledge, and from the transgressor who is known and seen in the garb of piety. Reflect upon the early days of Islam: a few ignorant and false ones adorned themselves with the ornament of knowledge and truthfulness among the servants, and this became the cause of countless perils surrounding the world of the Qur'an. Some time ago this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed from the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed are they who read it and ponder its ocean of meanings. By God's life! Should one attain unto its sweetness, such a soul would be mentioned in the sight of God as among the most exalted of all creation.

In the Name of the One True God!

Say: O friends! The falsehood of the past hanged the Beloved of the future and martyred Him with the bullet of tyranny. Reflect upon those deceitful, treacherous souls who appeared among the people in the name of truthfulness, trustworthiness, detachment and piety, that ye may be preserved from the terror of this Most Great Day. One made mention of Jabulqa, another pointed to Jabulsa, and yet another devised an imaginary form and established for it a seat upon the throne of idle fancies. One unjust one made mention of the Holy Land, and another unjust one attributed words unto Him. These abominable, false matters became the cause and reason for martyring with utmost tyranny the Sovereign of the City of Oneness. Were the Hand of Divine Power to rend asunder all veils, ye would witness new matters and hear novel utterances.

Now He uttereth but one word that perchance it may serve as a barrier between truth and falsehood, and that word is this: Purify your ears from that which is spoken by those who claim to be of the Bayan yet deny its Revealer, its Sovereign and its Sender. For these veiled souls walk exactly in the footsteps of those souls. Blessed is the eye that seeth and perceiveth—such a one is regarded before God as the most powerful and capable among men. Hearken unto what My Herald spoke aforetime. He said, and His Word is the Truth: A one-year-old seed on the Day of His Manifestation is mightier than all the Bayan. Out of

loving kindness and compassion have these utterances been revealed from the Pen of the All-Powerful. Preserve them and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!

The Shi'ih sect, who considered themselves the saved and favored denomination and regarded themselves as the most excellent of all people, repeatedly related traditions stating that whoever claimed the Promised One would be born was an infidel and outside the religion. These traditions caused many to be martyred without fault or crime, until the Primal Point—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him—was born in Fars from the loins of a known person and made the claim of being the Qa'im. Thereupon, those who followed vain imaginings and idle fancies were in manifest loss, and the Cause appeared to all the world like the rays of the sun. Nevertheless, that heedless and rejected sect turned away and arose to slay that Essence of being. O people of Baha! The Lord of Names biddeth you to reflect upon these matters, that ye may truly shatter the idols of fancy and vain imaginings and not be afflicted with the new idle fancies to which the deniers of the Bayan cling. Arise to champion the Cause with divine strength and power, and protect the servants from the tyranny of the idolatrous souls and the fancies of the heedless and false ones.

Reflect upon the hidden mysteries: Until the time of the Manifestation, the people of the Furqan, namely the Shi'ih sect, were unaware of the Day of God and the manner of His appearance. They seemed entirely bereft from the ocean of knowledge and deprived of the dawning rays of the sun of inner meanings. The divine Cause appeared and was manifested contrary to all that they had understood through their fancies and vain imaginings and to which they had held fast. And those imaginative souls who considered themselves the most God-fearing and detached in all the world arose with such tyranny that the Concourse on High, the dwellers of the Cities of Names, and the Kingdom of Creation were all bewildered. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen spoken, as a grace from His presence, that ye may become aware.

Those things that were concealed from you shall be revealed, and you shall witness what lay behind the veil through that which was wrought by the hands of those who wandered in the wilderness of fancy and idle imaginings, and passed judgment against Him Who came with the truth from God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. O ye who drink the choice sealed wine! The Name ʻthe Self-Subsisting' declareth: Consider the people who counted themselves among the saved and blessed ones—how at the time of trial they were reckoned among the rebellious, transgressing, denying and rejected faction, and were recorded by the Supreme Pen in God's Book as manifestations of negation.

The people of Baha, who are mentioned in the Qayyumu'l-Asma as the companions of the Crimson Ark, must, God willing, demonstrate such steadfastness as befitteth this Most Great Cause and this blessed Day. This is the day of service and steadfastness. If a child remaineth firm in this Cause, he is mightier than all the Bayan—by the testimony of God and the testimony of Him Who appeared before and gave the glad tidings of this Great Announcement.

In the Tablets revealed in Iraq, the Land of Mystery, and the Most Great Prison, We informed the friends of God and gave them tidings of the appearance of the calf, the barking ones, the birds of night, the book of perdition, and the tablets of fire, that all might become so steadfast that neither the peoples of the world nor all that they possess would have the power to cause these firm and upright souls to deviate. They must be seen as mountains, not as leaves that are stirred by every wind and overturned by the

slightest breeze. Thus doth the All-Knowing teach you, the All-Informed acquaint you, and guide you to His straight path.

Strive ye, and with utmost lowliness and supplication beseech the Mighty, the Ancient One to aid you in that which is adorned with the ornament of His good-pleasure, and to assist you in such deeds as shall endure forever in His divine Book throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Let not this opportunity slip from your grasp, nor waste this time. I swear by the ocean of divine knowledge that a single moment of these days excelleth centuries and ages. Your Lord, the Chosen One, beareth witness to this from this glorious station.

God willing, may ye consume the veils that hinder with the fire of the love of the All-Merciful and illumine your hearts with the light of His countenance. This is the day of this blessed and decisive Word, which the tongue of the Divine Unity spoke aforetime: "Everything shall perish save His Face." This is the Day of God, and God alone speaketh therein—naught is mentioned save Him. Where are the pure and penetrating eyes, and where are the illumined and detached hearts? This is the day of eyes, ears and hearts. Beseech ye God to grant you possession of these three and to sanctify them from veils. For verily, a thin veil—nay, the thinnest of veils—preventeth the eye from seeing, the ear from hearing, and the heart from understanding.

Section 2: "Consider this exalted word which was revealed aforetime…"

Consider this exalted word which was revealed aforetime by the Supreme Pen: O Sons of Knowledge! The merest speck of dust upon the eye shutteth out the vast world from its vision—consider then what would be wrought if the veil of covetousness descendeth upon the heart!

O friends! Today the gate of heaven is opened by the key of God's Name, the ocean of bounty surgeth before all faces, and the sun of grace is shining. Do not deprive yourselves of the manifest Light, nor waste your precious life heeding the words of this one and that. Gird up the loins of endeavor and turn your attention to the education of the peoples of the world. Consider not the divine religion as a cause of opposition, malice and hatred. The Tongue of Grandeur proclaims: That which has descended from the heaven of the Will in this Most Holy, Most Exalted Revelation has been for the unity of the world and the love and fellowship of its peoples. The people of Baha who have drunk of the choice wine of inner meaning must associate with all the peoples of the world with the utmost joy and radiance, and remind them of that which profits all. Such is the counsel of this Wronged One to His loved ones and chosen ones. The world was created through love, and all are commanded to live in fellowship and unity. Fix your gaze upon and make mention of this blessed word which hath shone forth from the horizon of the mouth of the King of Oneness:

> "I was in My Ancient Being and My Eternal Essence; I knew My love in thee, therefore I created thee, cast upon thee My image and revealed to thee My beauty."

O people of Baha! While you are in your homelands, this Wronged One is in the Most Great Prison. Even while submerged in an ocean of tribulations, He makes mention of each of you with such words and utterances that were but a single letter thereof to be reflected upon the mirrors of all created things, the

words “Thou art the Beloved” would appear from them all, in such wise that all would see and read them. Let not this boundless grace slip from your grasp, and be not heedless of what hath befallen this Wronged One and you in the path of God. Know your worth and preserve your stations in the name of the Truth, for the ungodly, deniers and traitors have appeared in the guise of unity, acceptance and trustworthiness, and strive with the utmost effort to lead souls astray. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, speaks the truth and informs you of His grace and guides you to His straight path.

Abandon the ways of the people and count as naught the paths of the heedless, and say:

> “He walks not in your ways, nor does He act according to what is with you. He has appeared and made manifest His straight path, and made known to all His mighty course.”

Blessed is the soul that has hastened to the ocean of its Lord’s mercy, and the ear that has heard the shrill voice of His Most Exalted Pen, and the eye that has beheld His mighty signs, and the tongue that has uttered His beautiful praise. Say: Have mercy upon yourselves and follow not those who have denied God and His signs, rejected His proof and His evidence, and have arisen to turn away with manifest injustice.

Verily, He has, from the Most Great Prison, called both kings and subjects unto the Most Great Name, which was hidden in God’s knowledge and mentioned in the Scriptures of the Messengers. O friends! The mention of all has been and will continue to be in the divine Books, and should some of the loved ones of God not receive a separate Tablet, let them know with absolute certainty that their names, their turning to God, and their acceptance, according to their stations, have been recorded and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Book. Ask God for His confirmation, that you may succeed in that which will be the cause of everlasting remembrance. Verily, He sees and hears, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The world has never had, nor does it now possess any significance. Soon shall all who dwell on earth return to the graves. By Him Who has caused all things to speak forth in praise of His Self, this world and whatsoever is visible to mortal eyes cannot, in the sight of one endowed with insight, compare with even a single word of God’s utterance, for the former is transient and perishable and ever shall be so, while the latter endures eternally through the permanence of His names and attributes. No person of understanding would forfeit God’s everlasting bounty for the sake of fleeting days. Verily I say, the soul has ever yearned and will forever yearn for the rose-garden of divine revelation and attainment unto His presence, yet vain imaginings and futile desires have held it back from the realm of nearness. You must burn away the veils with the fire of certitude and the light of faith, and illumine your hearts and minds. Strive to drink from the Kawthar of certitude which flows from the right hand of God’s celestial throne. Whosoever attains unto it is recorded among the people of eternity in the Crimson Book.

Praise be to God that His grace and favors have guided the faithful to the straight path and enabled them to attain the supreme gift and greatest bounty. Know the station you occupy and remain vigilant at all times, for the misguided have ever lain in ambush for the guides and ever shall. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Has there ever been seen on earth a sincere seeker who was deprived of the outpourings of the All-Bountiful? Or has there ever been witnessed one who, with complete truthfulness, desired the ultimate goal and was held back from it? Nay, by His very Self, the True One! And if certain of the believers, near ones, and sincere ones outwardly sought something but

did not attain it, this was due to God's all-encompassing wisdom. They must not be saddened, for every matter has its appointed time. When its hour comes, it shall be manifested in truth from God, the Lord of all worlds.

Rejoice, O friends of God and His chosen ones, in that My Most Exalted Pen makes mention of you on this night wherein the Tongue of Grandeur proclaims: There is none other God but He, the Supporter, the Counselor, the Single, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Blessed is he who attains unto the Most Great Steadfastness; he is assuredly among the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise in the Book of God, the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven, Who has appeared in truth with manifest sovereignty. Beware lest the veils of names hold you back from their Sovereign, their Source and their Creator. Hold fast to the cord of your Lord's loving-kindness and cling to His luminous hem. Whoso acts in accordance with what has been commanded, upon him shall bestow their prayers the Concourse on High, the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise, and they who abide within the Pavilions of Grandeur—a command from God, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

Thus does the Wronged One make mention of you while confined in the prison of the heedless, teaching you that which shall, under all conditions, draw you nearer unto God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Unique. We counsel all to wisdom and utterance in the Cause of their Lord, the All-Merciful, even as We counseled them before. He is in truth the Counselor, the Faithful. This is a word We have revealed in various Tablets. It behooves everyone who has believed in God in this Revelation to hold fast unto it and to be of those who are firmly established. We have forbidden all from whatsoever God loves not, and have commanded that which gladdens the hearts of the peoples. He is verily the All-Kind, the Gracious. Associate, O My loved ones, with the followers of all religions in a spirit of friendliness and fellowship. Beware lest ye make God's Word an occasion for your disputation or a cause for manifesting hatred among you. Say: Fear God, O people of the earth, and be not of the negligent. He commands you to that from which you will perceive the fragrance of the Spirit, were you of those who are endowed with understanding.

The glory be upon you and upon those who are with you and who love you and serve you and hearken unto that which has been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in this irrevocable, manifest, and perspicuous Cause.

BH00844: Glory be to God Who hath gladdened the servant…

In the name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Glory be to God Who hath gladdened the servant through the fragrances of His loved ones' utterances—they who have cast away the world and have arisen to serve the nations by His command, for He is the All-Ruling, the All-Compelling.

O beloved of my heart! Blessed be thy essence, blessed be thy remembrance, blessed be thy steadfastness, and blessed be thy devotion. The servant hath been honored by your mention, your praise, your utterance, your service, and that which hath flowed from your pen in the Cause of God—our purpose and your purpose. By the life of the Beloved! Such rapture and longing hath seized me that every

tongue is powerless to describe it. To this beareth witness the tongue of my heart and my inmost being, and beyond these He Who hath ever been the All-Witnessing, the All-Seeing, the All-Protecting, and the All-Encompassing over all who dwell in the heavens and the earth.

When I read what the Pen had uttered, I approached the Station whereon was established the Most Great Throne. When I attained His presence and presented it, the Ancient King turned toward me, and the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which set the heart of the world ablaze. He spoke, and His Word is the Truth: We were seated upon the Throne when the servant who was present entered with thy letter and laid it before Our face. We have answered thee and sent unto thee the pearls of divine knowledge from the depths of thy Lord's omniscient wisdom, that thou mayest rejoice and render thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Informed Speaker. Blessed art thou for having spoken the truth and forbidden that which is unseemly, in conformity with the command of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

How excellent are they who have cast away their desires and embraced that which God, the Lord of all worlds, hath willed! Say: By the power of My Most Great Name, O peoples of the earth! By God, the Ancient King hath come for the reformation of the world. Beware lest the doubts of your divines debar you from the ocean of your Lord's knowledge, the Mighty, the Powerful. He speaketh naught save that which shall profit you in this world and in the next. To this beareth witness the Lord of creation Who speaketh in the Most Great Prison: There is none other God but Me, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

We make mention of him who was named Asad, who hath arisen to serve the Cause of his Lord and who uttereth His beauteous praise. We have previously revealed unto him, and in these days also, that which gladdeneth the hearts of the sincere ones. We make mention of him who informed you both of what a certain servant of Ours, named the Noble One, desired, as recorded in a clear Tablet. At this moment We turn Our gaze from this station toward him who desired to assist his wronged Lord, the Peerless One, through Whom the edifice of tranquility was well-nigh shaken and the hearts of them that have recognized Him were sorely agitated.

O thou who gazest upon My countenance and drinkest the wine of My loving-kindness! That which thou didst mention hath been mentioned before the Wronged One. God willing, may ye ever remain steadfast in serving the Cause of the All-Glorious and act in accordance with that which He loveth and is pleased with. That which ye have done is most acceptable in the sight of the Wronged One. From this matter a great mischief would have appeared, for although the True One, exalted be His glory, hath desired the reformation of the world, this was contrary and opposed to the Command of God from all aspects.

And since ye have beseeched from the heaven of bounty that grace be shown unto him, God willing, may they abide beneath the shadow of His grace and act in accordance with that which God hath willed. In truth their intention was to serve the Truth, for they were not aware of the divine prohibition and what had been revealed in the Tablets as befitteth. We, from this station, send Our greetings unto him and give him the glad-tidings of My mercy, My grace, My favor, My forgiveness and My tender loving-kindness, that he may render thanks unto his Lord, the Generous One. The glory be upon him and upon his father and his brother and upon those who have held fast unto My firm cord.

All souls should gaze toward the horizon of God's good-pleasure and hold fast unto that which is beloved before His Presence. All matters in the Divine Book have been made contingent upon wisdom, to this beareth witness My Scriptures, My Books, My Psalms, My Tablets, My Self, and My swift-moving Pen. From the utterances of the Revealer of Verses it is clear and evident what is today beloved before the Divine Throne. Even as the Supreme Pen hath, in numerous passages—nay, in most of the Tablets—enjoined wisdom upon all the peoples of the world.

The matter of teaching, which is the greatest of all things, is itself contingent upon wisdom, such that if wisdom doth not permit it in a certain place, teaching is not permissible. Blessed are they who have attained unto that which God hath willed.

To Jinab-i-Aqa Qasim, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory.

This evanescent servant conveys greetings sanctified beyond all mention, thought, knowledge and understanding, and gives him the glad tidings of the favor of God, exalted be His glory. May he be assisted, God willing, in that which causes the exaltation of God's Cause.

