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Volume 064: Akka 1298 A.H. (1880–1881), Part III (5 of 6)

BH00176: God bless thee for causing me to hear, through…

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

God bless thee for causing me to hear, through the tongue of thy pen, the yearning of thy heart and the lamentation of thy soul in thy love for God, our Beloved and our Goal. When I heard and understood, such rapture seized me that I set aside that wherewith I was occupied, and presented myself before His countenance and laid before Him that which it contained. When it gained the honor of being heard, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which diffused the fragrance of eternity between earth and heaven. Indeed, accepted is he who found Him and was thankful, and rejected is he who denied Him and detested Him. And at the end of the utterance, the Tongue of the All-Merciful spoke these decisive words—exalted be His glory:

O servant in attendance! Praise be to God that his honor Asad, upon him be My glory, hath succeeded in assisting the Cause. We testify that he hath heard My call and turned toward My countenance and hath arisen to serve My mighty Cause. God willing, may he be engaged in serving the Cause of the Lord of all mankind throughout the nights and days. Divine confirmations have encompassed and will continue to encompass him. Verily, We have mentioned him in such wise as hath caused the horizon of utterance to shine forth, and We give thanks to Our own Self on his behalf, for verily I am the All-Thankful, the All-Praising, the All-Knowing. O Asad! Observe thou the heedlessness and unconsciousness of the people.

They have turned away from the Sun of the Divine Word and have turned unto unworthy vanities. Every person of fairness beareth witness to the loftiness and excellence of these decisive words and firm verses which, like brilliant suns, have dawned and shine forth from the horizon of the heaven of divine knowledge. Yet the deniers of the Revelation are seen to be heedless and turned away therefrom. By the life of God! They have arisen in such oppression as hath no parallel on earth. They have abandoned the Mother Book and occupied themselves with consuming pages that profit them not. In truth, they were

not and are not worthy of this station, this chalice, and this call. Lo! They are in manifest loss. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O beloved of my heart! Your first sublime letter dated the twenty-sixth of Sha'ban brought complete joy. Concerning your mention of journeying to the Land of Qaf with the honored beloved, Aqa Mirza Haydar-ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God, and likewise the arrival of the beloved soul Ibn-i-Ismu'llah, upon them both be greetings and praise, and the manifestation of the effulgent rays of the sun of love and unity—these matters were presented at the Most Holy and Exalted Threshold. These sublime words were revealed and sent down from the Kingdom of Utterance of the Lord of Names and Attributes—His words, exalted be His grandeur:

> "Excellent is what they have done. They have turned to God, spoken for God, and arisen to serve God's Cause. God willing, may they attain His good-pleasure in all conditions, remain engaged in His service, give the glad-tidings of the Most Sublime Vision to the servants of the earth, and give them to drink from the most pure Kawthar. Blessed are they who have heard and attained, and woe unto the heedless and the deniers. And praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds."

And concerning what you wrote about this evanescent one's letter dated the 6th of Jumada'th-Thani, which was adorned with divine verses, having become the cause of new and wondrous life—praise be to God that what was sent has been received and continues to be received.

After that date, this evanescent servant sent two other detailed letters adorned and embellished with the effulgent rays of the Sun of Divine favor, and likewise to the beloved of the heart, Ibn-i-Ismu'llah, and also a letter on the seventh of Shawwal in response to his letter which contained details about Haji Qasim, upon him be the Glory of God. God willing, all have arrived and will arrive, and penetrating vision has been and will be blessed and illumined by beholding the divine verses.

Furthermore, the names mentioned in your letter were presented at the Most Glorious Horizon and Supreme Perspective. The Sun of favor and grace has dawned in relation to each one—blessed are they and joy be unto them, for they are mentioned before the Throne and have attained special grace. This evanescent one presents his utter nothingness and evanescence to each one. God willing, may all speak, remember, act and arise through the power of the Name the Omnipotent, through the encompassment of the Name the All-Encompassing, through the compassion of the Name the All-Merciful, through the grace of the Name the Helper, through the firmness of the Name the Steadfast, and through the uprising of the Name the Self-Subsisting, so that the whole world may attain a new adornment through the fragrances of their love. The Command is in His grasp—He doeth and judgeth as He pleaseth, and He is the Rememberer, the Speaker, the Witness, the All-Hearing.

Furthermore, two letters from that beloved one, one dated the 11th of Ramadan and the other the 9th of Shawwal, arrived on the same day. Praise be to God that this bounty arrives successively and continuously. In truth, it is the sustenance of joy and delight. I beseech and hope from God, exalted be His glory, that we may always be sustained by this blessed sustenance. Verily, He is the Guardian of those who ask and the Fulfiller of the needs of those who hope.

Concerning what you wrote about Mirza Hadi from [the people of] S, this servant is perplexed, for that poor one had and has absolutely no knowledge of the Cause from its foundation. By Him Who gave speech to the tongue and taught man, he himself is far more knowledgeable and preferable than the one who, by following him, has been deprived and forbidden from God, exalted be His glory, and His days. Would that you had seen and known him! Although they were not and are not worthy of mention, I swear by the Beloved of the world that they worship worms instead of Truth and are unaware. What has become of taste? Where has hearing gone? What ailment has afflicted the power of speech, and what veil has obscured sight?

Were someone to contemplate for a lifetime, they would not comprehend the vain imaginings of these souls. The wrath of God has seized these ungodly, heedless souls for what their hands have earned before or for another cause. He, verily, is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed. That same imagined person knows that no one was with him except this servant; nevertheless, through croaking and buzzing they have been deprived of the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen. Beseech God that He may regard them through grace and favor, not through the deservingness of His servants. He is the Merciful, and He is the Generous. He is the All-Seeing, and He is the All-Powerful.

At this moment, the fire of faithfulness has been kindled in the heart of one who has no mention in the Kingdom of Creation, and through its sighing he remembers his Lord and supplicates, saying:

O Thou through Whose remembrance the brocade of existence has been adorned, and through Whose love hearts and souls have been set ablaze! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy generosity, the heaven of Thy bounty, and the sun of Thy grace to aid Thy servants to turn toward Thee and face Thy countenance. O Lord! Thou seest them turning away from the Known and advancing toward the imagined. O Lord! Deliver them through the arms of Thy power from the seas of idle fancies and vain imaginings, then grant them Thy sealed wine, whose seal was broken by Thy Self-Subsisting Name. O Lord! Withhold not Thy servants from the lights of Thy countenance, and deprive them not of the ocean of Thy bestowal. Thou art, verily, the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp is the kingdom of names. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

In this most holy, most exalted Revelation, all are commanded to behold Him through His own eyes. By the life of the Beloved! Neither the books of the world nor what the nations possess will profit them today. To this testifies every discerning mystic. Whosoever meditates upon the manifestations of divine power that have appeared in this most mighty, most great Revelation, and likewise upon its conditions, manners, signs and evidences, will testify with the tongue of the outer and the inner to that which God testified before the creation of the heavens and earth. But people are heedless, and heedlessness has so encompassed them that they have not been and are not awakened by the Call, save whom God willeth. Although this evanescent one is assured of what the Tongue of the All-Merciful hath spoken in the Kingdom of Utterance, I beseech God that the Hands of the Cause may, with the sword of wisdom and utterance, conquer the cities of hearts and engage in the reformation of the world.

Concerning what was written about certain verses prohibiting meeting with opposers—this was meant to prevent discord and commotion arising from such encounters. Otherwise, the people of Baha (may my spirit be sacrificed for them) were created for the guidance of the world. There is no harm in meeting

with them, for they are sanctified—the colors and fragrances of the world have no effect or influence upon them. As the renowned mystic said, those triumphant, pure and tranquil souls are dry from the sea and cold from fire. They are kindled by a fire before which all the fires of the world are in truth cold and ineffective, and they have drunk of a water compared to which the waters of earth appear as a mirage.

Regarding what was written about someone entering among the friends to gather information—this matter is true. For some time, the officials of every land have resorted to this means to become informed of all matters and intentions of the servants. However, if the friends of God adorn themselves with that which they are commanded, none shall witness aught save pure good and absolute righteousness. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur has spoken before in the scriptures and tablets.

As for what was written about gatherings—you have spoken the truth, for this lowly one heard several times from the Beloved this blessed word, His exalted Word: "The very act of gathering has been and is a cause of commotion, for uninformed souls interpret it as mischief." Would that they had become informed and not deprived themselves of the Dawning-place of grace, the Rising-point of generosity, and the Source of reformation. In any case, in these days it is not permitted to exceed the number of the Greatest Name, and according to the command, if they suffice with the number of "Ha" it would be best and most excellent. Blessed is the soul that hearkens unto your word for the sake of God, and blessed is the servant who follows your counsel for the sake of God and in God. God willing, you shall adorn the entire world with the ornament of goodly deeds. Verily He is the Helper, the Mighty, the Powerful.

As for the other letter from that beloved one dated the 9th of Shawwal, it brought joy to this sorrowful heart. God willing, may this blessing never cease nor be changed by the vicissitudes of time. After being apprised of it, it was presented at the Most Holy, Most Glorious Threshold. By His truth, the tongue of God hath spoken that which this servant is powerless to mention. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist me and confirm me in preserving what hath been sent down from the kingdom of His utterance. He is, verily, the Mighty, the Wise.

Among the divine utterances was this blessed word: "O Asad! O thou who gazest upon the One, the Single!" From the time of Our arrival in the Most Great Prison until now, We have, with the loudest call, summoned all created things to the most exalted horizon, even though most times sorrows have encompassed Us from all directions. And now, while among the most wicked of servants, We make mention of thee and turn toward thee. In previous Books, the people of these lands have been called the offspring of vipers, yet the divine call is raised among vipers. The earth is agitated in its depths, while the tongue of the All-Merciful, with perfect composure, summons the people of the world to the supreme heights. All acknowledge and confess the appearance of God and the manifestation of His signs and sovereignty, and were waiting, yet when it appeared, you heard and witnessed what transpired.

Today what is necessary and most important of all matters is the teaching of the Cause with wisdom and utterance. In this matter, consultation is essential, as is sending trusted souls to various regions, territories and cities. Although all matters have been explicitly revealed by the Supreme Pen beforehand, the people of the Bayan are submerged in the seas of idle fancies. They have said what the ancients never said and done what even the idolaters never did. The verses of this Revelation have not had and do not have similarity to the verses of the Bayan. By God's life! The entire Bayan boweth down before a single

verse, as the Herald Himself hath acknowledged. Nevertheless, they have said what they have said. Observe the people of Sijjin and what they have written in the Book of Sijjin—that which no foolish one hath ever written. The verses disavow them, yet they understand not. The manifestations of justice disavow them, yet they perceive not. Strange that these deluded souls rejoice in what they possess. Woe unto them and unto those who have led them astray! Leave their mention and put thy trust in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Section 2: "O beloved of my heart! In all conditions…"

O beloved of my heart! In all conditions this evanescent servant clingeth to the hem of His grace, that perchance in this divine morn a breeze might waft and dispel these dust-laden, foul winds from the world. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Powerful, the Protector, the All-Knowing, the Wise.

Regarding the vision of his honor Aqa Mirza Zaynu'l-ʿAbidin, upon him be the Glory of God, which you had written about—it was and is indeed in accordance with reality. How many lofty edifices and adorned, elevated buildings will be raised in his name throughout the earth! Their station is great and God's favor is greater than that. This detail was presented before the Throne, and this is what the tongue of God, exalted be His glory, spoke, addressing him: He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great.

O Zaynu'l-ʿAbidin! Your mention hath come before Us. We make mention of thee at this moment and have done so before. Give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Knowing Remembrancer. Praise God for having strengthened thee, caused thee to know Him, and made mention of thee in His perspicuous Book. Hold fast unto the cord of utterance with spirit and fragrance, that perchance the hearts of them that are frozen may be stirred thereby. The world hath been created for the recognition of this Day, yet the people are in manifest loss. They have taken idols unto themselves and cast behind their backs the Lord of all worlds. Thou hast attained unto the mention of God whereby the eyes of them that are nigh have been solaced.

This evanescent servant conveyeth greetings unto them. God willing, through the grace of the True One, exalted be His glory, may they occupy themselves with mention and praise among the people of creation through revealed wisdom. As to what thou didst write concerning Haji Mirza H and S, upon him be the glory of God, and Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Abu'l-Fadl, upon him be the glory of God, and Manakji Sahib, upon him be the loving-kindness of God—the answer to this matter hath already been revealed from the Divine Tongue and was mentioned in this servant's letter addressed to Jinab-i-Aqa Mulla Sadiq, upon him be the glory of God. God willing, that beloved one hath by now seen it. This matter hath been and will be beneficial for the government. No greater matter exists than that a covenant should be written in the days of the Manifestation. Assuredly that covenant was and is firm, decisive and steadfast, but it is difficult for them to appreciate the excellence of this matter. Should divine confirmations assist, they shall witness that this matter is like the water of life for the body of the government and like the spring rains for the fields of the nation.

In any case, the suggestion of the aforementioned one is well-favored. God willing, may they ever be occupied with service to the Cause and be sustained by the eternal, everlasting bounty. Should they succeed in this matter, truly a mighty edifice shall be raised by them in the world and a great tree shall

grow, and the Truth Himself shall endorse this covenant. Previously this blessed word was revealed from the horizon of the Divine Will—His words, exalted be His glory: "Should they accept, We Ourselves shall provide the guarantee." Beseech God to assist the government to recognize the excellence of this matter and to become aware of the ultimate consequence of this mighty affair. In truth, the fruit and effect of this matter and its benefits for the government are as clear, evident and luminous as the sun. This servant beseecheth his Lord to grant him that which hath been born of the virgin thoughts of His loved ones who have arisen to serve His Cause and have spoken His beauteous praise. However, the concealment of this matter is necessary, nay obligatory. From this evanescent one, most glorious and wondrous greetings are conveyed unto them, subject to that beloved one's wish.

Some time ago, this servant's letter together with sacred and exalted Tablets was sent to the honored Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Abu'l-Fadl, upon him be the glory of God. God willing, they have attained unto them. Likewise, a package was sent to the spiritual friend Aqa Mirza Hasan, upon him be the glory of God, together with sacred and sublime Tablets, and also this servant's petition unto that Presence and unto Ibn Ismu'llah, upon them both be all His most glorious glory. The answer to this matter was also revealed therein from the Supreme Pen. God willing, it hath by now arrived and they have drunk and partaken of the ocean of the All-Merciful's utterance. Happy are they!

Once again I submit that whatever has occurred to his honor—may God's confirmation and success be with him—would be most pleasing and acceptable if it were to come to fruition. A story is mentioned so that all may become aware of the fruit of this cultivation and the result of this matter hereafter. In the Holy Jerusalem, which is a place of pilgrimage for diverse peoples of the world, there is a site between two sects of the followers of His Holiness the Spirit [Christ] that had become a cause of strife and contention, as each of these two sects—one called Roman and one called Catholic—claimed that place belonged to them. After dispute and contention, the government brought forth from its treasury of antiquities a document written in the hand of one of the Caliphs, and in that document that place was mentioned in the name of the Roman sect. Therefore all were satisfied and content with this, and acted according to what was decreed by one of the Caliphs. Now if they attain to the assurance of the Truth, exalted be His glory, its fruit and effect is evident and has no need of mention by this evanescent one.

Another matter concerns the mention of Mashhadi Haydar, upon him be the glory of God. Praise be to God, he has been and continues to be the recipient of divine grace. And as for his being made the object of ridicule, blessed is he, again blessed is he, for that very ridicule is evidence of his righteousness and the elevation of his station. Let him consider and remember what the All-Merciful revealed in the Qur'an where He, exalted be He, says: "Whenever the chiefs of his people passed by him, they mocked him. He said: ʿIf ye mock us, verily we mock you even as ye mock. And ye shall surely know on whom will come a torment that will abase him, and on whom will fall a lasting torment."' Assuredly the hand of divine power shall set the world aright, and whatsoever weakness and poverty are witnessed shall surely be transformed into might, power and wealth. By Him Who splits the seed and creates the soul, the stations of steadfast and tranquil souls shall be made manifest in such wise that every tongue shall utter "Blessed be God, the Lord of the worlds!"

Do thou, on behalf of this lowly servant, convey unto him and unto the other friends—who have drunk of the choice Wine of everlasting life and who gaze toward the Most High Horizon—greetings and a message of triumph. And to each one I would relate that saying which Luqman, upon him be glory and praise, addressed unto his master. Luqman set forth on a journey with his master. When night fell, Luqman rested awhile; then he arose and occupied himself with the remembrance of God. Finding his master asleep, he said within himself: Better were it to rouse him, that perchance at this hour he might receive a portion from the ocean of the divine mercy. Wherefore he went to his master's bedside and said: "O my master, arise, for it is the hour of traffic!

The gates of mercy are opened wide, and they who seek the true riches are engaged in buying and selling in the divine market-place. Strive thou, that thou be not deprived." Then he returned unto his place. After a time he observed that sleep had again overtaken his master. Thereupon he hastened repeatedly to his bedside and awakened him; yet the excess of slumber held him back from rising and from remembrance. At last, as dawn drew nigh, Luqman came once more and said: "O my master, arise, for this is the final hour! It is nigh unto the time when the market and the trade shall come to an end. While yet some portion of the time remaineth, arise to make amends for what hath been lost. Perchance, in this last moment, thou mayest attain unto the bounties of the Most Bountiful."

God is my witness that this evanescent one's heart and vision are at all times directed toward the friends of God, and he has not neglected nor does he neglect their mention in the Most Holy Presence. He beseeches God to reveal to them the stations of acceptable souls that they may discover a gleaming thereof or attain its fragrance. I swear by the Kingdom of Utterance which speaks in the contingent world that should they discover that which was mentioned, they would, with the utmost joy, delight, and gladness, behold themselves seated upon thrones of pure gold in the highest place of honor, even were they dwelling in the dust. Praise and thanksgiving be unto God in all conditions. Verily He is the Ruler in the beginning and in the end. There is no God but Him, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

As for the mention that was made of Aqa Mirza Ibrahim, upon him be the glory of God, it was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, and he became the recipient of divine grace. And after the dawning of the Sun of favor, these exalted words were sent down from the heaven of grace. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

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

O Abraham! Your mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One. We make mention of thee with that which God hath made an enduring treasure for thee. Rejoice thou and be of them that render thanks. Soon shall all that is in the world change and perish, but this mighty treasure shall remain for thee. Be thou vocal in praise of the Wronged One and make mention of this Cause whereby all who are on earth were thunderstruck except whom God, the Lord of all worlds, did will. Let not the affairs of the world and what transpireth therein grieve thee. Cast aside what the people possess and take hold of that which thou art bidden in My perspicuous Book. Blessed art thou for having turned toward the horizon of the Cause when every remote scholar turned away therefrom. They cast the command of God behind their backs and followed the promptings of their desires. They are indeed among the lowly ones.

We counsel thee to remain steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of the mystics have slipped. We have heard thy call and turned toward thee, and have beheld thy devotion and turned unto thee from this glorious and wondrous station. Ask thou God to assist thee in that which beseemeth this Day, which hath been mentioned in the books of the Prophets and Messengers. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made known unto me the Dawning-Place of Thy inspiration and caused me to hear Thy call while I was imprisoned in the hands of Thy servants. I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. There is none other God but Thee, the Compassionate, the Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

God willing, may they drink from the choice wine of divine utterance and remain oriented toward the horizon of the Cause. The conveyance of this servant's greetings unto them dependeth upon the favor of that Beloved One. Praise and gratitude be unto God that in these days, when the splendors of the Sun of certitude are veiled behind the clouds of idle fancies, they have partaken of the Kawthar of certitude and attained unto the mention of the Peerless Beloved. By the life of the Intended One! This is a mighty favor. Glory be upon you and upon those with you and upon them who have testified to that whereunto God did testify before the creation of the heavens and the earth. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH00191: Praise be to God! The ears of seeking are…

Section 1: "Praise be to God! The ears of seeking…"

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

Praise be to God! The ears of seeking are continuously blessed with the cooing of the dove of love and affection, and eyes witness and testify to the observation of the clear signs of Truth. With each arrival of that beloved's letter, boundless joy is obtained, for all are adorned with mention of the Beloved, praise of the Beloved, service to the Cause of the Beloved, and mention of the companions of the Beloved. In truth, this bounty is one whose taste never alters and whose sweetness endures in the soul. I beseech, with utmost humility and supplication, the Originator of all beings and the Creator of possibility, that He withhold not this bounty and that He set that beloved ablaze with such a fire that its effects become manifest and evident from all directions.

O my God and God of all who are in the world! Thou hearest my sighs in separation from Thy loved ones and seest my tears shed in love for them in Thy days. I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name, which, when it dawned upon the mirror of existence, imprinted therein the word "Verily, there is no God but Him," to assist those who are near unto Thee among Thy creation, and the unified ones among Thy servants, and the sincere ones among Thy creatures to arise to serve Thy Cause in such wise that neither the hosts of the world nor the doubts of the nations shall deter them. O Lord! Thou seest them circulating in Thy lands, hoping for the penetration of Thy Word into the hearts of the people of Thy kingdom. O Lord! Aid them through Thy power, Thy might, and Thy sovereignty, and make known to Thy servants that which Thou hast ordained for them from Thy Most Exalted Pen. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Beloved of the world and King of eternity! I beseech Thee by Thy Sun of generosity and Ocean of bounty to bestow through Thy grace upon all these steadfast souls the river of mercy, that all may, through the endeavors of those detached souls, partake thereof and remain not deprived. This is the Day which Thou didst promise in all books, scriptures, psalms and tablets through the revelation of verses and manifestation of clear proofs. O All-Knowing! Pour forth from the clouds of Thy grace the rain of mercy upon the soil of hearts, and assist the heedless servants that they may not deprive themselves of the springtime of Thy divine mercy, and may receive from Thy loved ones and chosen ones that which is the cause of salvation for all. O Lord! Have mercy upon Thy servants and creation, then grant them that which hath been sent down from the heaven of Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent Whom the denial of all the world deterreth not, nor doth the oppression of any oppressor frighten. The atoms have testified to Thy power and might, and all created things to Thy greatness and authority. There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Almighty.

O my God and my Master! This is a day wherein hath appeared that which was ordained aforetime in Thy binding decree concerning one of Thy loved ones, and his family hath been brought before Thy presence, and Thou hast spoken that which causeth the seedlings of Thy knowledge and wisdom to spring forth in the gardens of hearts. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Branches and by the Hands of Thy Cause among Thy servants to adorn him with the robe of Thy grace and immerse him in the ocean of Thy forgiveness. Thou art He Who hath ever been omnipotent through Thy will and sovereign over all who are in Thy earth and heaven. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O beloved of my heart! After this servant became aware of that spiritual friend's letter, he turned toward the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, and all was presented before His countenance. This is what flowed from the Salsabil of the bounty of the Lord of creation. His words, exalted be His grandeur:

The Supreme Pen has ever remembered the sincere ones and those drawn nigh. Blessed is the son of My Name who attained My presence, was stirred by the breezes of My loving-kindness, drank from the choice wine of My grace, stood before My throne, circumambulated My prison, heard My call, and arose to aid My mighty Cause. God willing, divine favors have encompassed and will continue to encompass him. At the time of his presence, the Tongue of Grandeur promised him confirmation. In all conditions he has been and will remain beneath the shade of the glances of bounty. He has drunk what trickled from the chalice of generosity.

The veiled and heedless ones must be made aware of this spiritual, true water. Most of the servants are occupied with their desires and are heedless of and debarred from the Lord of earth and heaven. O ʿAli! Arise to serve the Cause in such wise that all on earth shall witness thy arising. We have testified to this, and We are the All-Knowing Witness. Then speak forth with remembrance and praise amongst the concourse of creation, that they may be drawn to the supreme horizon and brought near to the One, the All-Informed. We have sent down from the heaven of grace that which all tongues are powerless to praise. To this testifies He Who speaketh in all things: "There is no God but Me, the Speaking One, the All-Seeing."

Look thou and remember at all times when thou wert at the gate and didst hear what the Tongue of Grandeur uttered from this luminous station. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to all the friends

in that land and other regions. God willing, may all drink from the Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful. For if they attain unto it, by My Self, the Truth! should all who are on earth engage in cawing and croaking, they would behold them all as non-existent and as things forgotten.

O Muhammad! Upon thee be My glory! Hearken unto My call, for He remembereth thee as He walketh in the prison. Verily thy Lord is the Remembering, the All-Hearing. A people who were and are not worthy of mention, and who are heedless and unaware of God's Cause, have busied themselves with denying a Cause the like of which hath never appeared in all creation. They worship the idols of fancy and vain imaginings and perceive it not. Say: O heedless ones! Bring forth what ye possess and We shall bring forth what We possess. Then judge with equity for the sake of God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting. Doth it beseem man to follow the croaking and turn away from the trilling of the Most Exalted Pen?

Fear God and be not of the wrongdoers. Say: Judge fairly, O people of the earth, concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds. Break not God's Covenant and His Pledge, and follow not vain imaginings if ye be of them that hear. The carpet of idle fancies hath been rolled up by the hands of the power of your Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. Say: Cast away what ye possess and take what ye have been commanded by God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We, from this spot, send Our greetings upon thee and upon them that are with thee, and upon those who have attained unto the lights of certitude when the Sun of knowledge shone forth from this glorious horizon.

A few days ago, this firm and blessed word was heard from the Tongue of Truth, exalted be His grandeur. He speaks, exalted be His majesty:

> "O servant present, write to Ibn-i-Ismullah, upon him be My glory, that he should consult with Ali-Qabl-i-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God, and likewise with Asad, upon him be the glory of God, and appoint for every locality someone who can engage in teaching the Cause in accordance with divine principles and law. This matter is more important than all other matters."

In truth, this matter is most momentous. Those souls who are suited for this task should proceed to cities and villages throughout the earth. If one or two persons who know Turkish and are possessed of wisdom could proceed to those regions, it would be most excellent. Although there is no teacher in those parts, in this year many have turned towards them. These matters depend on the resolve and firm determination of those beloved ones and other friends.

As to what you wrote concerning his honor M, upon him be the glory of God, the Truth, exalted be His majesty, has repeatedly delivered him and preserved him through His arm of power and might. And in this last instance, according to His command, this servant wrote and sent a great and exalted circle specifically for him. Convey this evanescent one's greetings and praise to him and mention that your station is great—preserve it, for in the Most Great Prison numerous Tablets have been revealed specifically for you from the heaven of the Will of the Goal of all worlds. I swear by the Sun of the heaven of unity that all that is hidden and manifest cannot equal even one of those Tablets. Today is the day of deeds and the day of the most great bounty. The sea of life is surging and the Lord of bounty is present. It would be most regrettable if one such as yourself should not attain, as befits these days, to that which is

worthy. The days are passing, and all that exists therein will return to nothingness. One must turn to that which endures.

In any case, mention of him was made in the Most Holy Court, and this is what the Tongue of God spoke in reply. He speaks, exalted be His remembrance:

> "He should act according to what has been revealed in the Book. Whatever he has striven for in the world to acquire wealth, fame and honor, or may strive for, has yielded and will yield no fruit, just as it has yielded no fruit for others. That which appears from him in this divine Day—this is what will endure and persist. This is a day when every soul can possess whatever he desires, for the Sun of generosity has risen and the ocean of bounty is manifest and visible. He has been and will be under the glance of God's favor, and it is for him to act as befits the days of God, the Lord of all worlds. God willing, may he be assisted to preserve his station and be successful in that which He loves and is pleased with."

This evanescent servant hopes and expects that through the infinite grace of the Truth, exalted be His majesty, he will attain to what God desires for him. Some time ago this supreme word was heard from the Tongue of the Lord of Names. He speaks, exalted be His grandeur:

> "Write to Ibn-i-Ismi, upon them both be My glory, that his honor M.S. must deliver the Huqúqu'llah and not give it to the oppressors."

This firm and blessed word has appeared from the horizon of will with perfect kindness and favor. God willing, may he be successful in acting upon it and be recorded by the Supreme Pen among those who act in the Manifest Book. The world and all that profits it in the first and last will pass away. This is the Most Exalted Word. Verily your Lord is the Counselor, the Compassionate, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

This evanescent servant beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to assist them in reading the Tablets that have been sent down from the heaven of the All-Merciful's will especially for them, for through their reading shall be opened before their faces the gates of divine mercy, and they shall comprehend that which is now hidden from them.

Concerning what they wrote about the Huqúqu'llah sent from the Green Land, it was presented before His presence. This is what was issued from the Source of Command: News of this matter was received, and We commanded that two hundred tumans of it be delivered to Mirza ʿA.B.N., upon him be the Glory of God, and he shall deliver it according to what was assigned, and the remainder shall be sent. This is from My bounty, and I am the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Verily, We love its sender and have found from him the fragrance of My love at all times. He hath attained the testimony of My Most Exalted Pen before and at this time. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Section 2: "Regarding what you wrote mentioning the honored lady…"

Regarding what you wrote mentioning the honored lady, the Most Holy Leaf, upon her be the Glory of God, His mercy and His loving-kindness, it was presented in the pavilion of chastity and grandeur. They showed great kindness and said that, God willing, you should always write details about her. I beseech

God, exalted be His glory, to grant that blessed leaf patience and to adorn her with the ornament of steadfastness. Her tribulations and those of the Crimson Leaf, through whom the luminary of love shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of faithfulness, have been severe. The Crimson Leaf, throughout her life, was encompassed by tribulations and hardships, yet all of these, in the love of the Beloved of the worlds, were sweeter to her taste than all the sweets of the world. And she herself writes to the blessed Most Holy Leaf that which brings solace.

Concerning what you wrote about Aqa Mirza Ayyub, upon him be the Glory of God, and his withdrawal and silence, it was presented before the Most Holy Presence. His blessed and exalted Word is:

> "O Ayyub! This is not the day of seclusion. Arise from the horizon of certitude with that which will illumine every darkness, raise up every seated one, quicken every motionless one, cause every mute to hear, every silent one to speak, gladden every sorrowful one, and draw near every heedless one who is far. Beware lest the affairs of the world sadden thee. The Most Great Joy calleth thee from the direction of the Prison with that which is sweeter than the Kawthar and Salsabil. Arise in the name of the Cleaver of the Dawn and take the cup of success, then drink from it in My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous."