In these days, praise be to God, they have accepted the counsels of that Beloved One, and as soon as they understood that deed to be contrary to God's will, they forsook it and held fast to that which God had willed. Blessed is he, again blessed is he! Joy be unto him, again joy be unto him! That which you wrote concerning them has been accepted before the Divine Throne.

Although the stability of this land is uncertain, as was revealed in the divine Tablets in previous years, yet with the utmost joy and fragrance they should turn to the direction of God. And this is what has shone forth from the horizon of the mouth of our Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

O Qasim! Turn to the Qiblih unto which every qiblih ordained by God for His servants turned on the first day when He uttered the first word, which is "Verily, I am God, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing." Turn with such detachment as will erase from thy heart the trace of all thou hast known before. Then turn with a face that befitteth one who turneth unto the face of God, the Lord of all worlds.

By the Lord of the heavens and earth, the entire world cannot equal these two verses. Blessed is he who hath read, heard, written and understood. Woe unto the deniers and the heedless.

Some time ago, this servant sent detailed letters to that beloved one and my beloved Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, and likewise to Jinab-i-Mirza H and S, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, and especially to Jinab-i-Mulla Sadiq, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, each bearing the holy, manifest and luminous revealed lights. God willing, they have arrived.

And some time before that, a detailed letter was sent to the beloved of the heart, he who was named by the tongue of the Lord of Creation as ʿAli-Qabl-i-Akbar, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, the Lord of Power. That too contained divine Tablets and verses. God willing, it has arrived by now and will continue to arrive.

To all the friends, expressions of greeting, evanescence, nothingness and non-existence of this transient being are entrusted to the grace of that Beloved One.

To the spiritual beloved, Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Haydar-ʿAli, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, I offer greetings. It is hoped that God will assist that in these two days a detailed response to his letter will be sent.

The letter from that beloved one dated the twenty-ninth of Sha'ban arrived on the seventh of Shawwal, and at that very moment this letter, which is adorned with verses of grandeur, was written and sent. May all partake of its choice wine and attain His grace.

Glory be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who act according to what they were commanded by the Wise Ordainer.

The servant, Shawwal 1298

BH02370: Praise be to God that thou hast been blessed…

He is the All-Knowing, the Witness, the All-Hearing.

Praise be to God that thou hast been blessed with the infinite bounties and gifts of the True One, for thou didst seek the True Intended One and attained to circumambulation of the House of God. This blessing is superior to all existing and visible blessings. The Wronged One testifieth that thou didst turn and present thyself after thou didst hasten, and didst respond after thou didst hear, and didst attain to that which was hidden in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds.

This Wronged One, despite countless afflictions, summoned the people of the earth to the most exalted horizon during the days and nights, that perchance hearts might be cleansed and sanctified from the doubts and signs of imitation and restriction and from vain imaginings and idle fancies, that they might find themselves free and unfettered. However, the heedless servants did not hearken to the Word of Truth and arose in rejection and opposition, as ye have all seen and heard.

In days when the opposition of the divines, the objections of the mystics, and the power of princes had encompassed all, this Wronged One arose alone to promote the Cause—an arising that the hosts of earth were powerless to prevent. And when the effulgences of the Sun of Truth became somewhat manifest, certain ones emerged from behind the veil and arose to waste the Cause of God, to such an extent that pen and tongue are powerless to describe. They have desired to make the weak ones among the servants more veiled than the parties of the past. Beseech ye God to assist His loved ones in protecting souls. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty. There is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Thy letter was received and the fragrance of love was inhaled therefrom. And regarding thy desire to arise to serve, We beseech God to assist thee in this and to grant thee success in that which He loveth. Verily He is the Lord of all creation in the hereafter and in this world. God willing, may thou speak for God's sake, act for God's sake, and return unto God. I swear by the lights of His countenance that after the passing of all things, if a soul appeareth, clinging unto God and detached from all else, surely that soul will influence the world and will draw creation to the ultimate goal and the most exalted horizon and the

highest summit and the primal valley. God willing, may thou speak in His Name and act according to that which hath been revealed in the Book.

Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name to assist me to be steadfast in Thy Cause, then write down for me from the Pen of Thy grace that which Thou hast written for Thy loved ones who have cast the world aside in Thy love and Thy path. O Lord! Thou art the Powerful and I am the weak one, so have mercy upon me through Thy generosity and favors. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise. Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds and Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

BH05582: O thou who drinkest from the cup of My…

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

O thou who drinkest from the cup of My loving-kindness and circlest round My will and turnest toward the Kaaba of My beauty and speaketh My praise and soarest on the wings of remembrance in My atmosphere and claspeth the hem of My loving-kindness and holdeth fast to the cord of My grace and standeth in service to My Cause amidst My creation!

Thy letter hath come before My presence and the servant in attendance before My throne hath read it, and We have answered thee with My letter. Doth anyone recognize its station in the world, or have the peoples perceived its fragrance? By God's life! Had they perceived it, they would have cast away what they possess and hastened with their eyes toward a station at whose manifestation all revelations bow down in humility, and at the descent of but one of its verses all the books in the world stand in reverence.

By God's life! They have remained heedless of that which profiteth them and have turned away from that which draweth them nigh. Blessed art thou, for the face of the Ancient One hath turned toward thee and this Tablet hath been revealed in thy name as a token of His grace upon thee.

Be thou thankful and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou the Beloved of the nations! I testify that through Thee the breezes of the All-Merciful have wafted through all contingent beings, and the Most Exalted Pen hath stirred amongst all religions, and the ocean of knowledge hath surged, and upon it hath sailed the Ark of the All-Merciful, through this Name at whose appearance the Concourse on High rejoiced and the idol that disbelieved in God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, lamented."

BH05689: O people of the earth! The foul odor hath…

He is the Speaker, the Articulate, the All-Knowing

O people of the earth! The foul odor hath prevented the sweet fragrances of inner meanings from reaching you, and the clamor of the ignorant hath veiled the divine call. However, those possessed of illumined vision have not been prevented from beholding, and those endowed with hearing ears have not been deprived of hearkening to the call of the Lord of Oneness. Every sincere seeker hath surely attained and will attain unto the Desired One.

Great indeed is this Day, and its station with God is exceedingly glorious, for in all the divine Scriptures and Books it is truly attributed to God and known as the Day of God. Blessed are they who in this blessed Day have drunk from the hands of bounty the living waters of immortality and have joined with the Beloved of all worlds.

O concourse of earth! Strive that ye may not remain deprived and be not withheld from that for which and for Whose sake ye were created. Thus doth the Mighty, the Powerful instruct you as He speaketh amidst mankind and calleth them unto God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, and the Sovereign of the hereafter and of this world.

Blessed is he who hath heard and hath said:

> "Yea, yea, O Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens! I testify that Thou hast appeared and hast manifested through Thy grace and sovereignty that which Thou didst desire. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful."

BH06128: Praise be to my Beloved, Who hath caused…

He is the One manifest above all things through His Most Glorious Name

Praise be to my Beloved, Who hath caused the lights of His Most Great Name to shine forth from the horizon of the world. Blessed is the state of those souls who have recognized Him through His manifestations and attributes and evidences, and who have arisen with utmost steadfastness to promote His Cause.

This is a Day wherein the feet of the divines and mystics and princes have slipped from the straight path and mighty highway, save him whom the hand of thy Lord's loving-kindness hath rescued, the Protector, the Generous. Hearken unto the call of the true Object of all, and act in accordance with that which beseemeth this wondrous Day.

All peoples, despite their supplications and expectations and prayers and entreaties, remained veiled from the appearance of Him Who was promised, and clung fast to the manifestations of idle fancies and the dawning-places of vain imaginings. Ask thou God, thy Lord, to protect thee from those who have denied His proof and turned away from His straight path.

Say: Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who art the Object of the world's adoration and the Beloved of all nations, for having made known to me the Dawning-Place of Thy verses and the Manifestation of Thy clear tokens. Thou art He Who hath ever been in the heights of might and power and majesty, and the summit of loftiness and greatness and glory. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH06587: He ruleth over the cities of names

He ruleth over the cities of names

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name the Most Exalted Pen hath raised its shrill voice throughout the kingdom of creation, and the Cry hath appeared between earth and heaven, and through

which the Trumpet was blown and the mountains passed away and those in the graves arose, and the Dove sang upon the branches, saying:

> "Assist Thou those who wander bewildered in the wilderness of perplexity to turn unto Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the gate of the City of Oneness was opened!"

O my Lord! Thou beholdest me turning unto Thee, speaking Thy praise, yearning for the wine of Thy knowledge, and hoping for the wonders of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones whose hearts Thou hast illumined with the lights of Thy knowledge and whom Thou hast aided to serve Thy Cause amidst Thy creatures.

Aid me to serve Thee in such wise that the clamor of those who have turned away from Thee and have been heedless of Thy sovereignty and have disputed Thy signs shall not deter me. Verily Thou art the Almighty Whom the doings of the froward have not frustrated, nor have the hosts of the doubters hindered. Thou hast ever been powerful through Thy Will and dominant through Thy Purpose.

There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful.

BH06601: God beareth witness that there is none other God…

He is the One manifest in all horizons!

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath appeared is verily the Sun risen from the horizon of this heaven which hath been upraised in truth through His name, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. They who have turned unto Him have in truth turned unto the Most Exalted Horizon in former ages, and they who have turned away are in manifest loss.

O Ramadan! The month of Ramadan hath come, whose mention the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an, wherein fasting was ordained for them that have believed in God, the Lord of the Great Throne. Its appointed time hath passed away by Our decree, and the Day which was promised in all the Books of God, and in the Qur'an—the Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds—hath come.

Read thou the Book of God with joy and fragrance, then remind those who were in doubt concerning this momentous announcement. Ask thou God to aid them to turn towards Him and to enable them to remember this All-Wise Remembrance.

We send from this spot Our greetings unto those who have believed in God and unto My handmaidens who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

BH06738: He is the One Who stands supreme over…

He is the One Who stands supreme over the Cause through His Name, the All-Compelling over all names! This is a Book that calls out amidst the world and summons the peoples through the Most Great Name, at Whose appearance the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimed:

> "He Who was hidden hath come, and He Who was treasured hath been revealed!"

Blessed is he who hath turned towards Him, and woe unto the heedless!

O peoples of the earth, hearken unto the call of the Lord of Names! Verily He hath appeared with the truth and hath sent down that which is the spirit of life for the people of creation, and the Kawthar of eternity for the Concourse on High, and the Choice Sealed Wine for those who have entered beneath the shadow of this Name through which the Self-Subsisting arose before the Gate and said:

> "Praise be unto Thee for having shown me Thy Beauty and caused me to hear Thy Call and for having acquainted me with that which was concealed from Thy servants and Thy creation and inscribed in Thy Manifest Book."

Thus hath the Tongue spoken in the Kingdom of Utterance, yet most of the people are heedless.

Verily thou, O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One, give praise for the Ancient Beauty having turned toward thee from the direction of His Most Great Prison and mentioned thee in such wise as cannot be equaled by the treasures of the heavens and earth. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH07710: He is the Most Great, the Most Ancient…

He is the Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Glorious! God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who speaketh the truth is indeed the Speaker of Sinai through Whom those that lay buried have risen. Whoso turneth unto Him hath in truth turned unto God throughout all ages, and whoso turneth away from Him hath turned away from the All-Informed, the Single One.

O thou who art mentioned in the presence of the Countenance! Hearken unto the Call from the luminous Spot: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. I created creation for this Day, yet when it appeared and I manifested My Self and revealed My verses, they denied and turned away from My straight path.

Take heed lest the affairs of the earth prevent thee or its happenings sadden thee on this Day of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. This is the Day which was attributed to God in the Books of the Prophets and Messengers. Blessed is the one whose strength was not weakened by the denial of those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of the worlds.

Give thanks unto God for having been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, Who hath sent down for thee this Most Holy, Most Mighty, Most Great, Most Wondrous Tablet.

BH07541: In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds!…

In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds! The beginning of all things is the recognition of God, exalted be His glory, and the end thereof is steadfastness in His Cause. Blessed is the one who hath perceived the cause and reason for the veiling of the people and hath arisen to serve the divine Cause with clear certitude. Whosoever hath turned with insight and faced toward the most exalted horizon shall not be prevented by earthly events and the clamor of men. Thus hath testified the Supreme Pen as its voice was raised between earth and heaven, and behind it the Tongue of God, the Lord of all worlds.

The greater the Revelation, the greater shall be the trials, hardships, tests and tribulations. One must at all times hold fast to the firm cord, that ye may be preserved from the doubts of the heedless, the hints of the deniers, and the clamoring of the barking ones.

Thus doth He Who hath turned toward thee from the direction of His Most Great Prison teach thee, purely for the sake of God, the King, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

BH07623: He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed! A remembrance…

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed! A remembrance from Us unto him who hath drawn nigh unto the ocean and desired to drink therefrom, through this Most Great Name whereby every tongue hath spoken, every deaf one hath heard, and every seated one hath arisen to the Command of God, the Lord of all worlds.

O people of the earth! Fear God, and follow not those who have violated God's Covenant and Testament when there came the Day which had been promised in the Books of God and inscribed in the hearts of them who are nigh unto Him. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the remembrance of the Wronged One, through Whose Most Self-Subsisting Name all who are in the heavens and on earth were subdued.

Take hold of the Book with the fingers of certitude and say: Praise be unto Thee, O our Lord, the All-Merciful, for having made me to know Thy Self, given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy bounty, and adorned me with the ornament of recognition in this wondrous Day. I beseech Thee by Thy Manifestation, Thy rising up, and Thy call, to make me one of them who have stood firm in this Cause, mighty and great. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

BH08028: Today is a day when the gates of heaven…

In the Name of the One God!

Today is a day when the gates of heaven are opened and the rain of mercy descendeth continuously, yet the people are seen to be deprived and veiled. The cause and reason for the veiling of the people hath been and will continue to be the most great veil, which is the ignorance that the ignorant ones of the earth have bound unto themselves in the name of knowledge.

Therefore ask thou God, thy Lord, to protect His servants from those through whose tyranny the dwellers of the cities of names and the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise have lamented. They have forbidden all servants from the Truth and have summoned them to the dawning-places of vain imaginings and their manifestations. Away with them and with those who have followed them without any clear proof or enlightening Book!

God willing, thou shalt in all conditions hold fast to the hem of the grace of the Self-Subsisting Lord, remain turned toward His horizon, and act according to that which He hath revealed in the Book.

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BH00123: Praise sanctified above tongue and utterance beseemeth the most…

Section 1: "In the Name of our Most Holy, Most…"

In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Wondrous, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord

Praise sanctified above tongue and utterance beseemeth the most holy court of that One Who begetteth not nor is begotten, Who through the outpourings of the ocean of His will hath in every age and cycle manifested a Cause as required, and made all things dependent upon and connected with the Most Great Manifestation. Every Book is an expression of the dawning rays of the Sun of Truth, and every Scripture a mention of the outpourings of the ocean of grace. All books herald this most mighty, most holy, most exalted Day, and all Messengers speak in praise of this most glorious, most ancient, most resplendent Revelation. Though all the Manifestations of the Cause were indeed related unto God and their days are in one sense mentioned as the Days of God, yet the seeing eye perceiveth that this wondrous Day is specially reserved for the appearance of the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Secret. All books bear witness to this most glorious, most mighty, most holy, most exalted station.

The purpose of these words is that the sanctified, assured souls who today have quaffed the wine of mystical knowledge and are known throughout the contingent world by the name of the All-Merciful—their station and rank may become evident and manifest to all peoples. I swear by the Beloved of the world that in this Day the steadfast and upright souls are mentioned before God as pearls of the ocean of names and are recorded by the Most Exalted Pen as letters of the Book.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through the sweetness of Whose utterance the people of Thy kingdom were drawn unto Thee, and through the lights of the Sun of Whose countenance the earth and all who dwell therein were illumined. I beseech Thee, O Lord of eternity, by the Most Great Name, to give Thy loved ones to drink from the Kawthar of Thy bounty in such wise that neither the conditions of those who have turned away from Thy Beauty, nor the doubts of the chiefs among Thy servants who lay claim to knowledge without clear proof from Thee or testimony from Thy presence, shall keep them back. They have placed mountains of ignorance upon their heads and pride themselves therein, turning away from the Dayspring of Thy knowledge, the Dawning-Place of Thy wisdom, the Manifestation of Thy signs, and the Source of Thy clear tokens.

Thou knowest, O my God, that they have made their turbans as snares for the weak among Thy creatures. O Lord! Thou seest Thy chosen ones arising to serve Thee on this Day wherein the Sun of Thy justice is hidden behind clouds of oppression raised by those who frequent the mosques for Thy remembrance and praise, yet deny Him through Whose name the mosques, temples and sanctuaries were raised up, and through Whose advent every land and lofty station was honored. O Lord! Make known unto Thy servants that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, and illumine their eyes with the lights of their recognition in Thy days. O Lord! Thou art the Mighty, the Possessor of great strength. Write down for them from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will aid them in Thy remembrance and praise every morn and eve. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

And I pray and send greetings upon those who heard the Call and hastened unto Thee, O Lord of Names! These are servants who cast aside their own wishes and desires, taking hold of that which Thou didst command them in Thy Book. O Lord! Make their conditions manifest unto Thy creatures and the people of Thy kingdom, then make them hands of Thy Cause amongst Thy creation. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

And furthermore, this servant submits that your letter dated the night of the 9th of Jamadiyu'th-Thani was received, causing fresh joy and boundless delight. Praise be to God that the fragrance of "all deeds have become as one flower in the Day of God" wafts from it, for every word of yours indicates the unity, harmony and steadfastness of God's loved ones. Blessed are they, and theirs is the station of security in both beginning and end. God willing, may all attain this lofty, most exalted station and remain firm in it. The pearls of inner meanings must be guarded against thieves; assured souls must exert mighty efforts to preserve and protect them. After observing your letter and reading and comprehending its contents, I turned toward the Holy Place that transcends mention and utterance, and after gaining presence and permission, presented it before His face. Then the Countenance of the Beloved turned toward me with cheerfulness and smiled, as though the lights of divine good-pleasure were shining from the face of our Goal and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and earth. He said, exalted be His glory:

"Praise be to God that thou hast been illumined by the lights of the divine Dayspring and hast attained unto the hearing of the Most Sweet Call. Thou didst hear and turn unto Him. It is as though God's breeze in His days hath caused thee to arise in His remembrance and praise amongst His creatures. This is a Day which the Most Great Spirit heralded, calling out His name in the wilderness of longing. They who drink the choice wine must observe wisdom and engage in teaching the Cause, holding fast in all matters to the cord of consultation and clinging to the hem of kindliness, that the children of the age may, through the loving-kindness and affection of God's wise ones, attain unto maturity and be granted perfect health.

This blessed word hath been revealed and sent down by the Supreme Pen in the Crimson Book: The heaven of divine wisdom is illumined with the two luminaries of consultation and compassion. Consultation increaseth awareness and transformeth conjecture into certitude. It is a shining light in the dark world—it guideth and directeth. For everything there hath been and shall be a state of maturity and perfection. The maturity and manifestation of understanding becometh evident through consultation.' And this blessed word hath also been inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the Crimson Book: Understanding is like heaven, and forbearance and godliness are its sun and moon. By the Sun of Truth! For understanding there hath not been nor shall be a mightier host than these two.'

"O Khudadad! We have made mention of thee in the beginning and the return, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord and be filled with manifest joy. Thou hast attained unto God's traces and His days—this is naught but a mighty favor. Convey My greetings to My loved ones, then mention to them that which My Pen hath uttered. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Bountiful. We have created them, manifested them, taught them and caused them to know this favor which every trusted Messenger heralded. We command them to show forth the supreme steadfastness in this Day before which centuries and ages have bowed down. To this testifieth he who hath acknowledged that which God hath acknowledged in His perspicuous Book.

Say: O friends! Today ye must all arise to that which will cause unity and harmony. Every decayed bone is moved by the motion of the Supreme Pen and is enabled to speak through the choice wine of the utterance of the Beloved of all creation. God willing, may each one be as a spirit for the bodies of the servants and as a light for the lands. The Glory be upon thee and upon My loved ones in thy region and upon thy wife and upon those women who have believed in God, the Single One, the All-Informed." End.

In truth this evanescent servant has been and continues to be immeasurably gladdened by mention of your unity and the fellowship and concord of God's loved ones. Praise be to God that He has confirmed you. Indeed, your letters are bearers of glad tidings, for that which today causes the exaltation of God's Word is the unity and concord of His loved ones and chosen ones, and in every letter these glad tidings arrive from you. We beseech Him, exalted be His glory, both you and this evanescent one, that He may illumine all lands with this most glorious and most holy light. Verily He is the Powerful, verily He is the Mighty, the All-Wise.

Concerning what you wrote about the Holy Tablets, that they reached their recipients with utmost honor—the recompense for these deeds rests with Him, exalted be His glory. God willing, may He cause you to succeed day by day in serving His Cause. We beseech Him, exalted be His glory, to assist His loved ones in comprehending the sweetness of His verses. Verily He is the Helper, the All-Bountiful.

Regarding what you wrote about Ridvan and the gathering of God's loved ones in various meetings, and mention of their attraction and enthusiasm and longing and yearning and their unity and concord—while these passages were being presented, the Ancient Beauty smiled and said:

> "O servant in attendance! He is indeed among those who have arisen to serve the Cause. Therefore, beseech God to send down upon him that which lay hidden in the treasuries of His grace and favor and kindness. By My life! He hath mentioned that which hath brought Me joy. This sufficeth him, by My Name, the All-Encompassing over all names."

And concerning your mention that the honored Azizu'llah, upon him be the glory of God, after receiving the Blessed Tablet, hosted two units of the divine friends in the home of Mulla ʿAli, upon him be the glory of God—these sacred deeds have truly been and continue to be the cause of the propagation of God's Cause. Do not consider the outward appearance, for one day while engaged in recording the verses being revealed in the presence of His Glory, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these words: "O servant in attendance! Even while the door is closed, the divine verses nevertheless encompass and pervade the world with their fragrance, for the Word has been and remains penetrating. The winds are most penetrating and permeate the veins of the earth, adorning all things according to their needs with the ornament of colors by His firm command.

The appearance of colors depends upon His wisdom and the True Director's arrangement, yet its penetration is manifested through the Word, and before its penetrating power the Word itself becomes as nothing. Exalted, exalted be its sovereignty! Exalted, exalted be its penetrating power! Exalted, exalted be its might and authority!" And likewise, at another time this blessed word was heard from the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness. He said: "If a breath is released by anyone for the sake of God, that breath

has been and will be influential in the world." May you and the other friends be assisted and confirmed in that which God loves.

In any case, the details of the feast of the honored Azizu'llah, upon him be the glory of God, and the tribulation that befell him in the path, all these matters were presented before His countenance. These manifest verses were revealed from the Dawning-Place of the Will of the Lord of Names and Attributes. His mighty utterance declares:

"O Aziz! All the sages, scholars, mystics, divines and princes were awaiting this blessed Day, and some monarchs even arranged treasuries in the name of the Qa'im, and in these days in India they are specifically collecting wealth in His name. Nevertheless, on the day when the Sun of Manifestation rose from that horizon and the Water of Life flowed from the right hand of the Throne of the All-Merciful, all were found heedless, veiled and deprived. But thou, through divine grace, hast attained unto it. By the life of God! Ye have attained to such a station that were its rank and station to be revealed in the world, all would exclaim: 'Blessed be God, the Revealer of this glorious scene!'

> "Reflect upon divine power, and likewise upon His grace. They counted you among the lowliest of servants, yet now through God's favor ye are mentioned as the most exalted, most honored, most knowledgeable and most enlightened of servants in God's presence. Previously it was announced: 'We wish to show favor unto those who were brought low in the land, and to make them leaders among men, and to make them our heirs.' This utterance has repeatedly flowed from the tongue of the All-Merciful as a favor to you and those with you. Preserve this most mighty, most holy and most exalted station through the name of your Lord, the Lord of all beings. We have [mentioned] all the friends of that land at this time; all are adorned with the ornament of His favor. Verily, We give them the glad-tidings of this wondrous bounty."

"We make mention of 'Ali and Kazim, that they may rejoice in this Most Great Remembrance. We have mentioned them before, and We make mention of those who have taken hold of the Book of God with the power that is from Him and acted in accordance with that which they were commanded by the Mighty, the Wise. The praise of God and His bounty and favor are at such a station that this servant hath not, nor ever had, the capacity to make mention thereof. With utmost clarity and explicitness have they manifested their favor. With a hundred thousand tongues must we give thanks to the Beloved of all existence that He hath, from the Supreme Pen, named that honored one and the others as the sons of the Friend and the heirs of Him Who conversed with God. The tribulation that hath befallen the dear one, upon him be the Glory of God, is a sign of acceptance. Blessed is he! God willing, may ye all be seen to be outwardly and inwardly in harmony and unity. All the friends, whether they be of the branches, the leaves, or the fruits, are mentioned in one station. This is naught but a great bounty.

"As to what was mentioned regarding the matter of the Mashriqu'l-Adhkar being conducted in two places—one in the home of Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Kazim, upon him be the Glory of God, and one in the home of the dear one, upon him be the Glory of God—these matters were also presented. This is what the Tongue of the Intended One hath spoken in reply to them both: Let them praise their Lord, for He hath caused them to hear, and hath acquainted them with His Cause, and hath made them speak, and

hath aided them to make mention of His mighty and wondrous Name. We make mention of Kazim and his father who spent what he possessed in the path of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

He attained unto the presence of God and arose to serve the Cause of his Lord with such steadfastness as caused the tongues of those near unto God to speak forth in praise. Blessed is He Who aided him and caused him to arise for the triumph of His Cause and enabled him to speak that which the Tongue of Grandeur had spoken. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. O Kazim! Know thou the station of thy father and walk in his footsteps, as bidden by God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. We have loved him and made mention of him in diverse places with such mention as its fragrance will not cease to perfume the realm of earth and heaven.

And We make mention of the dear one once again and counsel him with that which its fragrance will diffuse between earth and heaven. Thus hath the Pen spoken while the Wronged One was in an inaccessible prison." End.

As to what ye wrote concerning Aqa Mulla ʿAli, upon him be all My most glorious Glory, that he hath intended to conduct it in these days—this matter is most beloved. Praise be to God that he hath been assisted to serve and teach the Cause of God and hath been and continues to be under the glances of God's favor, exalted be His glory. In all matters, they who drink the choice wine of inner meanings must observe wisdom. For instance, regarding the matter of the Mashriqu'l-Adhkar which was revealed in the Most Holy Book and whose ordinance hath been put into effect in that land and hath been accepted—if it should cause commotion and excitement among the evil-doers, its prevention and suspension are permissible. This matter hath been mentioned that all may know that wisdom, in the presence of the Throne, taketh precedence over all things. The request of this evanescent one to those souls who are turned towards that blessed and sublime station is that they forget not this nothing-worthy servant and remember him with such remembrance that perchance I may be counted among the partners and be recorded among those who make mention in the Perspicuous Book.

Section 2: "And as to what thou didst write concerning…"

And as to what thou didst write concerning the honoured Aqa Muhammad Baqir—upon him rest the glory of Baha'u'llah—one of the people of Ya, it was submitted in the Most Holy, Most Mighty, and Exalted Presence. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered:

"O Baqir! Hear, hear this, My most sweet call, raised from the prison of ʿAkka. By My life, by it the heart of every Prophet took wing and the countenance of every trusted Messenger was illumined. O Baqir! Behold, behold this, My face, which I have manifested to My servants. Verily it hath turned toward thee from this exalted station. O Baqir! By My life, this is the Day of hearkening, this is the Day of witnessing and meeting, and this is the Day of utterance. Blessed is he who hath spoken My most exalted Word, and heard My most great verses, and witnessed My most high horizon. Thus have We illumined the horizon of the heaven of knowledge with the luminary of utterance. Happy is he who hath recognized and witnessed and seen, and woe unto the heedless." End.

Indeed, these wondrous and transcendent verses are as a spirit for the body of the world—but what body is worthy to receive this spirit and deserving of this cherished mention from the eternal sovereign! We ever beseech Him not to deprive any from the ocean of His grace. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

As for what you wrote regarding asking on behalf of yourself and other friends when in the presence of the Countenance of the Adored One, and attaining on their behalf—this matter, after being presented, was honored with acceptance and adorned with permission. At that very moment, this servant attained to visitation and circumambulation on your behalf of the Goal of all worlds. Happy are you and blessed am I.

And as to what thou didst mention concerning the honoured Haji Muhammad, of the people of Ta—upon him rest the glory of Baha'u'llah—this lowly one hath repeatedly heard his name spoken by the Tongue of the Ancient of Days; and the Sun of favour, from the horizon of the Will of God—glorified be His majesty—hath risen and shone forth in his behalf. Well is it with him, and joyous his portion, in that he hath attained unto turning wholly unto God, and to the proclamation of His Cause with wisdom and utterance throughout the realms of being. And now, at this hour, these weighty and unerring words, from the heaven of loving-kindness, have descended; verses were revealed concerning him. He—exalted be His glory—saith:

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

O Muhammad! We have remembered thee before, and before that before, and in this hour when the Tongue of the Wronged One speaketh in the Most Great Prison amidst the peoples—the Kingdom is God's, the Lord of Lords. The Most Exalted Pen hath testified that thou didst turn to God, the Lord of all beings, when He appeared and manifested what He desired. By God's life! Neither the treasures of the world nor all that the peoples possess can equal this testimony. To this doth testify the Most Great Book, which proclaimeth: There is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Bestower. Blessed art thou for having drunk the choice wine of life in the days of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and for having attained that which most of the servants have not attained. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for having remembered thee and caused thee to know and to speak and guided thee to the straight path. Say:

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name the mountains were moved and the Day of Reckoning appeared! I beseech Thee by the Name through which the Trump was sounded, the Bugle was blown, and they that lay in their graves arose, to aid me in serving Thy Cause, to enable me to do that which befitteth Thy days, and to teach me that which lay hidden in the treasuries of Thy knowledge. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thy most exalted horizon and gazing toward Thy direction, O Thou Who art the Lord of Names and the Creator of heaven! I beseech Thee by Thy Manifestation, Thy appearance, Thy uprising and Thy establishment, to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who cast away the cups of the world and took the cup of steadfastness through Thy Name and Thy Command. O my Lord! I am the poor and needy one, and Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Bountiful. I have hastened from the multitudes unto Thee, have placed my trust in Thee, and have held fast unto Thy cord. Deal with me as beseemeth the heaven of Thy bounty, the ocean of Thy grace and the sun of Thy generosity. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Kind. End.

Some time ago Ibn-i-Ismu'llah'ul-Asdaq, Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Ali-Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, sent a letter to this servant mentioning Haji Muhammad, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], and had beseeched God, exalted be His glory, that some token of favor be shown regarding him. Therefore wondrous and sublime verses were revealed and sent that his eyes and the eyes of all who are in the heavens and earth might be consoled thereby. And before this, this evanescent one had heard mention of him, as was submitted, from the Tongue of Grandeur time and again. God willing, may he abide secure and at rest beneath the canopies of grace. This evanescent one also offers him greetings that transcend any mention from this evanescent one.

And concerning what was written about Ibn-i-Shahid, upon them both be the Glory of God, that he had requested his mention be submitted at the Most Holy Court, and likewise had asked that he not be left to himself in any circumstance—truly this mention is most beloved, for the fragrance of humility, submissiveness, resignation, contentment, lowliness and supplication wafts from it. And this is a station wherein whosoever attains unto it and remains steadfast therein is recorded in the Crimson Book by the Supreme Concourse. In any case, these matters were also submitted at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur uttered in the Kingdom of Utterance—exalted be His glory: God willing, may they assist the transcendent Truth through wisdom, utterance, deeds and character. They have ever been and continue to be mentioned at the Most Holy Court. It behooveth him to praise God, his Lord, and to thank Him by night and day. Verily We have mentioned him and his father in a Book sent down in truth from God, the Lord of the worlds, and We send Our greetings unto him from this Most Holy, Most Mighty, Most Great, Most Wondrous Station. End.

And concerning the mention you made of Mirza Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God, a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed and sent especially for him. God willing, may he attain thereunto.