That which is befitting must appear from you, and the fruit of the tree of humanity must become manifest. These are the days for sowing. Sow in good soil that which will cause to grow the grass of wisdom and utterance in the days of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Thus wert thou commanded before and at this time. This is the time for speech, silence is not beloved. These are the days of revelation and witnessing, concealment is not permitted. Give thanks to thy Lord for having taught thee and commanded thee in this Tablet what behooveth thee. He is, verily, the All-Explaining, the All-Wise.

Regarding what you wrote about the honored lady Fatimih Jahan, upon her be the Glory of God, the portion for the feast reached the Most Holy Presence and was accepted, and what was intended was carried out. Give glad-tidings to that beloved leaf that her eyes may be consoled, her heart be assured, and that she may thank her Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. God willing, may she be occupied at all times with the remembrance of the Beloved of all possibilities and be enkindled with His love.

As to what you wrote concerning the delay in answering your letters, God is my witness that everything received from you was read one after another and replies were sent. During the days when, by divine command, they departed from the Most Holy Court to their homeland, for some time—that is, for several months—no letter apparently arrived from you. Later it became known that they had accumulated in Hudayda, and due to lack of means, or disruption of routes, or other matters, their dispatch was delayed. Afterwards, His Honour Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of the worlds, sent them successively, as was detailed in previous correspondence. Likewise, numerous exalted Tablets were revealed from the heaven of divine will specifically for you and were sent. God willing, this servant is enabled to reply to the blessed letters of the friends and loved ones. Until now none have been neglected, and God willing, none shall be in future, especially those from you, with whom there has been from the beginning of the Cause a firm and established inner connection and heartfelt love. Yes, sometimes there are delays, and the reason for this is known to you and all the friends—there is no need for further explanation.

Another matter: the petition of Jinab-i-Aqa Abdu'l-Husayn, upon him be the glory of God, was presented at the Most Holy Court. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke:

> "Blessed is thy name, O Abdu'l-Husayn! Thy letter hath been presented and hath attained the honor of being heard in the city of Akka, which was built for My Name."

This is that city which in previous books was mentioned as the City of God and the Beloved City, and which by the Most Exalted Pen in this Revelation has been recorded and designated as the Most Great Prison. Blessed is he who hath attained unto understanding, and woe unto the heedless! Convey My greetings to the friends in that land and say: By My life, the Cause is mighty, mighty indeed! The people of fancy and vain imaginings exist in that land and are constantly striving to lead holy souls astray. They worship the calf and perceive it not; they hasten to the fire and know it not; they rush towards the rebellious ones and understand not. God willing, may the divine friends be adorned with the ornament of steadfastness and illumined with the lights of certitude. O Abdu'l-Husayn! We have mentioned thee before and at this time. Thy Lord is verily the All-Knowing Witness. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have cast behind them the dawning-places of vain imaginings and have held fast unto the cord of God, the Most High, the Most Great.

A Most Holy Tablet was also revealed specifically for him. Convey the copy of these firm verses together with the Most Holy Tablet to him. And regarding the mention he had made of the souls who have accepted the Faith, it was presented before His presence. This is what the Mother Book spoke in reply:

O son of My name! Upon you both be My glory! All the souls mentioned in the letter have attained the grace of God. Some time ago their mention flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. God willing, may they strive to teach the Cause, that perchance the peoples of the world may become aware of their purpose and discover the cause and reason of their creation. The most excellent of all deeds is the teaching of the Cause of their Lord, the Most High. In these days, verses and tablets were sent to the land of Kha and the Green City. Convey greetings to all on behalf of the True One and give them the glad-tidings of His grace and favor. God willing, may all attain unto that which God loveth, in such wise that the colors of the world and its ornaments and things may not occupy them or keep them back from the Beauty of the Ancient of Days. We have repeatedly revealed for thee that which speaketh with the most eloquent utterance in the contingent world. By My loving-kindness and My compassion and My grace—beware that thou give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

As to your mention of the honorable mother, upon her be the Glory of God—when this was presented at the Most Holy Court, He said:

> "Excellent is that which she hath spoken. Verily We have mentioned her before and We mention her now, and We have revealed a Tablet for her and sent it to her, that she may be among those who have attained in My perspicuous Book. And We have revealed for My handmaiden who was named Fatimah and for thy other sister that which brought solace to their eyes. Verily thy Lord is the Gracious Revealer."

Most Holy and Exalted Tablets were sent specifically for each one. God willing, they will attain unto the fragrances of the utterances of the Lord of Names and Attributes, and drink at all times from the ocean of His love. He verily is the Gracious Giver.

And regarding what you mentioned about the sister of the King of Martyrs and the handmaidens of God—upon her and upon them be the Glory of God—when this was presented before the Throne, the Sun of favor shone upon each one. Thus did the Beloved speak, exalted be His glory:

> "O son of My Name! All have been and are under the glances of God's favor. They are mentioned in the Most Holy Court and the Sun of Grace shines upon each one. God willing, may they drink at all times from the wine of steadfastness and be occupied with the remembrance of the Friend. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath detached herself from all save Me and hath spoken My beautiful praise."

O beloved of my heart! In these days the teaching work is more important and greater than all other matters. Pure and eloquent souls must travel to various lands and with wisdom and forbearance guide the heedless people to the divine waters. The soil of hearts must be made receptive and the Word must be sown. All must know and become fully aware that the purpose of this Most Great Manifestation has been and is the reformation of the world. The decree of conflict and contention, and whatever is above or below it, has been lifted. God willing, may all act according to that which He loves and is pleased with. Blessed is he who enjoins what is right, purely for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

Another submission: The spiritual beloved, Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Haydar-Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, had previously written a letter to this evanescent servant containing names of various individuals from the land of K and its surroundings, requesting Most Holy and Sublime Tablets specifically for those souls from the ocean of generosity and favors. However, that letter reached this evanescent one after seven or eight months, therefore what was requested was delayed. In these days some Tablets have been revealed from the heaven of mercy; God willing, they will be sent so that they may deliver them to whomever is deemed appropriate. He himself mentioned that if someone other than himself would go to those regions, meaning the lands he had visited, it would be most beloved, for the complete hope is that all may be adorned with the ornament of steadfastness.

Therefore, after consultation, they may send whoever they deem appropriate to those parts. And if the beloved of the soul, His Holiness Ali-Qabl-i-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, the Possessor of Power, would proceed as he had intended, it would be most beloved. God willing, through his presence the spirit of life will be breathed into the decomposed temples of the world, and they will arise with perfect steadfastness and engage in service to the Cause. This is not difficult for God.

Another entreaty: This servant conveys sacred greetings, stripped of all worldly distinctions, to the friends of that city and other lands who have drunk from the Kawthar of eternity and who gaze toward the highest horizon. He beseeches that, God willing, you may be set ablaze with such a fire that all the waters of the world would be powerless to extinguish it, and be illumined with such a light that the veils of the peoples cannot obstruct it, and manifest such steadfastness that the very essence of constancy would be moved to glorification and praise by the greatness of your steadfastness. This is the station of the people

of Baha who are embarked upon the Crimson Ark. None but the pure in heart can comprehend this station. Blessed is he who recognizes it, and woe unto the heedless. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. Verily the glory shining forth from this luminous horizon, the station of our Lord, the Almighty, the Most High, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who have attained unto the Cause of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

The servant, 9 Dhi'l-Hajjih 1298

Regarding what you wrote about union in marriage, it was presented before His presence and He said:

> "Verily He blesses them both and assists them to mention and praise Him, and confirms them in that which God, the Lord of the worlds, has willed. O son of My Name! Convey from Us greetings to the face of your cousin's daughter and give her the glad tidings of My grace, My mercy and My loving-kindness, subject to the aforementioned conditions."

This matter has been accepted before the Throne. God willing, may they act with the utmost joy and fragrance according to that which the All-Merciful has commanded, and be thankful to God.

BH00341: Praise befitteth and is meet for my Beloved, Who…

Section 1: "Praise befitteth and is meet for my Beloved…"

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

Praise befitteth and is meet for my Beloved, Who hath guided His loved ones to the stream of His mercy and made them aware: some hastened with their whole being and drank thereof, while others remained bewildered in the claws of idle fancies. The burden of meaningless words from the learned hath deprived the ears of the servants from hearkening to the melody of God and prevented them from hearing the songs of the Nightingale of eternity. The thick veils of conjecture have left eyes bereft of beholding the light of His countenance on this divine Day. This evanescent servant beseecheth the True One, exalted be His glory, to rend asunder these veils by the hand of His power, even as He hath done, and to deliver the ears from this greatest of burdens, even as He hath delivered them, that all may not be deprived of the effulgent splendors of His Revelation nor be forbidden from hearing His soul-stirring divine call.

His is the grace, His the bounty, and His the grandeur. Yet the colocynth shall never taste of sweetness nor find therein any pleasure. The goodly counsels of the Prophets yielded no fruit with Satan, nor left any trace. Nevertheless, we have not been, nor shall we ever be, by God's leave, in despair of His ocean of mercy. We beseech Him to strengthen and assist all. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

Be it known that the letter from that honored loved one brought perfect joy, adorned as it was with the mention and praise of the Beloved of the world and the Goal of all peoples. Moreover it brought glad tidings, conveying news of health and well-being. After perusing its contents, attention was directed to the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, and following the granting of permission to arise, the letter was presented before His presence. Likewise was your petition presented before the Throne. One Most Holy, Most Glorious, Most Mighty Tablet was revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will specifically for you,

and this evanescent one hath transcribed it from the original revelation and dispatched it. God willing, you shall attain unto it and drink from the oceans of divine mercy concealed within its exalted words.

Regarding what you wrote about the handmaidens of God, it is evident that you have extended and continue to extend to the male and female servants of God whatever kindness lies within your power. Today all who have turned to God must occupy themselves with serving one another. Praise be to God that you have been assisted in this, and though you have truly borne hardships in this matter, the recompense thereof is treasured and preserved with God. Every deed performed for God's sake will assuredly receive its compensation both in this world and the next. In all conditions one must be mindful of praiseworthy characteristics and act with wisdom, for to do otherwise causes distress and sorrow.

And regarding what you wrote about the Most Great Name J.M., upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious, it was presented in the Most Holy Court. These are the words uttered by the Beloved, exalted be His grandeur:

Verily, We mention Our Name "The Beauty" as We have mentioned it before, and We give him glad tidings of My grace, My loving-kindness, and My mercy, for I am the Compassionate, the Generous. Blessed art thou, O Abdul-Hussein, for having honored his dwelling when he came to thee out of love for God, the Lord of the worlds. From this station We send Our greetings upon him and upon thee and upon those who have believed in these days and have turned to the Most Sublime Horizon and have testified to that which God, the Goal of all mystics, hath testified.

This servant conveys his greetings and salutations to them. Wherever they have gone, convey to them that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. The most important of all matters is the teaching of the Cause. Repeatedly hath this word been heard from the Ancient Tongue: This duty is incumbent upon all the friends, but it must be done with wisdom and utterance. For if any of the matters that are today obligatory and necessary should cause commotion, it is not permissible to act upon it. One must speak with perfect wisdom and utterance, without mention of this matter, and then, when the soil is found to be receptive, cast the word. To exceed these bounds was not and is not permissible. All teachers must, as commanded, observe the established teachings, lest the infant of mystic knowledge perish at the outset from heavy food and fail to attain true maturity, which is the station of recognizing the Lord of all being.

Likewise, after people have shown interest, one must impart to the seekers that which is beloved and acceptable in the sight of God, lest conflict, disputation and corruption appear from anyone and become the cause of the world's people being veiled. All must know with perfect certainty that the purpose of the Truth was not and is not to cause corruption, disputation and conflict, but rather for the unity of hearts, the fellowship of souls, the reformation of the world and the well-being of all. If these matters are not truly understood as they should be, they may become the cause of sedition and turmoil.

Should His Holiness Ismu'llah-i-Jamal, upon him be all My most glorious and resplendent Glory, proceed to Kermanshah and those regions and act with consummate wisdom, perchance the fire of love may be ignited in those lands; or he may choose and send someone suitable. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to raise up souls that are assured, certain, steadfast and resolute, and to adorn them with the

ornament of wisdom, that all the peoples of the world may derive nobility from their breath and be illumined by their light. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

If you have inquired about his honor the beloved, His Holiness Ismu'l-Jud, upon him be all My most glorious and resplendent Glory, praise be to God, he dwelleth near the House, is engaged in serving the Cause, is gazing toward the horizon of God's good-pleasure, and is drinking from the ocean of grace. Happy is he and those who love him, and this servant is among the lovers.

As to what was written about one of the khans and several of the sons of the Friend and heirs of the Interlocutor having turned toward the divine direction, this matter was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, and specifically for each one wondrous and sublime verses were revealed from the heaven of the Will of the King of Oneness, that all might be sustained by the heavenly table of loving-kindness. As commanded, this servant wrote these wondrous and sublime verses upon diverse pages and dispatched them, that they may be conveyed to those souls that they might be favored with the bounties of the Beloved. The sending of the blessed Tablets must be concealed from all save trustworthy souls, lest it become the cause and reason for some fresh disturbance. This injunction is essential:

> "Conceal the Cause of thy Lord from every heedless one that is veiled, and from every fettered one that is rejected."

This is that which hath been revealed for him who hath hearkened unto His Word—exalted be His glory.

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

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and manifested the proofs, and summoned all to the Most Exalted Horizon—the Station from which hath dawned the Luminary of Manifestation through this resplendent Name. Blessed is he who hath spoken the truth and answered his Lord, and witnessed that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath testified:

> "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful."

I praise God for having enabled thee to recognize this Most Great Cause and guided thee to His straight Path. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp lie the reins of all affairs, and at Whose behest the Lote-Tree upon Sinai hath spoken! Grant that I may remain steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that neither the veils of the learned nor the doubts of those who have denied Thee and Thy signs shall deter me. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which is with Thee, and which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have expended all they possessed in Thy path. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Section 2: "This is that which hath been revealed…"

This is that which hath been revealed for His honor David—exalted be His utterance.

In the Name of Him Who speaketh upon Sinai

O ye heirs of Moses! He Who speaks on Sinai hath appeared, and He, the Lord of Revelation, hath taken His seat upon the Throne. Blessed are they that have heard His Call and recognized Him. On this day earth

and heaven have been adorned with a new vesture, and the holy city hath descended from heaven, blessed by His hallowed Name. The gates of mercy have been flung open, and the oceans of bounty and grace surge forth. God willing, ye shall quicken the dead in their sepulchres through the sprinkling of the ocean of utterance and meaning. The Kawthar floweth and the Salsabil is present—drink ye in the name of your Lord and be free from all else. Thus hath the Tongue spoken in the Kingdom of utterance. Blessed is he who hath heard and attained, and woe unto the heedless ones.

O David! Give thanks unto God for having remembered thee and revealed unto thee that which shall never perish, so long as His most excellent names endure. Give thanks and then stand firm in this mighty Cause. We make mention in this place of thy wife and give her the glad-tidings of thy Lord's forgiveness and mercy. Convey My greetings unto her and remind her of that which the Most Exalted Pen hath uttered in this glorious and impregnable station.

This is what was revealed for him who was named Ibrahim. He saith, exalted be His glory:

He Who shineth from the horizon of eternity:

O Ibrahim! This is the Day whereon the Temple (Masjid-i-Aqsa) calleth aloud and giveth the glad-tidings of this Most Great Manifestation to all who dwell on earth. This is the Day whereon the Temple proclaimeth: "That which was recorded in God's Books hath come to pass," and the River Jordan crieth out: "The Lord of the seen and the unseen hath appeared—turn ye unto Him with illumined hearts and be not of the heedless ones." On this Day all that was mentioned and recorded in previous Books hath become manifest and evident. Blessed is the eye that hath beheld it and the ear that hath heard it. God willing, thou shalt speak His praise and glorification with the utmost steadfastness and arise to serve His Cause. He verily doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

And this is what was revealed for Lalih-zar. He saith, exalted be His grandeur:

In My Name, Who speaketh between the heavens and the earth

God willing, through divine grace may you attain to that which is beloved before the Lord of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. I swear by the Sun of the Most Merciful's utterance that eyes were created for this glorious day and ears came into being for these days. The temple is for this wondrous day and the soul for comprehending this exalted Cause. Strive that perchance you may drink from the divine Jordan and circumambulate the true Sacred Mosque. Whosoever arises today with complete steadfastness in the Cause of the Lord of all beings, he has been and is among those who prostrate, humble themselves, circumambulate and bow down. Thus does the Wronged One testify in this clear Prison. O garden of tulips, rejoice in My remembrance of you. By the life of God, it is more beloved than all else in a mighty Book. And praise be to My mighty, all-knowing Self.

This was revealed for Haqq-Nazar, His glory be exalted:

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

O Supreme Pen! Make mention of him who is named Haqq-Nazar from the direction of thy Most Great Horizon and give him glad tidings of thy Lord's grace, the Possessor of Destiny, through which the Hour

appeared, the moon was cleft, and every hidden matter was revealed, that he may rejoice in My remembrance of him and arise to serve his Lord in such wise that the conditions of men shall not prevent him. Verily We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs in such manner that necks bowed before them, save those who chose for themselves a station in hell. Give thanks to God for the Ancient Beauty having turned toward thee and made mention of thee in such wise as to gladden hearts and console the eyes of the people of insight. Glory be from Us upon those who have attained the Supreme Horizon and drunk of this most pure wine.

And likewise these manifest verses were specially revealed from the heaven of divine grace for the loved ones of God. His grandeur be glorified:

He is the Witness and the Witnessed

The Supreme Pen gives glad tidings of His grace to all the friends and counsels them to the Most Great Steadfastness. Today the hidden treasures are revealed, the forbidden springs are flowing, and all the setting stars, suns and moons are risen, shining and radiant. Say: O seekers of inner meanings, the divine Kawthar is flowing—drink ye, drink ye! O poor ones of the earth, the sea of grace is surging and the gate of bounty is open. Beseech ye God that He deprive none of the Most Great Grace and forbid none from the Kawthar of eternity. Praise be to God that ye are all mentioned in the Most Great Scene and have attained divine grace. Strive that what hath been inscribed by the Supreme Pen concerning you may remain preserved. Today security exists and the pearls of divine knowledge are manifest, while thieves and traitors lie in wait on all sides. All must preserve these precious pearls with complete steadfastness in the name of the Lord of the Day of Judgment, and like their very souls exert mighty efforts to guard them. Verily He speaks the truth and guides the way, and He is the Mighty, the Beautiful.

This letter is being sent as requested to his honor Samandar, upon him be the glory of God, that he may deliver it. Since mention was made of his honor, in the words of a previous speaker, upon him be God's grace:

When his name was mentioned, it became necessary to expound a mystery of His bestowal: In truth, they stand with supreme steadfastness in the Cause of the Lord of creation. They are beloved of heart and soul and, by God's grace, are mentioned before the Throne. This evanescent one beseeches the Ancient Lord with utmost humility and supplication to raise up souls who will act as befits these days and who will be observed to serve the Divine Cause with perfect wisdom, firm and steadfast. It would be better to mention again the beloved of the heart, his honor Samandar, since mention has not previously been made of his honor Nabil-ibn-Nabil, and it is beloved that mention of these two beloveds should together flow from the pen of sincerity and the tongue of love. God willing, may they remain firm, steadfast, constant and eloquent in service to the Cause of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High in all conditions.

The Glory be upon you and upon those who are there among the loved ones of God and His friends, and upon those who have cast away idle fancies after the dawning of the Luminary of Certitude from the horizon of God, the Most High, the Most Great. And praise be to God, the Lord of the throne and earth, the Lord of all beings and the Beloved of the worlds.

BH00487: Praise be unto Him Whom the praise of all…

Praise be unto Him Whom the praise of all created things cannot describe and glory be unto Him Whom the glorification of all beings cannot extol. Remembrance be unto Him before Whose remembrance all remembrances bow down and all voices are hushed before His might and sovereignty.

He is indeed the One Who has made unity the garment of His manifestation amongst His servants, and the Almighty Who has made the prison the dawning-place of His light in His dominion. He created creation as a token of His grace and drew them to the Most Exalted Horizon as a sign of His loving-kindness, and guided them to His straight path and commanded them in His Noble Book with that which would benefit them. Exalted is the All-Bountiful Who has appeared and manifested what He willed on the Day of Reckoning. There is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Thereafter, this servant attained unto the traces of your pen which called out in remembrance of my Beloved and your Beloved and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and the earth. When I heard the melodies of the letters and words in remembrance of God, the Revealer of verses, I ascended to the highest degrees until I attained the presence of the Lord of Names and Attributes and, after permission was granted, presented what was in your letter. Then the gate of utterance was opened with the key of the tongue. He, exalted be His glory, spoke:

In My Name, the Most Mighty, the Most Great

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He remembereth thee and summoneth thee unto God, the Single, the All-Informed. His call hath been raised in the Most Great Prison amidst the nations, yet most of the people are heedless. The breeze of God hath wafted, yet most of the people are turning away. The divine fragrance hath been diffused and the bounty hath appeared and the heavenly table hath been sent down. Blessed is he who hath recognized and attained, and woe unto the proud ones.

Blessed art thou for having taken the Book of God by His command and answered thy Lord when He spoke: “Verily, there is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.” We have remembered thee before and at this time wherein the Concourse on High lamenteth by reason of what hath befallen Us at the hands of those who cast the Command of God behind their backs and seized that which they were forbidden in His mighty Book.

Behold and then remember when My Name Ha (Haydar-ʿAli) came to the place of sacrifice and gave all that he possessed in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed is he and blessed is thine uncle through whom the sighs of the Concourse on High ascended and the tears of the Messengers descended. By the life of God! Through him joy was transformed into the greatest sorrow and My mighty Throne did lament. Through him the thrones of gladness and delight, of joy and felicity were overthrown, whereunto the Mother Book beareth witness in this exalted station.

Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto the most great bounty and the most great outpouring. Whatever is witnessed in the world will surely change and alter and return to nothingness, save the pearls of divine love. God willing, thou shalt succeed in preserving them. The world and its conditions have had

and have no significance. Hold fast unto the cord of divine favor and cling to the hem of His generosity. God willing, thou shalt attain unto that which is the cause of glory and exaltation. In all conditions, be mindful of wisdom. Verily, He commandeth thee that which profiteth thee. Thy Lord is indeed the One Who commandeth, the All-Knowing. The glory be upon thee and upon my household and upon those who have attained unto thy remembrance and thy love and upon those who have acted according to that which they were commanded by God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Praise be to God! The Sun of Providence hath shone forth with such splendor that this servant and his like are powerless to describe it. Were a soul to expend gold equal to all the mountains of the earth, he could not attain to this most exalted station, except as God willeth. Due to mankind's lack of capacity, the Truth, exalted be His glory, hath veiled this most great, most exalted station and its like from eyes and vision. His is the command; He doeth what He willeth and decreeth what He desireth, and He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

This evanescent servant beseecheth the Dayspring of abundant grace to assist that honored one in whatsoever is beloved and acceptable unto Him. That which is accounted among the greatest of deeds at the Divine Throne today hath been and shall ever be wisdom. That spiritual friend hath been and is cognizant of this. This word hath previously been uttered and this servant hath heard it: "Associate with them outwardly but differ from them inwardly." In truth, from this word the fragrance of wisdom can be perceived. I submit that your mention hath ever been and is present before the Throne. I swear by the effulgences of the light of His countenance that this station is most great. Praise be to God that that family is remembered in the hearts of those who are nigh and sincere.

This servant beseecheth God to assist all to preserve this station. Ye have been mentioned in the Book of God with such remembrance as shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Some time ago this evanescent servant addressed a letter to that honored one. God is my witness that you are remembered in my heart and present before mine eyes. I beg you to convey my greetings and Baha to the family. Verily, He doth not suffer the reward of the doers of good to be lost.

Concerning what you wrote about the visitation prayer, it was composed at the time of the revelation of verses, according to His will, and was accepted before the Throne. Well is it with you and with me. And concerning what you wrote about turning toward the Most Great Prison and seeking permission, it was submitted, and this most exalted Word was revealed from the Supreme Pen, exalted be His grandeur:

> "God hath ever loved to meet with His friends in the outward realm, for the divine meeting is mentioned in all heavenly Books, and the true purpose of creation in its primal reality hath been the meeting with God, exalted be His glory. Every Prophet hath testified to My glad-tidings and every Messenger hath been sent with My binding command. However, in most Tablets the decree of wisdom hath been revealed, to which all must turn their gaze. And now your primary occupation is such that you must engage in it with complete effort and trust. He verily recordeth for whomsoever He willeth the reward of attaining His presence. Thy Lord is, in truth, the Almighty, the Powerful."

Regarding what you wrote about your brother, his honor Aqa Mirza Ahmad, upon him be the Glory of God, his petition was presented in the Most Holy Court. An exalted Tablet was revealed from the heaven of the All-Merciful's will and was sent. God willing, he will attain unto it and drink from the ocean of utterance.

Concerning what you wrote about the leaf who is the sister of the son of the Well-Beloved of Martyrs—upon him be all the most glorious Glory and all the most luminous Light—it was presented before the Most Great Countenance in the presence of His face. A most mighty and most holy Tablet was revealed from the heaven of Will specifically for her. God willing, may she be illumined by the lights of the suns of divine utterances and drink from the hidden oceans contained therein. He said: Although her affliction is great,

> "Verily We give glad tidings to the patient men and patient women of that which hath been ordained for them in My Kingdom, the Inaccessible, the Mighty."

The mention of all the members of the household hath been and is before the Most Holy Court, and for each one specifically the sun of divine favor hath risen and shone forth. God willing, may they all attain to that which He loveth and is pleased with, and be assisted to remember and praise Him. Were all the special mentions of those household members that have been sent down from the heaven of Will and flowed from the Most Exalted Pen to be gathered together, they would constitute a mighty book. May the spirit of all in the earthly and heavenly kingdoms be a sacrifice unto His favor and His grace. This evanescent one's request is that on his behalf they convey to each member of that household—upon them be the blessings of God, His mercy and His glory—wonderful and sublime greetings befitting the honored ladies of the pavilion of loftiness.

After the martyrdom of the Two Luminous Lights, He mentioned them as members of the household—this is a special favor and very great indeed. He doeth what He willeth and decreeth what He desireth, and He is the Almighty, the Powerful. And if God, exalted be His glory, should grant this servant enduring life, and that life be spent in remembrance and praise of the Two Luminous Lights, still I have not known and do not know what would be worthy of their station, for that which hath been revealed concerning them is beyond minds and understanding.

And concerning what was written about Jinab-i-Asadu'llah—upon him be the Glory of God—it was presented before the Most Glorious Horizon and the Dawning-Place of the Greatest Signs. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, His word, exalted be His glory:

He is the Rememberer, the Witness, the All-Knowing

O Asad! Your mention was made in the Most Holy Court, and these exalted words, each of which shineth like the sun from the horizons of the heavens of meaning, have been revealed especially for you. Be thankful for this greatest bounty with both your outer and inner tongue. Praise be to God that thou hast attained to the presence of the King of Martyrs and, in the most excellent of days, hast quaffed the Kawthar of immortality from the hands of the bounty of the Lord of Names. The recognition of His sanctified Being is more excellent than the deeds of the first and the last, and more beloved than the treasures of heaven and earth. Know thou the station of this most impregnable Tablet and keep it hidden

from the eyes of the unfaithful. Blessed is he who perceiveth from it the fragrance of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

The recompense for thy services is a treasure preserved with the Trustworthy, the All-Knowing. Be thou assured and be of the thankful ones. This treasure hath been and shall ever be preserved from the hands of the treacherous and the thieving. Thus doth the All-Informed apprise thee. Verily, He is the True One, the All-Seeing. He hath, as a bounty from His presence, forgiven thee and those for whom thou didst seek forgiveness. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

God willing, thou shalt remain steadfast in this Most Great Cause in such wise that the idols of fancy shall not hold thee back from the Dayspring of the Light of certitude nor prevent thee from the Supreme Horizon. Thus have We adorned the heaven of the Tablet with the suns of the verses of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. Glory be upon thee and upon him who hath attained unto this exalted station.

Praise be to God, they have attained unto that which hath no peer or equal in this day. This evanescent one conveyeth greetings to them and to the other friends, and beseecheth them not to forget this evanescent servant during their visitation of the two pure and luminous resting-places. This is the plea of this servant unto the friends of God, and this evanescent one hath not been and shall not be remiss in mentioning them. The well-known tradition previously mentioned is specifically for these days: “Whoso visiteth Husayn in his tomb is as one who hath visited God upon His throne.” In former times the Person was not manifest that the truth of this tradition might be made evident.

Today all atoms proclaim: “Whoso visiteth the Two Husayns in their tombs is as one who hath visited God upon His throne,” for the Truth is manifest and evident, and the Supreme Pen speaketh that “Verily He is God.” Should anyone reflect even briefly, he would testify that this tradition was specifically for these days. Blessed are the fair-minded! Blessed are they that act! Praise be to God, our Beloved and your Beloved and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and the earth. Glory be upon you and upon those who are with you and who love you for the sake of our Lord, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

BH05953: O maidservant of God! All the men…

In the name of the peerless Lord!

O maidservant of God! All the men of the world, both in the past and present, have yearned and hoped to hear from God, exalted be His glory, the call of “O My servant,” and likewise the women of the world and queens of the earth have awaited to attain unto the call of “O My handmaiden.” And now, through the wondrous grace of God and the all-encompassing favors of the Lord, from the Tongue of the Dawning-place of Revelation and the Manifestation of the Cause, openly and clearly, without any veil or barrier, thou hast attained unto the blessed and goodly word “O My handmaiden.” Know thou the value of this bounty and guard this precious gem from the treacherous ones.

We have heard thy call and witnessed thy turning unto Us, and have mentioned thee in this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet, that thy remembrance may endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this great favor.

Many are the people of fancy and idle imagination. Beseech thou God, exalted be His grandeur, at all times, that He may graciously enable thee to remain firm with supreme steadfastness in this Most Great, Most Exalted Cause. Verily, He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Mighty, the Praised One.