And as to what thou didst write concerning the honoured Mulla ʿAli—upon him rest the glory of Baha'u'llah—and his devotion, and thy supplication unto God—glorified be His majesty—that He may confirm him in that which He loveth and approveth: this matter was laid before the Throne. Thereupon was revealed this reply:

O Ali! Praise be to God that thou hast succeeded in serving the Cause, and on a day when all were veiled by the doubts and fancies of their imaginations, thou didst find thy way to the straight path, attain unto the highest horizon, and reach that which hath been the ultimate purpose of the divine Books of the past and of the future. Preserve this most exalted station through the name of the Best-Beloved of the world. This is a day wherein man can take possession of that which neither decline shall seize nor annihilation pursue, and which shall know neither change nor alteration. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, then render thanks unto God for this great bounty. Hold thou fast, under all conditions, to the teaching of thy Lord's Cause with the wisdom that hath been sent down in a perspicuous Tablet. End.

And as to what thou didst mention concerning the honoured Ishaq—upon him rest the glory of Baha'u'llah—the Lord of the Covenant: I submitted, before the countenance of the Ancient of Days, that which thou didst write. He said—and His Word is the truth:

O Ishaq! We made mention of thee before, and at this hour when the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth that there is none other God but Me, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Say: O my God and the God of all names, my Creator and the Creator of the heavens, my Best-Beloved and the Best-Beloved of all who dwell in the kingdoms of creation! I beseech Thee by the fire of Thy Cause, the light of Thy countenance, the rain from the clouds of Thy mercy, and the suns in the heaven of Thy manifestation, to ordain for me that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Then decree for me that which shall aid me in the service of Thy Cause.

Verily, Thou knowest what draweth me near and what holdeth me back, what harmeth and what benefiteth me. I am unaware and ignorant of that which lieth within Thy knowledge. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Thou seest me, O my Best-Beloved, turning unto Thee and clinging to Thee. Write down for me, therefore, that which befitteth my poverty and beseemeth Thy wealth, that which my powerlessness deserveth and is worthy of Thy might, Thy power and Thy sovereignty. O Lord! I have turned my face unto Thy face and have cast my self, my spirit, my heart and all that Thou hast given me before Thy Cause. Do as Thou willest through Thy sovereignty. Verily, Thou art the Giver, the Bountiful, the Almighty, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. End.

And this is what hath been revealed for thy namesake, the son of Musa—upon him be 66 [the glory of God].

O son of Musa! Thy name hath attained unto the Most Great Horizon and the Lord of Destiny hath turned toward thee and made mention of thee in such wise that thy remembrance shall endure throughout the eternity of My Most Beauteous Names. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this and say:

> “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who didst call me while I was in prison amidst the heedless ones!”

O son of Musa! I swear by the Sun of the heaven of divine wisdom, wert thou to taste the sweetness of tribulation in the path of God, thou wouldst forsake all the pleasures of the world and cleave unto it. The taunts of the idolaters and the turning away of the opposers themselves bear witness that thou hast detached thyself from creation and clung unto the Truth. These two are heralds that at every moment bring thee tidings that thou hast, from time immemorial, been associated with the chosen ones of God.

O Khudadad, O son of Musa! I swear by the Lord of Names that no Prophet or Messenger hath appeared in the world except that He hearkened unto the taunts of His people and witnessed the turning away of the opposers. God willing, thou shalt associate with the people of the world with the utmost joy and radiance in the path of the Best-Beloved of the worlds. These fleeting days were not and are not worthy. Soon shall appear in the earth that which hath been sent down in the Book, as a command from the presence of the Mighty, the All-Knowing. End.

And this is what hath been revealed for him who beareth the name Muhammad, surnamed Taqi, after I had laid the matter before the Throne. He—exalted be His glory—saith:

O Muhammad-Taqi! Thou hast attained unto that which, hadst thou expended all the treasures of the world, thou wouldst not have attained unto its like. Reflect upon the people of the earth: they build

mosques, temples, churches, and bridges for the perpetuation of name and remembrance, and likewise they desire children for the perpetuation of remembrance and the reward they have in mind, if it be righteous. And these means are known to every person of understanding to be subject to perishing. But the word which hath been revealed for thee from the Supreme Pen shall endure throughout the eternity of the kingdom and the dominion, and shall shine even as the sun from the horizon of the heaven of the Book.

By the life of God! It hath been and shall ever be more exalted than a hundred thousand children and than the treasures of the earth. It behooveth every soul who hath attained unto the Word of God to know its station and to preserve it through the name of his Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. We make mention of thy wife in this station and send greetings upon her. Blessed is she inasmuch as she hath heard and responded to her Lord, the Mighty, the Wondrous. We give her the glad-tidings that My Most Exalted Pen hath moved to make mention of her. Verily, thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Generous. End.

As to what thou didst write concerning Muhammad-Sadiq, upon him be the Glory of God, it was presented before the Throne. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken: God willing, may he be blessed with divine favor and be detached and free from creation. As he seeketh with the utmost endeavor to exalt the Word and to teach the Cause, God willing, he shall attain unto the reward thereof. O Khudadad! Make mention of him on My behalf and give him the glad-tidings of My favor, My mercy, and My tender care which have preceded existence.

When mention was made of Jinab-i-Shahvirdi and Jinab-i-Asadu'llah and Rahmatu'llah and others, upon them be Baha'u'llah, who were mentioned in your letter and who partook of the choice wine of the All-Merciful's mercy in these most excellent days, all were presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court. The Sun of loving-kindness shone upon each one particularly. Blessed are they, inasmuch as their names have attained to the honor of being heard by Him Who is our Goal and their Goal, our Object of worship and their Object of worship, and the Object of worship of all who are in the heavens and the earth. All have attained to the wondrous favors of His utterance and have received their portion and share from the ocean of His mercy. How blessed and wholesome it is for them!

As to your request for forgiveness from the Dayspring of the Light of Oneness, it was presented, and this is what the Tongue of the Desired One spoke:

> "Thou art he who hath attained to God's grace and mercy. Verily He hath aided thee, and guided thee, and drawn thee nigh, and caused thee to speak, and awakened thee, and raised thee up to serve His mighty Cause. Praise be to God! The mercy, compassion and loving-kindness of God have encompassed thee and continue to encompass thee. Rejoice thou in this wondrous favor. Praise be unto Him Who hath spoken the truth from His mighty and lofty station."

End.

Furthermore, all the letters that were sent to Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Ali-i-Qa'ini, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, were presented before the Throne, and repeatedly were those names

honored with divine mention, loving-kindness and compassion. Likewise, the letter which Jinab-i-Azizu'llah wrote to Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Muhammad, upon him be all His most glorious Glory, was presented at the Most Holy Court and was honored to be heard. This evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, that He may aid all who are in the world to perceive the fragrances of His verses and to catch the sweet scent of His raiment, for if they were to attain unto even less than a hair's breadth thereof, all would turn towards the Dayspring of Light and the Dawning-Place of the Manifestation. In truth, this couplet which was formerly uttered pertaineth to these days:

> "If but a whiff of its sweet scents were wafted in the East, Even one in the West with a cold would regain his sense of smell."

From this evanescent one to those who drink the choice wine of inner meanings, the conveying of wondrous greetings dependeth upon your honor's kindness. The Glory be upon you and upon those who have cast away all else and taken hold of that which beseemeth the Day of God, the Lord of all worlds.

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Praise be to God Who hath revealed Himself unto all created things through His Name, the Self-Subsisting. Thereupon appeared upheaval between earth and heaven. Among the people, some turned away while others turned towards Him. Blessed is he who hath fulfilled God's Covenant and His Testament, and woe unto him who hath violated it through his own injustice. He is assuredly among the transgressors in God's Book, the Lord of all worlds.

Furthermore, this servant hath been blessed by that which hath appeared and shone forth from the heaven of your love, your sincerity, and your steadfastness in the Cause of God, our Lord and your Lord, our Beloved and your Beloved, and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and the earth. When I read your letter and understood its contents, I approached the Intended One and presented it before His presence. Thereupon the tongue of the All-Merciful spoke that which all the treasures of creation cannot equal. He, exalted be His glory, said:

> "O My handmaiden! O My leaf! O thou who art attracted by My verses! Blessed art thou and blessed is every handmaiden who hath attained unto this most exalted station. She is indeed of the people of Baha in God's Book, the Most High, the Most Great. We have heard thy mention, have answered thee before, and have revealed for thee that which will draw thee nigh unto the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Glorify from Me the faces of My handmaidens and give them the glad-tidings of My gracious remembrance. We counsel the men and women servants to show forth the greatest steadfastness in this Cause whereby the feet of the chosen ones have slipped save those who were taken by the breezes of their Lord's mercy, the Generous One. This is a Day wherein the Self-Subsisting hath arisen and mankind hath stood before the face of their Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Blessed is he who hath recognized and attained, and woe unto the deniers."

God willing, may all in these matchless days arise to accomplish that which the Beloved desireth, in such wise that the cawing of the world shall not withhold them from the choice wine of the Most Great Name.

The cawing hath been raised, and shall continue to be raised—this is what We have informed you of before. He is verily the Forgiving, the Merciful. All must hold fast unto wisdom and occupy themselves with teaching the Cause. That which today causeth the clamor of the ungodly and deniers is outside the bounds of wisdom. O My loved ones! Shun ye that which ye have been forbidden in God's Book, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Concerning what you wrote about the fire of God's love in pure hearts and souls—blessed are they and joy be unto them. God willing, may they be so enkindled by a fire that its effects become manifest in the world. However, in all conditions they must not let go of wisdom. In these days, in one of the lands, a person proclaimed the Word from pulpits without discretion. This action was not acceptable in the Holy Presence. They stated that this matter would cause clamor and perturbation among weak souls. The people of Baha must at all times partake of the water of life with perfect wisdom and offer it to others. Teaching God's Cause through wisdom is beloved. The soil of hearts and souls must first be prepared for the casting of the seed, and then one may proceed with what is intended.

As to those souls who have arisen to serve the Cause, concerning whom you wrote, their names were one by one presented at the Most Holy Court. Regarding each one, the Sun of loving-kindness dawned from the horizon of God's will. His words, exalted be His glory:

> "Blessed are ye, O people of Baha, for ye have cast aside the cup of extinction and taken, in His Name, the cup of everlasting life, drinking therefrom in remembrance of the Beloved. Happy are ye, and joy be unto you, for ye have heard, turned unto Him, and recognized that which most of mankind hath rejected. Verily your Lord, the All-Knowing, is the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Loving. Beware lest ye be frightened by the authority of rulers, saddened by the intimations of the divines, or the doubts of those who have denied God, the Lord of existence. Hold fast to the cord of service to your Lord, the All-Merciful. Verily, He heareth and seeth, and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. We were with you when ye arose to serve the Cause, and We heard your call when ye entered the designated place. By the life of God! Ye have attained to that which none before you hath attained, as testified by Him Who, at His bidding, moveth the Supreme Pen upon a preserved tablet."

The call of each one hath been heard, their names are recorded in God's Book, and their deeds are witnessed in His presence. God willing, may they arise to that which befitteth this glorious and wondrous Day, and act with perfect steadfastness and sincerity as is befitting. Every deed that causeth commotion is this day forbidden at the Divine Threshold, and shall continue to be so.

His honor Asad, upon him be My glory and My loving-kindness, and likewise his honor ʿAli, upon him be My glory, have presented detailed accounts of each land at the Most Holy Court. Through his honor Asad, the petitions from the land of Kha were presented to the Most Great Vision and their answers were previously sent. God willing, may they receive them.

O ye wise ones of the earth and assayers of the realm! The discernment of pearls is beloved in the sight of the All-Seeing. He who is deprived of sight knoweth not its worth and attaineth not to its recognition. The

ear capable of hearing is rare indeed. God willing, may they open it in the name of Truth and utter the Word.

Concerning what you wrote about making the house wherein dwelt the Most Great Bab—may the spirit of all who dwell in the Kingdom of Names be sacrificed for Him—a Mashriqu'l-Adhkar, this was most acceptable in the Divine Presence, and He said, exalted be His glory:

> "It is considered in God's sight as the most exalted of houses, and it is more worthy than other houses for this most glorious and impregnable station. However, all must act in such a way as not to cause disturbance to devoted souls. O Leaf of Paradise! We have accepted thy house and adorned it with the ornament of acceptance, as a bounty from Us, and We are verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Blessed art thou, and blessed is thy house, and those who have attained unto that which they were commanded by God, the Lord of the worlds."

And concerning what you wrote about Baha'u'llah, they have been and are under the glance of favor. This matter was presented at the Most Holy Court. This is what the All-Giving revealed in reply, His grandeur be exalted:

> "The favor of God has been with him. Praise be to God, he has attained to the recognition of Truth, love of the friends of Truth, and service to the Cause of Truth. This is among those matters that have not been and will never be lost in the sight of God. This land is inwardly turbulent though outwardly calm, and this matter has previously flowed from the Most Exalted Pen; therefore, attention to and pause in this land is outside of wisdom. We have accepted his attention, his presence, his arising, his mention and his praise. Let him thank God for this great bounty and praise Him for this favor that has preceded all things. Glory be upon him and upon his father who attained the trace of My Most Exalted Pen on this blessed and wondrous Day."

And concerning what you wrote about the spiritual lady, upon her be the Glory of God, requesting that mention be made of her and Muhammad-Rida and their mother, upon her be the Glory of God, in the Most Holy and Exalted Court—as requested, it was presented. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke:

> "O Ruhani! You have been mentioned before the Throne in successive years and have attained what has appeared from My Most Exalted Pen in the Scriptures and Tablets. We have mentioned you and mention you in such wise that the events of the world cannot change it nor can the conditions of nations prevent it. Verily your Lord is the Powerful, the Unconstrained. And We mention him who was named Muhammad before Rida as a mercy from Us that he might rejoice in what was sent down to him from God, the Lord of Lords. Give him My glad tidings and glorify upon his face. Verily your Lord does what He wishes and decrees what He desires. Blessed is he and you and your mother who has attained this mention through which the breeze of the All-Merciful has wafted over the servants."

And concerning what you wrote about the son of the emigrant who emigrated and attained, it was presented before the Throne. Then the Tongue of the All-Merciful spoke in the Kingdom of Utterance, and He said, exalted be His grandeur:

> “God willing, he has been and is favored by divine grace. Today all relationships are firmly established with the Truth. Today is a great Day, mentioned in all scriptures and books as the Day of God. One word revealed in this victorious Day concerning a soul is and will be superior to a hundred thousand children and descendants. The divine word is like unto spirit, and the spirit has drunk from the Kawthar of life and attained eternal life. Whatever is observed on earth will certainly return to extinction, but the divine word remains fresh and verdant in the gardens of the books and will endure as long as the kingdom and the realm of God endure. Muhammad-ʿAli attained the presence time after time and reached this lofty station which was adorned with the ornament of permission. Blessed is he.”

And likewise concerning his two brothers, wondrous verses were revealed from the heaven of will. Praise be to God, their emigration after the ascension was adorned with the ornament of acceptance and they attained to God’s infinite mercy.

And concerning what you wrote about inheritance, it was presented. This firm decree has issued and been revealed from the Source of God’s Command. Let that leaf take possession of one unit thereof, and the remainder God has bestowed upon themselves to divide among themselves. Verily He is the Giving, the Generous. The Glory from Us be upon you and upon her and upon whoever has turned to God, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The supplication of this evanescent servant is that at no time may he be effaced from the benevolent gaze of the friends of God who have quaffed from the true wine and are turned towards the lights of His Countenance. He is engaged in serving all through the new proclamation. God willing, may all arise with perfect wisdom and unity in the Cause of the Lord of creation, in such wise that its effect may become manifest from all directions. This is not difficult for our Mighty Lord. The confirmations of the Revealer of verses are manifest. God willing, may they take hold of all souls and guide them to the straight path and the firm balance. This has been and ever shall be dependent upon the endeavor and steadfastness of the loved ones of Truth. It is hoped they may be assisted to achieve that which befitteth this most exalted, most holy Day. May the glory shining from the horizon of the loving-kindness of our Lord, the Most Merciful, be upon you and upon those with you and upon them that have attained unto this Day wherein the Path hath been laid and the Balance set up. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Bestower.

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

All praise and glory, sanctified beyond description and understanding, befitteth Him Who is the Desire of the worlds, Who hath illumined the world through the dawning-places of His Prophets and His chosen ones. These are the divine lamps amidst His servants and the manifestations of the lights of the Throne unto all who dwell in His lands. To cling unto them is to cling unto God, the All-Glorious, and to hold fast unto them is to hold fast unto Him. These are the suns in the heavens of knowledge and understanding, and these are the guides to the path and the dawning-places of proof and evidence. Whoso hath known

them hath known God, and whoso hath obeyed them hath obeyed God, and whoso hath turned away from them hath turned away from God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whom every straight path hath appeared and every mighty Book hath been sent down! I beseech Thee by Thy all-encompassing grace which hath embraced Thy creation and Thy creatures, to aid those on earth to turn towards the lights of the Sun of Thy Oneness and the manifestations of the glory of Thy Singleness. Thou art He, O my God, before Whose fear the limbs of all names have trembled, and before Whose might all who are in earth and heaven have been shaken. I beseech Thee, O Cleaver of the Dawn and Sender of the Winds, by Thy Most Exalted Self and by Him through Whom Thou didst seal Thy Messengers and Prophets, to enable Thy servants to act in accordance with what Thou hast commanded them in Thy Book. I testify that Thou hast desired for them naught save that which draweth them nigh unto Thee and acquainteth them with what shall profit them in every world of Thy worlds. Thou art, verily, the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thereafter, your letter was the cause of renewed joy. Praise be to God that, through the wonders of God's infinite mercy, you are enabled to remember and praise God, blessed be His glory, and are successful in that which is befitting. This hath been and shall ever remain one of the great bounties of God, exalted be His glory. Haji Mirza Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God, hath also written to this servant. This servant had previously sent two detailed letters to him. Thus far, outwardly, no word of their receipt hath been received. I trouble you to convey my greetings to him in your letter and to mention the details of those two letters.

The letter from Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, was also received. Praise be to God, the fragrance of the love of the Beloved of the worlds was wafted therefrom. God willing, may he ever be assisted and confirmed in that which God loveth and is pleased with.

As to what was written concerning Aqa Muhammad-Javad, upon him be the Glory of God, his petition was previously received and an answer was graciously given. Regarding his turning towards this direction, they stated that although this land appears outwardly tranquil, it is inwardly turbulent. The people of this region have been and continue to be utterly perfidious. In the holy Books of the past, the inhabitants of these lands were likened unto the offspring of vipers. This hath been and remaineth the reason for withholding permission; otherwise, this Wronged One hath ever loved not to deprive His loved ones of His presence. Let them now proceed, placing their trust in God. Verily, He guideth whom He willeth unto His straight path. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

You should convey these glad tidings in the same detail as mentioned to Haji Mirza Abu'l-Hasan and Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Husayn, upon them both be the Glory of God. God willing, this servant shall later send a reply to the letter of Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Husayn. This time there was no opportunity, and thus his reply was delayed. The glory of God be upon you and upon them and upon those who follow that which they have been commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH01799: Praise be to God Who was when naught else…

In the Name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord!

Praise be to God Who was when naught else was, and Who will be as He has been. He has sent down the laws and ordinances and dispatched the Messengers for the education of all peoples. He, verily, is the Single, the One, the Most High, the Compassionate, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

And further: A question was previously submitted to the Most Holy Court regarding those who pass away in their youth and early age—whether, if they were to consult physicians, their treatment would prevent death or not, and so forth. The decisive command of God is that the sick must consult a skilled physician and act upon whatever he prescribes. Regarding what is determined and what is conditional, in the days when the Sun of Revelation was dawning from the horizon of Iraq, this exalted Word was revealed from the Supreme Pen. His words, exalted be His grandeur:

> "Consider the candle and its light. If you protect it from outward elements through means such as a lantern or otherwise, then as long as the wax and wick remain, it is possible to preserve it from temporal vicissitudes. However, if it reaches its end—that is, if the wax and wick are exhausted—in this case the continuation of light is impossible. This latter state is determined, while the former state is conditional. Know ye what hath been sent down in truth from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise."

Furthermore, two most mighty, most holy Tablets have been revealed and sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will specifically for you and for his eminence Aqa Mirza Abu'l-Hasan, may the glory of God be upon him. God willing, they will attain unto them and become detached from all else but God. This evanescent servant conveys greetings to all the gentlemen and friends of God, and seeks their remembrance during times of communion and turning to God, that perchance he may not be deprived in these most glorious days and may at all times attain unto infinite bounties. I seek forgiveness from God, the Almighty, for my mention and utterance, for the call of the evanescent reaches not the realm of the everlasting and is not worthy of that Court which is sanctified from mention and utterance. However, as His grace has no end, there has been and is hope from every direction.

Regarding what you mentioned about the leaf who turned toward the Divine Lote-Tree from your presence, after this matter was submitted, these manifest verses were revealed from the heaven of God's Will. His words, exalted be His grandeur:

> "O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! We found from her the fragrance of My love at the time of her ascension to the Supreme Companion. Thy Lord is, verily, the Witness, the All-Hearing. We have remembered her with this remembrance that God's mention may be a treasure for her in every world of the worlds of her Lord. It behooveth thee to thank thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. Grieve not at her ascension, her return, and her turning to God. By My life! She hath attained unto that which the hearts of the mystics cannot comprehend. The glory shining forth from the horizon of eternity be upon her and upon those who have won victory in the days of God, the Lord of the worlds."

Praise be to God that this leaf, may the glory of God be upon her, has been honored with the mention of the Beloved of the worlds. Blessed is she! Happy is she! Welcome to her! Congratulations to her! If all the world were to recognize the station of but one word of the divine utterances, all would surely sacrifice their lives to attain it. However, due to lack of capacity, they are today veiled and deprived. Glory be upon you and upon those who have drunk the wine of steadfastness, despite every heedless, veiled one and hateful denier. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Loving.

The servant 12 Shawwal 1298

BH04583: In the Name of the one true God! O…

In the Name of the one true God! O ʿAbdu's-Sattar! May you be enkindled, God willing, with the fire of divine love and illumined with the light of His countenance.

How many were the divines, mystics and princes who yearned and longed for the Day of His Manifestation, and who beseeched God night and day for the privilege of attaining His presence. Yet when the dawn of that Day broke forth from the horizon of the Will of the King of Oneness, all turned away and remained veiled. Would that they had been content with merely this! Nay, by God! Rather, they pronounced sentence of death upon that Essence of being. Such is the condition of the servants.

Yet God has been and ever shall be the All-Encompassing, the All-Pervading. That which He has willed, He shall assuredly bring to pass. The rejection and turning away of all the peoples of the world cannot prevent Him from that which He has purposed. He is established upon the throne of "He doeth what He willeth" and speaketh the word "He ordaineth what He pleaseth." His sovereignty hath no need of hosts. He giveth and taketh away as He pleaseth, and He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

May you drink, God willing, of that most pure wine which lieth concealed within the words of the Lord of destiny, and share it with those who are seeking and turning unto Him.

Convey the greetings of this Wronged One to all the friends in that land and say: Fix your gaze upon this blessed, mighty and conclusive word: "God summoneth to the abode of peace." How excellent is the state of that soul who hath turned with his heart to the abode of peace and been freed from dwellings more frail than the web of the spider.

The glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

BH05391: Glorified be He Who hath appeared, and hath caused…

In His Name, seated upon the throne of utterance

Glorified be He Who hath appeared, and hath caused to be made manifest that which draweth His servants nigh unto the Most Great Oceanâ€"an Ocean that, on this wondrous Day, hath surged and heaved. O Muhammad! Harken to the call from the luminous spot—verily there is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have heard your call and answered you with justice, and witnessed your turning and have turned to you from this Station which hath been named by all names by the Most Exalted Pen and as the Most Great Prison, if thou be of them that know.

Rejoice in that thou hast been mentioned before the Wronged One, and He hath revealed for thee that whereby thy name shall endure throughout the duration of His most excellent names. He Who possesseth the perspicuous Book beareth witness to this.

Beware lest the affairs of the world sadden thee and turn thee away from the Lord of all mankind. Arise with supreme steadfastness in this mighty Cause and remind the people with wisdom and utterance, that perchance they may abandon what they possess, yearning for that which is with God, the Lord of all worlds.

How many a prince hath turned away from the Truth, and how many a poor one hath hastened and drunk in His name, the Generous. Say: By God! The ocean of knowledge hath surged in the contingent world and the nightingale of utterance hath warbled upon the branches—verily there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

Thus have We lit the lamp of knowledge amongst mankind. Blessed is he who hath attained unto it, and woe unto them that turn away.

BH05422: God testifieth that there is none other God but...

He is the One Who calleth betwixt earth and heaven.

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who speaketh is the Manifestation of His Cause, the Dayspring of His signs, and the Source of every wise command. Blessed is he who hath hearkened unto His most sweet call and acted according to that which was enjoined upon him in His perspicuous Book.

This is the Day which the Lord of all beings foretold in former ages. Blessed is the strong one whom the doubts of the opposers have not kept back from this magnificent bounty. We have heard thy call and have answered thee, and have beheld thy mention and have mentioned thee in this Tablet through which the fragrances of the All-Merciful have been wafted throughout all possibilities. Joy be unto him who hath found, and woe betide every doubting denier.

Blessed art thou inasmuch as thou hast turned toward the Most Sublime Horizon at a time when most of mankind have turned away therefrom, and joy be unto thee inasmuch as thou hast quaffed the Kawthar of immortality from the hands of the bounty of thy Lord, the Munificent, the All-Bountiful. Beware lest the affairs of the world hold thee back from Him Who is the Lord of the former and latter generations. That which thou beholdest today shall perish, but this luminous Tablet shall endure unto thee. Hold fast unto the cord of bounty and cleave unto the hem of the generosity of thy Lord, the All-Merciful.

Thus hath spoken the Tongue of the Wronged One, whilst imprisoned through that which the hands of the heedless have wrought. We make mention of thy two sons and beseech God to ordain for them the good of this world and of the world to come. Verily He is the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, the All-Wise.

BH05979: My tongue, my heart, my pen, my limbs…

He is the One, the Single, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Knowing!

My tongue, my heart, my pen, my limbs and my very hairs bear witness to the oneness of God, His singleness, His grandeur and His sovereignty. He was from all eternity established upon the throne of power, might and majesty, and unto all eternity He shall remain as He hath been from everlasting time. Every learned one hath acknowledged his powerlessness to soar in the atmosphere of His knowledge, and every mystic hath confessed his failure to attain unto the knowledge of His Essence. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist all to acknowledge that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered before the creation of earth and heaven—that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Unique, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Thy name hath been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. We have remembered thee in this mighty Tablet. Beware lest anything prevent thee from this News which hath been mentioned in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. Forsake that which perisheth and hold fast unto that which endureth. Thus doth command thee He from Whom is a perspicuous Book.

Remind on My behalf My loved ones who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed, and who have acted according to that which hath been revealed in the Book, as bidden by One All-Knowing, All-Wise. Thus have We brought forth the pearls of inner meanings from the oceans of My utterance, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

BH05878: A letter from the Wronged One to him who…

He is the Speaker, the Rememberer, the All-Knowing.

A letter from the Wronged One to him who hath cast away vain imaginings and taken what hath been sent down in these days from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Blessed is thine ear, for it hath heard the call of the Prisoner; and thy tongue, for it hath spoken His praise; and thine eye, for it hath turned toward the praiseworthy Station.

Say: O peoples of the earth! By God, He hath appeared Who summoneth all unto God, the Lord of existence, and He hath come Who guideth all to the outstretched path of God. O people, abandon what ye possess and take what ye are commanded by the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

Say: O concourse of divines! Put down your pens, then hearken to the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen which hath been raised between earth and heaven. Fear ye God, and be not of them who have violated God's Covenant and His Testament, and who have disputed His verses when they were sent down in truth in this promised Day. Beware lest ye hinder the servants from the Lord of creation.

Cast behind you idle fancies, turning unto God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. Thus have We illumined the horizon of the heaven of knowledge with the luminary of utterance. Blessed is he who hath advanced and recognized, and woe unto every remote and veiled denier.

BH06165: A remembrance from the Prisoner unto him who hath…

In His Name Who shineth forth from the horizon of the Kingdom!

A remembrance from the Prisoner unto him who hath turned towards the Countenance, that this remembrance may draw him nigh unto a station wherein the Tree uttereth: There is none other God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thy remembrance was mentioned, wherefore have We remembered thee in this Book which beareth witness unto God, the Almighty, the Powerful, the Help in Peril.

The tongue hath confessed its Lord, the All-Merciful, yet most of the people remain silent. All things are engaged in glorifying and sanctifying the Purpose of the world, yet most of the servants remain veiled and deprived from beholding the lights. The horizon of the world hath been illumined by the Most Great Name, yet most of the peoples remain heedless.

Blessed is the strong one who hath shattered the idols of vain imaginings through the name of his Lord, the Possessor of Names, and hath turned towards the horizon of certitude. All who are on earth have claimed knowledge and love, both in the past and present, but when the divine touchstone and balance appeared, the station of all was made clear, manifest and evident.

God willing, thou shalt partake of the sealed wine and receive thy portion from the ocean of knowledge. This is a Day the mention of which hath been recorded in former Books, and the outpouring of grace descendeth like torrential rain. Blessed is he who hath turned towards it, and woe unto the heedless.

Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH07417: O Muhammad-Qasim! Shatter the idols of vain imaginings through…

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed.

O Muhammad-Qasim! Shatter the idols of vain imaginings through the name of thy Lord, the Master of all beings, and remind the people through this Remembrance, before which all remembrances bow down when it appeareth.

Say: This is the Day wherein verses have been sent down and clear proofs have been made manifest. Turn ye unto Him and follow not every doubtful ignorant one.

Take ye the chalice of divine knowledge in the name of the Lord of all religions, then drink thereof in His Name, the One Who holdeth dominion over all who are in earth and heaven.

Say: He hath appeared with the truth and hath revealed that which He willeth in such wise that neither the hosts of the world nor the clamor of the nations could hold Him back. To this testify such servants as have spoken with justice and fairness.

Say: O peoples of the earth! Fear ye God and follow not your desires when the horizon of the heaven of mystical knowledge hath been illumined with the Luminary of certitude. Cast away what ye possess and

take hold of that which ye have been bidden by God, the Lord of all men. Thus hath crowed the Cock of the Throne and thus hath warbled the Nightingale upon the branches.

BH07196: The Throne hath appeared and there hath sat upon…

In the Name of Him Who is the Manifest, the Evident

The Throne hath appeared and there hath sat upon it the Temple of God, Lord of the unseen and the seen. And at the first moment of His sitting, He shed His effulgence upon all things through all names. Exalted be the Creator of heaven, Who hath appeared and made manifest His straight Path.

Say: O people, recognize ye the worth of these days and follow not those who have followed every ignorant remote one. Be ye the page of remembrance and utterance unto all who dwell within the realm of contingent being, and the ark of certitude unto the followers of all religions. Thus doth command you He in Whose possession is a glorious Book.

Blessed is he who associateth with all peoples in a spirit of utmost kindliness and good-fellowship, and telleth them of this announcement with which every mighty book and every perspicuous tablet hath been adorned.

Take what thou hast been commanded by God and leave the people to what they possess. Verily thy Lord is the All-Wise Counsellor. Beware lest anything prevent thee from the Most Great Steadfastness, which We have enjoined upon all. Verily thy Lord is the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

The glory rest upon thee and upon those who have acted according to what they were commanded by One All-Knowing, All-Informed.

BH07822: A letter from the Wronged One to him who…

In His Name, the Manifest above the world.

A letter from the Wronged One to him who has turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and desires to drink the Kawthar of utterance from the hands of the bounty of his Lord, the Possessor of Names, that he may rejoice and be among the thankful ones.

If the wine of inner meanings has intoxicated you, say:

> “Glory be to Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is the dominion of all creation and in Whose grasp are the reins of all existence! I beseech Thee by the Name through which the breezes of Thy mercy wafted over Thy kingdom and the fragrance of the garment of Thy Revelation was diffused among Thy creatures, and by the Manifestations of Thy names and the Dawning-Places of Thy attributes, and by Thy Hidden Name whereby Thou hast encompassed what was and what will be, to assist me to mention Thee and to exalt Thy Word. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thy horizon, speaking Thy praise, and awaiting the wonders of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of what is with Thee. Verily Thou art the Sovereign of the

world and the Beloved of the nations. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful."