The Glory be upon thee.

BH07339: In My Name, the Witness, the Hearer

In My Name, the Witness, the Hearer.

O My handmaiden! Your letters, missives and petitions have attained the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, which is the seat of the Wronged One of the horizons. We have heard your call time and again and witnessed your turning to God, the Lord of the worlds.

God willing, may you remain firm and steadfast in the Cause of the Self-Sufficient, the Transcendent, like unto mountains, men and heroes. The days are passing; strive thou to gaze upon the Most Great Scene with a detached heart and illumined eyes. God willing, may you manifest and act in accordance with that which behooveth the Days of God.

All the aforementioned leaves have been mentioned in the Most Holy Presence and have attained His special favors. God willing, may they all hold fast to the Most Great Handle of infallibility and cling to the hem of sanctity.

One Most Holy Tablet was specifically revealed and sent to the aforementioned handmaiden, that she might be illumined by the lights of the Sun of Utterance and drink from the Kawthar of divine knowledge.

The Glory be from Us upon My handmaidens who have acted in accordance with that which they were commanded by the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH07529: In My name, that speaketh between the heavens…

In My name, that speaketh between the heavens and the earth!

God willing, may you be enabled through divine grace to attain unto that which is beloved in this day before the Lord of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

I swear by the Sun of the All-Merciful's utterance that the eye was created for this glorious Day, the ears came into being for these times, the temple existeth for this wondrous Day, and the soul for comprehension of this exalted Cause.

Strive ye, that perchance ye may drink from the Jordan of God and circumambulate the true Temple of the Divine Unity.

Whosoever ariseth today with complete steadfastness to promote the Cause of the Lord of all beings—he verily hath been and ever shall be accounted among those who prostrate themselves, who humble

themselves, who circle round, and who bow down in worship. Thus doth the Wronged One bear witness in this manifest Prison.

O Lalihzar! Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee. God's help is more beloved than all else in the mighty Book. And praise be unto My Self, the All-Glorious, the All-Knowing.

BH08997: A Book sent down by the Lord of Might…

In the Name of Him Who is manifest from the horizon of the Kingdom

A Book sent down by the Lord of Might to one who has turned to the supreme horizon and has attained to this Cause whereby feet have slipped. Blessed art thou for having heard the Call while the people lay wrapt in the couch of heedlessness and desire. He Who possesseth the Mother Book beareth witness to this.

The fragrance of the All-Merciful hath been wafted throughout creation, yet the people remain in heedlessness and behind a veil.

Say: O concourse of the earth! Abandon what ye possess and hold fast unto that which ye have been commanded by God, the Revealer of verses, Who hath come with the truth and manifested what He desired through His sovereignty that dominateth all who are in the earth and the heavens.

Thus have We illumined the pages of the Book of Knowledge with the light of wisdom and utterance. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and rendered thanks, and woe unto every denying liar.

BH11556: O Ibrahim! This is the day whereon the Masjid-i-Aqsa…

O Ibrahim! This is the day whereon the Masjid-i-Aqsa lifteth up its call.

BH02812: O beloved of my heart and one remembered…

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

O beloved of my heart and one remembered in my soul! It has been a long time since this evanescent servant was separated from you in exile. But in truth, you took joy with you. What I mean by these words is that after you left, joy became very rare, like the phoenix in all regions and cities. And that joy, in reality, did not even go with you—it was very unfaithful, for it left us and did not accompany you either. Surely you too were saddened by separation from the Beloved of all horizons.

In any case, at this time He commanded this servant to write to Nazir:

> "O stranger in foreign lands! God willing, may this exile become the cause and means of comfort for steadfast and assured souls in the homeland. Many times exile leads to finding a homeland, and many are the homelands whose dust of exile is more excellent and beloved in God's sight. Exile in the path of the Friend is more beloved and precious to lovers than their homeland. And to God belongs the command in all conditions. My greetings upon you and upon him who was named Mihdi and upon she who serves you."

Some days ago they cut a coat for the blessed body and graciously bestowed one garment of wool to be sent to you. This servant has nothing worthy present except half a container of the finest tea available—that is, the finest that exists in this land—and two or three servings of extremely excellent tea that came from India in previous years. God willing, may you partake of it in perfect health and wellbeing.

This evanescent servant also conveys greetings to Aqa Mihdi, upon him be the glory of God. My expression of sincere greetings to the true beloved Aqa Muhammad Mustafa, upon him be all nine [glory] of His most glorious grace, depends on your kindness. God willing, may he ever be confirmed.

At this moment mention of them was heard from the tongue of the Beloved, who said:

> "The glory be upon him and upon those who love God there."

Once again this servant conveys greetings to that beloved one and them and the friends. The glory be upon you. The servant. 22nd day of the Month of Pilgrimage 1298.

BH03756: O seeker! The Wronged One turneth toward thee…

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

O seeker! The Wronged One turneth toward thee from the prison precinct and remembereth thee purely for the sake of God, the Lord of all worlds.

The Wronged One calleth out in the prison and summoneth all to the Supreme Horizon, the Station wherein the Tree exclaimeth: "There is none other God but Me, the Forgiving, the Generous." That which was hidden in God's knowledge and inscribed in the Books of the Prophets and Messengers hath been made manifest. This is the Day wherewith We previously gave glad tidings to the world, that He might lead forth the people from darkness into light and give them glad tidings of the days of God. Thus did the Tongue of Revelation speak aforetime and at this hour.

Say: O peoples of the earth! By God, this is the Day whose mention was sent down in the Qur'an, the Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds. Beware lest passion hold you back from the Lord of all creation. Cast away what ye possess and take what ye are bidden by One All-Knowing, All-Wise.

Say: This is the Day of God wherein none is mentioned save Him—to this testifieth every fair-minded, clear-sighted one.

O peoples of the earth! The Self-Subsisting hath appeared and calleth out before all faces, offering the Sealed Wine, saying: Hasten, O people, then drink thereof in the name of your Lord, the Munificent Giver.

We counsel all to manifest supreme steadfastness in this Cause whereby the feet of the learned, the mystics and the princes have slipped, save whom God willeth, the Lord of this wondrous Day. Soon will come unto you one who will hold you back from God and bid you to what he hath of the promptings of Satan. Thus do We inform you, when the Light was shining from the horizon of Iraq and in this remote prison.

Be thankful unto thy Lord for having attained unto this Tablet whereby thy mention shall endure throughout the eternity of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Preserve this station in the name of thy Lord, the Lord of all mankind, then remember Him at morn and eventide.

BH04894: O Husayn, hearken with thy soul's ear…

In the name of the Almighty Lord!

O Husayn, hearken with thy soul's ear to the voice of the Wronged One. The Ancient Tongue speaketh in Persian that all the servants who dwell in that place and its surroundings may discover the Purpose and act according to it.

Today every possessor of utterance is commanded to teach, and every possessor of speech is charged with making mention of the Cause of the All-Merciful. In this Most Great, Most Exalted Cause ye must exert mighty efforts, that perchance the dead may drink from the cup of life and the heedless may receive their share from the chalice of awareness.

Today most souls are observed to be like uprooted palm-trunks. The people of knowledge and wisdom must gird up the loins of service and occupy themselves with teaching the Cause of the Beloved of all creation. However, in all circumstances they must fix their gaze upon wisdom, lest something occur that might cause perturbation among weak souls.

O cupbearers of the world! With joy and fragrance bestow upon the people of possibility the Kawthar of divine knowledge in the name of the Purpose of the worlds. This is service to the Divine Cause. Blessed is he who hath attained and acted according to that which was commanded by the Mighty, the Powerful.

O Husayn! Thy letter was presented and the servant in attendance before the Throne submitted all of it. Blessed art thou for having turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and for having attained unto this Tablet, which no precious pearl can equal. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH04939: O Ahmad! We have made thee to hear My…

He is the One speaking from the Most Exalted Horizon

O Ahmad! We have made thee to hear My call and have shown thee the horizon of My knowledge and have mentioned thee with that whereby thy remembrance shall endure through the perpetuity of My names in My kingdom, the Inaccessible, the Mighty, the Impregnable.

In the Persian tongue, hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, that thou mayest find the Purpose and arise to serve Him. Every deed that appeareth from a doer in this day is as the sun amidst the deeds of the days before and after. Strive that thou mayest attain unto that which is meet and seemly on this day.

Praise be to God that thou didst hearken unto the call of Truth and didst attain unto His recognition, and thy mention hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen in the days of God. This station is most great—preserve it through the name of the Peerless Beloved and keep hidden the precious pearl of recognition from the treacherous unbelievers. Thus doth command thee He with Whom is the Great Book.

The world is evanescent and transient. That which hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen specifically for thee shall endure and last. Be thou grateful and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the mystics!" I beseech Thee by the sighs of the hearts of the sincere ones and the tears from the eyes of them that are near unto Thee, to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and to aid me to serve Thy Cause with such steadfastness as cannot be shaken by the conditions of creation. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest and in Thy grasp is the kingdom of names, and Thou art verily the Mighty, the Powerful.

BH05783: God beareth witness that there is none other God…

He is the Ever-Abiding, the Everlasting.

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come with the truth is, verily, the One promised in the Books of God and mentioned in the hearts of the Prophets. Every fair-minded and discerning one beareth witness to this. All that hath been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen hath been manifested, and that which was hidden in the heavens and earth hath come to light.

O Ismail! Hearken unto the call of the Glorious One and arise to serve His Cause with spirit and joy. Thus doth command thee He with Whom is the knowledge of all things in a mighty Book.

That which the Friend (Abraham) mentioned hath appeared, and after Him He Who conversed with God (Moses), and the Spirit (Jesus) bore witness to it, and after Him the Beloved One (Muhammad) by whom the Night Journey was adorned. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Hearken thou unto My call, then speak forth My praise and glorification on this blessed, mighty and wondrous Day. Ask thou God to assist thee in that which will cause thy mention to endure throughout the duration of the kingdom and the heavenly realm. Verily thy Lord is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

We counsel thee to be steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord. This is among the greatest of deeds in the sight of God, the Lord of all worlds.

Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto My remembrance and testified to that which God hath testified: that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the All-Informed.

BH06040: In the Name of the one true God! Today…

In the Name of the one true God! Today the Kingdom of God is illumined by the lights of the Sun of Manifestation, and the radiance of the Sun of Grace hath encompassed the world. This blessed Day is recorded in the divine Books and Scriptures and is known as the Day of God. Blessed are they whom neither the allusions of the past and future nor the doubts of the learned and ignorant have withheld from the Dawning-Place of God's names and attributes.

All who dwell on earth awaited this Day, yet when the horizon of the world was illumined by the Most Great Name's Light of Manifestation, all turned away save whom God wished. Take thou the chalice of recognition in the name of the Beloved of all creation and drink therefrom, then offer it to the dead in the

valley of heedlessness and error, that perchance they may be quickened by the celestial water and divine wine, and may come to awareness.

Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee and My turning toward thee, and say: Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whom the gate of heaven was opened and the nightingale of constancy sang in the kingdom of creation! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Word and the Most Exalted Horizon to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise and to confirm me in steadfastness in Thy Cause. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Wise.

BH06085: O friends of Truth! Hearken unto the shrill voice…

He is the One Who observeth from His Most Exalted Horizon

O friends of Truth! Hearken unto the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen and act in accordance with what hath been commanded.

The world and its ornaments are transient; strive ye to attain that which endureth and lasteth forever. We have previously declared: The world is but a shadow that swiftly passeth away, and death is a pursuer that swiftly overtaketh. Hear ye the voice of the True Counsellor and detach your hearts from that which perisheth and vanisheth, and turn ye unto that which endureth and lasteth forever.

Every deed that appeareth today for the sake of God is recorded as the lord of deeds in His presence. Strive ye that perchance ye may make good what hath been lost. By the life of God! Ye were created for this blessed, mighty and wondrous Day. They that are heedless are reckoned among the people of the Fire in a perspicuous Book.

Hold ye fast unto the Sure Handle and grasp ye the hem of the loving-kindness of your Lord, the All-Merciful. Thus hath the Tongue spoken in the Kingdom of Utterance as a token of His grace. Verily, He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is, in truth, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

BH06334: O Ahmad! Rejoice in that the Beloved hath made…

He is the One dawning from the horizon of the world

O Ahmad! Rejoice in that the Beloved hath made mention of thee from His praiseworthy station. By the life of God! All the treasures of earth cannot equal His mention. He Who possesseth the sealed wine beareth witness to this.

We have appeared with the truth and have made manifest that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. We have, with the finger of might, broken the seal of the choice Wine. Blessed is he who hath drunk in this blessed Name.

Grieve thou not over anything. Trust in God in all matters. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

We counsel thee and Our loved ones to manifest the most great steadfastness, for Satan hath cried out and his clamor hath been raised from all regions and boundaries. The glory rest upon thee and upon

those who have attained unto that which God promised in His Book, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

Confine thy affairs to the service of thy Lord's Cause. Thus doth command thee He with Whom is the Preserved Tablet. Convey that which thou art bidden with wisdom and utterance, and be not of those who have chosen silence in this irrevocable Cause. He will, of a certainty, aid thee through His grace, and will give thee glad-tidings of that which hath been ordained for thee by Him Who is the Possessor of the Kingdom of earth and heaven.

BH06158: He hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven…

He hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of understanding

A mention from Our presence to one who hath attained permission and turned unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

He traversed land and sea and bore hardships until he entered the Luminous Spot and attained the presence of and arose before the Gate which was opened unto all who are in the heavens and the earth. Verily We caused him to hear Our sweetest call and guided him to Our Most Glorious Horizon and gave him to drink of the Kawthar of immortality which is My mighty, impregnable presence.

Blessed art thou, O thou who circlest round the Throne, for that thou didst attain and recognize and receive the Kawthar of reunion from the hands of thy Lord's loving-kindness and didst drink thereof in the name of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate. Rejoice thou in that the Most Exalted Pen hath testified for thee in this mighty, luminous Tablet.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having caused me to know and taught me and guided me unto Thy straight path. I beseech Thee to aid me to remain steadfast in this Cause whereby the limbs of all names have trembled. Verily Thou doest what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

The glory rest upon thy father and thy mother and upon thee and upon thy brothers who have inhaled the fragrance of the Divine Raiment and believed in the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH06870: O Muhammad qabl-i-ʿAli! Time and again hast thou been…

He is the Helper, the Protector!

O Muhammad qabl-i-ʿAli! Time and again hast thou been blessed with the remembrance of the Wronged One of the horizons. By the Sun of the heaven of divine Will! The entire world cannot equal a single letter that hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this manifest bounty.

The bounties of this world are transient, while the table of inner meanings sent down from the heaven of divine grace is everlasting and eternal. God willing, thou shalt attain unto this most great and eternal bounty and this supreme gift, and shalt be assisted at all times and under all conditions to serve the Cause.

Soon will the barking ones and the idolaters enter those regions and surroundings, and will arise in the name of truth to lead the servants astray. This is that word which flowed from the Most Exalted Pen during the sojourn of the Luminary of the horizons in Iraq.

God willing, the friends shall drink from the chalice of steadfastness in such wise that all the peoples of the world shall be powerless to prevent them. Verily, He guideth whom He willeth unto His straight path. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH07023: In the Name of the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing! We…

In the Name of the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing! We gave glad-tidings of the divine days to all the peoples of the earth through the Most Exalted Pen. When the appointed time arrived and the Promised Beauty descended from the heaven of divine command, all turned away and pronounced the sentence of His death, except those souls who drank of the sealed wine and turned their eyes and hearts away from all save God.

A hundred thousand regrets and sorrows for those souls who failed to recognize the Day of God and were deprived of its honor. I swear by the Sun of Truth that this blessed day hath no likeness or peer. Every pure deed that is manifested for God's sake on this day is the lord of all deeds.

O friends! Strive, and deprive not yourselves of the purpose of all worlds through the vain imaginings of this or that one. Hearken, arise and speak, that perchance the thirsty may drink from the Euphrates of the mercy of the All-Merciful, and the dead may attain unto new life through the breezes of God. Verily, He speaketh and sayeth: Praise be to God at all times.

BH07399: O ʿAli-Akbar! The Wronged One makes mention of thee…

He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

O ʿAli-Akbar! The Wronged One makes mention of thee from the precincts of His Most Great Prison—the place wherefrom He Who came from the heaven of divine Command has spoken forth a command from God, the Lord of Lords.

We entered into the prison and summoned all to the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Among the people are those who heard and responded to their Lord, and among them are those who heard but denied the proof of their Lord, the Goal of All Desires.

Blessed art thou for having drunk the choice wine of divine knowledge and turned unto God, the One, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Thy brother came to the prison and attained that which was inscribed in the scrolls of God, the Lord of all religions.

Arise to serve the Cause of thy Lord in such wise that neither the oppression of the earth nor the gloating of the wicked shall dismay thee.

Reflect upon the bygone ages and what befell the Manifestations of the Cause from every ignorant learned one and every cunning knower. By God's life! They denied the Prophets and Messengers and

pronounced against them with such injustice as caused the heavens to lament and the mountains to crumble.

BH07885: Thy letter attained the most holy and exalted presence…

In the name of the All-Knowing Lord!

Thy letter attained the most holy and exalted presence. However, it was not adorned with that which would merit the hearing of the Beloved. Since the mysteries of hearts are clear and evident before the Beloved, there hath been and is no harm. God willing, may thy heart, like thy letter, be observed as sanctified and pure from the affairs of the world and the words of the heedless and the opposers.

God, exalted be His glory, hath been and ever shall be the All-Knowing and the All-Powerful. He readeth what is inscribed upon hearts and breasts. Grieve thou not over anything. In all matters place thy trust in God, the Lord of all worlds. Verily He manifesteth whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful. We make mention of thy son Ali-Qabli-Akbar, and We know his condition, and We bid him observe what is good and what God hath desired in His wise Book. O Ali-Qabli-Akbar! Grieve not. Verily He ordaineth for whomsoever He pleaseth whatsoever He pleaseth. To this testifieth every knowing and informed one.

BH07463: Praise be to God, the heaven of divine exposition…

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

Praise be to God, the heaven of divine exposition hath been raised high and adorned with the stars of knowledge and utterance. The Sun of Truth hath risen from its horizon, yet the people remain heedless and veiled therefrom, inasmuch as they have been nurtured by vain imaginings and are gazing at its dawning-place.

By the life of God! The ignorant ones of the earth who today are known as divines have been and continue to be the fountainhead of vain imaginings, except such as God hath willed, the Lord of the worlds.

In this day, should a person appear with all the sciences, yet remain deprived of the splendors of the lights of the Sun of knowledge which hath shone forth from the horizon of the Prison, he would be accounted among the most ignorant of all in the presence of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. And should a person know not a single letter of learning, yet be adorned with the ornament of the love of God, he would be recorded by the Supreme Pen as among the most learned of all.

Woe unto the learned one who hath been debarred from the ocean of knowledge, and blessed is the unlettered one who hath heard, hastened, and attained unto the recognition of God, the Knowing, the Informed.

BH07584: All peoples have awaited and continue to await…

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

All peoples have awaited and continue to await the days of the Manifestation, beseeching and supplicating with the utmost lowliness and fervor for the presence of the Promised One. Yet when the time arrived and the countenance of the Promised One appeared from the horizon of the heaven of Revelation, all arose in denial and inflicted upon the Beloved of the worlds that which minds and hearts are powerless to comprehend, until at last He is seen imprisoned in this Most Great Prison. Yet I swear by the lights of the Sun of inner meaning that the abasement of this prison and its severity are dearer than all the delights of the world. The world hath no significance, neither now nor ever. Soon all that is witnessed now and shall come to pass thereafter will return to nothingness. Blessed are they whom these two fleeting days have not debarred from the immortal Kingdom. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this clear remembrance.

BH08116: O friends of Truth! That which was recorded…

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

O friends of Truth! That which was recorded in God's Book and mentioned in His Scriptures is this day manifest and visible. Blessed is the eye that hath seen and the ear that hath heard.

This is the day of humility and submissiveness, and the time of praise and glorification. Strive that ye may not be deprived of the rays of the Sun of Truth and be not barred from the ocean of mercy.

Today the Hand and the divine hands of the Kingdom of all things have emerged from the sleeve of power. Hearken unto the Voice of the Wronged One and act in accordance with that which is beloved.

Today is the springtime of mention and utterance, and the time of the appearance of the All-Merciful. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto Him and become detached and free from all else.

The glory be upon thee and upon thy brethren. Convey My greetings to their faces and give glad tidings to My loved ones of this wondrous remembrance.

BH08232: Glorified be He Who hath appeared and revealed…

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing!

Glorified be He Who hath appeared and revealed that which was hidden behind the veils of the Unseen and concealed throughout all eternity. They who in this Revelation have attained unto the recognition of God are, in all the Sacred Scriptures and Tablets, accounted among the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise. From those who have turned away, the Concourse on High and they who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn do wholly dissociate themselves.

Blessed art thou for having been mentioned before the Wronged One, and there hath been revealed for thee that whereby the horizon of proof hath been illumined. Render thanks unto God for having made thee recognize this Cause, from which most of the servants remain veiled.

Be thou steadfast in the Cause and say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made me recognize the Dayspring of Thy Cause and the Fountainhead of Thine inspiration, and for having enabled me to attain unto a Book through whose revelation the decree of beginning and end hath been made manifest.

BH08545: O Hamid! The Lord of the worlds remembers you…

In His Name, the One Who rules over all names!

O Hamid! The Lord of the worlds remembers you from the Most Great Prison and gives you glad tidings of what has been ordained for the chosen ones of God in a clear Book. Give thanks to God for having been mentioned before His presence and for this mighty Tablet being revealed for you. Say: O concourse of the chosen ones! The day of wisdom and utterance has come. Fear the All-Merciful and be not of those who remain silent. Convey the Cause of your Lord with wisdom and associate with the loved ones of God, the Lord of the worlds.

The Hour has come and the Dove coos upon the branches of the Tree. Verily, there is no God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed. This is not the day to sit still. Arise in My Name and remind the people of what has been revealed from My Most Exalted Pen which moves by My wondrous command. Thus has the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in the Most Great Prison as a token of His grace, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

BH08747: In the days when the pillars of the world…

He is the All-Seeing, the Witness, the Just One!

In the days when the pillars of the world were trembling and quaking from the onslaught of the oppressors, this Wronged One arose to promote the Cause, without any helper or assistant—an arising that left most people bewildered.

And when, through divine power and might, the Sun of Truth shone forth from behind the veil, the buzzing of flies emerged from behind the curtains as they arose to object and oppose. And now they have set about to lead astray pure and tranquil souls.

Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and let not the buzzing of flies make you heedless of the Lord of Lords. Drink of the sealed wine in the name of the Self-Subsisting and fix your gaze upon the Most Glorious Horizon.

Glory be upon you and upon those who have attained unto the supreme steadfastness in this mighty Cause.

BH08657: This Day hath been mentioned and is known…

In the Name of the All-Knowing Speaker!

This Day hath been mentioned and is known in all the divine Scriptures and Books as the Day of God. Blessed is the soul whom vain desires have not kept back from the Dayspring of the light of oneness, and who hath rent asunder the veils of idle fancies with the arm of certitude.

Reflect upon former ages: whenever the Dayspring of Light dawned above the horizon of manifestation and appeared, all arose to oppose and object, except whom God, thy Lord, willed.

And now the Manifestation of the Cause, while imprisoned, turneth toward thee and summoneth thee, purely for the sake of the Lord of Names, unto the most exalted horizon.

Praise God, then thank Him, for having revealed unto thee that which was hidden from most of mankind. Verily, He is the All-Hearing, the Answering.

BH08770: Strive that thou remain not deprived and portionless…

He is the Dawning One from the horizon of the heaven of wisdom!

Strive that thou remain not deprived and portionless of that which is with God. All the peoples of the earth were expectant, seeking from the exalted Truth the encounter of this wondrous Day. Yet when the ocean of knowledge appeared and the Sun of Revelation dawned forth, all arose in denial and turned away, save whom God willed.

Today is the day for the manifestation of goodly deeds and spiritual qualities. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto that which leadeth to the exaltation of the Word of God. And woe unto the heedless ones who have disputed the signs of God and denied His Most Great, His Mighty Cause.

Grieve thou not over anything. Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness. Verily, He is with His servants who have turned unto Him. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH08996: This is a Book sent down by the Lord…

He is the One dawning from the horizon of wisdom and utterance.

This is a Book sent down by the Lord of Names to him who hath been named Rida, that he might rejoice and give thanks to his Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. May God grant that thou be made victorious through divine bounty and illumined by the light of His countenance. Beseech God that He may aid thee in that which shall cause thy mention to endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven.

Today every soul must occupy himself with the remembrance and praise of God and arise to serve His Cause. God willing, thou shalt receive thy portion from the ocean of divine bounty and drink of the most pure wine in the name of thy Lord, the Ordainer. We have heard thy call and have answered thee as a token of Our grace, and We counsel thee to manifest supreme steadfastness in this mighty Cause. And praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH08999: A Tablet revealed by the Lord of Creation…

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

A Tablet revealed by the Lord of Creation for him who has turned to the Most Sublime Horizon—the station wherein the Divine Lote-Tree proclaims: "There is none other God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting."

O Abdullah! The Lord of the Throne and of Earth remembers you from His Most Glorious Horizon and summons you unto God, the Lord of existence. How many a guilty one sought to ascend but was cast down by the hand of power with a shooting flame, and how many a servant did He strengthen in such wise that he testified to that which the Lord of the Unseen and the Seen had testified. Be thou assured through thy Lord's favor—verily He witnesses and beholds, and He is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Give thanks unto God for having caused thee to hear His sweetest call and to behold His Most Glorious Horizon. Thy Lord, verily, is He Who has dominion over what was and what shall be.

BH09417: 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, and He Who hath come with the truth is verily the Ocean of My knowledge, the Heaven of My wisdom, and the Sun of My loving-kindness. He was hidden in the eternity of eternities, and when He willed to appear, He appeared in truth and manifested whatsoever He desired. He is, verily, the Single One, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty.

Whoso denieth Him hath denied Me, and unto him who acknowledgeth Him We bear witness that he hath confessed that which My Tongue hath spoken forth in the Kingdom of My utterance. Verily, He is I, God, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto His days, and perceived the fragrance of His garment, and acted in accordance with that which it was bidden in His perspicuous Book. Thus surgeth the ocean of utterance while the Wronged One is in His mighty prison.

BH09269: God willing, on this divine Day mayest thou receive…

In the Name of God, the Beneficent!

God willing, on this divine Day mayest thou receive thy portion from the outpourings of the All-Merciful and drink from the ocean of wisdom. The light of the realm of knowledge cometh from the splendors of His Countenance, not from the sun and moon. Strive thou to find thy way to the heaven of inner meanings and to walk upon God's straight path.

How many princes there were who sought after this Day, yet now are seen to be deprived of it, while thou, through God's favor, hast attained unto it and perceived the fragrances of His garment.

With all thy soul and spirit and tongue, be thou occupied with the praise of the Beloved of all creation. Verily, He is with whosoever remembereth Him and maketh mention of Him, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH09787: O friend! The Kawthar of the utterance…

In the Name of the One Friend!

O friend! The Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful hath appeared and flowed forth, and the sealed wine hath been unsealed through the power of the Name of the Self-Subsisting. Ye should turn unto God—exalted be His glory—with illumined hearts and radiant breasts. Today His all-embracing mercy hath encompassed all, yet most are found heedless and veiled. Blessed is the state of the one who, detached from the world, hath clung to the Most Great Name and received his portion from the ocean of His grace. God willing, may ye be occupied at all times with the remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds and act according to that which ye have been commanded in the Book. We send Our glorification and prayers upon the King of Martyrs and their Beloved.

BH10071: O Hasan! The Lord of the hidden…

He is the One manifest before all faces.

O Hasan! The Lord of the hidden and the manifest remembers you before the face of the world and gives you glad tidings of this Revelation through which was revealed that which the Speaker of the Mount uttered: “Verily there is no God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed.” By God! The hidden has been revealed and the treasured has appeared, and the Unseen calls out with the most exalted call, summoning all to the supreme horizon, this resplendent station. Give thanks to your Lord for having enabled you to recognize Him when every remote scholar denied Him. Cast aside what the people possess and take what is with your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Thus have We remembered you that you may rejoice and give thanks to your Lord, the All-Bountiful.

BH10049: O My handmaiden! God willing, thou shalt be made…

He is the Manifest, the Hidden One

O My handmaiden! God willing, thou shalt be made the recipient of divine favors and infinite bounties. How many queens of the world yearned and longed for the presence of this blessed Day but did not attain it, while thou, through the grace of God, exalted be His glory, hast attained thereunto. If thou renderest thanks for this station with a hundred thousand tongues, it would assuredly be and continue to be insufficient. Today the Speaker of the Mount is speaking. Blessed is the ear that hath been honored by His call and the eye that hath beheld His signs. Remember thy Lord at all times. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing.

BH09827: A mention from Us to him who desires…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

A mention from Us to him who desires to drink the living waters from the hands of the bountiful favors of his Lord, the All-Bountiful, that the remembrance of his Lord may attract him to the supreme horizon and draw him nigh unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. O ʿAli! Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee,

for it cannot be compared with the treasures of the earth nor with the ornaments of kings. Beware lest the affairs of men hold thee back from the Truth. Leave the world behind thee and take what thou art bidden by God, the Lord of all worlds. The glory rest upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this most great station and have witnessed what God hath witnessed in His perspicuous Book.

BH09900: In My Name, Who speaks in every gathering

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The Wronged One beareth witness to that which God hath witnessed in the Kingdom of Utterance: There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Gracious. O Dhikr-ʿAli! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord Who remembereth thee while He was in the midst of the heedless ones. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, then render thanks unto thy Lord, the Remembering, the Generous. The Remembrance proclaimeth and saith: O people of the Bayan! By God, the All-Merciful hath come and the matter hath been decided by One mighty and powerful. We counsel thee and Our loved ones to be steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of the mystics have slipped. Thus hath the Dove of Utterance cooed upon the branches that thou mayest rejoice and be of the thankful ones.