BH00378: In the name of our Lord, the Most Inaccessible…

Section 1: "In the name of our Lord, the Most…"

In the name of our Lord, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

Praise befitteth the peerless Beloved Who hath been and will forever remain sanctified above the description of all created things, the attributes of all beings, the mention of all peoples and the conditions of the world. The banner of "He doeth what He willeth" is even as the sun manifest upon the highest station of the world, and the standard of "He ordaineth what He pleaseth" is resplendent above the most exalted emblems. The gems of all attributes glory in their relation to but one of His signs, and the essence of all praise is blessed and beloved in its nearness to but one of His servants. Through a single light from among the lights of His countenance He hath illumined earth and heaven, and through one word from among His words He hath made manifest all that is in the Books.

Blessed is the eye that hath attained unto His light, and blessed the ear that hath hearkened unto the cooing of the Dove of His Revelation from the branches of the Tree of Sinai. This most glorious Day hath been distinguished by the seal of His special bounty and mentioned in former Books through wondrous allusions and references. Its fragrance giveth life and its breeze bestoweth the eternal cup. Well is it with the soul that hath turned unto it and become detached from all else.

Glorified art Thou, O my God and the God of signs and the Sovereign of clear tokens! I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thou didst rend asunder the veils and didst manifest whatsoever Thou didst desire in the kingdom of names and attributes, to aid Thy servants to remember Thee and praise Thee, to serve Thee and obey Thee. O Lord! Leave them not to themselves. Take their hands through Thy bounty and grace, and ordain for them that which beseemeth Thy Revelation and Thy might. This is a Day wherein the ocean of Thy knowledge hath surged and the sun of Thy grace hath shone forth from the horizon of Thy loving-kindness. I beseech Thee by Thine own Self and by the Most Great Word through which Thy sovereignty and power were manifested, to inscribe by Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and enable them to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Thou art, verily, the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

I offer praise and salutation upon the Manifestations of Thy unity and the Daysprings of Thy singleness, whom Thou hast made the repositories of Thy knowledge, the dawning-places of Thy revelation, the daysprings of Thy Cause and the sources of Thy laws. These are servants who have held fast unto the cord of Thy grace, detached from Thy creation, who have clung to the hem of Thy bounty, seeking refuge in Thy presence and shelter at Thy court. O Lord! Withhold not from them that which lieth with Thee, but send down upon them from the heaven of Thy mercy that which will purify them from the promptings of

self and passion. Thou art, verily, the Lord of all creation and the Ruler of both this world and the next. There is none other God but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

O Lord! Thou seest Thy servants standing before Thy grace, turning toward the sun of Thy bounty, and hastening toward the ocean of Thy bestowals. I beseech Thee not to disappoint them of the wonders of Thy mercy, O Thou Who art the Goal of the world, the Beloved of them that know Thee, and the Ultimate Hope of them that are nigh unto Thee. There is none other God but Thee, the Lord of the worlds and the Object of worship of all in the heavens and on earth.

And further: the submission of this evanescent servant to your eminence is that through the shrill voice of your pen the world was filled with joy, and through the springtime dew the dust of sorrow was dispelled. Though we have differed in form, we are all journeying toward God and speaking for His sake. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, that He withhold not this wondrous, sublime and blessed bounty, and grant it forever and ever. He is the Omnipotent One—not an atom can escape His treasuries, nor can any matter render Him powerless. Thus, wheresoever we may be and whatsoever we may become, we are in His treasury, and praise be to God, we are of Him, reckoned as His and attributed to Him. Blessed art thou and this evanescent servant.

After reading and perusing your noble handwriting, I sought the Most Exalted Station, the place whose praise the Concourse on High is powerless to render. When I attained the presence and was granted permission, the Countenance of the Beloved turned toward me and uttered that which was like the mercy of spring to the earth and its trees. He spoke, and His sweetest words were:

> "God willing, through divine favor they shall unlock the cities of hearts with the key of the Divine Word and water them with the vernal showers of His grace, that from good soil may spring forth the flowers of knowledge, and all may attain to their true purpose. Strive that souls may truly become detached from worldly conditions and arise to serve the Cause of God, fixing their gaze upon the eternal kingdom rather than this transient world and all that is therein. The intent is that the world and its ornaments should not prevent the servants from the everlasting kingdom. How many souls there were who, despite their abundant wealth and riches, arose to serve the Cause and attained unto that which He loves and is pleased with. The Manifestation of Truth, the utterance of truth, and the commandments and prohibitions are all for the sake of the servants, and whatsoever has been revealed from the Supreme Pen has been and shall be the cause of the world's order, the preservation of nations, and the advancement of souls. Blessed are they who ponder on that which hath been manifested from God, that they may comprehend the purpose. Should heedless souls drink from the ocean of awareness and partake of the lights of the sun of knowledge, all would turn to the Most Glorious Horizon and occupy themselves with the remembrance and praise of God. Their desires have prevented them from God, the Lord of all worlds. Soon shall they find themselves in manifest loss."

This evanescent servant, with utmost humility and supplication, begs that God, exalted be His glory, may aid all and grant them success in that which pleases Him. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Regarding what you wrote about attention to the aforementioned direction, it was submitted in the Most Holy and Exalted Presence. He said:

> "All matters are dependent upon wisdom and consultation. That honored one should be mindful of this blessed word which hath been revealed by the Supreme Pen in the Crimson Book. We have said, and Our Word is the truth: The heaven of divine wisdom is illumined with two luminaries: consultation and compassion."

Consult in affairs with some friends who are in service with you, and whatever becomes apparent, act upon it, trusting in God. Blessed art thou, O thou who hast been mentioned by the Wronged One time after time, while He was imprisoned in this mighty fortress.

Section 2: "As regards what you wrote concerning Janab-i-Rafi'u'd-Din Khan…"

As regards what you wrote concerning Janab-i-Rafi'u'd-Din Khan and Muhammad Akbar Khan and Isma'il Khan, upon them be God's favors and grace, this evanescent servant submitted their names at a most propitious time into the divine presence, and from the heaven of bounty a most holy and exalted Tablet was revealed and sent to each one. God willing, they will drink from the oceans of the All-Merciful's mercy and divine favors that lie hidden and concealed within the revealed words. God, exalted be His glory, is witness that they will discover the fragrances of the verses and drink from the aforementioned oceans according to their capacity. Surely they will leave the knowledge of creation to creation and turn with heart and soul to the horizon of the All-Merciful.

God, exalted be His glory, informs the Seal of the Prophets—may the spirit of all in the kingdoms of command and creation be sacrificed for Him—of a word spoken by the believer of the House of Yasin, and that word is: "Would that my people knew!" If a soul were to comprehend the circumstances under which this blessed word was revealed, he would surely discover the fragrance of the true rose-garden and turn to the Source that transcends all directions. Were this evanescent servant to attempt to properly expound upon this theme, lifetimes would not suffice. God is witness to these words and His testimony has been and will ever be sufficient. This evanescent servant conveys his greetings to each of those gentlemen, the conveying of which is dependent upon your grace.

As for what was written about the book, it has not yet arrived. After its arrival it will be submitted to the Most Holy Court. This evanescent servant beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to aid you in all matters. Verily, He is the Witness, the Helper, the Succourer. Likewise, mention was made of the other souls you had written about before the Most Holy and Exalted Presence, and for each one an exalted Tablet was revealed and sent. God willing, they will attain unto them.

As for recent news, the Imam-Jum'ih of the Land of Sad, who was the cause and reason for the martyrdom of His Holiness the Name of God Ha'—upon him be all the most glorious Glory and all the most resplendent Light—within the span of a few days was stripped of that which he prided himself upon, and was banished in utter humiliation to the Land of Kha'. After much pleading and supplication, and through the intercession of a group, he was ordered to return to his place via Yazd and remain in his house. Shortly after his arrival, he was afflicted with a severe ailment. Many from within and without have

written that he was howling like a dog. Finally, it reached such a point that his own family avoided him. In short, he returned to the lowest depths with the worst punishment. This rebellious tyrant, who in the Book of God is called Raqsha, was several times more wicked than the oppressor of the Land of Taff.

O beloved of my heart! Such tyranny was manifested by this heedless ignorant one that all minds and souls were bewildered by it. For His Holiness the Name of God Ha'—may my spirit be sacrificed for him—was one who, beyond his own capacity, attended to this man's affairs and showed him the utmost consideration, and dealt with all people of every kind with perfect joy and fragrance, kindness and love. Nevertheless, this shameless and impudent one who is called Raqsha, and his companion who is mentioned in the Book of God by the name of Wolf, rose up in opposition and, purely for worldly ornaments, cut down two divine Trees from the Muhammadan Garden with the utmost tyranny. Behold, the curse of God be upon the wrongdoing people.

And concerning the mention of Aqa Siyyid Mustafa, upon him be the Glory of God, may he ever drink from the sweet water of the imperishable Beloved and abide at rest beneath the shade of the Tree of Providence. Praise be to God, he is remembered at the Most Holy Court, and God willing, he shall act as befitteth. One word that issueth today from the tongue of the Manifestation concerning any soul is more beneficial for him than all the treasures and buried wealth of the earth, for through the divine Word his mention shall endure and persist while all else hath been and shall be ephemeral.

Likewise concerning the mention of Doctor Khabiru'd-Din and his son, and Hakim Imtiyaz Husayn, upon them be the Glory of God—their mention hath been made before His Presence and the Sun of Providence hath dawned from the horizon of grace upon each one. Blessed are they for having attained unto the Most Exalted Word and turned unto the Supreme Horizon on this glorious and wondrous Day.

Furthermore, thou didst mention Haji Siyyid Mihdi, upon him be the Glory of God. After it was presented before Him, He showed favor and the blessed Tongue spoke these blessed words—exalted be His grandeur:

> "Blessed are they who have on this day drunk of the sealed wine in the name of the Self-Subsisting and have received their portion from the river of mystic knowledge. We make mention of Mihdi and give him glad tidings of that which hath been revealed for him, and We counsel him with that which befitteth the days of his Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous, and to remain steadfast in this Cause whereat the feet of the learned, the rulers and the mystics have slipped, save whom God willeth, the Lord of all worlds."

This evanescent servant conveyeth greetings to all the friends and beseecheth confirmation and divine assistance for all from the Sender of Messengers and Revealer of Books. His is the command; He doeth what He willeth and decreeth what He pleaseth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Glory be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who have attained unto this mighty and glorious Remembrance. Praise be to God, Lord of all worlds.

Another submission: The Most Great Branch—may my spirit and all spirits be a sacrifice for the atoms of dust beneath His most pure footsteps—hath remembered that honored one with special favors and particular mention, and hath conveyed greetings too sacred for this evanescent one to mention or write.

Likewise have the denizens of the pavilion of infallibility and grandeur bestowed most holy, most mighty, most exalted greetings, and the emigrants in the prison land present their pure devotion, greetings, mention and praise to that honored one.

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After completion of this letter, He said:

> "O thou who art present! Write to the Khan, upon him be the Glory of God—let them not grow weary from the conditions of the world and its affairs. With complete steadfastness, purely for the sake of God, let them remain focused on that which is befitting and proper, that perchance the blind may see and the thirsty may drink. In this Cause both wisdom and steadfastness are necessary. God willing, in the name of Truth they shall deposit enduring seeds in good soil, and now that they have gone there and made mention of the Cause, they must remain until the trees bear fruit and the children attain to maturity."

BH00599: Praise, sanctified above the comprehension of all created things…

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Praise, sanctified above the comprehension of all created things, befitteth the court of the glory of that Desired One Who brought forth all the infinite worlds into the realm of existence through two words from the unseen. He is the Omnipotent One before Whose power the might of the world is weak, nay, non-existent, and ever shall be. And He is the Sovereign before the manifestation of Whose most insignificant sign the kingdoms of the earth are subdued and vanquished. All things have testified to His grandeur, His power and His sovereignty, and every possessor of might hath bowed before His glory, His manifestation and His authority.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the ocean of life surged and the fragrance of Thy Name, the Most Merciful, was diffused! I beseech Thee by Thy Great Throne and Thy Exalted Seat to assist Thy servants and Thy creation to turn towards the river of Thy mercy and to cling to the hem of Thy bounty. O Lord! Illumine the faces with the lights of Thy countenance and the hearts with the effulgences of the suns of Thy knowledge. Thou art He before Whose generosity and favors every possessor of knowledge hath confessed, and before Whose greatness and gifts every possessor of grace hath acknowledged. O Lord! Take the hands of Thy loved ones through Thy munificence and bounty, then deliver them from all that is unworthy of Thee and Thy days. There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Almighty.

Thereafter, thy letter dated the 17th of Ramadan, along with two other pages, was a source of joy and delight. Praise be to God that thou art adorned with the ornament of health and engaged in serving the Cause. By the permanence of the earthly and heavenly kingdoms, if thou were to offer thanks for this bounty bestowed upon thee, it would assuredly be insufficient and ever shall be. Praise be to God, the drops of the seas of bounty have embraced thee; throughout all days thou hast been known by His Name and hast arisen to serve Him. No possessor of insight hath denied or will deny this station. Were this lofty station to be unveiled, most of the servants would be found thunderstruck. God willing, through the

Name of the Peerless Friend and the favor of the Incomparable Beloved, this most exalted and supreme station shall remain preserved. Blessed art thou, O my beloved, then joy be unto thee, by the everlasting Names and Attributes of God.

This servant sent two detailed letters to thee. Regarding one of the two, dated the 2nd of Rajab, thou hast written that it was received, but concerning the other letter, dated the 14th of Sha'ban, which was more detailed than the previous one, no news of its receipt hath come. This evanescent servant beseecheth the Exalted Truth to deliver that letter to thee as well. Verily, He hath power over all things. And regarding thy request that this ephemeral one should perform the pilgrimage on thy behalf, this was carried out according to thy wish. The servant beseecheth his Lord to make it a treasure for thee with Him. Verily, He is the Omnipotent, the Almighty.

Concerning what thou didst write about the transactions of Miyanduab and others, it was submitted. This decree hath issued from the Source of the Cause—exalted be His glory:

> "Whatever hath been commanded in the presence of the Cause must be carried out. It is not permissible to demand anything from anyone. If anyone of his own accord giveth something, accept it; otherwise, thou hast no right to demand anything from anyone. Verily, thy Lord is the Bestower, the Bountiful."

End quote.

As for what thou didst write concerning various matters, God willing, thou art assisted in performing good deeds and art confirmed in serving the Cause.

And concerning what you wrote about the Sacred Place, yes, some time ago the honored Afnan, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, and also the esteemed Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah presented their petitions to the Most Holy Court, and these were graced with acceptance. In truth, whatever charitable deeds and good works appear in these days, their fragrance shall never cease. Blessed is he who holdeth fast to that which is good and forbiddeth others from evil. The servant beseecheth his Lord that He may aid all to accomplish that which will exalt the Word of God and perpetuate their remembrance and their names. Verily, He is the Helper of those who turn unto Him and the Answerer of those who call upon Him.

And concerning what you wrote about Mulla Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, his petition was presented to the Most Holy Court, and an answer descended from the heaven of God's Will, and specially revealed verses were graciously bestowed upon the souls mentioned. God willing, may they be enkindled at all times and under all conditions with the fire of divine love and be occupied with service to the Cause. Since mention was also made in your letter of Mulla Husayn and his brothers and Haji Aqa Baba, upon them be the Glory of God, it was again presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, and these sublime, impregnable and holy verses were revealed from the heaven of divine Will, that they may be a treasure and honor unto them and their families and their descendants. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Forgiving, the Generous. This is what was revealed from the heaven of grace. His word, exalted and mighty is He:

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing

The Wronged One maketh mention of His loved ones who hastened to the Water of Life when it surged forth through the Word of God, the Lord of all worlds. These are servants who have attained unto the wine of revelation and the Kawthar of utterance when the All-Merciful came with the kingdom of proof. Blessed are they that have attained. O My loved ones! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison. Verily, He mentioneth you with most excellent mention and commandeth you to that which will exalt the Cause of God, the Lord of the mighty throne. Ye have attained unto the movement of the Most Exalted Pen as it courseth in the arena of wisdom and utterance from the presence of the Mighty, the Ancient. Hold ye fast unto the cord of the Cause, detached from all who are on earth. Thus doth He command you from Whose presence is a preserved tablet. Soon will there appear among you one who will prevent you from the Euphrates of the mercy of your Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. This is the Day of steadfastness and utterance, were ye of them that know, and this is the Day of wisdom and knowledge, were ye of them that hear.