BH10452: O Khalil! In the divine days he sacrificed…

In the Name of the one God!

O Khalil! In the divine days he sacrificed in the path of the Friend all that he possessed. All the Concourse on High desired to make the sacrifice, but He did not accept it. With firm resolve he advanced and attained unto the most great martyrdom, the supreme horizon and the utmost goal.

Blessed are they who have attained unto this station, that is, who have recognized the Sacrificed One and drunk from the cup of His love. They are, verily, of the people of the highest Paradise in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken, as a token of grace from Me, and I am the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

BH10264: A mention from the Wronged One to him who…

He is the One manifest between earth and heaven

A mention from the Wronged One to him who desired to drink from the ocean of knowledge in the name of his Lord, the Powerful, the Mighty, that the mention might draw him to a station wherein neither the conditions of the people of creation would prevent him from the Lord of Names, nor the doubts of the learned from Him Who came with the truth with mighty sovereignty. Hold fast to the cord of thy Lord's favor and cling to His luminous hem. We counsel thee to remain steadfast in this Cause, and We send Our greetings upon thee and upon the faces of My loved ones from this distant station.

BH10446: O Husayn! The Wronged One of the world calls…

In the Name of the Beloved of the worlds!

O Husayn! The Wronged One of the world calls out from the Most Great Prison and summons thee to the supreme horizon. Cast away what the people possess and take what thou art commanded by the One Who is the Mighty, the Powerful.

Today is the day of steadfastness and the day of the manifestation of service. Strive that there may appear from thee in the path of God that which shall endure throughout the duration of the kingdom and the heavenly realm. We have remembered thee in this Most Impregnable, Most Holy and Wondrous Tablet that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord and arise to celebrate His beautiful remembrance and to serve His mighty Cause.

BH10318: He Who is the Intended One beareth witness unto…

He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. In His Name, the Powerful!

He Who is the Intended One beareth witness unto him who hath appeared with the truth and hath come from the heaven of the Cause with manifest sovereignty. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, calleth you unto the Kawthar of life, and it is My love, the mighty, the wondrous. All the ornaments of the earth shall perish, and there shall endure that which hath been sent down from God, the Lord of all worlds. Verily He aideth whomsoever He willeth with hosts ye cannot see, and seizeth whomsoever He pleaseth, for He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Thus have We sent down the verses and made manifest the evidences, yet most of the people remain heedless.

BH10677: O Ibrahim! He Who possesseth the Book remembereth thee…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O Ibrahim! He Who possesseth the Book remembereth thee and announceth unto thee glad tidings of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. This is a day wherein the Friend calleth out and the Interlocutor proclaimeth:

> “Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds, for having manifested and revealed that which lay hidden within the treasuries of Thy knowledge, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.”

I testify that through Thy coming Thy domains have been honored, and through Thy Name every mouldering bone hath been quickened. I beseech Thee to aid me to arise to serve at the door of Thy bounty and to remain steadfast in Thy service at every morn and eventide.

BH10758: This is the Day unto whose greatness and blessedness…

In the Name of the All-Bountiful, the Most Compassionate!

This is the Day unto whose greatness and blessedness all the chosen ones of God, His Prophets and His Messengers have borne witness. Know thou its worth and act in a manner befitting it.

Whosoever is enabled in this Day to perform a deed purely for the sake of God—his name shall be inscribed as one of the denizens of the most exalted Paradise in the Crimson Book. Blessed is he who acts, and woe unto the heedless.

Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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BH00106: All praise, sanctified beyond the mention and recognition…

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 beyond the mention and recognition of the human world, befitteth and beseemeth the threshold of the sanctified nearness of the Lord of Oneness, Who hath caused the drop to surge as waves of an ocean and hath bestowed upon the atom the effulgences of a sun. His complete power hath subdued the world through one of His names, and His all-encompassing knowledge hath revealed countless books from a single point. The might of the world standeth confessed in powerlessness before His might, and the dominion of all who dwell in existence beareth witness to its weakness before the manifestations of His power. Exalted be His grandeur and glorified be His power! Glory be unto Him, glory be unto Him! Through a single revelation of His Most Great Name He hath illumined the world, and through the blessed word "The Hidden Mystery hath appeared" hath He caused all things to speak. Through His hand of power the new heaven hath been raised up, and through His transcendent grace the gates of all good have been opened.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through the light of Whose countenance all created things have been illumined, and through the movement of the finger of Whose will all beings have been set in motion! That which lay hidden in the treasuries of Thy knowledge and stored in the repositories of Thy wisdom hath appeared and been made manifest. I beseech Thee, O Thou the Desire of the world and Lord of all nations, by the choice Wine whose seal was loosened by the finger of Thy might, and by the Kawthar which hath flowed forth by Thy command from the kingdom of Thine utterance, to assist Thy chosen ones to celebrate Thy praise and glory and to observe that which Thou hast commanded them in Thy Book.

O my Lord! Thou art He to Whose power and might all things have testified. The machinations of Thy servants cannot frustrate Thee, nor can the opposition of them that dwell in Thy realm hinder Thee. Through Thy name the horizon of the heaven of recognition hath been made to shine, and through Thy will there have been sent down from Thy Most Exalted Pen the laws of all religions. O Lord! Aid Thy loved ones to recognize that which proceedeth from Thee, and teach them through Thy bounty from the sea of Thy knowledge that which will cause them to acknowledge Thy choosing and that Thou art the One Who hath power to do what He pleaseth and to ordain what He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

To continue: This servant received thy letter which spoke in praise and glorification of God. When I read and understood it, I supplicated God—my Beloved and thy Beloved and the Beloved of all worlds—to assist thee in that which beseemeth His days and to make known unto thee that which had been concealed from most of the servants concerning the manifestations of the ocean of His power and His decree. After I had become acquainted with its contents, I repaired to the Most Great Scene until I attained the presence of the Lord of Destiny and presented that which was in thy letter. When thy words were honored to be heard by the Lord of Verses and the Manifestation of clear proofs, the Ancient Beauty turned to me and spoke, exalted be His grandeur:

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

This is a mention from Our presence to those in the world, that it may draw them to the Most Great Name, which calleth aloud between earth and heaven and summoneth all who are in creation to the most exalted Horizon. Blessed is he who heareth and findeth the sweetness of the Most Great Sign, and blessed is he who seeth the dawning-places of the Lord of Names. Woe betide him who hath denied and disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds. The atoms have testified to the Revealer of verses, yet most of the people remain heedless. They hear the call, yet deny it—verily they are in doubt concerning the meeting with their Lord, the Mighty, the Generous.

O Muhammad! The servant who was present hath come with thy letter and read it before the Wronged One in this mighty prison. When he gained the honor of hearing it, We answered thee with these verses that all the treasuries of the heavens and earth cannot equal. We make mention of thee and those who believed before. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Beware lest the affairs of creation hold thee back from the Truth. Leave them and what they possess and put thy trust in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We make mention of thee and those who have turned to the most exalted Horizon. To this testifieth the Kingdom of creation and he who hath with him a perspicuous Book.

Say: O concourse of the earth! Rejoice in that the Most Great Joy hath appeared. Beware of following your divines who have turned away from God and pronounced judgment against Him with such tyranny as hath caused the Concourse on High to lament and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise to weep. To this testifieth every knowing, perceiving one. This is the Day that hath adorned the books of old with its mention and concerning which the Prophets and Messengers gave glad-tidings. Blessed is the strong one whom the veils of earth did not withhold nor whom the hosts of those who are heedless of this shining Horizon did frighten. Give thanks unto God for having remembered thee and revealed unto thee that which hath brought solace to the eyes of them who are nigh. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

The Supreme Pen once again addresses the friends in that land in Persian, that all may be illumined and gladdened by the effulgent rays of the Sun of Bounty. By the Sun of inner meaning, which hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of truth, this Wronged One hath in most times been occupied with the remembrance of the friends. From the Ancient Pen hath been sent down especially for each one that which is the cause and means of salvation in all divine worlds. Today is the day of mention and praise. All must hold fast unto wisdom and cleave unto it and fix their gaze upon it, for if anyone should exceed the bounds of wisdom in making mention, in speaking, or in teaching the Cause of the All-Merciful, his work shall not be accepted in the sight of the Truth.

Strive ye to enable the dead to partake of the living waters through wisdom and utterance, that perchance the earth of true knowledge may be cleansed from unseemly fancies and imaginings and be illumined with the lights of the sun of certitude. Through God's grace may ye succeed in preserving that which hath been bestowed upon you. The beginning of the Cause was the knowledge of God, and its end is steadfastness. How excellent is the state of him who hath attained unto the Most Great Steadfastness, in such wise that all else besides God is powerless to deter him. Most mighty is this Cause, and the manifestations of evil whispers lie in ambush. Beseech ye God to enable all to attain unto that which He loveth and pleaseth, and to deprive them not of the sweet-scented fragrances of His garment. He is your Beloved and your Goal, and hath been with you in all conditions. There is none other God but He, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

From the utterances of Him from Whom verses are revealed—may the spirit of all who are in the kingdom of Command and Creation be a sacrifice unto Him—His marks of loving-kindness, affection and mercy toward the friends are evident and manifest. This servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, that He deprive not the peoples of the earth of the choice wine of His utterance, and that He cause the friends at all times to drink from the nine rivers, and enable them to mention Him, to praise Him and to serve His Cause. Were the souls in the world to become aware of the station and rank of this blessed Day, all would detach themselves from whatsoever is not of God and would hold fast unto the Most Strong Cord.

But what profit is there when thick veils have prevented eyes from beholding the lights, and dark coverings have withheld hearts from the ornament of His love—save for those souls who have rent asunder veils and coverings through His Name, and whom the wine of the Salsabil of the All-Merciful's utterance hath so affected that they have detached themselves from all else but God, and have turned with their entire being—soul, spirit, sight and heart—toward the Most Exalted Horizon. These veils and coverings that are mentioned refer to the allusions and doubts of the turban-wearing folk who are known among men as divines. They are the sources of idle fancies and the dawning-places of vain imaginings, and they are the idols of the people.

Where is one possessed of power and might who could, through the strength of certitude, cast down these idols of fancy? The Cause is in His hands; He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

The purpose of these words that have been submitted is not contention, dispute or corruption. What is meant by power, might and strength is steadfastness in the Cause of God; likewise, mention and utterance is a fire that consumeth the hearts of the idolaters and a light that illumineth the world of true knowledge.

All the friends must at all times be mindful of wisdom. Wisdom is a light that illuminates the world of knowledge. The friends must at all times observe wisdom and drink from its fountainhead. With utmost forbearance and through goodly utterances, they should lead people from the left hand of doubt to the right hand of certitude. Such counsels have repeatedly been heard from the Ancient Tongue. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto the heedless! Murder, plunder, treachery, persecution, corruption

and conflict have been and will continue to be the way of the oppressors. God and His loved ones are sanctified, holy and pure from all such things.

In your letter there were complaints, but God is my witness that whenever letters from divine friends have arrived, this evanescent servant has, to the extent possible, not been remiss or negligent in replying. I do not recall receiving your letter except this once. And if at times a letter from one of the friends arrives and there is a delay in response, one should not be perturbed by such delay and should know with certainty that this delay was due to lack of time, not lack of love. This evanescent servant is occupied day and night in transcribing revealed verses before the face of the World's Desired One, and this is a most mighty and momentous task. I beseech God—exalted be His glory, abundant His favors, and great His station—for support and confirmation to fulfill this duty. Nevertheless, whenever this evanescent one has found opportunity and time, he has not forgotten to mention the friends and has commemorated each one before the Throne. God is sufficient witness to this.

In this case, you should arise in thanksgiving and praise to the Beloved of the worlds and seek from God—exalted be His glory—confirmation for this servant. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Near, the Responding One, and He is the Hearing, the Witnessing, the Watchful One. The names of the friends mentioned in your letter were presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court. Wondrous and sublime verses were revealed from the heaven of grace specifically for each one. God willing, may all attain unto them and act according to what befits the Days of God.

This is what was revealed for his honor Mirza Muhammad-Taqi, upon him be 96 [Baha]:

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O Muhammad-Taqi! He Who was hidden behind the veils of the Unseen and inscribed in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds, maketh mention of thee. Give thanks unto God for this Most Great Remembrance. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We have mentioned thee before with a mention whose fragrance will never cease to persist throughout the eternity of My Best Names. To this testifieth every knowing one who is aware.

Section 2: "This is what was revealed for his honor…"

This is what was revealed for his honor Mirza Muhammad-Rafi', upon him be 96 [Baha]:

He is the Dawning-Place from the horizon of the Kingdom

O Muhammad-Rafi'! My Most Exalted Pen hath moved to make mention of thee before, and at this moment also, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. That which was hidden from eternity hath appeared, and He hath revealed what He desired through His Name, the Powerful. Act thou according to what thou hast been commanded in the Book by the All-Knowing Commander. Beware lest the affairs of the world hold thee back from what the Lord of Names hath intended for thee. Leave the world and hold fast unto the Most Great Name, which speaketh among the nations: "There is none other God but I, the Mighty, the Trustworthy."

This is what was revealed for his honor Ba before Ba, upon him be the Glory of God:

He is the Dawning-Place from the horizon of eternity

O Ba before Ba! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of Names Who summoneth thee while sorrows encompass Him from all directions. Bear thou witness to that which God did testify before the creation of the heavens and earth—that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. He hath appeared and manifested what He desired, and created thee and aided thee to recognize this Cause whereby the learned, the mystics and the princes have stumbled, save whom God, the Lord of all men, hath willed. God willing, thou shouldst arise to serve the Cause with the utmost joy and fragrance. Thy mention and name have flowed from the Supreme Pen, both before and after. Know thou the worth of this most great station and preserve it in the name of the Lord of existence.

Ere long will the diverse conditions and colors of the world return to nothingness, while that which appeareth in the path of God hath been and shall ever be adorned with the ornament of immortality. Know thou the value of this most great station and this mighty rank. Beseech thou God, exalted be His glory, that He may aid thee in that which pleaseth Him, and that thou mayest not be deprived of that which would cause thee grief and regret. He is with thee under all conditions. Place thy trust in Him in all matters. He hath protected thee time and again and ordained for thee what He desired. He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

We make mention of him who was named Nasru'llah that he may rejoice in My remembrance and be of the thankful ones. O people of Baha! Hearken unto the call of Him Who created the heaven, which hath been raised in the luminous spot—the place which was recorded by the Supreme Pen in the Books of the Prophets and Messengers. We bid thee to act with righteousness and that whereby the station of man may be made manifest amongst the peoples of all religions. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The glory rest upon thee, upon thy father and upon those who have hearkened unto the counsel of God and followed that which they were bidden in My perspicuous Book.

That which was revealed for his honor Mirza Muhammad, upon him be the glory of God:

He is the Rememberer and the Remembered One

O Muhammad! Thy mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and He hath revealed for thee this remembrance which cannot be equaled by all the treasures. We have turned from the direction of Our Most Great Prison toward those who have believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, and We counsel them to perform pure deeds and to show forth the greatest steadfastness among the people. Verily thy Lord is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His command "Be" and it is. Take thou the Book of God with a strength from Him, then read it at all times. By My life! Through it the fragrance of the garment hath been diffused and hearts have been attracted. O Muhammad! We love to see thee sanctified from all idle fancies. Thus doth thy Lord, the King of Kings, command thee.

That which was revealed for his honor Abu-Badi' who was martyred in the path of God:

In My Name which is sanctified above all mention and names

O Most Exalted Pen! We have desired to make mention of him who was martyred in My path, who expended all he possessed for love of My Beauty, and who detached himself from the world in his longing to attain My presence. He departed from his home, turning his face toward the splendors of My countenance, and traversed paths by land and sea until he reached the Most Great Scene—the Spot whereon the Lord of Destiny was established upon the Most Great Throne. When he presented himself at the gate, We caused him to hear Our most sweet call and showed him Our most glorious countenance. We bear witness that he attained the presence of his Lord, drank from the ocean of reunion, and was adorned with that which was recorded in the Books of God and celebrated in the Concourse on High. He is of them who rent asunder the veils and hastened unto the All-Glorious, the All-Bestowing. Upon him be the glory of God and the glory of all who are in earth and heaven, and the mercy of God and the mercy that hath preceded all who dwell in the kingdom of creation. We testify that he achieved the Most Great Steadfastness, whereby the backs of the discerning were broken among the peoples.

Blessed art thou, O Majid, in that thou hast drunk the choice wine of My love, the Kawthar of My revelation, and the Salsabil of My grace. We bear witness that thou didst turn toward My horizon when My servants and My creatures turned away from Me, that thou didst hear My call and acknowledge that which My tongue hath acknowledged, and didst speak that which was sent down from the kingdom of Mine utterance, and wert steadfast in serving My Cause amidst My creation. Thou art he who heard the taunts of the enemies in My path, and now in this hour thou hearest thy praise and glorification from the tongue of My majesty and the kingdom of Mine utterance and the Pen of My Cause.

Thou didst witness the wrath of the people in their hatred of Me; now in this hour We show thee the ocean of My mercy, the heaven of My bounty, and the sun of My loving-kindness. O Majid! Blessed art thou in that thou hast attained unto this remembrance through which the Daysprings of names and attributes, nay all atoms, make mention of thee. Blessed be thy tongue for having uttered My praise, thine eye for having beheld My proof, thine ear for having heard My verses, thy hand for having been raised to the heaven of My mercy and My grace, and thy foot for having stood firm in the service of My Cause.

We make mention in this station of thy son, through whom the horizon of power was illumined and the might of God was made manifest among His servants. By My life! He was ablaze when he turned toward the place of sacrifice with a fire that enkindled the hearts and minds. He it is whom the Concourse on High welcomed in spirit, and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise and the Kingdom of Names. We bear witness that he took the Sealed Wine from the hand of the Self-Subsisting and drank in His Name, through which the kingdom and the realm were attracted and the tongue spoke forth in the kingdom of utterance. Blessed be the All-Merciful Who sent forth this steadfast, firm, humble, submissive, mighty and wondrous servant.

O Majid! Convey My greetings to the countenance of thy son and say: The glory shining forth from the horizon of eternity be upon thee, O thou through whom the limbs of them that turned away from God, the Creator of heaven, did quake, and the hearts of the mighty who cast the truth behind their backs in following vain imaginings were troubled. Blessed art thou, and he, and thy family who have believed in

God, the Lord of the worlds. We counsel them with that which beseemeth them and with that which hath been sent down in the Book. The command is God's, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Bestowing.

That which was revealed for His Eminence Mirza Kazim, upon him be the glory of God. He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great, the Most Glorious.

O Kazim! The breezes of revelation have wafted, and the fragrance of the All-Merciful has been diffused, yet most people remain heedless. By the life of God! A single moment of these days cannot be compared with the years of the ancients. This is the Day of God which hath appeared with truth—the One promised in the books of the past. To this testifieth every fair-minded, truthful and discerning one. The world hath been illumined by the lights of His countenance, and the nightingale warbleth upon the branches. The Promise hath come to pass, and the Promised One proclaimeth: "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise." Rejoice thou in My remembrance and say: "Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds!"

That which was revealed for Mirza Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God:

He is the Hearer, the Speaker, the All-Knowing

O Abu'l-Hasan! The rain of thy Lord's mercy hath poured down, and Kawthar and Salsabil have flowed, yet most people know it not. The ocean of utterance hath appeared in the contingent world, yet most people comprehend not. The atoms have testified to the Revealer of verses, and the Spirit proclaimeth:

> "The gate of heaven hath been opened, and the Desired One hath come with a sovereignty that encompasseth both the unseen and the visible."

Blessed is the servant who hath attained unto steadfastness in this Cause, whose greatness hath been attested by the Books of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Thus hath the tongue of the All-Merciful spoken in His hallowed and beloved kingdom.

What hath been sent down unto Mirza ʿAbdu'l-Karim (upon him be the glory of God)

In My Name, the Dayspring that shineth forth from the Horizon of Proof.

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath revealed for him who hath turned unto Him and attained, in the days wherein the peoples have turned away from it. They have rejected the cooing of the Dove of the Cause and have clung unto the croaking cry; thus have their own selves beguiled them in the days of their Lord, the Mighty, the Chosen. Say: O people! Fear ye God, and follow not your vain imaginings. Nay, follow Him Who hath come unto you with a Book before which the Mother Book itself hath bowed down.

Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto the remembrance of Me, and, with wisdom and utterance, hath voiced My praise. Even so have We sent down the verses, and dispatched them unto thee, that thou mayest render thanks unto thy Lord, the Lord of the Return.

What hath been sent down unto Aqa Siyyid Kazim (upon him be the glory of God)

In My Name, the Expounder, the All-Knowing.

We entered the prison, and summoned the peoples of the East and the West unto God, the Revealer of verses. Amongst mankind are those whom the pure Wine of the utterance of their Lord, the All-Merciful, hath drawn, and who have said: “I believe in Thee, O Thou through Whom the Cry was raised, and the mountains were made to pass away.” And amongst them are those who denied and turned aside, and who said: “Verily, He hath forged a lie against God, the Lord of lords.” We said: By what command didst thou believe in God aforetime, O thou ungodly and lying one? and by what proof didst thou turn away from Him Who, when He appeared, caused all things to speak: “The sovereignty is God’s, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving”? By the life of God! the people have clung unto the croaking cry, turning away from the pure Wine; yet are they in doubt and contention.

What hath been sent down unto Aqa Muhammad (upon him be the glory of God)

In His Name, the Omnipotent over whatsoever hath been and whatsoever shall be.

O Muhammad! If thou givest ear unto the melodies of the Doves of the Most High Paradise, thine inmost being shall be set aflame, and the hearts of them that draw nigh shall be attracted. Blissful the portion of him who hath attained in the days of his Lord; and woe betide the heedless! The very bones that are dust have quivered at the breaths of Revelation, yet the people are wrapt in a grievous veil. They have denied the bounty of God and His proof, and have uttered that which none of those who disbelieved in God in the former ages hath uttered. To this beareth witness He Who hath spoken in all things: “There is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Aware.” They claim faith in the Messengers of God and His envoys, yet have disbelieved in Him Who sent them forth by His irrevocable, His wise command.

Section 3: “What hath been sent down unto Muhammad (upon…”

What hath been sent down unto Muhammad (upon him be the glory of God)

In My Name, the Wronged, the Stranger.

The Day of God hath appeared, and the Point of the Bayan circleth round the Throne, and the Spirit giveth glad-tidings before His face, and the Sacred Valley proclaimeth: “Thine be the praise, O God of all worlds!” This is the Day whereon [mysteries] have been revealed, and traces made manifest, and the righteous have proclaimed: “The Promise hath come to pass!” And He Who was promised calleth aloud that which was inscribed in the Books of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Draw nigh, O people, unto the Dayspring of your Lord’s Revelation, the All-Forgiving, the Most Bountiful. Beware lest the hosts of princes prevent you from God, the Goal of them that know. O Muhammad, render thanks unto God for having attained unto this Most Great Remembrance in this Prison, round which circle the Concourse on High with hosts of favored angels.

That which was revealed to Aqa Siyyid Rida, upon him be the Glory of God:

In the Name of the One God

O Rida! Strive thou that in these divine days thou mayest succeed in such deeds as shall be recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. All the peoples of the world were created for this blessed and wondrous Day. Blessed is the one who hath rent asunder the restraining veils and shattered the idle

fancies, and hath turned towards the Most Sublime Horizon, which is the Dayspring of divine light and the Dawning-place of His Revelation. Beseech thou God that He may assist all to attain, and enable them to achieve His good-pleasure which is, in truth, the ultimate purpose of existence. The Herald of My Revelation hath said:

> "Strive ye that ye may attain unto the word of His good-pleasure."

This is the Day of God wherein none is mentioned save Him, yet the people have turned away. Strange that despite countless counsels, the people of the Bayan are seen to be deprived of the ocean of bounty and remote from the Source of nearness. Fie upon them and upon him who led them astray! By God's life! They are among the most lost in His clear Book.

That which was revealed to Mulla ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God:

He is the One Manifest, the Speaker, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

O ʿAli! We have heard thy mention, have pardoned thee and adorned thee with forgiveness, for We are the Most Generous. We have witnessed the turning of My loved ones and have turned toward them from the direction of the Prison, for We are the All-Kind, the Most Merciful. We have summoned the peoples from the Most Great Prison to this horizon whence have shone forth the suns of wisdom and utterance, for We are the Speaker, the All-Seeing. Arise to serve the Cause of thy Lord in this Day wherein all things have testified to God, Creator of earth and heaven and Lord of all names, and We are the Witness, the All-Knowing. Beware lest anything hold thee back from God.

Say: O peoples of the earth! By God, the gate of grace hath been opened, the ocean of knowledge hath surged, and the fragrance of thy Lord's bounty, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, hath been wafted. Beware lest the doubts of the divines or the intimations of those who have denied the Day of Judgment hold you back. O people! That which was recorded in God's Books hath appeared. Fear God and be not of the wrongdoers. Reflect upon God's Revelation and His proof, then judge with fairness and be not of the transgressors who cast the Book of God behind their backs and followed every ignorant remote one. Thus have We mentioned thee out of Our grace, and We counsel thee and those who believe to be steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of the mystics have slipped.

That which was revealed to Mashhadi Fath-ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God:

In the name of the All-Knowing Speaker

O Fath-ʿAli! God willing, thou shalt be reckoned among the people of the divine Tabernacle. In the Books of old He maketh mention and giveth glad tidings unto all that dwell on earth of this Manifestation, that on that glorious and wondrous Day His Tabernacle shall be raised up in the most exalted place. Moreover, He giveth the glad tidings that this blessed, hallowed and mighty Tabernacle shall not be moved from place to place, its cords shall not be severed, and its stakes shall endure forever and ever. God willing, may all servants attain unto the recognition of this mighty Tabernacle, turn unto it, and be accounted as belonging to it in the Book of God. Blessed is the soul that hath hearkened unto the call of Truth and

discovered its Purpose. Strive thou to attain unto the bounties of His days and to receive thy portion from His boundless ocean of mercy. Verily He is the Munificent, verily He is the Merciful.

Thus far, concerning the loved ones of the Beloved of the worlds whose names were mentioned in thy letter, exalted and glorious verses have been sent down from the heaven of the Will of the Lord of Oneness in that same order. This evanescent servant beseecheth the True One, exalted be His glory, that He may aid them all in whatsoever beseemeth them and give them to drink from the Kawthar of His utterance, that they may be set ablaze with the fire of divine love in such wise that its effects may become manifest, evident and apparent in the hearts and souls of men. When this evanescent servant reached this point, he was summoned into the Most Holy Presence, and after attaining thereunto the Tongue of Grandeur spoke this most exalted Word—exalted be His glory: We desire to make mention of the other friends, both men and women, who were not mentioned in the letter, that all may attain unto the supreme honor, the supreme mercy, the most great bounty and the greatest favor. Verily their Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Compassionate, the Bestower, the Munificent, the August, the Generous.

He is the One manifest from the horizon of light

We make mention of the loved ones of the All-Merciful in that land, whom vain imaginings have not prevented from turning towards the countenance of God, the Lord of all worlds, that the attraction of the verses may seize them in such wise that neither the doubts of the people nor the gestures of the opposers may cause them grief. O My loved ones in that land! Rejoice in that the tongue of My loving-kindness hath made mention of you in My Most Great Prison. Give thanks unto God for having aided you to recognize the Dawning-Place of Revelation, through which every wise command hath been made manifest. Blessed is he who hath attained unto My days, soared in My atmosphere, submitted to My sovereignty, and acted in accordance with what is in My perspicuous Book.

This Wronged One conveyeth His greetings to all the friends, both men and women. The names of all are mentioned before His countenance and recorded in the Book by the Most Exalted Pen. Strive ye, that this precious pearl may be preserved from thieves and traitors in the name of the Lord of the Day of Judgment. The cawing of the crows hath become manifest. God willing, may ye drink at all times from the spring of steadfastness through His grace. Today steadfastness is among the greatest of all deeds in the sight of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. God willing, may ye be adorned with its ornament and be enabled to speak and act as befitteth. In all conditions be mindful of wisdom, lest anything arise that would cause upheaval and commotion. He, verily, commandeth you to observe what is right, as a token of His grace, for He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

We, from this spot, send Our greetings upon your faces and upon the faces of My handmaidens who have turned towards Me, hearkened, and believed in the One, the All-Informed. Praise be to God, the King, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Wondrous.

This evanescent servant conveyeth his greetings to the friends and loved ones, and beseecheth God to keep them all steadfast upon His path, that the lights of the sun of steadfastness may shine forth from the countenance of each one. This is the most great station. To the Seal of the Prophets—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake—He saith: “Be thou steadfast as thou hast been commanded.” Now ponder

upon the greatness of this matter. His Holiness, despite His grandeur of station, majesty of rank, and might and power—nay, all these attributes having appeared through His will—was nevertheless addressed with the blessed words "Be thou steadfast." In its primary reality, the souls who have turned to God were and are the intended meaning of this verse, for His Holiness standeth in a station wherein all these conditions are but shadows beneath it. In any case, we beseech God—glorified be His majesty—to enable this evanescent one and all others to attain unto this most great adorning and mighty station. Verily our Lord, the All-Knowing, is the Almighty, the Powerful.

O friends! Strive ye that ye may receive your portion and share from this blessed Day. Today is the day of service. All must arise to serve the Cause of the Lord of all beings with perfect love and unity, and act in accordance with what the Beloved hath revealed in the Book.

And as to what you wrote concerning your brother who ascended unto God, all are beheld in the Most Holy Court in one spot, in one station, and all the friends are adorned with the ornament of life. Many are they who have apparently ascended, yet most holy and transcendent Tablets were specifically revealed for them from the heaven of the Divine Will. After his ascension, for several years glorious and sublime Tablets were revealed specifically for Rida'u'r-Ruh, upon him be all the most glorious Glory of God, and were sent to that land. In brief, the true and sincere friends are living and alive before God, while others are among the dead even though they walk and eat and speak, as attested in the Books of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Those souls are alive with their Lord while others are dead in the graves of their bodies. Thus has it been in all ages. Blessed are they who possess insight.