O loved ones of the All-Merciful! I speak in Persian that all may understand. Today the Truth is afflicted and captive among the most wretched of creation, yet He makes mention of you at a time when sorrows have encompassed Him from every direction. Hearken unto the call of the Peerless Friend and act according to His bidding. Today is the day of steadfastness. God willing, may all be illumined by the effulgent lights of the Sun of certitude and remain firm in His Cause through divine power and strength, for the evil ones have been and are lying in wait, misleading people in the name of truth. Blessed is the soul that arises to serve the Cause in such wise that all else besides God shall be powerless to prevent it.

O My loved ones! Rejoice in My remembrance and utterance, in the rain-showers of the clouds of My wisdom, the outpourings from the heaven of My mercy, and the sweet waters of My bounty which flow from the right hand of My mighty Throne. God willing, may all be set ablaze by the warmth of the utterance of the All-Merciful and derive pleasure from the sweetness of His mention, and may they manifest such love of God as to become the cause of attracting the hearts of His servants. Thus doth He Who possesseth the knowledge of all things teach you from His presence in a clear Book.

Praise be to God that all have once again attained to the mention of the Lord of creation. Happy indeed are they! On behalf of this evanescent servant, convey greetings to all and say in his tongue: O friends! Strive to free yourselves entirely from the idle fancies and vain imaginings of the past. This is the Day wherein man can acquire lofty stations and enduring mention for himself and his kindred. I swear by the light of the countenance of your Beloved and mine that the mention of this most great and most holy Day hath been recorded in all the divine Books. Know ye its value and arise as behooveth it.

Many are the barking dogs that have appeared and will appear, even as aforetime when the Sun of the Cause was rising from the horizon of Iraq—all were warned of the barking of dogs and the birds of night. Assuredly whatsoever hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen shall come to pass. Beseech ye God to protect all through His grace. Whosoever hath truly attained in this most glorious and most holy Day to the knowledge of God and hath quaffed from the choice wine of His utterance is and shall remain protected. Were all the hosts and legions of the world to arise to prevent such a one, they would find

themselves utterly powerless. God willing, may all the people of Baha be adorned with these holy and luminous robes.

O My loved one! When this lowly one reached this point, he attained the Most Holy Court where it was said:

> "O servant in attendance! We wish to make mention once again of Abu'l-Hasan who hath turned, hearkened, attained and arisen to serve the Cause of his Lord, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. We also remember My handmaidens who have believed in God, the Mighty, the All-Loving. O Abu'l-Hasan! We send Our greetings upon thee and bid thee convey Our greetings to the faces of My loved ones and to thy daughters who have turned and attained to the mention of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. We make mention of My handmaidens in that place and give them the glad-tidings of My grace and bounty which have preceded all who exist. Rejoice thou in thy Lord's bounty and say: Praise be to Thee for having mentioned me and made known to me Thy straight path. Praise be to God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen."

As to what you wrote regarding Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be the glory and bounty of God, concerning the Huququ'llah of that land—let them consult on all matters and act according to what becomes apparent. The glory be upon thee and upon whosoever heareth thy word concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of [the worlds].

Servant, on the 12th of Dhi'l-Qa'dah [1298]

BH00311: In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy…

Section 1: "In the Name of our Lord, the Most…"

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious.

Praise befitteth the King of existence and the Sovereign of the unseen and the seen, Whom neither the clamor of the divines, nor the objections of the theologians, nor the conditions of princes could deter from His purpose. Through His first Word He created the kingdom of names, and through His second Word He made manifest the resurrection, the gathering, and the manifestations of union and separation. He is the Omnipotent One Whom the power and might of the people of the world and their dominion cannot render helpless nor hold back from His Will. Through a single decree, the banner of "Verily He is God" was raised at the center of the world. From time immemorial He hath been sanctified in His most holy station above all created things, and unto everlasting He will remain exalted in the sanctification of His Own Essence above all contingent beings.

He hath ever been, and will ever be, sanctified and exempt from the conditions, manifestations, allusions and utterances of the world of creation. He is the First, though sanctified above all firstness, and He is the Last, though exalted above it. All mention and names that appear in the world and are attributed to that sanctified Being are in view of the loftiness and sublimity of these stations in the eyes of creation, for the

servants are powerless and fall short of comprehending beyond this. All things testify to the sanctification of His Being, and all who dwell on earth and in heaven bear witness to our inability to know Him. That which beseemeth His presence is what appeareth from Him and what speaketh in the kingdom of His utterance.

I testify that there is none other God but Him, in acknowledgment of His grandeur and in confession of His oneness. He hath been, and will ever be, even as He hath been. There is none other God but Him, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of the world and Master of the nations! I beseech Thee by Thy imprisonment which caused the denizens of the highest Paradise and the dwellers of the kingdom of names to lament, to assist Thy loved ones to celebrate Thy praise and remembrance, to arise to serve Thy Cause, and to become acquainted with the conditions of those who hastened unto the ocean of Thy grace and discovered the fragrances of the garment of Thy Revelation in Thy days—days whose remembrance and praise have been sent down from Thy Most Exalted Pen in Thy Scriptures, Thy Books, Thy Tablets, and Thy Verses. O Lord! Send down upon them from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will sanctify them from all else beside Thee and draw them nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

And further: your letter arrived, bringing joy and delight, for from it was inhaled the fragrance of acceptance and sincerity. Praise be to God that you have attained to the eternal blessing and heavenly bounty which is the love of the Beloved of all worlds. God willing, may this precious pearl, through the grace of the Lord of all worlds, remain protected from the hands and eyes of the treacherous and the thieves. O friend! How many were the divines, mystics, kings, monarchs, and nobles of the earth and other servants who all sought this most exalted, most holy Day, and with utmost supplication beseeched the Lord of all destinies for its station. Yet when the Great Luminary of Revelation appeared from the horizon of the world, all were found bereft and deprived, save whom God, thy Lord, willed.

I swear by the Sun of the All-Merciful's utterance, which shineth and riseth from the horizon of the Prison, that were even less than a needle's eye of this Most Great, Most Glorious Station to be revealed, all would turn, detached from all else, toward the Prison, and would circle round the very atoms of dust of this blessed land. Now consider those souls who have attained to this supreme honor, this mighty gift, and this most exalted summit. God the All-Knowing beareth witness that if one who hath drunk from the living waters of immortality and the Kawthar of utterance of the Lord of Names were to comprehend his station, such joy and gladness would encompass him that the troubles of the world, its conditions, hardships and sorrows would neither hinder him nor even be perceived to exist.

Blessed is he who hath attained unto this most exalted station and ultimate goal. He is indeed among the companions of the Crimson Ark in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. When I read your letter and learned of its contents, I approached the Presence and presented it before the countenance of the Lord of all beings. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which the pens are powerless to recount. Exalted be His bounty, exalted be His generosity, and exalted be His greatness and favor! After sufficient, healing, supreme and penetrating utterances, which this servant was and will ever be incapable of

recording in their entirety, these sacred and decisive words were revealed from the horizon of the mouth of the Revealer of verses—these are His words, exalted be His grandeur:

O servant in attendance! The grace of God, exalted be His glory, has been and ever shall be all-encompassing. In all conditions He hears and sees; He hearkens to the mention of those who have turned to Him and beholds the devotion of the sincere ones. Blessed are they who, in this divine Day, have drunk from the ocean of His knowledge and turned toward the horizon of His grace. Write to Kazim: We have heard thy call and, through grace and favor, have responded to it. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this great bounty. Praise be to God that thou hast attained, from the hand of the bounty of the Lord of destiny, the most pure wine which, in one sense, is interpreted as the love of the Beloved of the world. Thou hast attained to that which most of the peoples of the world are deprived of. Even if thou shouldst endure for as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endures, and render thanks unto the exalted Lord, it would still be as naught compared to this supreme bounty. Rejoice in what hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen on this darkest night. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Wise Expositor.

From this station We send Our greetings to the faces of My loved ones who have cast aside all else but Me, who have held fast to the cord of My grace, who have clung to the hem of My bounty, and who have spoken My beautiful praise. We counsel them with that which We counseled them before in My Great Tablet. Blessed is he who hath heard My call, attained unto My knowledge, and acted according to that which was sent down in My wondrous Book. God willing, all must achieve, through the name of God, the grace of God, the bounty of God, and the mercy of God, such deeds as will endure forever. He, verily, is the All-Knowing Teacher. Beseech God that He may enable all to do that which befitteth this most holy and most exalted Day. We counsel all to observe the wisdom revealed in the Book. That which causeth tumult and uproar among the people hath been and will continue to be forbidden. The chosen ones and friends of God must refresh the withered ones with the name of God and guide them to the supreme horizon. If wisdom doth not allow it, speech is not permissible. Thus was it revealed before and now. Blessed are they that act accordingly.

This evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to enable all creation to hearken to the melodies of the birds of inner meanings, for if they truly succeed in hearing, they will find themselves detached from the kingdom of creation and all that is therein. Verily, our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Bestower, the Powerful, the Generous, the Bountiful.

Regarding what was written about multiple letters having been sent to this servant: all that were received were answered and sent. All were adorned with divine verses and heavenly evidences. God willing, they have arrived and will continue to arrive.

The petition of the aforementioned one, upon him be the glory of God, reached Us and was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. At that very moment, a most wondrous Tablet was revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will specifically for him. God willing, he will attain unto it and drink from its flowing rivers. The grace of God, exalted be His glory, is evident and manifest from the Tablet itself and hath no need of presentation by this evanescent servant. May he rejoice in it and may it be wholesome unto him.

As regards the intention to turn towards the Promised Land, this was presented, and this is what the All-Merciful hath spoken in this station. His word, exalted be His glory:

> "We have inhaled from him the fragrance of Our love and have recognized his longing and yearning for God and His presence. We have written down for him, by My Most Exalted Pen, the reward of those who have attained unto My presence, who have drunk the choice wine of reunion with Me, who have presented themselves at the gate of My loving-kindness, who have heard My call whilst in My presence, and who have witnessed My imprisonment and what was visited upon Me by those who turned away from My countenance when its lights shone forth from this heaven which hath appeared and been raised up through My name, the All-Wise. We give him the glad-tidings of that which hath been sent down for him from the heaven of My mercy and the clouds of My loving-kindness, that he may render thanks unto his Lord, the Self-Subsisting, the Most High."

Section 2: "Praise be to God, his visitation hath been…"

Praise be to God, his visitation hath been accepted in the presence of the Countenance. This is evident from the divine verses that have been revealed, and after the revelation of these decisive verses and this most mighty Tablet, the Tongue of the Beloved spoke this most exalted word, glorified be His grandeur:

> "O thou who art present! Those assured souls who have drunk from the Kawthar of oneness on this spiritual morn are the recipients of God's favors. Even as they have sought and continue to seek reunion with the Truth, so hath the Truth, exalted be His grace, desired to meet with them. However, the deniers, the malevolent ones, and the corrupters have intervened. Blessed is he whose devotion and presence have been testified to by the Tongue of Grandeur, and who hath been honored with that which was the object of God's Books, the Lord of the seen and the unseen."

I swear by the Sun of the horizon of utterance that nothing visible or hidden can equal this testimony. Some years ago this blessed word was revealed from the Kingdom of divine utterance: "The Prison Land is outwardly at rest, yet inwardly it is in turmoil and commotion. Soon shall its inward state become its outward condition, and its outward state its inward condition." And He said: "Although this holy land hath been mentioned and recorded in all divine Books and Scriptures, yet its people are the most evil people in the world, and in previous Books they have been designated as the offspring of vipers, save those souls who, through divine power, have rent asunder the dark veils and turned towards the Most Glorious Horizon. These are accounted among the most exalted of beings in the sight of the Truth." And now this Wronged One calleth out amidst vipers and summoneth the peoples of the world to the Most Exalted Horizon. Blessed are they that hear, and blessed is he who hath recognized his Lord in this Day wherein His decree was sent down aforetime—the Day wherein all men shall stand before the Lord of the worlds.

As for what thou didst write concerning the Huquq, this was presented and was accepted with favor.

Concerning what you had written about the House, it was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. He said:

> "Excellent is what has been done in the path of God, but in all matters they must observe wisdom. The unfair people have for centuries, ages and eras lamented their separation from the Truth and sought the appearance of one of the divine names, as they arose in mentioning the Qa'im—may my glory be upon Him—and uttered the words May God hasten His appearance.' Yet now they remain heedless and veiled from the One by Whose word all the most beautiful names were created. Moreover, they have not pondered upon the words May God hasten His relief'—what are these hardships and trials, and to what degree must they manifest, that all are beseeching and hoping for His relief? By God the Truth, they have not profited in their trading. The Tongue of Grandeur has testified to their loss, their heedlessness, their transgression and their injustice against God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Observe how they have deprived themselves of everlasting stations for the sake of these few fleeting days and these transient, ephemeral colors. The eye of My loving-kindness and grace weeps, and the hand of My justice and power seizes, and I am the Just, the Wise."

And concerning what you had written about Aqa Azizu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, God willing may he be assisted in all conditions. His mention was made at the Divine Throne. May this supreme bounty, God willing, be eternal and everlasting, enduring for as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endures. Some time ago a letter arrived from Aqa Khudadad, upon him be the Glory of God, mentioning him and some of the friends in the land of Kha. This servant wrote a reply and sent it; it is hoped it has arrived by now. God is witness and aware that this servant has always been and continues to be occupied with mentioning the friends of God. In any case, on behalf of this evanescent servant, convey sublime greetings to Aqa Azizu'llah and the other friends in the land of Kha, as well as the friends residing in that land—if present, by word of mouth, and if absent, by pen. This evanescent one beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to assist them all in that which will cause the exaltation of the Word of God.

The mention of the souls named in your letter, both male and female, was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, and the Sun of Grace has dawned upon them all. God willing, may they be blessed in all times with the grace of the Beloved of all creation, and be engaged in the triumph of the Cause through wisdom and utterance. Praise be to God, you have been assisted in serving the Cause and have been successful in that which was mentioned in the divine books. And praise be to God, your residence has become a place for the arrival of the friends of God, and likewise a place of mention and praise. He gives to whomsoever He wishes whatsoever He wishes, and ordains for whomsoever He wishes whatsoever He wills. Indeed, bounty is in His hand, and He is the Giver, the Forgiving, the Generous.

And concerning what you had written about a few people of occupation having turned to the Living Waters, their names were presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. This is what was revealed for them:

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing

O Muhammad! The One Who was immersed in the seas of sorrows mentions you and gives you glad tidings of that which has appeared and shone forth from the horizon of your Lord's will, the Merciful. Know thou the station of this Day which the tongues of the Messengers have praised. Look, then mention that which the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in the Qur'an:

"Lead forth the people from darkness into light and remind them of the days of God."

We testify that they have appeared, and in them speaks the One Who conversed on Sinai. Verily, there is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the Wise.

We make mention of Haji Qabl-Muhammad, that he may rejoice in My remembrance and give thanks unto his Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. We make mention of him who hath turned towards the Most Sublime Horizon and give him the glad-tidings of that which hath been ordained for him by God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Grieve not over this world and its affairs. By My life! It shall pass away, and there shall remain for thee that which hath been sent down from God, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Great.

We make mention of him who is named Hasan and counsel him to show forth the greatest steadfastness in this Cause, at whose appearance the foundations of those who have denied God, the Lord of this wondrous Day, were shaken. O Hasan! Show forth excellence even as God hath shown excellence unto thee, then speak forth that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken before the creation of the heavens and earth:

"Verily there is no God but Me, the Single, the One, the Imprisoned, the Exile."

Blessed is he who hath testified to that which God hath testified, and woe unto the heedless.

The glory from Our presence be upon you and upon My loved ones in that place, and upon him who hath mentioned your names in his book, and upon every servant who hath arisen to serve this firm and impregnable Cause. Praise be to God that the final correspondence hath been adorned with the manifest verses of God, exalted be His glory, and thereby its conclusion hath become as musk, nay rather, sanctified above all that hath been mentioned by the pen or will be mentioned. Verily our Lord, the All-Knowing, hath ever been sanctified above what was and what will be, and praise be to God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

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BH03855: God beareth witness that there is none other God…

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing.