One of the apostles was in the presence of the Spirit of God, Jesus Son of Mary—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him—when news arrived that his father had died. He said "O Spirit of God, grant me leave to go and bury my father." He replied: "Let the dead bury their dead." Implore God that He may quicken all through the Water of Life and deliver them from the abasement of death. Verily He is the Generous Giver.

This matter was also presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. These are the words uttered by the Tongue of the Most Merciful—may the spirit of all possibilities be a sacrifice for His utterance. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

> "O Muhammad! We bid thee once again at this time to convey greetings to thy brother who hath ascended unto Us, from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting."

The Glory be upon you and upon those who have turned to the Supreme Horizon, and upon the handmaidens of God, my Lord and your Lord and the Lord of the heavens and earths. And praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds.

The servant 24 Dhi'l-Hajjih 1298

A further submission: After completing the letter, the Servant sought the Ultimate Goal and Supreme Summit. After arising in the Presence, the Tongue of Grandeur uttered these blessed and decisive words—His word, exalted be His grandeur:

> "O servant in attendance! Write to Muhammad: We counsel thee regarding My loved ones, then We counsel thee regarding My loved ones who have arisen to serve My Cause and have spoken My beautiful praise."

BH00407: Praise be to God Who hath illumined hearts through…

Section 1: "Praise be to God Who hath illumined hearts…"

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

Praise be to God Who hath illumined hearts through the remembrance of His loved ones, His chosen ones, and His friends, and hath manifested whatsoever He hath willed through His command, His power, and His sovereignty. He hath created all beings and moved them through His most sweet call until they arose and hastened to the supreme horizon, except those who were veiled by the veils of idle fancies and were held back by the daysprings of vain imaginings—they who denied God, the Lord of all men. I pray, offer salutations, and glorify His ambassadors, His friends, and His chosen ones who have not preceded Him in speech and have acted according to what they were commanded by Him in a manifest and resplendent manner. These are servants upon whom the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the cities of names send their blessings, both in the evening and at dawn.

And further: this evanescent servant submits that a response to your letter, which was brought by Shaykh S, was written, but since it appeared that the Shaykh's journey might be prolonged, it was not sent. In these days, another petition and letter written in the hand of the beloved of hearts, Haji Kamal-ud-Din (upon him be Baha'u'llah, the Lord of the worlds), addressed to your honor, arrived. It brought joy and bestowed the blessing of news of your well-being and his. God willing, may you both ever remain at rest beneath the shadow of the Beloved's grace through all times, seasons, months and years, occupied in the service of His Cause. After your petition was submitted to the Most Holy Court, one most wondrous and impregnable Tablet was revealed from the heaven of will specifically for your honor and was sent. Previously also, two glorious and sublime Tablets were sent in the company of the Shaykh, specifically for your honor and for the leaf (female believer), upon her be Baha'u'llah. May they attain unto them and drink from the flowing rivers of wisdom and utterance from the fountainhead of the words of the Beloved of all creation.

Regarding what you wrote about the daughter of the martyr, Aqa Abdul-Rasul (upon him be Baha'u'llah)—may God grant you the best of rewards and ordain for your honor what befits His generosity, bounty, grace and beneficence. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Generous, the Bountiful. It is known that your honor is engaged in service to the Truth and have not, and will not, fall short in whatever can be done for the friends. This station is most great. Blessed is the one who recognizes it and holds fast unto it. This station is more glorious than all stations that have been witnessed or heard of. The Book of God, the Lord of the worlds, beareth witness to this. Likewise, the letter which Aqa Mirza Hussein, son of the elevated Ustad Baqir Najjar (upon them both be Baha'u'llah), sent to your honor was received and this evanescent one beheld it. It is hoped that whatever lies within your power regarding them and the daughter of the honored martyr (upon them be Baha'u'llah) will not

be neglected, so that perhaps these two souls might attain their rights. Verily, He does not suffer to be lost the reward of the doers of good.

The special announcement is that the beloved missives from his honor Haji Mirza Kamal al-Din—upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory—illumined the world of joy with the mention of the Beloved One and brightened the heaven of love with the luminary of the name of the Desired One. May they ever and always drink from the ocean of utterance and with perfect wisdom bestow it upon the people of contingent being. This glad tiding is conveyed to them: repeatedly was mention made of them from the Tongue of Grandeur, and in each instance the bounty of the True One was manifested in wondrous ways. May they arise with perfect steadfastness in the Cause of God in such wise that should anyone speak contrary to the good-pleasure of God, exalted be His glory, or transgress the station of servitude, they would regard that one as utter nothingness and absolute non-existence.

In all conditions may they fix their gaze upon God alone and deal with the friends of God with perfect love and moderation. This utterance hath appeared from the Kingdom of will out of pure grace so that all the friends might become aware of the Purpose and preserve the reins of the Cause. Blessed is he whom naught besides God deterreth from the Truth and whom nothing causeth to deviate from the good-pleasure of the Beloved of the worlds. When mention is made of them most times, the days of reunion, unity and gathering come to mind. In truth, the world becometh a world of joy. I beseech the Exalted True One to assist them in that which hath flowed from the Supreme Pen.

O my God, my Beloved, my Purpose! I beseech Thee by Thy imprisonment among Thy servants and Thy trials among the people of Thy realm to assist him and Thy servants to aid Thy Cause through wisdom and utterance. O Lord! He is the one who hath drunk the Kawthar of Thy presence and attained the honor of visiting Thy countenance. I beseech Thee not to disappoint him of the wonders of Thy generosity and bounty. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest and within Thy grasp is the kingdom of the dominion of the heavens and earths. Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!

Another glad tiding is that at this moment he is present before the Throne and this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet hath been revealed from the heaven of favor especially for them. May they attain unto it and be refreshed and gladdened by its fragrance to such extent that the darkness of the world shall not prevent them from remaining fresh. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

He is the One manifest through His name, the Self-Subsisting

O Most Exalted Pen! We wish to make mention of him who attained unto the light of the Countenance whilst behind the veil. He is among those who attained the presence of God when the ocean of reunion surged in Baghdad by the command of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. He departed from his home, turning towards the Most Exalted Horizon until he entered, heard and attained that which was promised in the Books of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. O Kamal! Rejoice in that the Wronged One maketh mention of thee from the prison, drawing thee unto the station of nearness, of holiness and of beauty. Behold and then remember when thou wert present before the Throne and didst hear the Voice of Him Who conversed upon Sinai, which when it came from the heaven of the Cause caused all things to proclaim: “The Lord of the Day of Reckoning is come!” Rejoice thou in this most great favor. By the life of

God! All the treasures of the world cannot equal it. He Who rode upon the clouds and walked upon the horizons of the earth with power and sovereignty doth testify to this.

O Kamal! Today the stations of divine favors are veiled, for the realm of existence hath not had, nor hath it now, the capacity to bear their revelation. But soon will He manifest His Cause by His behest. No force of hosts can weaken Him, nor can the might of kings enfeeble Him. He speaketh the truth and summoneth all unto the One, the All-Informed. All have been created for the betterment of the world. By the life of God! The attributes of the beasts of prey befit not man. The station of man is and shall ever be mercy, love, compassion and forbearance towards all the peoples of the world. Say: O friends! Drink ye of this pure fountain that floweth from the finger of the grace of the Lord of all names, and give others to drink in His name, that the denizens of earth may know with clear certainty why the Truth hath come and for what purpose they were created.

Section 2: "Thy letters have arrived in these days…"

Thy letters have arrived in these days and all were presented at the Most Holy Court, and thou hast been blessed with the favors and bounties of the Wronged One of the horizons. Today steadfastness is among the most mighty matters in the sight of God, and shall continue to be so, for the manifestations of idle fancies and the dawning-places of vain imaginings are engaged in misleading the servants. Say: O friends! Lay hold of the Salsabil of steadfastness which floweth from the spring of divine utterances, and drink thereof in His name, that ye may find yourselves possessed of such a station that should the whole world appear with all its books, scrolls and scriptures, ye would regard them as utter nothingness. Thus hath the Tongue spoken in the Kingdom of utterance, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The glory be upon thee, upon thy wife, upon thy children, upon thy two sisters, and upon those women who have believed in God, the Most High, the Great.

Special Tablets, wondrous and sublime, have been sent down from the heaven of Will for the friends of that land. God willing, they shall receive them and attain unto them. Glory be to those who have turned unto God and are firm, and light be upon those who have heard and are steadfast.

Praise be to God! They have been and are blessed with the favors of the Desired One of all the worlds. In truth, the verses themselves speak of the compassion, favor, mercy and loving-kindness of the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and the earth. There is no need for mention and explanation by this servant.

Likewise mention was made of His honor Aqa Mirza Mihdi, son of His Holiness the Martyr, upon both of them be the glory of God. This was presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. This is what the Tongue of the All-Merciful spoke in the Kingdom of utterance—exalted be His glory: He is the All-Knowing Witness.

O Mihdi! Blessed is thy father who emigrated from his home in his longing to attain the presence of God and presented himself before the Throne when the Cause was still veiled behind a manifest veil. He drank from the Kawthar of reunion before its manifestation and attained unto the Hidden Mystery before its revelation. To this testifieth He with Whom is the mighty Book. He was with Me in prison for a number of days in the land of Mim. Thus doth his Ancient Lord make mention of him—He Who proclaimeth at the

heart of the world: “There is none other God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed.” He was among those who were martyred in the path of God and who drank the cup of nearness and good-pleasure from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Gracious.

Blessed is he, again blessed is he, and blessed are they who visit him, according to that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in His mighty prison. The glory shining forth from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon him and upon the martyr who ascended unto God, the Lord of all worlds. We have made mention of him in such wise as nothing possessed by men can equal, and We make mention of him as a token of Our grace. Verily, I am the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O Mihdi! We have heard thy call and have answered thee with this Tablet that thou mayest rejoice and be of them that are thankful. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me while I was among the heedless. I beseech Thee to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise and in that which Thou hast revealed in Thy perspicuous Book. And I beseech Thee to forgive me and my father and my uncle, and to remit our sins through Thy grace and generosity, O Thou through Whose Name the ocean of forgiveness surgeth in all creation, and through Whom the fragrance of generosity is wafted and the sweet savors of bounty are diffused throughout existence. Verily, Thou art the Possessor of the hidden and the manifest. There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And praise be unto Thee, O God of all worlds.

This evanescent servant conveyeth wondrous and sublime greetings unto them and beseecheth God to assist them to that which is His good-pleasure. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Hearing, the Answering.

And likewise concerning Aqa Mirza Aqa [upon him be Baha’u’llah], who is among thy kinsmen, what was written was presented before the Most Holy Court. This is what the All-Merciful hath sent down from the Kingdom of Utterance. His words, exalted be His grandeur:

He is the Speaker, the Manifest, the All-Knowing

The world hath been set ablaze by the lights of the Most Great Name, yet the peoples remain in heedlessness and behind a veil. The light hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Revelation and the Divine Lote-Tree hath called out: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of lords!” Every book hath been honored by this Most Great Book, and every verse by these verses which, when sent down, caused the Cry to be raised and the mountains to pass away. This is the Day of God, to which the atoms themselves bear witness, and beyond them every fair-minded and discerning one. O thou who art mentioned before the Throne in the Most Great Prison! Hearken unto My call, for it will draw thee unto My Kingdom and unto stations which none save God, the Manifestation of verses, hath comprehended. Be thou thankful unto God for having sent down unto thee that whereby the hearts of them that are endued with understanding have been attracted. We counsel thee and Our loved ones to manifest supreme steadfastness, for the Calf belloweth and the Raven croaketh and the feeble one crieth out “I am the All-Knowing Speaker!” Thus have We made mention of thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Lord of all return.

As commanded, this servant wrote the revealed verses on separate pages and sent them. I beseech God that all may discover their fragrance and move among the servants with perfect wisdom in a state of spiritual intoxication, lest any matter arise that would cause turmoil and uproar and prevent weak souls from reaching the highest horizon. This evanescent servant offers greetings to them and to all who drink from the Kawthar of divine knowledge, and beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to aid all to achieve His good-pleasure and to confirm them. Verily the Glory that is manifest, resplendent, luminous, fragrant, penetrating, flowing, moving and prevailing be upon you and upon those who have been named with perfection in the Kingdom of Names, and upon those who are with him and with you, and upon those who have drunk the wine of steadfastness and have arisen to serve the Cause with resolve, constancy and firm persistence. And praise be to God, the Mighty, the Wise.

BH00655: Praised be God for the deeds of those who…

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

Praised be God for the deeds of those who have arisen to serve the Cause and who have uttered that which the All-Bountiful hath revealed in the Book. Blessed is he who hath drunk the choice wine of steadfastness from the hands of the bounty of his Lord, Who hath manifested whatsoever He desired with a sovereignty that the hosts of tyranny could not impede, nor the suppositions of the exponents of learning, nor the vain imaginings of the sources of discord and corruption.

Glory be to Thee, O Cleaver of the dawn, Sender of winds, and Revealer of prosperity! I beseech Thee by the Lamp which was kindled in Thy name amidst the world, and by the light of Thy countenance whereby the faces of the nations were illumined, to assist Thy servants, Thy leaves, Thy handmaidens, and Thy chosen ones to arise to serve Thee, to turn toward Thy horizon, and to act according to that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. O Lord! Aid them through Thy bounty, then protect them from those who have violated Thy Covenant. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thereafter, the servant received your later letter after completing my letter in response to your first letter. When I read it and found therein the fragrance of sincerity, I ascended to the Station and presented myself before the Throne and submitted its contents. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which diffused the fragrance of loving-kindness among all created things.

Concerning what you had written about Jinab-i-Aqa Habibu'llah and his intention, and the perusal of the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet which indicated prohibition, these matters were presented before His presence. This is what the Lord of Eternity spoke in the Most Great Prison:

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

O Habibu'llah! Be not grieved at what hath befallen. Praise be to God that that which was not acceptable in the sight of God did not come to pass. In this case, divine forgiveness hath encompassed and continueth to encompass. Through one exalted word the ocean of forgiveness hath appeared and surgeth. Grieve not, neither fear. Rather, rejoice in My loving-kindness, My bounty, and My mercy which have preceded all created things. We have verily pardoned thee, forgiven thee, and mentioned thee that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. God willing, thou shalt

henceforth move according to the will of God and manifest the most great steadfastness, and know with firm certitude and established knowledge that the attributes of savage beasts have never been and never shall be worthy of the loved ones of the All-Merciful.

The people of Baha must be adorned with the ornament of goodly deeds and spiritual qualities, in such wise that they may be the emblems of trustworthiness and righteousness throughout all lands and the standards of reformation. Thus doth the Wronged One counsel His loved ones and chosen ones from this glorious station. The souls who are gathered in Hadba (Mosul) must all partake of the pure water of wisdom from him who is named Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin and consult with him in all matters. The heaven of wisdom is illumined and radiant through the sun of consultation, and Zayn, upon him be the Glory of God, hath ever been trustworthy and one who consulteth in the sight of God. Blessed is he who loveth him, remembereth him, and drinketh from the cup of his utterance in this wise remembrance. The Glory be upon thee and upon the captives of God in Hadba and upon those who have cast away vain imaginings through the name of their Lord, the All-Knowing.

We make mention of the kin who faced in the path of God what was faced by My Name in the land of Taff. In all eternity My Most Exalted Pen heareth mention of the martyrs who quaffed the chalice of martyrdom through My love, My remembrance and My Name, the All-Compelling over all who are in the heavens and earth. And We make mention of My loved ones there who witnessed in the path of God what no one before hath witnessed, and We remember them in such wise as their names shall endure through the permanence of My impregnable, exalted Kingdom.

O chosen ones of God and His loved ones! Ye have borne what none hath borne and heard what none before you hath heard, and We cause you to hear in this hour that whereby the horizon of utterance hath shone forth in all possibility. Exalted is your Lord, the Most Merciful, Who hath turned toward you and faced your direction and giveth you to drink, as a token of His grace upon you and as a mercy unto you. Rejoice ye in this supreme station and render thanks unto your Lord for this clear remembrance. From this station We pronounce blessings upon your faces and upon the faces of My handmaidens who have found the sweetness of My utterance, who have circled round My will, and who have acted according to what was sent down in My Mighty Book. The glory shining from the horizon of My loving kindness be upon My loved ones, upon them, and upon those who have attained unto the Most Great Sign when it was sent down from God, the Lord of all beings and the Sovereign of the hereafter.

Praise be to God! The loved ones of God and His friends have time after time attained unto the true bounty and spiritual feast which is the mention of the Beloved of the worlds. God willing, may all be mindful and act in accordance with what beseemeth this greatest favor, and be occupied with the praise of the Beloved of the worlds. The choice wine of utterance is present and the Cup-Bearer is the Truth Itself, exalted be His glory. Blessed are they that drink thereof, and joy to them that attain! Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

It is requested that, on behalf of this lowly and fleeting servant, greetings of exaltation be conveyed to the people of the Household, to the honored brethren, and to the souls already mentioned. God, the Witness and the Testifier, is My proof that this servant hath ever, in the presence of the Countenance, made mention of the friends, and doth so still. God willing, may ye all be confirmed in steadfastness most

great. The essence of the matter is this: that in such wise should one be, that, were aught other than the Truth to be found in the Books of heaven and of earth, he would deem it sheer nothingness and pure non-existence, utterly lost and wholly effaced. Upon the people of the Household, and upon the loved ones of God who have attained unto this Most Great Cause, be the glory—radiant, resplendent, manifest, and exalted.

Again hath this humble servant turned, from the seat of the Most Great Throne, to make mention of the people of the Household of the Sanctuary of the Beloved Martyr (upon him be the glory of the Abha Beauty). That which they had written was laid before the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Inaccessible Court. This is what hath been revealed in reply—His word, the Ancient, the Most Great:

O My handmaid and My leaf! We have heard thy cry and that which thou didst seek from God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy fathers of old. And We have uttered a word wherewith the ocean of forgiveness hath surged; verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. We have forgiven thy brother, as a mercy from Our presence and a bounty from Our behest. Rejoice thou in the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the Compassionate. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Aware. Ended.

And as to that which they had written concerning the limb of the honored Haji ʻAli—that he had sought forgiveness for his parents—it was submitted in the Most Holy Presence. This is what hath been revealed from the Kingdom of Utterance:

In My Name, the All-Merciful.

We make mention of My servants and My handmaids who have attained unto My days, and have quaffed the pure Wine of steadfastness from the hand of My bounty, and have voiced My praise amongst My servants, and have preserved that which hath appeared from the pavilion of My glory and the treasuries of My knowledge. Upon them be My glory, My mercy, and My all-encompassing loving-kindness, which embraceth all who are in the heavens and on the earth.

O Ali! Stand firm in the Cause of thy Lord, and be steadfast in such wise that the clamor of the heedless shall not deter thee. O Ali! Great is the Cause, and many are the manifestations of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Beseech God to protect thee and to deliver His servants from the abyss of doubt and uncertainty. We make mention of thee, and We mention thy wife, as a command from Our presence, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Remembering. We have forgiven those for whom she sought forgiveness from ʻAmman, through the mercy of her Lord, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate.

Likewise, concerning the two accepted handmaidens—upon them be the Glory of God—thou didst mention that they had served the Ascending Leaf—upon her be the Glory of God. Mention of them was made before the Throne. This is what the Tongue of the Most Merciful hath spoken in the Kingdom of Utterance—exalted be His majesty:

In the Name of the Eternal, the Everlasting

O handmaidens! Your mention was made in the presence of the Wronged One, and these exalted words dawned forth from the Dayspring of favor, the Source of verses. Hearken unto the call of the Peerless Friend, and know the worth and station of that which floweth from the Most Exalted Pen, and preserve the precious pearl of divine love in the treasury of your hearts, and let it not slip from your grasp through the vain utterances of the doubtful ones. Praise be to God that ye have attained unto the most great honor, which is the recognition of Him Who is the Truth. Your turning unto Him hath been accepted, and your service hath been mentioned before the Throne, and through His boundless grace ye have been adorned with the ornament of forgiveness, and the word of forgiveness hath been revealed from the tongue of the Most Merciful concerning your father and mother. Rejoice ye with exceeding gladness in that ye are mentioned from the direction of the Most Great Prison.

This evanescent servant conveyeth wondrous greetings to each of the servants of God and His handmaidens. God willing, may all receive their portion from the outpourings of the True Bestower and be illumined by the spiritual Sun. The Glory be upon thee and upon them all.

The servant 24 Dhi'l-Hajjih 1298

BH00896: Praise be sanctified above the intimations and allusions…

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

Praise be sanctified above the intimations and allusions of contingent beings, befitting the Necessary Being Who, through one exalted Word, drew the people of the earthly realm to the supreme horizon, such that they detached themselves from wealth, riches, ornaments and all worldly treasures, and gave freely in the path of the One Beloved all that was a source of light for the world's darkness, a dawning-place of sight for those blind in the wilderness of error, and a sweet fountain for those thirsting in the desert of ignorance. Exalted be their qualities, magnificent their stations, and lofty their ranks! They heard, turned, and answered their Lord on a day when the idol wailed, the false deity cried out, and al-ʿUzza and its like shrieked.

By the life of the Beloved! These are servants to whom every soul should turn and from whom they should hear the tale of their Creator. These are souls whom the might of the world could not withhold from the Ancient King. They manifested perfect love, fellowship, affection and unity, and were commanded to reform the world. Yet the heedless souls who had drunk from the cup of idle fancies and followed the dawning-places of vain imaginings—namely the ignorant divines—suspected corruption in these essences of righteousness and integrity, and there occurred what occurred.

I swear by the Sun of Revelation now shining from the right of the Mount that God, exalted be His glory, has ever counseled His near servants to courtesy, forbearance, mercy, love and the reformation of the world. If today kings and subjects were to become aware of God's will—exalted be His station and magnificence—or were to drink but a drop from the ocean of knowledge, all would detach from what they possess and turn to what is with God. Were this station to be fully explained, one would witness what the people of possibility would do. But the decree of concealment has been sent down and the command of silence made firm. God willing, that honored one, the other friends, and this evanescent

servant beseech God, exalted be His glory, to cleanse eyes from the ophthalmia of vain imaginings and to free and deliver ears from the burden of the utterances of the dawning-places of idle fancies, that all may hear the divine call and behold the supreme horizon.

O my God and God of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy throne and the dawning-places of Thy knowledge to ordain for Thy loved ones that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and assist them in Thy remembrance and praise and in the wisdom which Thou hast sent down in Thy Book from the heaven of Thy will. O Lord! Illumine the eyes of Thy creatures with the light of revelation, then cause them to hear that which the Speaker of the Mount uttered, Whose appearance Thou didst promise aforetime through the tongue of one of Thy chosen ones. O Lord! Deprive not Thy creation of the ocean of Thy bounty, and disappoint not those who hope in what Thy Most Exalted Pen has ordained for Thy chosen ones and pure ones. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest, and in Thy right hand is the kingdom of creation. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise.

And furthermore, thy letter reached this evanescent servant in the City of the Pilgrimage. After reading and becoming apprised of its contents, I proceeded to the Most Great Goal and presented it in the presence of the Lord of the Day of Manifestation. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, blessed and exalted be His words: “We, from this Station, send Our greetings upon his face and the faces of them that have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.” God willing, may they ever drink from the Kawthar of love of the Immortal Beloved and be occupied with His remembrance, praise, and service to His Cause. Praise be to God, they are confirmed in service, and the reward of the doers in the Perspicuous Book hath been and shall ever be great. “Blessed are My loved ones who have attained unto this mighty station.”

I give thanks to the Beloved of the worlds that thou hast been favored with His grace to such degree that thy mention hath flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur, and one Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was specifically revealed and sent, as well as other holy and sublime Tablets for the friends of God. God willing, may all partake of the wine of utterance and be illumined by the splendors of the Sun of Truth. All that was sent arrived complete and intact according to thy letter, and a separate receipt was given.

As to thy mention of delay, there was no delay. Praise be to God, thou wert confirmed. Verily He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Furthermore, thy brother, praise be to God, arrived in the utmost joy and fragrance, and drank from the ocean of meeting and the Kawthar of attainment, and was the deputy in visitation for thy honored father, upon him be the Glory of God, and thyself. Your reward and recompense are in the treasuries of your Lord, the Bestower, the Trustworthy.

Regarding thy mention of Karbila’i Yusuf, upon him be the Glory of God, it was presented before the Face, and these decisive verses were specifically revealed for him. Exalted be His grandeur:

> “He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing! O Joseph! The Wronged One mentioned thee before and mentioneth thee at this time, that thou mayest give thanks unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forefathers. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee and My turning toward thee, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of earth and heaven, for having made me to know Thee and caused me to hear and taught me that of which the servants were heedless. I beseech Thee

> not to disappoint me from the springtime of revelation and manifestation. Send down upon me from the clouds of Thy mercy that which will render me purified from aught else save Thee and sanctified from the mention of any except Thee. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful."

Likewise, concerning Aqa ʿAli-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, who was mentioned in thy letter, these decisive verses were revealed. Exalted be His majesty:

> "He is the Most Mighty, the Most Great! Thou hast attained unto My mention, and this is yet another time, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Master of the Beginning and the End. Give thanks unto God for having revealed unto thee that which will draw thee nigh unto Him and remind thee of that which beseemeth the days of thy Lord, the Master of the Throne and of the dust. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the lights of the Countenance and have held fast unto My Most Firm Handle."

This servant's request is that thou shouldst convey greetings to all the friends in those parts who are detached from the affairs of creation and are holding fast unto the Truth. God willing, may all be enkindled with the fire of love and illumined by the lights of the Countenance.

Another request is that thou shouldst convey wondrous and sublime greetings from this servant to thy honored father, upon him be the Glory of God. God willing, may he ever be confirmed and assisted. Likewise to the two dear souls who were mentioned in thy letter. Glory be upon thee and upon them who have drunk the wine of immortality from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the Lord of all humanity. There is no God but He, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious.

The servant, 24 Dhi'l-Hijjih 1298

BH01143: Praise be to God Who sent forth the Messengers…

In the Name of God, Glorified be His Majesty and Power!

Praise be to God Who sent forth the Messengers and revealed the Books to guide mankind to the horizon of justice and to acquaint them with that which would exalt their stations and conditions, until the Divine Message culminated with the Seal of the Prophets and the Beloved of the Chosen Ones, unto whom the All-Merciful revealed His Book, the Furqan, and made it the decisive Word between the peoples. Therein was revealed that which draweth the servants nigh unto Him and acquainteth them with the mysteries of the Return.

Peace and blessings be upon those who were set ablaze by the fire of His exalted Word and turned toward the Supreme Horizon in such wise that neither the veils of the oppressors nor the might of the pharaohs could deter them. They spoke in the name of the All-Merciful throughout creation—these are servants who are knowing, steadfast, honored, mindful, and detached. Through them the heavenly table was sent down, the Dove cooed, all things spoke forth, and that which was hidden in the Kingdom of Names was made manifest. Exalted, exalted be their station! Exalted, exalted be their glory, their submission, their humility, and their self-effacement! These are servants through whom the horizon of

utterance was illumined and the sun of proof shone forth. The rapture of the Manifestation seized them in such wise that they sacrificed their souls and all they possessed in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds.

Thereafter, this servant attained unto your letter, whereby the gate of joy was opened, adorned as it was with the remembrance and praise of God. By thy life, O beloved of my heart! The rapture of your love seized me upon reading it, such that I praised and thanked God for having aided and enabled you to remain steadfast in His Cause, to arise to serve Him, and to occupy yourselves with His remembrance and praise.

When I discovered the musk-like fragrance of inner meanings in the words of your letter, I presented it before His countenance, and after it was favored with His hearing, the Tongue of the Beloved—may my spirit and all existence be offered up for His sake—spoke thus:

> "O thou who art present! We have heard their call, their remembrance, and their communing with God, the Lord of all worlds. The Wronged One maketh mention of them and commandeth them to that which is praiseworthy in all circumstances, and counseleth them with that which God hath revealed in the Book. We pray for them at all times and beseech God to send down upon them from the heaven of His grace that which beseemeth His glory, His grandeur, His bounty, His generosity, and His favors, and to ordain for them from His Most Exalted Pen a blessing from His presence and a mercy from His own Self. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds."

Thus did His words end.

O beloved of my heart! The exalted letter arrived and the petitions and missives were received. God willing, replies to all shall gradually be sent. I beseech the Impregnable Truth that He may, at all times, cause that beloved one and those honored ones—upon them be 66+9 [Baha'u'llah]—to drink from the Euphrates of His mercy.

Praise be to God! The lamp of loving-kindness is bright and luminous, the sun of grace is radiant, the door of hope is opened, and the carpet of generosity is spread wide. It is hoped that the friends of God will, at every moment, receive their portion from the outpourings of the True Bestower. Verily, He is the Giver, the Munificent, the Compassionate, the Generous.

If they inquire about conditions in this land, praise be to God, outward bounties are present, for rain has fallen and the earth is ready to bring forth vegetation. However, this servant has no knowledge of inward bounties. Knowledge is with God, the Goal of all worlds. This much doth this servant beseech: may He bestow both outward and inward bounties upon all and cause them to attain unto His infinite outpourings.

Regarding what you wrote about Aqa Mirza Mihdi, upon him be [Baha'u'llah's glory], it brought complete joy, for through God's grace and favor he has attained to service safe and sound. When mention was made of him, it was stated:

> "God willing, may he be confirmed in that which is befitting, may he speak that which is worthy, and may he act in accordance with that which is acceptable."

All counsel is manifest in these words and concealed within these words. The Wronged One sends His greetings to him and counsels him in that which will profit him in this world and the next. From this evanescent servant convey greetings and praise. God willing, may he ever drink from the fountain of grace and be occupied with the mention of the One True God.

Regarding what you wrote about Haji Hasan from the people of Ya, they should certainly proceed towards Iran. This has been and is beloved. If they have not yet departed, permission is now granted. Placing their trust in God and holding fast to His cord, they should proceed directly towards Iran. This is better for them if they act upon what they have been commanded. The Glory be upon you and upon the beloved of the heart, Aqa Siyyid ʿAbdu'l-Baha, and upon the spirit of the heart, His Holiness Muhammad, and upon the loved ones of God and His friends in that place.

The honored beloved, Aqa Ali-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, also wrote a letter to this evanescent one. God willing, may he attain to the special favors of God, exalted be His glory. God is witness and testifier that he has been and is in view. If this servant had found opportunity, he would have sent numerous letters to Aqa Ali and Haji Siyyid [Taqi], upon them be [Baha'u'llah's glory], and all the gentlemen who are present in that land. The purpose of these words is to express this servant's yearning and [ardent love] in service to the friends of God, otherwise I have not considered and do not consider myself worthy of mention. The command is in God's hand, the Lord of all worlds. Then the Glory and Peace and Praise be upon you and upon those who love you and give ear to your words.

BH01332: Praise be sanctified above the ways of the peoples…

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

Praise be sanctified above the ways of the peoples of the world and the intimations of all who dwell within the realm of possibility, befitting that omnipotent Sovereign Who, through the blessed Word "Pilgrimage to the House is incumbent upon men for the sake of God," hath in every year so attracted and drawn vast multitudes that they forsake their children, their offspring, their wealth and all they possess, and with a hundred thousand longings and yearnings endure the hardships and calamities of land and sea, of desert and mountain, that they might attain to that Spot which is the object of that blessed Word. Glory be to God! Such is the power of a single Word—how much greater, then, the power of the Lord of the Word, the Sovereign of the Word, the Revealer of the Word, and the Source of the Word! The majesty of God's Cause hath reached such heights that He hath made a mere stone the point of adoration and the dawning-place of the world's glory, as all have witnessed and continue to witness.

God grant that these acts be founded upon true understanding, for if they proceed from mere imitation, it would be difficult for them to yield their full fruit. For these means, in the eyes of the Manifestations of God, exist so that man might be reminded at all times and be made ready, that should the Divine Will decree, on any day, to send forth one of His Manifestations—that is, one of the Manifestations of His names—none would object or show pride, but would rather reflect upon the power of God and know

with absolute certainty that He Who through one exalted Word made a house or stone the object of the world's adoration, is able to exalt man, who is the greatest talisman and the supreme sign and the source of names, to this most lofty and exalted station.

Now we must reflect with fairness and speak: if today someone were to appear with this station, or one even more exalted, what would the turbaned ones of Persia say, and how would they behave? Would they acknowledge in that blessed Being even the station accorded to a stone, or not? God is My witness that this servant declares with absolute certainty that they would rise in opposition and denial, and ultimately pronounce the sentence of his death, just as was done before, as all have heard. This is not the first flask to be broken, nor the first oppression, nor the first denial to appear on earth. What has been shall be again. The Cause belongs to God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Bestower.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the kingdom of names and before Whose might the limbs of all things tremble! I beseech Thee by the Name which Thou hast made the sovereign of names in the kingdom of eternity, to aid Thy servants to rend asunder the veils. O my Lord! They are Thy servants and Thy creation; they possess nothing of their own except through Thy permission and will. Write down for them, therefore, with Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will draw them nigh unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Creator of the heavens! There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Blessings and peace be upon Thy Prophets, Thy chosen ones, and Thy friends, and upon Him through Whom Thou didst seal the books of laws and the scriptures of religions. May the glory that shineth from the horizon of eternity rest upon those who have cast away the ordinances of self and taken fast hold of that which they were commanded by God, the Lord of all mankind. These are the gems of creation in the sight of the Truth. Upon them rest His blessings, His bounties, and His mercy, which have preceded the worlds. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Thereafter, this servant has been honored to receive your letter and the trace of your pen, and was thereby gladdened and filled with joy and delight, for it was adorned with the mention of God, the Lord of the Day of Resurrection. God willing, may your honor ever gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon and act according to that which God loves. His honor Haji Muhammad Sadiq, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], arrived in perfect health and well-being, and when the appointed time for the standing was concluded, he received permission to return. He has truly been and continues to be among the steadfast souls. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to strengthen him in steadfastness in His Cause. Praise be to God, he arrived, heard, saw, and attained. Blessed is he, and blessed are those who have attained what he has attained. For each is a portion in the Book.

The conveyance of this lowly one's greetings to the friends of God depends upon your honor's wish. I send greetings to the honored master, His honor Haji Muhammad Husayn, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah]. God willing, may he ever drink from the cup of love and be illumined by the lights of His countenance. Glory be upon your honor, upon him, and upon the loved ones of God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH01809: Praise be sanctified above all manifestations of contingent beings…

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

Praise be sanctified above all manifestations of contingent beings and conditions of created things, befitting the Court of the Intended One Who, through one exalted blessed Word, brought the world from nothingness into being, and through the wonders of His bounty and generosity adorned it above all other things with the crown of distinction, and guided it to the holy carpet of nearness to His presence. And from among humanity He sent forth certain souls who were sanctified from the conditions, veils, allusions and indications of creation, dispatching them with the royal seal of "I am the Truth" and sending them to guide mankind. And all these holy souls who were the manifestations of divine knowledge and dawning-places of heavenly wisdom were afflicted with countless trials.

And this holy, blessed, and exalted chain ended with the Seal of the Prophets and King of the Chosen Ones, through whom the gate of heaven was opened and the Nightingale of Eternity sang upon the branches of the Divine Lote-Tree that which the Tongue of Grandeur had spoken before the existence of all things: Verily there is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. I pray and send peace upon Him and upon those whom God made the Dawning-Places of His Cause, the Rising-Points of His Names, the Manifestations of His Signs, the Recipients of His Revelation, the Sources of His Clear Proofs, and the Settings of His penetrating Wisdom—those servants who were adorned with the ornament of divine authority and were honored among creation with pure servitude to the face of God, the Lord of all beings.

Glory be unto Thee, O Answerer of the prayers of the supplicants and Guide of bewildered souls! I beseech Thee by Thy Prophets, the Messengers, and the near-stationed angels to assist Thy servants to recognize the Dawning-Places of Thy Revelation and the Rising-Points of Thy Inspiration. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thereafter, your letter which was the cause of joy and gladness arrived and the fragrances of love were inhaled from it. God willing, you will be occupied with the remembrance of the Lord of all beings throughout all nights and days. Praise be to God that through the favors of the True One, exalted be His glory, you have attained to that which is today the cause and means of salvation. This station is great in the sight of God. God willing, you will be assisted to preserve it. Verily He giveth to whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He willeth and withholdeth from whomsoever He desireth whatsoever He desireth. This evanescent servant beseecheth the True One, exalted be His glory, to make you successful in all matters and to assign you an abode in the shade of the Tree of His loving-kindness. Verily He is the Generous, the Bountiful. Praise be unto Him for He is the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

Furthermore, after perusing your august letter, it was at one time presented and He said:

> "God willing, may they be assisted to perform good deeds and manifest spiritual qualities that are pleasing to Him. We counsel him with wisdom and kindness. In no matter should they depart from wisdom, and they must ever be attentive to it."

End quote. Praise be to God, you have come under the glances of His favor. God willing, you will, in the name of the Beloved of the worlds, keep this station protected from the eyes of the treacherous. And concerning what you wrote about steadfastness and certitude—this station deserves thanks and praise.

The Almighty Truth is witness and testifier that this servant has always sought and continues to seek lofty stations of steadfastness for the friends and masters. He is the Generous, He is the Merciful, He is the All-Knowing, He is the Answerer, He is the Watchful. We have placed our trust in Him in all conditions and circumstances and have committed all affairs unto Him. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. The Glory be upon you and upon those who have held fast to the Sure Handle and have acknowledged the unity of God, the Lord of all worlds. And praise be to God, the Goal of the mystics and the Object of worship of all who are in the heavens and the earth.

The servant In the sacred month of Dhi'l-Hijjih 1298

BH06216: In the Name of the one true God! Your…

In the Name of the one true God! Your petition was presented before the Wronged One and was honored by His gracious regard. Praise be to God that thou hast drunk from the choice wine of the utterance of the Merciful and hast turned toward the supreme horizon at a time when the divines, mystics and princes of the earth are deprived and forbidden from recognizing the Dawning-Place of Divine Revelation and the Dayspring of God's Cause, save whom God willeth.

Thou art and hast been among the letters of God's Book. Thy letter hath come before the Throne and the servant in attendance hath read it. Verily thy Lord is the Hearing, the Answering. We have heard thy call and that wherewith thou didst commune with the Beloved of all in the heavens and earth, and We answer thee through this Tablet which We have made as a mirror wherein thou mayest behold the effulgence of the Sun of My tender mercy that hath preceded existence from the first to the last.

Rejoice thou in this Most Great Remembrance and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the heaven of utterance was raised up and adorned with the stars of wisdom and knowledge. I beseech Thee to assist me to remember Thee and to arise to serve Thee, and to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Thou art He through Whose Name the gate of heaven was opened and all things spoke forth. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH06305: He is the Most Holy, the Most Great! This…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great! This is a Book which of itself speaketh and saith, heareth and answereth. Verily He is the Speaker, the All-Hearing. We have manifested the Cause and made all things speak that there is no God but Him, the All-Hearing, the Answering. Those who have turned away from this Cause are, by the life of God, among the heedless. Woe unto him who cast aside the All-Giving when he heard the buzzing of the fly. The Book beareth witness that he is among the most lost.

We have counseled the servants through the tongue of the Manifestation of My Self, Whom We made the Herald of this mighty and impregnable Cause. He revealed the Bayan solely for My wondrous remembrance. He informed the world of the Most Great Manifestation and gave them glad tidings of this Name whereby every heedless and remote one hath lamented.

O people! Fear God and follow not every misbeliever who hath turned away from God, the Lord of all worlds. He who claimed the verses turned away from them and denied their Revealer, around Whom

circled the Kingdom of the Bayan at all times. Thus was the matter decreed, and judgment is in the hand of God, the Mighty, the Powerful.

We give to drink the water of life from God, the True King, [the Manifest] to those who have turned to Him. Verily he who hath taken and drunk thereof is of the people of this glorious station.

BH07765: The verses have been sent down, the clear proofs…

In the Name of the One True Friend!

The verses have been sent down, the clear proofs have appeared, the appointed time has come to pass, and the All-Merciful has come with power and sovereignty.

How many were the servants who sought the appearance of the Truth, glorified be His majesty, and who at all times implored and begged in utmost lowliness and supplication for His presence. Yet when the Sun of Revelation shone forth from the horizon of the Divine Will, all were thunderstruck and bewildered, save a few whose faces are inscribed in God's Book as the letters of the countenance.

The Supreme Pen in all conditions summons the people of creation to the Kawthar of the All-Merciful's utterance. Hearken unto His call, and arise to make amends ere the time is lost. I swear by the ocean of divine knowledge, whosoever remains deprived this Day shall return to his source in manifest loss.

Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for having sent down unto thee this Tablet. Take hold of it with might and power from the presence of One powerful and trusted.

Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH08692: We have remembered, throughout the nights and days…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Glorious

We have remembered, throughout the nights and days, the chosen ones of God and His loved ones who were not held back by any book nor prevented by the scrolls of the world. They arose from their graves, heard the trumpet call, and turned toward the horizon of the Manifestation, detached from the world and whatever it contains of ornaments and colors. My Most Exalted Pen testifies that they are among the people of this most resplendent station, and the Ancient Beauty sends blessings upon them morning and evening.

When you attain unto My letter and drink the Salsabil of My utterance, remind My loved ones with My beautiful remembrance. Beware lest the conditions of the world sadden you or the hints of the deniers prevent you. Hold fast unto wisdom and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds, for having caused me to turn toward Thee and to gaze upon Thine horizon, the Dawning-Place, the Mighty, the Luminous."

BH09340: A mention from Us to a handmaiden who has…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

A mention from Us to a handmaiden who has attained unto the days of God and recognized what was manifested therein, while the learned ones of the earth remained heedless save whom God willed, the Lord of all worlds. Rejoice, O My handmaiden! Verily My Most Exalted Pen maketh mention of thee in such wise as causeth those near unto God to perceive therefrom the fragrance of God, the Mighty, the Praised. Make mention on My behalf to My handmaidens in that place and give them the glad-tidings of My mention, the Mighty, the Wondrous. By God! That which is with kings and rulers cannot equal My mention. Thus have We adorned the temples of My handmaidens with the silk of My utterance, and I am verily the Forgiving, the Bountiful. The glory be upon thee and upon them from the Wronged One Who hath been imprisoned in the path of God, the Lord of this luminous Day.

BH10596: The Divine Lote Tree calls out: “O My Leaf…

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Speaking.

The Divine Lote Tree calls out: “O My Leaf, O My Leaf!” The Lord exclaims: “O My handmaiden, O My handmaiden!” The Supreme Pen chants: “O My Letter, O My Letter!” O Leaf, the Speaker of Sinai utters these words and makes mention of you. Can all the treasures of earth equal this? Nay, by My forgiving, generous Self! Therefore be thankful and say: “Praise be to Thee, O Beloved of the mystics and Goal of all the worlds!”

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BH01125: Prayer for the Fast (Dawn)

I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy mighty Sign, and by the revelation of Thy grace amongst men, to cast me not away from the gate of the city of Thy presence, and to disappoint not the hopes I have set on the manifestations of Thy grace amidst Thy creatures. Thou seest me, O my God, holding to Thy Name, the Most Holy, the Most Luminous, the Most Mighty, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious, and clinging to the hem of the robe to which have clung all in this world and in the world to come.

I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy most sweet Voice and by Thy most exalted Word, to draw me ever nearer to the threshold of Thy door, and to suffer me not to be far removed from the shadow of Thy mercy and the canopy of Thy bounty. Thou seest me, O my God, holding to Thy Name, the Most Holy, the Most Luminous, the Most Mighty, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious, and clinging to the hem of the robe to which have clung all in this world and in the world to come.

I beseech Thee, O my God, by the splendor of Thy luminous brow and the brightness of the light of Thy countenance, which shineth from the all-highest horizon, to attract me by the fragrance of Thy raiment, and make me drink of the choice wine of Thine utterance. Thou seest me, O my God, holding to Thy Name, the Most Holy, the Most Luminous, the Most Mighty, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most

Glorious, and clinging to the hem of the robe to which have clung all in this world and in the world to come.

I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy hair which moveth across Thy face, even as Thy most exalted pen moveth across the pages of Thy Tablets, shedding the musk of hidden meanings over the kingdom of Thy creation, so to raise me up to serve Thy Cause that I shall not fall back, nor be hindered by the suggestions of them who have caviled at Thy signs and turned away from Thy face. Thou seest me, O my God, holding to Thy Name, the Most Holy, the Most Luminous, the Most Mighty, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious, and clinging to the hem of the robe to which have clung all in this world and in the world to come.

I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy Name which Thou hast made the King of Names, by which all who are in heaven and all who are on earth have been enraptured, to enable me to gaze on the Day-Star of Thy Beauty, and to supply me with the wine of Thine utterance. Thou seest me, O my God, holding to Thy Name, the Most Holy, the Most Luminous, the Most Mighty, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious, and clinging to the hem of the robe to which have clung all in this world and in the world to come.

I beseech Thee, O my God, by the Tabernacle of Thy majesty upon the loftiest summits, and the Canopy of Thy Revelation on the highest hills, to graciously aid me to do what Thy will hath desired and Thy purpose hath manifested. Thou seest me, O my God, holding to Thy Name, the Most Holy, the Most Luminous, the Most Mighty, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious, and clinging to the hem of the robe to which have clung all in this world and in the world to come.

I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy Beauty that shineth forth above the horizon of eternity, a Beauty before which as soon as it revealeth itself the kingdom of beauty boweth down in worship, magnifying it in ringing tones, to grant that I may die to all that I possess and live to whatsoever belongeth unto Thee. Thou seest me, O my God, holding to Thy Name, the Most Holy, the Most Luminous, the Most Mighty, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious, and clinging to the hem of the robe to which have clung all in this world and in the world to come.

I beseech Thee, O my God, by the Manifestation of Thy Name, the Well-Beloved, through Whom the hearts of Thy lovers were consumed and the souls of all that dwell on earth have soared aloft, to aid me to remember Thee amongst Thy creatures, and to extol Thee amidst Thy people. Thou seest me, O my God, holding to Thy Name, the Most Holy, the Most Luminous, the Most Mighty, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious, and clinging to the hem of the robe to which have clung all in this world and in the world to come.

I beseech Thee, O my God, by the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and the murmur of the breezes of Thine utterance in the kingdom of Thy names, to remove me far from whatsoever Thy will abhorreth, and draw me nigh unto the station wherein He Who is the Day-Spring of Thy signs hath shone forth. Thou seest me, O my God, holding to Thy Name, the Most Holy, the Most Luminous, the Most Mighty, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious, and clinging to the hem of the robe to which have clung all in this world and in the world to come.

I beseech Thee, O my God, by that Letter which, as soon as it proceeded out of the mouth of Thy will, hath caused the oceans to surge, and the winds to blow, and the fruits to be revealed, and the trees to spring forth, and all past traces to vanish, and all veils to be rent asunder, and them who are devoted to Thee to hasten unto the light of the countenance of their Lord, the Unconstrained, to make known unto me what lay hid in the treasuries of Thy knowledge and concealed within the repositories of Thy wisdom. Thou seest me, O my God, holding to Thy Name, the Most Holy, the Most Luminous, the Most Mighty, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious, and clinging to the hem of the robe to which have clung all in this world and in the world to come.

I beseech Thee, O my God, by the fire of Thy love which drove sleep from the eyes of Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones, and by their remembrance and praise of Thee at the hour of dawn, to number me with such as have attained unto that which Thou hast sent down in Thy Book and manifested through Thy will. Thou seest me, O my God, holding to Thy Name, the Most Holy, the Most Luminous, the Most Mighty, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious, and clinging to the hem of the robe to which have clung all in this world and in the world to come.

I beseech Thee, O my God, by the light of Thy countenance which impelled them who are nigh unto Thee to meet the darts of Thy decree, and such as are devoted to Thee to face the swords of Thine enemies in Thy path, to write down for me with Thy most exalted Pen what Thou hast written down for Thy trusted ones and Thy chosen ones. Thou seest me, O my God, holding to Thy Name, the Most Holy, the Most Luminous, the Most Mighty, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious, and clinging to the hem of the robe to which have clung all in this world and in the world to come.

I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy Name through which Thou hast hearkened unto the call of Thy lovers, and the sighs of them that long for Thee, and the cry of them that enjoy near access to Thee, and the groaning of them that are devoted to Thee, and through which Thou hast fulfilled the wishes of them that have set their hopes on Thee, and hast granted them their desires, through Thy grace and Thy favors, and by Thy Name through which the ocean of forgiveness surged before Thy face, and the clouds of Thy generosity rained upon Thy servants, to write down for every one who hath turned unto Thee, and observed the fast prescribed by Thee, the recompense decreed for such as speak not except by Thy leave, and who forsook all that they possessed in Thy path and for love of Thee.

I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by Thyself, and by Thy signs, and Thy clear tokens, and the shining light of the Day-Star of Thy Beauty, and Thy Branches, to cancel the trespasses of those who have held fast to Thy laws, and have observed what Thou hast prescribed unto them in Thy Book. Thou seest me, O my God, holding to Thy Name, the Most Holy, the Most Luminous, the Most Mighty, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious, and clinging to the hem of the robe to which have clung all in this world and in the world to come.

BH00188: 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

Praise be to God Who hath manifested Himself through truth and revealed through His sovereignty whatsoever He hath willed. He, verily, is the One foretold by the Messengers in the Books of old, that He would turn the dawn into darkness and walk upon the high places of the earth. Praise be to God Who hath named Himself Jehovah in the Torah, the Comforter and Spirit of Truth in the Gospel, and in the Qur'an the Great Announcement, at Whose appearance all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck, and the limbs of all creation trembled, save those who clung to the hem of the protection of their Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. Exalted is the God of Hosts, the Lord of existence, the Possessor of the visible and invisible, Who is established upon the Throne resting upon the water. Exalted, exalted is His Name above the description of every describer, exalted, exalted is His remembrance above the mention of every mentioner. He, verily, is the Sovereign at Whose establishment upon the Throne the tongues of the Prophets and the Concourse on High proclaimed:

> "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust."

I pray, send peace, and glorify those who have heard, responded, and arisen to aid the Cause of their Lord, and acted according to that which was commanded by God, the All-Knowing, the Ordainer, the Mighty, the Wise.

O my God and the God of all names, Creator of earth and heaven! Thou seest me as a fish writhing in the dust, as I behold Thy servants turning away from Thee after Thou didst create them for Thy knowledge and service. I beseech Thee, O Lord, by Thy generosity which hath encompassed existence and by Thy sovereignty which hath prevailed over all possibility, to aid Thy servants to arise to that which beseemeth Thy days and befitteth Thy presence. O Lord! Illumine the eyes of hearts with the lights of Thy knowledge and their sight with beholding the horizon of Thy grace. Thou art He Who hath ever been and will ever be. There is none other God but Thee, the Witness, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

And further: there reached Me from the Tree of Thy being the fruits of love and knowledge. When I gathered them, I praised God, our Lord and your Lord, our God and your God, for having enabled you to make mention of Him and to praise Him. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid you in all that He loveth and approveth, and in the wisdom which God hath made the foundation of all deeds in the Book. After observing and perusing [your letter], it was brought before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, may His grandeur be glorified, and the contents were made known. This is what the Tongue of the All-Merciful hath uttered in the Kingdom of Utterance, His word, exalted be His grandeur:

O thou who hast turned thy face toward the Countenance! Give thanks unto God for having enabled thee, confirmed thee, manifested thee, caused thee to know Him, given thee utterance, roused thee to His love and guided thee to His straight path. All the souls in the world are convinced of, acknowledge and confess this path which hath been mentioned, inasmuch as in the divine Books, both of the past and

present, mention hath been made of the Path, the Balance and the new matters to appear on the Divine Day, and all have been promised these things and are expectant thereof. Nevertheless, when the Lord of Hosts and God of existence became manifest and the Path became visible, all were found heedless and veiled save whom God wished.

Such was the heedlessness that seized these withered souls that they hearkened not to the cry raised between earth and heaven, nor heard the blast of the trumpet and the striking of the horn. They are occupied with transient colors and debarred and deprived of the eternal, everlasting stations. Their vain desires have withheld them from God Who created them, sustained them and quickened them through a word from His presence. Blessed is the soul who today ariseth to serve the Cause with complete wisdom, detached from all else and purely for the sake of God alone. Take thou the Book with a power from Us and a command from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the Commander, the All-Knowing.

Whosoever today acknowledgeth the Truth and acteth according to that which God hath revealed, hath been enabled and confirmed to take the Book. Reflect upon that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an, His exalted Word:

> "And We desired to show favor unto those who were brought low in the land, and to make them leaders, and to make them inheritors."

Despite the ignorant divines and worthless mystics, this most exalted station hath been granted unto you and likewise unto those whom they counted as ignorant and mocked. Man must at all times take refuge in God, glorified and exalted be He, that he may be preserved from the evil of self and desire. No loftiness, sublimity or station is worthy of mention save that which God, exalted be His glory, bestoweth. For instance, as is evident today, the divines of the earth who considered themselves as banners of guidance and possessors of the highest station are not and were not mentioned before God, while you are mentioned. As is observed, the Supreme Pen hath repeatedly turned toward that direction and mention of you and the other friends hath flowed therefrom.

A hundred thousand tongues would be inadequate to render thanks for this. Verily, He Himself rendereth thanks on behalf of His servants, and this is true thanksgiving, but most people are heedless. Oceans of meaning lie concealed and hidden in the words that shine forth from the Divine Mouth. Blessed is the soul that hath attained, and woe unto the deniers. Oceans of meaning lie enshrined and concealed within the luminous words that have shone forth from the mouth of God. Blessed is the soul that attaineth; and woe betide them that turn away. Ended.

As to that which ye had written concerning the unity and concord of the friends of God (upon them be glory and honor) and likewise concerning the gathering of the loved ones and their remembrance and praise of the Beloved of all worldsâ€"these were laid before the court of the Throne, and were graciously accepted. His exalted Word is this:

God willing, they shall be confirmed in those deeds which they have wrought for Godâ€™s sake, and, God willing, shall be aided to carry into effect all the divine ordinances. Yet, in all affairs, let them keep their gaze fixed upon wisdom; unto this divine utterance are all enjoined and bound. Ended.

The names of the souls mentioned in your letter were submitted in the Most Holy Presence. For each and every one, divine verses have been sent down from the heaven of the All-Merciful Will. God willing, all shall attain thereunto, and shall drink of the Kawthar of life that lieth hidden within the cups of the words of Him Who is the Lord of Names and Attributes. His exalted Word is this:

Jinab-i-Isma'il, brother of Rajab

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing

O Ismail! The Lord of the Friend calls you from this most exalted station and mentions you through what flows from His Most Exalted Pen, that you may rejoice and be among the thankful. Be in the Cause of your Lord in such wise that neither the veils of the world nor the clouds of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the worlds, shall hinder you. Take hold of God and leave all else besides Him. He verily suffices you in truth. Thus commands you He from Whose presence is a preserved Tablet. How many a servant has drunk from the Kawthar of life from the hands of the bounty of his Lord, the All-Merciful, and how many a servant has cast it behind him, turning away from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed art thou and those whom vain desires have not kept back from the Creator of heaven and who have turned with radiant faces toward the countenance of God, the Mighty, the Beauteous.

To Rahmatullah, brother of Azizullah

He is the Dawning Place from the horizon of heaven

O Rahmatullah! My mercy has preceded thee and My grace has encompassed thee, and I am the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. I have guided thee to My path and caused thee to know the Dawning Place of My Cause and the Source of My verses, and have made thee speak My praise and aided thee to turn toward My luminous horizon. We counsel thee to show forth the Greater Steadfastness in this Cause whereby the foundations of existence were shaken, save for those who held fast to the hem of the protection of their Lord, the All-Informed. Thus have We set forth the verses and sent down from the heaven of utterance that which brings joy to the eyes of those who know. Preserve the verses of thy Lord as thou wouldst preserve thine eye. He, verily, is the Preserver, the All-Knowing.

To Asadullah, brother of Azizullah

He is the One Who rules over all who are on earth and in heaven

O Asadullah! Be steadfast in the Cause, walk the straight path, be patient in adversity, grateful in prosperity, and act according to what thou art commanded. Thus does the Mother Book command thee. Should a croaker come to you with the book of the wicked ones, cast it behind you, turning toward the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Verily He is with you, hearing and seeing, and He is the Mighty, the All-Seeing. Let nothing make thee grieve in the path of God. Rejoice in the Most Great Joy which speaks from the highest horizon of the world: "Verily there is no God but Me, the Almighty, the Unconstrained." Soon shall the earth and its ornaments and bounties pass away, and there shall endure what hath been sent down to thee from God, the Revealer of verses.

To Agha Siyyid Kazim from K

He is the Observer, the Manifest, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing

A Book sent down by the All-Merciful to him who has believed in God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. O Kazim! We have seen thy turning toward Us, We have turned toward thee from this Most Exalted Station and have mentioned thee with that which has perfumed the atmosphere of utterance throughout all possibility. Be grateful and say: "Praise be to Thee, O God of the seen and unseen." We heard thy call and answered thee. His knowledge has preceded all created things and His grace has encompassed all who exist. We have accepted from thee what thou desired in the path of God and have made thee a trustee from Our presence over what thou hast, and have permitted thee to dispose of it as thou pleasest. Verily thy Lord is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but He, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Loving. Rejoice thou in this Most Great Favor and glorify thy Lord, the Lord of Hosts.

To Ismail son of Khudadad

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great

O Son of the Khan! Hearken unto the Call from the Land of Decree from thy Lord, the Most Glorious. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. The Call of thy Lord hath been raised from Zion, and Jerusalem hath been blessed with the fragrances of the verses of thy Chosen Lord. The City hath descended from the heaven of Will, and therein hath the Throne been established by the command of God, the Revealer of mysteries. This is the Day wherein the concealed hath been revealed and that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of creation, hath come to pass. Rejoice, O Ismail, in that the Manifestation of the Friend hath made mention of thee from the most exalted station. Thus have We illumined the horizon of the heaven of utterance with the luminary of knowledge. Blessed is he who hath recognized and hath said:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is the kingdom of verses."

To Jinab-i-Ahya Ibn-i-Yusuf

In His Name, Who shineth from the Most Exalted Horizon

A Book sent down by the Lord of Names to those in the kingdom of creation, that the Call may draw them to God, the Lord of the worlds. O son of Yusuf! Thy mention hath been made before the Wronged One, and He hath revealed for thee this perspicuous Remembrance through which mercy hath appeared, the heavenly table hath descended, the bounty hath been perfected, and the proof hath been completed from God, the Exalted, the Great. Every soul was created for the Day of God, yet when He appeared and the Promised One manifested Himself, every heedless and remote one turned away. Blessed is he whose strength was not weakened by the affairs of creation, nor was he hindered by the doubts of those who denied the Day of Judgment.

O Ahya! When thou hast attained unto My verses and found the fragrance of My loving-kindness, praise thy Lord with myriads of holy ones. We counsel thee and those who have believed in that whereby the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, is uplifted. Blessed is the servant who hath attained unto

that which God hath desired, and woe unto the heedless ones who have cast the ordinances behind their backs and committed that which hath caused the dwellers of the most exalted Paradise to lament in a noble station. Thus hath the ocean of thy Lord's loving-kindness surged, and the fragrance of the Divine Garment hath wafted between the heavens and the earth.

Section 2: "To Jinab-i-Mirza Muhammad Husayn Mustawfi of Turbat…"

To Jinab-i-Mirza Muhammad Husayn Mustawfi of Turbat

He Who is established upon the throne of His Most Great Name

We have deposited the meanings of the former Books in a word from Us and have sent it to thee as a favor from Our presence that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Generous. And it is this: He is the Hidden Treasure and the Concealed Mystery. He hath come with the truth with such sovereignty that neither the hosts of the heavens and earth can withstand Him, nor can the conditions of those who have turned away from God, the Peerless, the All-Informed, prevent Him from that which He desireth. O Muhammad-Qabil-Husayn! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee—He Who hath summoned the people unto God, the Lord of Names, and hath given glad tidings unto all of this Divine Wine, from which they who drink thereof find the sweetness of the Beloved's oppression.