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come is verily the Manifestation of My Self, the Dawning-Place of My verses and the Dayspring of My Cause, the firm, the impregnable. Whoso hath turned unto Him hath in truth turned unto Me throughout all ages, and whoso hath turned away is accounted among the deniers in a mighty Book.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who was remembered in the prison, that thy melodies may draw him to the Supreme Paradise and bring him nigh unto God, the Lord of Names, Who hath spoken: "There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

We beheld thee turning unto the Countenance, whereupon We turned unto thee and revealed for thee that which God hath made a testimony unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Take hold of the

Book with strength, then recite it by night and by day, that thou mayest discover the fragrance of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. By My life! It will draw thee to a station wherein every atom of its atoms, every leaf of its leaves, every tree of its trees, and every stone of its stones proclaimeth: “There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Powerful.”

Beware lest the doubts of the divines hold thee back from the Lord of Names. Leave them behind thee, turning unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Be thou steadfast in the Cause in such wise that neither the books of the world nor the clamor of the nations can cause thee to slip. Arise and speak with wisdom and utterance: “The All-Merciful hath come with manifest sovereignty.” We counsel thee to be steadfast and give thee glad-tidings of that which hath been ordained by the Pen of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Should one who raiseth the cry of fire come unto thee with the tablet of fire and the book of the wicked ones, leave him behind thee, placing thy trust in God, the Lord of this wondrous Day. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have not violated the Covenant of God and His Testament—these are they who are numbered among the near ones in a mighty Book.

BH05418: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

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

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come upon the clouds of divine knowledge is, in truth, the All-Merciful—thus have testified the Books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. This is the Day whereon all men have arisen before the Lord of the worlds. This is the Day which the Qur’an had foretold from the presence of the All-Merciful. The Kingdom on that Day is God’s, though most of the people remain heedless. The Lord of Destiny hath appeared and every hidden matter hath been revealed. Verily the Hour hath come to pass, and the moon hath been cleft asunder, and the Trumpet of the Bayan hath been sounded, and all who are in the heavens and on earth have swooned away, save whom God hath willed, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

We have witnessed thy turning unto Us and have therefore turned unto thee and remembered thee in this wondrous Tablet. Take it with the hand of power and say: By God! That which was hidden behind the veils of the Unseen hath appeared, and the Nightingale of Immortality hath warbled upon the branches. The Hidden One hath been made manifest and God hath come with a mighty Cause.

We counsel thee and those who have believed to remain steadfast with supreme steadfastness, lest your feet slip through the doubts of them that cast suspicion. Soon shall the clamorer cry out in every land and attribute himself to God—thus hath his soul enticed him, and We are among those who bear witness. God is quit of him and his like who have violated God’s Covenant and Testament and turned away from His luminous horizon.

BH06069: In the Name of the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing! Drink…

In the Name of the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing! Drink ye, please God, of the choice sealed wine whose seal hath been broken by the Name of the Self-Subsisting, and arise to serve the Cause in the name of God, the Most Glorious.

I swear by the Sun of Truth which shineth from the horizon of the Most Great Prison that this Day hath no peer or likeness. Strive ye that through the sweet-scented streams of the robe of the All-Merciful ye may quicken the dead in the valley of error unto life everlasting.

Today the voice of God, the Most Glorious, is raised up, and likewise the clamor of Satan. Blessed is the eye that hath recognized Him and become detached and free from all else besides Him, and blessed is the ear that hath known His call and found itself enriched above all else besides Him.

Stand ye firm in the Cause of God and speak, albeit with wisdom and utterance. Scatter the seeds of divine knowledge in pure soil. The people are heedless and deprived of the effulgences of the Sun of inner meanings. One must arise with forbearance to educate all who dwell on earth.

Thus hath the Lord of Eternity taught you, both before and after. Blessed is he who hath attained unto that which he hath been commanded by the All-Wise Expounder.

BH07279: Your letter reached this Wronged One in the Most…

In the Name of God, the Mighty One!

Your letter reached this Wronged One in the Most Great Prison. The fragrance of love was inhaled from it. God willing, may you ever drink from the pure Salsabil of the love of the Eternal Beloved.

This is a Day the mention of which hath been recorded in the divine Books of the past and the future. Blessed is the state of the one who hath been illumined by the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of Revelation and hath turned toward the most exalted horizon. Praise the Beloved of the world Who enabled thee and caused thee to attain to this most great and most exalted station.

Know thou the worth of this great bounty and arise to serve the Cause, that perchance they who are possessed of doubts and idle fancies may drink from the chalice of certitude and attain to the recognition of the Dawning-Place of revelation and the Dayspring of verses.

Today is the day of service and the day of praise and glorification. O friends! Strive that ye may attain unto everlasting life and receive your portion from the eternal kingdom. He verily commandeth you with truth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH07397: O ʿAli-Qabl-i-Akbar! The Lord of Destiny hath come…

He is the One Who speaketh before all

O ʿAli-Qabl-i-Akbar! The Lord of Destiny hath come to give life to the world, yet the peoples remain wrapped in a thick veil.

Say: O peoples of all religions! Fear ye the All-Merciful, and oppose not Him before Whom, when He appeared, the Concourse on High and the dwellers of Paradise bowed down morning and evening. Be fair in the Cause of God and His Revelation, and follow not every remote imagining. The Calamity hath appeared and the Cry hath been raised, yet the people remain in a strange sleep.

Say: O God of Names and Creator of heaven! I beseech Thee by the Fire that spoke on Sinai and by this Revelation through which the decree of resurrection was manifested and those in the graves arose—to assist Thy servants to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the Dayspring of Thy signs. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise.

We, from this station, send Our greetings upon thy countenance and upon thy mother—give her glad tidings from Me and remind her of this perspicuous Book.

BH07890: O Israfil! By the life of God, the Trumpet…

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

O Israfil! By the life of God, the Trumpet hath been sounded, and all who are in the heavens and on the earth have swooned away, save only certain letters of the face of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The Balance hath been set up and the Path laid down, and the Cry hath been raised in truth, and every atom hath spoken forth. The Lord hath come, and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Lord of all the worlds.

O peoples of the earth! Take heed lest the concerns of earth hold you back from the Lord of heaven. Cast away what ye possess and take hold of that which ye are commanded by God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

All things have been renewed through the breezes of revelation, yet most of the people remain heedless. The Most Great Balance hath been established, and verily it is the Book of God, the Lord of Destiny, which hath descended from the heaven of the will of thy Lord, the Bountiful.

We counsel thee to be steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord, and We send greetings from this exalted station to those who have held fast to the cord of grace out of love for God. Indeed, they are among the people of this lofty station.

BH08540: O Hasan! Rejoice in what God hath graciously bestowed…

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

O Hasan! Rejoice in what God hath graciously bestowed upon thee, then thank Him for having sent down unto thee this perspicuous Book. We have called all men unto God, the Single, the All-Informed.

Among the people are those who have cast aside the Lord of all creation by following their desires, and among them are those who have rent asunder the veils through My Name, the Mighty, the Powerful. Blessed is he who hath spoken the truth and arisen to serve His Cause, and woe unto them that sit idle.

O concourse of the earth! By God, the Promise hath come to pass and the Promised One hath appeared with manifest sovereignty, calling out to mankind in all conditions while they turn away from the Truth and follow every heedless doubter. They hearken unto the croaking, turning aside from the Nightingale. Thus have their souls enticed them, and they are among the abased.

Beware lest the affairs of the earth withhold thee from turning toward this Heaven which hath been raised up through the command of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH08260: Glory be unto Thee, O God of Names…

In the Name of the One True God!

…Glory be unto Thee, O God of Names and Creator of the heavens! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued all things, and through which Thou hast called all unto the most exalted horizon, to aid me in Thy remembrance and praise, and in remaining steadfast in Thy love and affection. O Lord! Thou seest the evanescent one seeking the door of Thy mercy, and the thirsty one turning toward the ocean of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee not to withhold from him the wondrous tokens of Thy generosity, grace and favors. Accept then from him that which he hath desired in Thy path. Verily Thou art the Almighty, Whom the conditions of Thy servants cannot frustrate, nor can the power of those in Thy earth and heaven frighten. I moreover beseech Thee, O my God, to aid me in serving Thy Cause and in acknowledging that which hath been sent down in Thy Book. There is no God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Giving, the Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH08595: In My name that overshadoweth all that are…

In My name that overshadoweth all that are on earth and in heaven

O Muhammad! He Who is single and alone makes mention of thee from the land of exile, from the spot which hath been named the Most Great Prison, through My Most Exalted Pen—yet the people do not understand.

The verses have been sent down and the signs have appeared, but most of the people do not perceive. They have cast the Book of God behind their backs, having followed the manifestations of idle fancies and vain imaginings.

Arise in My Name, take the cup of mystic knowledge by My command, and drink thereof through My wondrous remembrance. Let not the conditions of the world sadden thee, nor the doubts of the nations who have turned away from God and denied the Witness and the Witnessed prevent thee.

Say: By God! This is the Day of Rising, did ye but know it, and in it hath appeared the Purpose of all mankind, would ye but judge with fairness. Thus hath the light appeared and the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath been wafted throughout the realm of possibility, yet most of the people do not perceive.

BH09116: O Ja’far! He Who is the Lord of Destiny…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O Ja’far! He Who is the Lord of Destiny, Who is imprisoned in this land for having summoned all to God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting, maketh mention of thee. We have unlocked the gate of utterance with the key of Our name, the Most Merciful, and have remembered those who have turned unto His praiseworthy station. Blessed is he who hath inhaled the fragrances of My days, discovered the perfume

of My robe, soared in My atmosphere, and held fast unto My preserved Tablet. O peoples of the earth! By My life, the gate of grace hath been opened, and the Sun of Justice from behind the clouds of tyranny calleth out, saying:

> "This is the Day of Union, did ye but know it, and this is the Day of Meeting, did ye but perceive it, and this is the Day of remembrance and praise, did ye but understand it."

Thus hath the Tongue spoken in the Kingdom of utterance. Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

BH09012: In the name of the Beloved of all worlds…

In the name of the Beloved of all worlds, this Book hath been sent down in truth and guideth the people to the path of God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

Verily it is the Most Great Proof amongst the nations and the mercy of the All-Merciful in all creation.

O peoples of the earth! Hearken unto the call from the direction of the Prison, then aid your Lord, the All-Merciful, through wisdom and utterance.

We have sent the Messengers and revealed the Books to give the glad-tidings to the people of this Day which God hath made the Lord of Days.

Grieve not over anything, but place thy trust in God, the Lord of lords. Verily He is the Helper of him who hath no helper, and He aideth His servants who have held fast to the cord of His commandments.

Say: Abandon vain imaginings—the Sun of Certitude hath dawned from the horizon of thy Lord's will, the Dayspring of verses.

The glory rest upon thee, upon thy brother, and upon those who have attained unto this station among the people.

BH09234: The Wronged One in the land of exile remembers…

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing!

The Wronged One in the land of exile remembers the friends of God and His chosen ones with a remembrance which God has made a light unto the people of the Kingdom, an ornament unto the people of the Realm of Might, and the Water of Life unto all creation. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who has appeared and manifested whatsoever He willed through His Name, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Hearken unto the Call from the direction of ʿAkka. It summoneth thee unto God, the Mighty, the Loving. Leave the world to its people and hold fast unto the cord of wisdom and utterance. Thus doth the All-Merciful command thee as a token of His grace, and He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. This is a Day wherein the door of bounty hath been opened with the key of [My Name] the Self-Subsisting, and the Tongue of Grandeur speaketh that whereby hearts and minds are attracted.

BH10078: O Rahman! The All-Merciful hath come from the heaven…

He is the Manifest, the Ever-Witnessed

O Rahman! The All-Merciful hath come from the heaven of Command with majesty and sovereignty. We have heard the call of the sincere ones and have answered them through Our grace, for verily We are the Mighty, the Bestower. Blessed is he who hath cast away vain desire and taken hold of that which was enjoined upon him by God, the Lord of all mankind. And woe unto every heedless liar!

The people of the Bayan have cast aside their Lord and taken hold of that which was commanded unto them by every crafty deceiver. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken, and the Tongue of Grandeur hath testified thereunto from His Most Glorious Horizon—this station round which circle the dwellers of Paradise at all times.

BH10082: O Sattar, Concealer of mysteries manifest, through Whose revelation…

In the name of the one incomparable God!

O Sattar, Concealer of mysteries manifest, through Whose revelation the hidden secret and treasured mystery hath been made resplendent! This is the Day of vision, that one may behold, and the Day of hearing, that one may hearken, and the Day of utterance, that one may voice the praise of the Beloved of all creation. Through the blessed nature of the Most Great Name, that which was hidden hath become manifest and visible.

At times He spoke in Persian, and at times in Arabic, and at times without either. He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth whatsoever He desireth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Thus have We illumined the horizon of the heaven of proof with the luminary of utterance. Blessed is he who hath recognized, and woe unto the heedless ones.

BH09743: This is the Day wherein all that was hidden…

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing

This is the Day wherein all that was hidden hath been and shall be made manifest and evident. No matter remaineth concealed in this Day, nor can it be concealed, for it is the Day of revelation and witnessing. The Distinguisher hath appeared and the Balance is set up. All matters are weighed in the divine Balance, and truth is distinguished from falsehood, the blessed from the wretched, the truthful from the false, and the trustworthy from the treacherous. Well is it with the soul that assisteth the Dayspring of Divine Unity through goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. By one's deeds is one's station ultimately revealed. There is no God but He, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

BH09814: The eyes of the nations have not seen…

In the Name of the Beloved of the World!

The eyes of the nations have not seen and will never see a day better than this wondrous Day, and the ears of the world have not heard and will never hear a call like unto this.

O people of insight! The Most Great Scene hath appeared and the Lord of Power hath dawned forth in His Name of the Oppressed. Today the gates of bounty are opened wide and the rain of mercy from the heaven of providence is ceaselessly falling. Deprive not yourselves. Verily He commandeth you that which profiteth you and guideth you unto His Straight Path.

We make mention of thy son Mihdi who desired to drink from the ocean of the utterance of his Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Remember him on My behalf and give him the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness which hath preceded all created things.

BH10347: The dawn has witnessed My rising, the afternoon My…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great!

The dawn has witnessed My rising, the afternoon My turning and calling, and the night My sorrow and imprisonment among My servants. And beyond these, One has called out with the most exalted call from the luminous Spot, saying: “There is no God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed.”

This is the Day of God, but the people are in grievous doubt. They have cast certitude behind their backs and followed vain imaginings and idle fancies.

Give thanks unto God for having remembered the Wronged One, Who hath sent down unto thee this perspicuous Tablet. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!

BH10437: O Jalil! The Lord of the world remembers you…

In the Name of God, the Most Ancient, the Most Glorious

O Jalil! The Lord of the world remembers you from His Most Great Prison and gives you glad tidings of the Supreme Paradise, the station whereon has been established the throne of the manifestation of your Lord, the Merciful, the Compassionate. Blessed is he who has attained unto the Word of God, and the ear that has heard His sweetest call, and the eye that has beheld His most glorious countenance. This is the station exalted and sublime. Hold fast to the cord of steadfastness and cling to My luminous robe. Thus does He command you Who has built this mighty edifice which remains unchanged by the vicissitudes of time. To this testifies every fair-minded one possessed of knowledge. Praise be to God, the Most High, the Most Great.

BH10453: O Khalil! The Glorious One has come…

He is the Crier betwixt earth and heaven

O Khalil! The Glorious One has come and the Son has gone to the place of sacrifice and did not return, and gave up His spirit and all He had in the path of God, the Lord of Lords. By God’s life, He turned with a face by which earth and heaven were illumined, as the Creator of Names bears witness to this in this

mighty station. By God's life, the Concourse on High circled round Him and every trustworthy Messenger sought blessing from His dust. Be thou thankful to God that He heard thy call and answered thee through this perspicuous Book.

BH10469: O ʿAli-Asghar! The Wronged One remembereth thee…

He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth!

O ʿAli-Asghar! The Wronged One remembereth thee from the precincts of His Most Great Prison, that He may draw thee nigh unto God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Take hold of the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him, then make mention of Him at eventide and at dawn. He hath remembered thee with that which all the treasures of the earth cannot equal. To this beareth witness the Mother Book which is with Him. By God! The Book speaketh, yet the people are in a wondrous sleep. They hear the call, yet deny it. They are indeed of the people of the veil. Glory be upon thee and upon him who hath shattered the idols of vain imaginings through the name of his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.