By the life of God! It is sweeter than honey and more pure than Kawthar and Salsabil. We were seated upon the throne in Our Most Great Prison when We heard thy mention and remembered thee with this Remembrance through which the world hath been perfumed and every seeker hath turned unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Be thou aflame with the fire of the love of God. Soon will all thou beholdest perish, and there shall endure only that which thou hast wrought in the days of thy Lord, purely for His radiant countenance. We counsel thee to be patient and steadfast, and to that through which the station of man becometh manifest in the contingent world. Verily, thy Lord is the Counselor, the All-Knowing.

To Jinab-i-Mulla Rajab-ʿAli of Jalkih of Turbat

In My Name, the Rememberer and the Remembered

O Rajab-ʿAli! The Day hath come and the Promised One proclaimeth: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting!" How many a mighty one hath cast the world behind him, turning unto the Lord of the Ancient Days, Who hath come with manifest sovereignty! How many a learned one hath turned away from the Truth, and how many an empty one hath attained His sealed wine! They have broken God's Covenant and His Testament, following their own idle fancies and vain imaginings. Say: O concourse of divines! Let not the world exalt you. Fear God and be of the fair-minded. Say: Beware lest ye interpret God's verses according to your desires or expound them by that which ye possess.

Ye are learned in the eyes of your like, yet ignorant before God, the Lord of all knowledge. We established learning that it might draw you nigh unto the ocean of My loving-kindness, yet through it ye turned away and waxed proud before the Lord of the seen and the unseen. Blessed is he who hath perceived the fragrance of the Revelation and believed in God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Strive that there may appear from thee that which the Concourse on high and they who circle round this glorious Station

shall remember. Beware lest the veils of men withhold thee from the Truth, or the allusions of those who turned away when the appointed time came and the Promised One appeared. Blessing rest upon the people of Baha who have circled round the will of their Lord, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

To ʿAbbas of Furugh

He is the Most Great, the Most Glorious

This is a Book sent down by the All-Bountiful to him who was named Abbas, that he might rejoice and be of the thankful. O Abbas! We make mention of Muhammad through whom We named the Dugh as Furugh. He hath attained the ultimate goal and ascended to the Supreme Companion. Verily thy Lord is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. Blessed is he who hath remembered and remembereth him in accordance with what My Most Exalted Pen hath uttered before and at this hour. The Tongue of Grandeur hath testified that he was among those who turned to the Desired One and believed on a Day wherein most of the servants disbelieved. To this beareth witness He through Whose Word every mouldering bone is quickened.

We glorify him, pray for him, and send greetings upon him from this Station which hath been named with the Most Beautiful Names in the Crimson Scroll, and as Akka among the hosts of creation, and as the Protected City in the Books of the Messengers. Blessed be he and his kindred and My loved ones in that place who have cast away idle fancies and held fast unto certitude by the command of One mighty and wise. Give thanks, O Abbas, for having been mentioned before the Countenance, and for that which hath been revealed unto thee wherefrom the fragrance of the All-Merciful's utterance hath been diffused throughout all possibility. Exalted is He Who hath remembered thee and turned toward thee from this Station both near and far.

We praise God with praise that guides all created things to extinction at His gate, for He has been made manifest with such grace that mention of it transcends the knowledge and wisdom of these servants. For every name that was in the letters, a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed that he might give thanks for his Lord's grace and rejoice in His favor that has preceded existence. As commanded, those verses were written in tablets and sent, and this is another grace. Blessed is he who has attained his Lord's favor, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Regarding Allahverdi, upon him be the Glory of God, his petition arrived before and was presented at the Most Holy Court. A Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was specifically revealed for him, and likewise for those souls mentioned in his petition—all attained the grace of God. Regarding Ibn-i-Shahid, upon them both be the Glory of God, what you had written was presented at the Most Holy Court. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke from the Mouth of Godhead which was gladdened by My name and My love for My loved ones in the station We accepted for My remembrance.

The mentioned souls whose petitions were presented at the Most Holy Court, and likewise in the correspondence they had sent to this evanescent servant—all names that were mentioned became the recipients of grace. However, sending all at once is not permitted as it contradicts wisdom. They will be sent gradually. God willing, all will be enkindled with the fire of God's Word—an enkindlement that

neither the associating of the ungodly, nor the turning away of the deniers, nor the objections of the objectors, nor the insinuations of the heedless shall prevent.

O true brother, a hundred thousand times must we give thanks that we have attained this supreme gift. Observe the heedlessness of people who, despite acknowledging the Day of Resurrection and confessing the Hour's appearance and its signs, arose in rejection and objection when it appeared, save whom God willed. But light has been and will be victorious over darkness—in His presence darkness has no ruling power.

And regarding what you had written about Aqa Muhammad Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, it was presented before the Throne. This is what the Speaker of Sinai spoke, exalted be His grandeur:

In My Name, the Manifest, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

This is a Book sent down in truth from God, the Lord of the worlds. Verily it speaks the truth from the highest station in the world. The Day has come and the Self-Subsisting calls all to the Unique, the All-Informed. O Muhammad-Husayn! Your letter came before the Wronged One containing your name. We make mention of you that you may thank your Lord, the Strong, the Trustworthy. Beware lest the blame of the ignorant take hold of you in the Cause of God, or the insinuations of the corrupters who cast God's commandments behind their backs and followed the ways of the mischief-makers prevent you. They claim for themselves the highest stations and wrongfully consume people's wealth—they are truly among the lost.

Soon will come a day wherein they will cry for help but none shall help them. Thus does He inform you, with Whom is a mighty Tablet. Let nothing grieve you. Be steadfast in God's Cause and His service. Verily He hears and sees, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: By God, this is the renowned Day, were you of those who know, and this is the Day of service, were you of those who hear, and this is the Day wherein is ordained for whomever God desires what shall never perish, were you of those who are certain. Blessed is the ear that hears what the Tongue of Grandeur has spoken, and the soul that has arisen in service, and the face that has turned to His luminous horizon. The Glory from Us be upon those who have held fast to this mighty Cord.

I submit: Your letter dated the sixth of Shawwal was received, and from it wafted the fragrance of love for the Peerless Beloved. God willing, may this sweet-scented breeze never cease to blow from the gardens of the heart. After all of it was perused in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, They showed utmost kindness and said:

> "God willing, may they become the cause of unity among all the hearts of the loved ones of God, in such wise that its fragrances may be diffused throughout all cities and the earth be seen as one single land."

Regarding what you wrote about him who beareth the name 66 J M, on whom be the Glory of God, They said:

> “Since in all Tablets We have enjoined wisdom, and he did not find these matters advisable, therefore he spoke what he spoke and uttered what he uttered. God willing, may the horizons of hearts at all times derive light and radiance from the Most Great Luminary. The efforts of souls who have arisen to serve will not and shall not be lost. ʿWhoso is for God, God is for him’—this is an ancient utterance, yet most firm and sound. Hold fast unto it, a command from the presence of the All-Wise Commander.”

And concerning what you wrote about Mirza Ibrahim of S. and Mashhadi Husayn of Y., on whom be the Glory of God, it was submitted, and a wondrous and exalted Tablet was revealed for each. God willing, may they attain unto them. Likewise for Aqa Muhammad-Taqi, on whom be the Glory of God. This servant beseecheth his Lord to draw all nigh unto Him and aid them to do what He loveth and is pleased with. It is hoped that the horizons of the world may be illumined by the lights of the stars of the heaven of manifestation. This evanescent servant conveyeth greetings and salutations to all the friends and masters.

To his honor ʿAzizu’llah, on whom be the Glory of God, I convey greetings. The replies to his letters have been written; if they do not arrive this time, God willing, they shall arrive next time. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to aid him in what beseemeth this divine Day. Praise be to God, they are under the glance of divine favor, and the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet revealed specifically for them is being sent. It is hoped that they may forever remain mentioned and enduring in the gathering of the world in the name of the Ancient Lord.

Concerning what they wrote about the House and their request that God, exalted be His glory, accept it—at a special time it was submitted before the Throne, and the sun of acceptance rose from the horizon of the mouth of God’s Will. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

> “We have accepted the House as a bounty from Our presence and have elevated it through a word from Us, and verily I am the Mighty, the Wise.”

God willing, may they regard all the friends wherever they may be according to their stations as set forth by the Supreme Pen. The Glory be upon thee from Us and upon those who have traversed the lands for the love of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

I bear witness by God that Mulla Ali and Ibn-i-Shahid and the other friends, upon them be the Glory of God, stand before the divine eye. Previously, a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was sent down from the heaven of God’s will especially for them, and God willing, will continue to be sent. Their mention is recorded at the Divine Throne and their deeds are, praise be to God, accepted. A Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet has been revealed especially for the son of Ali, upon him be 966 [the Glory of God], and God willing it will be sent, and there is hope for their other son as well. The Command belongs to God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Glory be upon you and upon the loved ones of God in those regions and in all directions, and upon your family and upon those women who have believed in the All-Informed Single One. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

An exalted Tablet will be sent especially for your wife. The special Tablets revealed for the aforementioned souls, as well as the responses to the petitions, and likewise the responses to the letters

which this servant has submitted, will all be sent gradually in accordance with wisdom. The special message is that the Most Mighty, Most Blessed Branches of the Divine Lote-Tree—may my spirit, my being, my essence and all that God, my Lord, has bestowed upon me be a sacrifice for the dust of their feet—send radiant and glorious greetings from the horizon of the heaven of loving-kindness to you and all the leaves of the Tree of Divine knowledge, and remember you with wondrous mention.

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Section 1: "Praise befitteth the Mighty Lord Who hath caused…"

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

Praise befitteth the Mighty Lord Who hath caused the Living Waters to flow from the Supreme Pen, and hath enabled the realm of earth and heaven to attain unto the essence of grace and eternal, everlasting life. Glory be to God! At all times the call from the Most Exalted Horizon is raised, and the breezes of the morn of Revelation are perpetually wafting, and yet the people of the world remain deprived and debarred therefrom, save those whom the hand of divine power hath seized and delivered from the clay of idle fancies—a grace from His presence, for He is the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

Glorified art Thou, O Sovereign of existence and King of the seen and the unseen! This evanescent one beareth witness to Thy permanence and the transience of all things, to Thy power and the impotence of all who dwell in earth and heaven. I beseech Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp lie the reins of creation, by the ocean of Thy signs and the manifestations of Thy grandeur and might, and by the Name through which Thou hast subdued all created things and the kingdoms of names and attributes, to unite the hearts of Thy loved ones in Thy days, to illuminate them with the light of Thy knowledge, and to adorn them with the ornament of Thy love. Then aid them to such steadfastness that their feet shall not slip by reason of that which is in the hands of those servants who have violated Thy Covenant and Thy Testament.

O Lord! Thou seest Thy loved ones in the hands of Thine enemies, and Thy trusted ones in the grasp of the treacherous among Thy creatures and the calumniators among Thy people. I beseech Thee to protect them through Thy power, sovereignty, majesty and glory. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The petition of that distinguished one reached the Most Holy and Exalted Court on the morning of Tuesday, the twenty-first of the month of Jumada'th-Thani, and after being presented before the Lord of all mankind, these resplendent verses were revealed. He saith, exalted be His glory and His sovereignty and His proof: "Give glad tidings unto him through whom the breezes of divine knowledge have wafted over all who are in the realm of possibility. O Khalil! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Glory hath presented thy letter and laid it before the Face. We have sent down for thee that which hath diffused the fragrance of inner meanings and utterance throughout all religions, that thou mayest render thanks and be of them that are steadfast. This is a day whereon the doors of bounty have been opened unto the world and the Day-Star of existence hath shone forth from the horizon of God's Will, the Lord of the worlds.

“We have indeed inhaled from thy letter the fragrance of thy love and thy turning towards Him and thy rising up to serve the Cause of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Thou didst attain aforetime unto the verses of thy Lord. We beseech God to illumine through thee the hearts of His servants with the light of His knowledge and to strengthen thee with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Powerful. This is a day whereon the realities of all things have been attracted by the call of their Lord, the Sovereign of the Kingdom of Names, and there have shone forth from the horizons of the heaven of My Most Exalted Pen the suns of gifts and favors. Blessed is the servant who hath cast away the world and laid hold on that which hath been sent down from the kingdom of the utterance of his Lord, the All-Evident, the All-Knowing.

“O Khalil! We are encompassed by sorrows from them that have cast the Trust behind their backs and have committed that which hath caused Justice to lament, and every discerning person to weep. When thou art seized by the living waters of Mine utterance and findest the fragrance of My loving-kindness, say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having given me to drink from the stream of Thy utterance when most of Thy creatures were debarred therefrom, and for having caused me to turn toward Thy most exalted horizon when the divines of vain imaginings turned away from it in Thy days. I beseech Thee by the light of Thy Cause whereby earth and heaven were illumined, and by Thy sovereignty through which Thou hast subdued all names, to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise, and to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

We have desired to make mention in the Book of Names of him who was named Mihdi—upon him be My glory and loving-kindness—and to bring him glad tidings of God’s favor, the Lord of all worlds. Hearken unto the Call from the direction of Akka: Verily there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have mentioned thee before and have revealed unto thee that which caused the ocean of knowledge to surge in the contingent world. We beseech God to aid thee in rending asunder the veils of His servants and to make thee steadfast with such steadfastness as shall make firm the feet of His creation. Verily He is the Potent over whatsoever He willeth through His mighty and wondrous Word.

Say: O concourse of the earth! Cast aside your imaginings and idle fancies. The Self-Subsisting hath come with the standards of His signs from God, the Powerful, the Mighty. Nothing that ye possess will profit you this Day save through this Cause whereby the limbs of the oppressors have quaked and the faces of the deniers have been darkened. Say: Beware lest the might of the oppressors frighten you, or the intimations of those who have disbelieved in God or the doubts of any remote ignorant one prevent you. Arise in the name of thy Lord to His Cause and give glad tidings unto the people of this Manifestation through which the Mount has smiled and the Tree hath called out: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Praised One. We have heard thy call and have answered thee, We have seen thy turning and have turned unto thee, and have revealed for thee that whose fragrance shall never cease throughout the eternity of names and attributes.

Give thanks unto thy Lord for this most great favor and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all created things. I testify that Thou hast manifested that which was hidden in knowledge

and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Tablet. Blessed is he who hath attained unto Thy verses and heard Thy call, and woe unto every denier who hath denied this manifest grace. Take thou the chalice of steadfastness with thy right hand, then drink thereof in the name of thy Lord, the Sovereign over all who are in the heavens and on earth. Then give to drink those servants who have turned unto His Face through His wise remembrance. Thus hath the Tongue of the Wronged One spoken while among the heedless.

And We have desired at this time to make mention of him who was named Qasim, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful. O Qasim! This is the Day whereon secrets have been revealed, trees have spoken, and rivers have flowed, inasmuch as He Who conversed on Sinai hath seated Himself upon the throne of Manifestation, whereat the Cry hath been raised and the Herald hath proclaimed: By God! The Promised One hath come with clear sovereignty. We have commanded all to be trustworthy and religious and to that whereby the Word of God may be exalted among His servants and His Cause in His lands. Among the people are those who have turned unto Him and those who have turned away until they disbelieved in Him Who came from the heaven of grace with manifest sovereignty.

Say: O concourse of the earth! Fear God and follow not the desires of those who have denied His Manifestation and His sovereignty and have disputed His signs which have encompassed the heavens and the earth. Beware lest vain imaginings prevent you from this radiant, shining, and gleaming Light. We counsel you for the sake of God. Blessed is he who hath heard and said: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose hand are the keys of the knowledge of the first and the last. When thou hast attained unto My verses and found the fragrance of My utterance, say: My God, my God! All praise be unto Thee for having remembered me in Thy Most Great Prison and for having revealed unto me that which shall endure throughout the duration of Thy Kingdom. I beseech Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the river of Thy mercy hath flowed from the Pen of Thy bounty with the ocean of Thy utterance which hath surged before the faces of Thy servants, to make me of those who have quaffed the wine of steadfastness from the hands of Thy bestowal.

O Thou at Whose Name the ocean of Thy mercy flowed from the Pen of Thy bounty through the sea of Thy utterance which surgeth before the faces of Thy servants! I beseech Thee to make me one of those who have quaffed the wine of steadfastness from the hands of Thy generosity, and to ordain for me, O my Best Beloved, the good of all Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

O Mahmud! The Wronged One wisheth to mention thee from His glorious station and give thee glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for them that have turned towards God in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Loving. Take hold of the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him, then guide the people to the horizon of understanding, by the command of God, the Lord of existence. Beware lest the clamor of the froward and the croaking of the seditious, who have broken God's Covenant and turned away from His straight path, deter thee. This is the Day whereon the Luminary of Revelation hath dawned from the horizon of God's will, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear ye the All-Merciful and believe in Him through Whom the gate of heaven was opened and that which was hidden from all eyes was revealed. Thus doth the Dove of Knowledge warble upon the highest branches. Blessed are they who hear it.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who was named Mirza before Taqi with such remembrance as shall attract the hearts of those who have turned to God, Who ruleth all being through His command "Be" and it is. Grieve not at anything. Put thy trust in God Who created thee and hath sent down unto thee that which shall endure as long as His Kingdom endureth. Say: O people of the earth! Adorn your heads with the crowns of detachment and your temples with the robe of godliness. Beware lest that which ye possess prevent you from that which is with God. Cast away idle fancies. The Self-Subsisting hath come with manifest sovereignty. Beware lest the veils of the divines who have turned away from the Truth, the Knower of things unseen, weaken you. The glory which proceedeth from Us rest upon thee and upon thy brother and upon those who have quaffed My sealed wine in My Name, the Best-Beloved.

O Pen! Make mention of him who was named Nasru'llah that he may rejoice in this remembrance through which the fragrances of utterance have wafted throughout all possibility and the Day-Star of proof hath shone forth by the will of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. O Nasr! Victory hath come, and verily it is this Cause at which the limbs of every heedless and veiled one have trembled. Sorrows have encompassed Us from all sides through that which the hands of the infidels have wrought, who have denied the Witness and the Witnessed. Blessed is the soul that hath attained to the remembrance of God in His days and hath witnessed that which God hath witnessed that there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed art thou for having cast away vain imaginings and hearkened unto the Call when it was raised in truth from this exalted Station.

Say: My God, my God! Praise be to Thee for having enabled me to turn towards Thee, and thanks be to Thee for having made known unto me Thy Cause at which the limbs of every oppressor and rejected one have trembled. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the power of Thy Will and the potency of Thy Purpose, and by the ocean of Thy bounty and bestowal, and the heaven of Thy generosity and mercy, to aid me to remain steadfast in Thy Cause whereby the feet of Thy creatures have slipped save those whom Thou didst preserve through Thy power wherewith Thou hast subdued the kingdoms of existence. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned towards Thy horizon. I beseech Thee not to deprive me of that which Thou hast ordained for them that are nigh unto Thee and for the sincere ones among Thy creatures. Verily, Thou art God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Best-Beloved.

O Ancient Beauty! Turn Thy face towards another city, then make mention of him who was named Ja'far-Quli from this Most Exalted Horizon that the rapture of the Call may seize him and draw him nigh unto God, the Lord of mankind. Thy name was present in the Most Great Prison, and We have revealed for thee verses clear and manifest through which ecstasy and joy have seized the dwellers of the cities of the ardent lovers who have believed in Him Who is the Desired One and have not broken the Covenant and Testament. Beware lest anything deter thee from God or the threat of any doubting oppressor frighten thee. Take hold of the Book of God with a might which the clamor of the world and the tyranny of every wicked infidel who hath denied God, the Almighty, the Most Bountiful, cannot withhold. That which was hidden in the treasury of God's protection and concealed from eyes hath been revealed. When thou hast drunk from the hand of My bounty the Kawthar of grace and favors, say:

My God, my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I acknowledge that which the tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken and that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. O my Lord! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and to the sanctity of Thy Being above all things and the exemption of Thine Essence from all similitudes. I beseech Thee by the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree of Thy Cause and the whispering of the breezes of the dawn of Thy Revelation to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love such that were all who are on earth to unite against me, my feet would not slip from Thy path. O my Lord! Ordain for me that which will aid me in every world of Thy worlds and make me mighty through Thy might. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Bountiful.

O Fath! The Opener hath come, and with Him the key to the treasuries of knowledge and arts from God, the Lord of all men. This is a day wherein the world hath been perfumed by the breezes of Revelation, yet most of the people have turned away and denied God, the Revealer of verses. Say: O people! Fear God. The light hath shone forth from the horizon of Manifestation, and that which was recorded by the Pen of God in the Scriptures and Tablets hath come. Aid thy Lord through wisdom and utterance. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath done what he was commanded in the Mother Book. This is a day wherein from the waves of the ocean of utterance is heard:

> "The All-Merciful hath come with a sovereignty that hath encompassed all in the realm of possibilities."

It behooveth thee to cast the world and its varieties and ornaments behind thee, holding fast unto that which thou hast been commanded by God, the Almighty, the Unconstrained.

Say: My God, my God! Strengthen my limbs for the service of Thy Cause, then open through me the doors of the hearts of Thy creation. O my Lord! Thou seest me advancing toward Thee and attracted by Thy verses. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and Thy might amongst Thy servants to ordain for me that which will preserve me from the suggestions of those who have denied Thy proof and broken Thy covenant and committed that which caused the Concourse on High to lament at eventide and at dawn. O my Lord! Illumine my heart with the light of Thy knowledge, then cause to appear from it the pearls of Thy love. Verily Thou art the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Section 2: "O Ali! Upon thee be My glory! Hearken…"

O Ali! Upon thee be My glory! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One in the Persian tongue. The Cause is mighty. Whosoever desireth to draw nigh unto the Most Exalted Horizon must, at the time of turning, hold fast unto that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Furqan and act accordingly. He hath spoken, and His Word is the truth: "Say: God; then leave them in their vain discourse to amuse themselves." The tree of this blessed Word was planted in the garden of the Furqan by the command of Him Who is the Desired One of the worlds, and its evil fruits are manifest today. And in turning to the hereafter is the station of the most great steadfastness. One must speak and act according to this blessed Word: "Verily, I have abandoned the ways of a people who believe not in God and who are disbelievers in the hereafter." Whosoever hath attained unto that which hath in this moment been revealed from the Supreme Pen, he is of the people of Baha.

Let all who attain in this day to what hath streamed from the Most Exalted Pen be numbered among the people of Baha and the companions of the Crimson Ark. Otherwise these sight-deprived servants and ears polluted with vain imaginings are not, nor ever shall be, worthy to witness and hearken. Night and day do verses descend like rain showers, and the Sun of clear proofs doth shine forth and gleam from the horizons of divine Tablets. Yet the people remain veiled and heedless. Consider the Shi'ih sect: reared on suspicions and idle fancies, and clinging to the calumnies of a few, they have thus been debarred from the fragrant breezes of revelation and from hearing the Voice of Him Who spoke on Sinai. Implore God to set ablaze and illumine anew such as these and all His servants with the fire of His love and the light of His Cause. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing.

O Tongue of Grandeur! Turn thy face unto him who is named Muhammad-Husayn, then send down unto him from the treasuries of Thy knowledge that which shall aid him to serve Thy Cause in Thy days. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Dominator of all who are in the heavens and the earth.

Today is the pavilion of grace raised aloft and the tent of glory pitched upon the highest standards. Blessed is the servant who in this wondrous, glorious Day attaineth unto the Word of God. Arise with the Sun of Truth which hath shone forth from the horizon of the Most Great Prison. None of what is witnessed can compare with the Word of God. The affairs of this world have withheld men from the Lord of all beings. Today from the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree these words are heard:

> "O earth! Blessed art thou to have been honoured by the footsteps of thy Lord, and blessed is he who hath received from Him a word in His days."

Let prayers and supplications be repeated. From all things may be heard the cry "The Creator of the heavens hath come!" Strife, contention, denial and objection have been forbidden. The hosts of the True One, exalted be His glory, have ever been and shall remain goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. The divine mission is for the sake of souls. The blessed hosts aforementioned have arisen to aid the Cause. It behooveth the people of Baha to hold fast unto that which they have been commanded in this Tablet, and unto the fear of God, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Praised. Thus hath the Pen spoken while the Wronged One walketh in His Most Great Prison, as a bounty from Him upon thee and upon those who have clung to the hem of God's commandments, the Lord of all worlds.

O ʿAbbas-Quli! The Most Great Ocean hath turned toward thee, desiring to bring forth for thee the pearls of wisdom and utterance that lay hidden in the shells preserved therein, that thou mayest praise and glorify and magnify thy gracious Lord. We have manifested that which lay concealed from time immemorial, as attested by one who possesseth a mighty Book. Observe, then remember what We revealed in the Book of one of the Messengers, wherein We informed the people of this glorious, wondrous Day. He announced the appearance of the Lord and said:

> "He maketh the dawn as darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth, God shall aid Him with the hosts of His name."

Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear God. That which was inscribed in the Tablets hath appeared, and there hath been revealed that which no heavenly Books can equal. Should ye deny this Most Great Cause and

that which hath been manifested in this Day by the command […] what ye possess. Be fair and be not among the heedless. The Mother Book speaketh before your faces.

Be not among the heedless ones. The Mother Book speaks before your faces while you are in a strange sleep. You have taken God's Cause as a plaything and diversion. We testify that you are among the later ones, inscribed in a clear tablet. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to adorn His servants with the ornament of fairness, to aid them in pure justice, and to grant them success in returning. Verily, He is the Forgiver, the Pardoner, the Merciful.

Grieve not over anything. Say: My God, my God! I beseech Thee by Thy chosen ones who hastened to the field of martyrdom in Thy days and sacrificed their spirits and all they possessed in Thy path, and by the Light whereby Thy earth and heaven were illumined, to strengthen me in steadfastness in Thy love. Ordain for me that which will make me rich through Thy riches, and steadfast, firm and immovable in Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon thy son. Convey My greetings unto him and give him the glad tidings of God's mercy which has preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. We have desired at this time to mention him who is named Ismail, that he may give thanks unto God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. We beseech God to make thee steadfast in His Cause such that neither the doubts of the learned, nor the might of princes, nor the power of the ungodly shall cause thee to slip.

Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink from the Kawthar of immortality from the hand of Thy bounty, and honored me with the blood of Thy days, and sent down for me that which shall endure as long as Thy Kingdom endures. I beseech Thee by Thy Lamp which Thou hast preserved from stormy winds, to ordain for me that which will make me attracted to Thy verses and holding fast to the cord of Thy grace. O Lord! I am he who has acknowledged Thy unity and oneness, and Thy greatness and sovereignty. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy verses and the heaven of Thy mercy to aid me in serving Thy friends who have taken no helper besides Thee and who have not broken Thy covenant and Thy testament.

O Lord! Have mercy on him who has turned to Thy most exalted horizon and drunk the sealed nectar from the hands of Thy Self-Subsisting Name before the faces of all mankind. Thou art He to Whose generosity and bounty every person of insight has testified, and to Whose greatness and riches every poor one has borne witness. O Lord! Thou seest me standing before the door of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me from what Thou hast ordained in Thy Book for Thy trusted ones. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, by Thy Name, the All-Encompassing over all who are in the heavens and the earth.

O Muhammad, upon thee be My glory! Praise be to God, thou hast drunk from the ocean of divine mercy and attained His favor. Repeatedly hast thou been adorned and illumined by the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. A petition was previously presented before Us. Blessed art thou and thy father. We testify that he has ascended to the Supreme Companion and attained God's mercy which has preceded earth and heaven. This is a day wherein every one who has turned to God has attained that which none before

him had attained. To this bears witness He Who speaks and has spoken that there is no God but He, the Mighty, the Bestower, the Speaker in the beginning and the return.

Be assured of thy Lord's favor. Verily, He is with thee, hearing and seeing, and He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon thy son. We beseech God to aid you both in that which will exalt your stations among His servants. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

O Master Builder, O Abdullah! Thy name was mentioned in Our presence and attained the honor of being heard. Therefore have We mentioned thee with verses that cannot be equaled by the treasures of kings. Give thanks unto thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. O Master Builder! The pillars of the house of God's religion have been shaken by the oppression of the ungodly. Verily thou hast the power to demolish the houses of vain imaginings and suppositions of the Shi'ih party, and with hands of truthfulness and might to erect the new edifice and illumine it with the lights of the Sun of Certitude. By My life! The houses of vain imaginings of the former party prevented the hapless ones from the Ka'bih of God, hanged the Countenance of the Intended One, and martyred Him with bullets of hatred. And now they stand upon pulpits […] praying that God may purify and sanctify the earth from the likes of that party. Verily He is the Almighty, the Unconstrained.

O Pen! Make mention of him who is named Mihdi, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones. O Mihdi! Hearken unto the Call which hath been raised from this Most Exalted Station, from the Crimson Tree. Verily there is no God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Those who have broken God's Covenant and His Testament are among the lost ones in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: O people! This Day hath come, and the Self-Subsisting crieth out in His Name, the Mighty, the Great. Let not that which is with the ignorant deter you from the Most Sublime Horizon. Cast aside what they possess and take what hath been given you from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed.

Blessed art thou, and blessed is he who hath ascended unto God. We bear witness that he hath quaffed the Kawthar of eternity from the hand of his gracious Lord's bestowal. He hath indeed attained that which the generality of mankind have failed to attain. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this from this exalted station. Turn thou toward the Most Sublime Horizon, though the people have turned away therefrom, save those whom God hath willed—He Who is the Sovereign of the kingdom of names. Acknowledge what the Pen hath spoken, and confess what hath been sent down from the heaven of bounty from the presence of One Who is Mighty, Powerful.

We were with him at the time of his ascension and made mention of him with that which caused the ocean of forgiveness to surge and the fragrance of God's tender mercy—the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful—to be wafted abroad. Blessed is he, and blessed is whosoever shall remember him after his ascension through that which hath been revealed from the presence of the Ancient Revealer. Glory be upon him and upon those who have not violated the Covenant of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne.

O …! This Wronged One in this hour maketh mention of thee, and entreateth the one true God to confirm His loved ones in that which conduceth to the betterment of the world and the tranquillity of the nations. In these days a great oppression hath appeared, and one of the holy ones was martyred by the Shí'ih

party without proof or demonstration. Yet when the standard of tyranny was raised, the banner of justice became manifest and evident by the Divine will. Blessed are My loved ones there, for they transgressed not the commandments and light of their Lord, and in times of affliction and tribulation they held fast with goodly patience. Among the deeds of the sovereign of that city, it became apparent that the beloved interceded with the rulers on behalf of their enemies. These are the people of Baha and the companions of the crimson Ark. We entreat the one true God to confirm all in unity and concord. In these days the fame of the deeds of the holy ones hath been exalted before God and creation. We beseech the one true God that this lofty matter be not taken amiss, and that the clouds of dissension veil not the light of harmony. He, verily, is the Strong, the Victorious, the Mighty, the Wise.

O Mahmud! The wolves of avarice and passion have encompassed the Divine flock, having entered into the great city. That which the eyes of the chosen ones beheld, and the lamentation of the Concourse on high was raised:

> "They have devoured the substance of the people falsely, and have spoken that which caused the near ones to wail."

We beseech God—blessed and exalted be He—to confirm them in returning unto Him and in turning repentantly toward the door of His bounty. He, verily, is Potent over whatsoever He willeth through His Word which dominateth over all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Glory be from Us upon thee and upon thy brother. Magnify him on My behalf, and remind him of My verses, and illumine him with the light of My exposition, the Mighty, the Wondrous. We have purposed to make mention at this time, through this luminous Pen, of one who was named Muhammad in the world of creation, that the waftings of remembrance may attract him and draw him nigh unto the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

O Muhammad! Hear the call of the Wronged One. He hath appeared and revealed that which was hidden in the knowledge of God, the Lord of existence. Say: O people! Be fair in what hath been revealed through truth. Beware lest the veils of names shut you out from their Creator. Cast away idle fancies, then turn unto God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. Thus have We sent down the verses and made them as wings for thee, that thou mayest soar in this atmosphere from whose rushing winds is heard: "The Lord and the Promised One hath come and seated Himself upon the throne with manifest sovereignty." When thou dost inhale the fragrance of the choice wine, say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having honored me with Thy tokens and for having sent down unto me that which shall endure throughout the duration of Thy dominion and Thy kingdom.

I beseech Thee by Thy Manifest Book, which speaketh before all faces that God, there is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing, to make me in all conditions to hold fast unto Thy cord and to voice Thy praise among Thy creation. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy word "Be" and it is. O my Lord! Ordain for me and for the two brothers that which befitteth the heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy grace. Then open before our faces and the faces of Thy loved ones the doors of Thy favors. Verily Thou art the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

O Ni'matullah! The bounty hath appeared and the heavenly table hath been sent down, yet most of the people know not. They have cast the bounty of God behind their backs, clinging to the idle fancies and vain imaginings they possess. Say: O concourse of the earth! Know ye that He hath come at Whose appearance the Kingdom of God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting, hath smiled. The ocean of utterance hath surged before the faces of all religions. Be fair and be not of those who denied the bounty of God after it was sent down, who disbelieved in His proof and rejected His all-compelling evidence over what was and what shall be. Behold, behold how the light hath shone forth and gleamed from the horizon of the heaven of Revelation, and how the Tree crieth out: "The dominion belongeth unto God, the Lord of the Promised Day!" Thus hath the fragrance of utterance wafted and the ocean of knowledge surged. Blessed is he who hath found and known, and woe unto every heedless and veiled one.

BH00529: Praise, sanctified from all that the people possess, befitteth…

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

Praise, sanctified from all that the people possess, befitteth Him Who is the Beloved of all, Who hath created the entire world through a single Word, and hath adorned it with knowledge and understanding, that all might drink from the choice wine of reunion and be nourished by the Kawthar of utterance unto true knowledge.

Some among the servants, through the attraction of the Divine Word, have turned with utmost longing, joy, attraction and enkindlement toward the Dawning-Place of Revelation and the Day-Spring of Divine utterance, while others, due to the veils of idle fancies and vain imaginings, remained deprived of their Beloved. They neither hearkened to His call nor attained unto His horizon. They are deprived of the choice wine of reunion and forbidden the Kawthar of His presence, although the fire of search was kindled within all, and day and night they were occupied with the remembrance of the days of the appearance of the Lord of all names. Yet when the Hand of Power rent asunder the veil and the lights of the Sun of Truth shone forth from behind the clouds, all were found wandering in the wilderness of fancy and the valleys of vain imaginings. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto that which is the goal of all the worlds.

Praise be to God that your honor hath, time after time and repeatedly, attained unto the ultimate goal and the purpose of all who are in earth and heaven. You have heard the call of the Lord of Names and attained unto His favors. Well is it with you and pleasant be it unto your honor. God is witness and testifier that from the day when that Beloved One returned, as bidden, to his outward homeland, he hath ever been before the sight of this servant and is mentioned in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court.

The two missives penned by your honor brought joy and gladness. One of these two arrived on this night, which is the fifteenth night of the blessed month of Ramadan, and after this servant perused it, it attained unto the Most Holy Court and its entirety was presented. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in this station. He—exalted be His glory—said:

O Nabil, O thou who journeyest toward God! We have heard thy cry and lamentation and thy yearning in thy love for God. Verily We were with thee and shall be with thee, as a grace from Our presence. Thy Lord

is indeed the All-Bountiful, the Generous. We showed thee in thy dream that which gladdened thy heart, expanded thy breast, and brought solace to thine eyes. Thy Lord is indeed the All-Witnessing, the All-Hearing. The servant in attendance has laid before Us what was in thy letter. We answered thee before and at this time. Verily thy Lord is the All-Generous.

Praise be to God that thou hast been awakened by the divine morning breeze and hast recognized the Day of God. Thou didst hear His call and wert enabled to respond "Yea" and "Here am I" with heart, tongue and limbs. At a time when heedlessness had encompassed the earth, thou became aware of the Word. All eyes were created for this Day and all ears existed for this Day, yet after its dawning, manifestation and shining forth, all were found deprived and veiled save a few, and those few are mentioned in the presence of God as being among the people of the most exalted Paradise.

O thou who walkest in My path and gazeth toward Mine horizon! Give praise to the Lord of eternity Who hath enabled thee to attain a station wherein the Most Exalted Pen hath testified in thy behalf. This station is most great—know thou this and be of the thankful ones. God willing, thou must put into practice whatsoever thou hast heard in the presence of His countenance. Wisdom must not be lost sight of, for it hath been and continueth to be among the most mighty divine ordinances. Thou must hold fast unto it in all conditions. Thou hast drunk from the Kawthar of divine knowledge, yet its effects must not be visible upon thy lips. This is the wisdom thou art bidden to observe and act upon.

That which today causeth tranquility among the servants must be adhered to, for if clamor be raised it will cause perturbation and revolution among weak souls. God, exalted be His glory, is generous and His mercy hath preceded all things, both seen and unseen. We have said before: Place not thy trust in every friendship, nor believe every speaker. One must not be assured by every soul, nor should the pearl of divine love be revealed before every soul, for most of the servants are found to be thieves, traitors and infidels. Thy Lord speaketh the truth and guideth to the Way, and He is the Mighty, the Beautiful.

From the revealed verses and utterances of the Lord of Oneness, the grace, mercy, loving-kindness and compassion of God, exalted be His glory, toward you are clear and evident. O beloved of my heart! By the life of God, you have attained to a mighty station. Today its significance is not apparent, for it is not manifest, but assuredly this station shall become evident and visible to all the worlds. As commanded, you must hold fast to all means of concealment, for if your station becomes apparent there is fear that harm may befall you, and this would be contrary to the wisdom you are bidden to observe from God. Deal with all with wisdom and forbearance. At this time, the preservation of your being is incumbent upon yourself and the other friends, for you are engaged in serving the Cause, and this station is greater than all other lofty and most exalted stations that have been heard of and continue to be heard of. This evanescent servant beseecheth God to assist you in whatsoever He hath commanded. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

What hath been vouchsafed by the True One is this: at the very moment thy letter was presented, an answer descended from the heaven of grace and favor. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Bountiful, the Compassionate, the Bestower, the Forgiving, the Generous. These words were inscribed in the handwriting of that Beloved One:

> "The neck that is raised in love will assuredly fall by the sword, and the head that is exalted in devotion will certainly be cast to the winds, and the heart that is bound to the remembrance of the Beloved will surely be filled with blood."

When these matters were laid before His presence, He said:

> "Through divine bounty and the infinite mercy of thy Lord, thou hast attained the most great martyrdom, and this station is above outward martyrdom. Today, whosoever hath clung to the divine Will and attained unto His Purpose hath attained unto the most great martyrdom, for he is extinct in his own will and purpose and alive through the Will and Purpose of God, exalted be His glory and abundant be His favors. Therefore, think not ever of outward martyrdom—thou hast attained to that which is greater. Thou must conduct thyself with the utmost patience, composure and dignity. To utter words that would cause tumult and clamor among the people is not permitted and hath been strictly forbidden in God's Book. Thou art engaged in friendship with Him and occupied in His remembrance and service—what station could be greater than this? I swear by the Sun of Utterance that shineth from the horizon of this Prison that no station hath been nor ever shall be greater than this, and a single moment of this life and existence cannot be equaled by successive centuries and ages and manifold epochs. This is the Sun of Utterance that hath shone forth from the heaven of the All-Merciful's favor. God willing, may ye be illumined, gladdened, and firmly attached to it."

And as for the request of Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli, upon him be the glory of God, for a Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablet—this was presented at the Most Holy Court and was granted. A Tablet was revealed from the heaven of grace specifically for him and sent. Deliver it to him. God willing, may he be occupied with the mention of God, the praise of God, and service to God's Cause, and be adorned with spiritual qualities and praiseworthy deeds.

Once the Tongue of Grandeur uttered these blessed words—exalted be His glory:

> "O servant and O My attendant! Write to Nabil, who turned after permission to the Most Exalted Horizon, to counsel the friends of God with the utmost joy and fragrance on behalf of the True One, and to call all to goodly conduct, pure deeds and spiritual qualities, that all may attain to that which God loveth and approveth. And likewise tell them and inform them that contention, strife, conflict and the like are the qualities of the beasts of the earth. The station of man is sanctified, pure and exempt from such things."

O people of Baha! Aid ye the one true God, glorified be His majesty, through your deeds, and conquer the cities of hearts through His Name. The cities of this world and its lands and seas hath the True One, exalted be His station, relinquished unto kings. It hath not been and is not befitting for the friends of God, who have in truth drunk from the Kawthar of everlasting life and who gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon, to turn thereunto. Moreover, We have commanded all to occupy themselves with some business or profession. Blessed is the soul that beareth a burden and is not himself a burden unto others. They should engage in crafts and trades; a single coin earned thereby is, in the sight of God, more beloved than a treasure amassed by unrighteous means and made ready. God willing, all shall attain unto

that which hath been sent down from the Most Exalted Pen. He, verily, guideth whom He willeth unto His straight path. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Wise.

This evanescent servant, with utmost humility, supplication, lamentation and entreaty, beseecheth the Exalted True One to assist His friends to act in accordance with that which hath been revealed in the Book. Verily, He preserveth them, draweth them nigh, and enricheth them from all else. This is naught but a mighty favor.

As to what thou didst write concerning the pilgrimage, after thy letter was submitted to the Most Holy Court the pilgrimage was performed in detail on thy behalf and praise be to God, it was graced with acceptance. Happy art thou and the servant standing before the Throne.

Regarding what thou didst write about the perfume, God willing it shall arrive and attain the blessing of reaching its destination. At present the farm is at the Greater Scene. The letter of Aqa Muhammad-ʿAli hath not yet arrived; God willing, it shall come.

Concerning what they wrote about the blessed piece, God willing it shall arrive and they shall attain unto it. May they ever be assisted and confirmed in serving the Cause and preserving themselves for the sake of service.

Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Preserver, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Glory be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon those who have attained unto this mighty Cause.

BH00141: The spirit of praise and its essence beseemeth…

Section 1: "The spirit of praise and its essence beseemeth…"

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

The spirit of praise and its essence beseemeth the most holy, most exalted Court of the Beloved One, Who hath caused the living waters to flow from the fountainhead of the Supreme Pen. How many were the Alexanders of bygone ages and centuries who, with the utmost endeavor and effort, ran in search of the fountain of life but found it not. Now its seas are manifest and surging in the realm of possibility, and yet true seekers are rare to find. Until the fire of search is kindled, the door of bounty will not open. It is not strange that they failed to recognize the Beloved and knew not the Object of their desire, or that they turned not to the most exalted horizon and drank not from the living waters.

What is truly strange, nay astounding, are those souls who have risen in opposition and veiled the effulgent rays of the Sun of Truth with the veils of idle fancies and vain imaginings. How many are the signs which they pass by, yet turn away from them in aversion! Blessed are they who have detached themselves from the world and all who dwell therein, and have turned to the everlasting Kawthar of God. Not every witless one is worthy of this station, nor is every lightless one deserving of this wine. A pure gem is needed to receive the outpourings of the All-Bountiful, and a sanctified heart is required to comprehend the virtues of this divine Day. So base have these times become that clay is taken for pearl, and darkness is set in the place of light.

We observe souls who have not attained to a single letter of the Book's knowledge, nor fathomed a single mystery of divine wisdom, yet today they are the leaders of the people and guides of the servants. They have deemed God's binding Command as void and have considered His firm and enduring foundation as weak. What strange tyranny hath appeared in the world! The Sun of Truth is at its zenith, and the eyes of the servants are open, yet still they remain deprived and forbidden.

O my God, my Goal, my Worshipped One, my Creator and my Provider! Thou hearest and seest my sighs and tears in Thy days, and the burning of my heart and soul at the manifestations of Thy grace and the appearances of Thy favors, as I behold Thee wronged among Thy creation and imprisoned among Thy servants. Thou hast manifested such power and might that Thou hast made the prison land the Most Exalted Paradise for Thy loved ones, and its abasement into glory for Thy chosen ones. Thou hast informed the servants through Thy Most Exalted Pen of what hath happened and will happen in Thy lands and realms, and hast sent down from the heaven of Thy Will that which tongues and pens are powerless to comprehend, and hast revealed thereby that which hath bewildered the hearts of the people of understanding from attaining unto it.

Despite all this, I see them among the heedless and the sleeping, nay rather among the dead. I beseech Thee, O Lord of all being and Sovereign of the hereafter and the former times, by the light of Thy countenance and the splendor of Thy Cause, to ordain for those on earth that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and cause them to recognize Thy days which Thou hast promised them in Thy Scriptures, Thy Psalms and Thy Tablets. O Lord! Withhold not Thy servants from the ocean of Thy bounty nor from the sun of Thy grace. All things have testified to Thy power and the helplessness of Thy creation, and every tongue to Thy loftiness and wealth and the poverty of all else besides Thee.

Send down upon them, O my God, from the heaven of Thy loving-kindness and the clouds of Thy mercy, that which will cause to grow from the hearts of Thy creation the flowers of Thy knowledge and the roses of Thy wisdom. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp is the kingdom of creation. There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Almighty.

It is submitted to that honored and kind brother that your letter dated the 19th of Jamadiyu'th-Thani was received, and likewise another letter from you dated the 14th of Jamadiyu'l-Avval was received some time ago. Praise and glory be to God that all your correspondence is adorned with the mention of the Lord of all return, and in truth the fragrance of your love wafts from those words. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to confirm you in that which is pleasing to Him, though you have been and are already confirmed, for were it not for the confirmations of the Desired One, how could such servants as these be worthy to attain the Day of Meeting or deserve to be present at the threshold of the Lord of Names?

By His very Self, the Truth, His grace has strengthened the heart and illumined the eye and caused us to attain the lights of His countenance. Were it not for His grace and favor, we would surely be among the bereft and the non-existent. At all times with a hundred thousand tongues must we give thanks, for without any deservingness He has granted that which all others are deprived of and forbidden from. Had His call not come and had the messenger of His summons not appeared, who would have attained to saying "yea" and "amen," and had the Sun of His grace not shone, who would have found His path? A hundred thousand souls and spirits be sacrificed for the servants of His court!

By the Ancient Beauty, such longings remain in the heart of this evanescent servant that he knows not which to mention. In the world of existence, he is considered less than a moth, for the brightness of the lamp so attracted it that it circles and gives its life, while this servant, after the shinings of the Sun of Truth, still remains alive. And now the time of martyrdom has passed, since all are commanded to observe supreme wisdom and are enjoined to do that which conduceth to the preservation of humanity. O brother! People observe certain words from the holy verses that have been sent down and hear reports of events that transpire. If they were truly gazing with the eye of the heart toward the Most Exalted Horizon, or were they to taste the sweetness of the utterance of the Beloved of all creation, assuredly would the people of the earth behold that which is different from what they now witness.

You and this servant, nay all the friends, must supplicate on behalf of one another, that perchance all may attain unto the ocean of His good-pleasure, for no station hath been or ever shall be more exalted than this. Should people attain unto this most exalted and glorious station, that which is now hidden from all shall be made manifest. In any case, this evanescent servant is powerless, nay forbidden, to reveal certain ranks and stations. He verily expoundeth as He willeth, and with Him is the decisive Word.

After perusing that which flowed from your pen, it was presented at the Most Holy Court. Then did the Kingdom of Utterance speak forth that which the Tongue of the All-Merciful did pronounce, and He, exalted be His glory, said: Write unto Abu'l-Hasan and give him glad tidings of that which hath streamed forth from the Most Great Ocean, that he may rejoice and be of them that are thankful. Thou hast testified to that which My Most Exalted Pen hath testified when the Sovereign of Names was established upon the throne that there is none other God but Me, the Single, the All-Wise. Be thou assured of My grace and loving-kindness. Verily He is with whomsoever desireth Him, remembereth whoso remembereth Him, and draweth nigh unto whoso draweth nigh unto Him with a luminous countenance. O Abu'l-Hasan! Thou hast attained unto the verses of God time and again. Thy Lord is verily the All-Hearing, the Answering. God willing, may thou be adorned in all circumstances with the ornament of service to the Self-Sufficing Lord and be illumined by the effulgent lights of the sun of trustworthiness. End.

As per your request, this evanescent servant was honored with a special time for visitation. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to record its reward for you. Verily, He is the Protector of the doers of good and the Helper of them that turn unto Him.

Concerning what you wrote in your first letter about the house of his honor A, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], when the friends were gathered and the holy, sacred verses that were sent were recited—blessed is the house wherein the remembrance of God is raised! The world shall soon be witnessed to be evanescent. This is a word that no soul in the world can deny. In this case, while time and opportunity remain, one must attain unto a station that is sanctified from differences and changes. Those servants who today are freed and delivered from idle fancies and vain imaginings and have attached themselves to the Truth—such souls are regarded as the most exalted of creatures in the sight of God. With utmost humility I beseech God, exalted be His glory, not to deprive these servants of the wonders of His bounty.

Concerning what you wrote about not deeming it advisable to depart due to the incomplete nature of affairs in that land—excellent is what you have done, for dealings with people must be concluded and all

matters brought to completion. God willing, you are in all circumstances assisted. If you reflect a little, you will witness divine favor toward yourself. His confirmations have been and will be with you, through His grace and kindnesses.

In regard to what you wrote concerning the two sons of Jinab-i-Raj (upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah]), this servant presents these glad tidings that the favors of the True One, exalted be His glory, are abundant concerning them and those related to them. They have truly arisen to serve the Cause. We beseech the True One to confirm them in all conditions. These details were presented at the Most Holy Court, and this is what the All-Merciful revealed in response:

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

This is a Book to which all the books of the world have testified, yet most people are heedless. This is an utterance which, when it appeared from the horizon of Will, the Kingdom of Utterance bowed down before it, yet most people are asleep. This is a remembrance at whose appearance the Supreme Concourse circled round, yet people remain behind an obvious veil. By God! The Books, in their innermost tongue, give glad tidings to all in the world, saying:

> "The Most Great Name has appeared and with Him is the Mother Book,"

yet the idolaters remain in grievous doubt.

O son of Ra and Jim! Rejoice that the Face hath turned toward thee from this noble station, and remembereth thee with that whose fragrance shall endure in the world. Verily thy Lord is the Bearer of Glad-Tidings, the All-Informed. The Supreme Pen hath mentioned you before your names appeared before the Throne, as a favor to your father. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Noble. We counsel you and those who have believed to show forth the Greater Steadfastness and to observe that which We counseled one of Our Branches who was named Badi'u'llah in the Book of Names and ʿAli-Muhammad in My Great Tablet. This is the Day of Rising, by the Lord of the worlds, and this is the Day of the Call and My firm and mighty Command.

O Ra before Jim! Upon thee be My glory! He remembereth thee in this station and counseleth thee with the wisdom which the All-Merciful hath sent down in a clear Book. None should transgress wisdom lest the clamor of the opposers be raised. Say: Hold fast unto it, as commanded by One mighty and informed. Glory be upon thee and upon thy sons and upon those who are with thee and who hearken to thy word concerning this Cause, at whose appearance all things proclaimed: "The Promise is fulfilled and the Promised One speaketh: ʿVerily there is no God but Me, the Speaker, the Manifest, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy."'

He is the Caller between Earth and Heaven

This is a remembrance whereby the eye of the Remembrance was solaced, yet most people know not. This is an utterance which, by the life of the All-Merciful, the Bayan circleth round, yet most people comprehend not. Say: By God! The Trumpet speaketh, the Balance moveth, and the Path calleth out before the Face, yet most people perceive not.

O Rida! Hearken unto the call of thy Most Glorious Lord. We created all things for the hearing of this Call, yet when it was raised, every heedless and veiled one turned away. I created eyes for My Day, ears for My Manifestation, and hands to grasp My sealed wine, which is My preserved Book. Blessed art thou for having drunk from the Spring of Life when the All-Merciful came with manifest sovereignty. We send greetings from this station to thy father and thy brothers who have taken the Kawthar of utterance in the name of the Lord of Religions and have drunk thereof through My beloved remembrance.

From these holy, revealed, and blessed verses, the favor of the True One is evident and clear, and this evanescent servant also conveys his greetings to each one. May they dwell and find rest beneath the eternal Lote-Tree and remain occupied with the remembrance of the True One, exalted be His glory and sovereignty.

Concerning what you wrote about the Handmaidens of God, it was presented at the Most Holy and Exalted Threshold. Thus spoke the Tongue of Grandeur in this station—exalted be His glory: God willing, may the handmaidens of Truth be occupied with His remembrance and praise throughout the nights and days. O Abu'l-Hasan! Once God, exalted be His glory, spoke to the Son of Mary saying: "O My servant and son of My handmaiden." Reflect, then give thanks to thy Lord, the Generous Bestower. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the handmaidens of God and likewise to all other maidservants of God who dwell in that land. God willing, may all, in utmost sanctity and detachment, be engaged in the remembrance of the Goal of all the world. How many men who counted themselves among the learned and accomplished are seen to be deprived, while how many servants and women who had not seen a letter of knowledge have attained the ocean of knowledge and speak the words "Thine be the praise, O God of all worlds."

Concerning what was written about Mosul, He said: It would have been better had they heeded the glad-tidings and "give thou good news to the patient ones" after the blessed words "We shall surely try you." Although famine has overtaken most lands this year, yet the spreading of such matters by the friends may cause certain incidents. The mention and spreading of such matters must in all cases occur with permission. He indeed knoweth His servants better than they know themselves. He is the Single One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Section 2: "And whosoever desires with complete willingness and yearning…"

And whosoever desires with complete willingness and yearning to pay the Huqúqu'llah must give it to such as your honor and the trustees and obtain a receipt, so that whatever occurs may occur with the leave and permission of God. He is verily the Teacher, the All-Wise.

Concerning what was written that his honor ʿAyn [charged with] 966 [Baha'u'llah] had designated funds for that land—they have always been and continue to be confirmed. We beseech God—our Beloved and your Beloved, our Goal and your Goal—to aid us in manifesting that which will exalt His Cause and in spreading that which will elevate His remembrance. He is verily the Self-Sufficient, the Almighty, the Powerful.

Concerning what was written “I have no desire save His good-pleasure,” He said: This is the most exalted of stations. Blessed is the soul that has drunk from this cup which God has placed above the seas in station. God willing, may you ever attain unto it. It is better for thee and for My servants than whatsoever hath been created on earth.

And concerning what was written about his honor Aqa Mirza Asadu’llah from Alif and Shin, it was presented and He said: O Asad! We have mentioned thee before, and I am the All-Knowing Rememberer. Strive in that which befitteth these days which were the hope of the sincere ones. Whoso hath recognized this Day hath attained unto that which God hath decreed in His Mighty Book. Convey My greetings to My loved ones in Alif and Shin. We have remembered them and greeted their faces from this exalted station. For thee and for them to hold fast unto spiritual qualities and pleasing deeds and that whereby this mighty Cause may be exalted. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

And concerning what was written about the intention to travel to the land of Ha and Mim, it was presented at the Most Holy and Exalted Threshold. Thus spoke the Tongue of Grandeur when the Beloved of the world was established upon the throne of His Most Great Name. He said, exalted be His glory:

O Abu’l-Hasan! When thou enterest the Land of Ha and findest its fragrance, convey My greetings to My loved ones therein, who have cast aside all else save Me and have taken what was revealed in My Book, and have drunk the choice wine of faithfulness from the hand of My bounty, and have turned with radiant faces toward the horizon of My grace. These are servants whom the rapture of the call of God hath so seized that they have spoken in His praise and remembrance, and have uttered that which they were bidden in a perspicuous Tablet. We make mention of the traveler in this station, who turned toward My countenance and attained My presence when the Luminary of My Cause was shining from the horizon of Zawra. We bear witness that he hath acknowledged that which God had testified to on a Day whereon feet did slip.

O Tongue of Grandeur! Make mention of him who was named with the letters Ba and Qaf, who remained faithful to the Covenant on a Day wherein necks were humbled before God, the Lord of all horizons. Hearken once again unto My call. Verily, He remembereth thee with that which nothing on earth can equal, as doth testify He with Whom is the Mother Book. Thy letter which thou didst send before, and another letter, have been received and have attained the Most Great Presence, the station wherein the Lord of Destiny proclaimeth: “There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.” Blessed art thou for having been moved by the stirring of God’s verses in His days and for having arisen to serve the Cause with spirit and fragrance. We have made mention of thee in numerous Tablets with such mention as shall never cease to perfume the world. To this doth bear witness the Wronged One Who is imprisoned in the Most Great [Prison].

O Abu’l-Hasan! Gladden and adorn the friends in that land with the ornament of a wondrous and sublime remembrance from before the True One. With utmost joy and delight, turn towards and traverse the dominions of the All-Merciful. Two petitions from the names B and Q reached the Court of the Intended One and attained an exalted station. God willing, through divine favors they shall in all conditions be occupied with the mention of the Friend and service to His Cause with wisdom and utterance, and shall at all times partake and give others to partake of the Kawthar of divine love. No matter hath ever been or

ever shall be hidden before the Throne. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Upon Him be My glory and the glory of those who circle round My Throne, and upon the Steed that turned towards the Supreme Horizon until it entered Baghdad and attained the presence of the Lord of Names and drank the choice wine of revelation from the hands of its Lord, the All-Merciful. Say unto them: Grieve not, but trust in God in all matters. Verily He is with you and will manifest what He willeth. He is indeed the Munificent Bestower.

If thou shouldst see Kamalu'd-Din, gladden him with My loving-kindness and bounty, and remind him of what We commanded him when he was present before Us. Say: O Kamal! We counseled thee to render all thy submission and humility unto God alone. Hast thou forgotten? Ask God, thy Lord, to assist thee to act according to that which thou wast bidden by the Revealer of the Book. We have mentioned thee in such wise as all the Books bear witness, and beyond them My Tongue, and beyond that My Most Exalted Pen in the Scriptures and Tablets. Verily thy Lord is with thee, He heareth thy call and seeth what appeareth in the kingdom. He is indeed the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

We make mention in this station of Our servant An-Nur who drank from the ocean of My presence and attained the honor of hearing My call in the earliest days. Glory be upon thee and upon him and upon those related to thee and upon My handmaiden who attained the presence and won that which most men were debarred from. O Kamal! Hearken with thine inner ear to the call of the Beloved of the world. Act according to what He hath commanded. Thou art among those souls who have been and are mentioned before the Throne. Know thou the value of this station. I swear by the dust of the Most Great Prison which hath been made the footstool of the Lord of eternity—were the station of a single soul illumined by the lights of the Divine Word to be made manifest to the dwellers of earth and heaven, thou wouldst behold them all bewildered, nay most of them struck dead.

O My Pen! Make mention of Al-Mahmud who turned towards the Praiseworthy Station and attained, ere the Manifestation, the Dawning-Place of Light, and believed in God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. O Mahmud! Grieve not for what hath befallen thee in the land of exile. We thank God for what hath come upon Us in the prison-city of Ta and in this mighty prison. When tribulation increaseth, the chosen ones increase in their love for God, the Lord of all beings. Thus doth the Lord of the Throne and of earth instruct thee that thou mayest be among the thankful. Blessed is the soul that hath borne hardships and difficulties in the path of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. We give thee glad tidings of the greatest ease after thy severest hardship. Rejoice and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Desire of the worlds! O Mahmud! None hath fathomed the mysteries of divine wisdom. Had the people of the earth acted according to the counsels of their celestial Beloved, thou wouldst have beheld the entire earth as the most exalted Paradise, and all would have attained complete freedom and perfect tranquility. Say:

Glorified art Thou, O Thou at Whose Name the limbs of the mighty have quaked and the mountains have crumbled! I beseech Thee by Thy Hidden Name, which was established upon the Throne of Manifestation on this Day whereon the Trump was blown and the decree of resurrection appeared, to enable me to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee in such wise that neither the hosts of the earth nor the mighty ones among Thy creatures shall prevent me. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, clinging to the cord of obedience unto Thee, and holding fast to the hem of Thy generosity. Ordain for me that which

is best for me, and prescribe for me that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Thou knowest what profiteth me, and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Self to deliver whosoever is imprisoned in Thy days and aid him to that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

The Ancient Beauty hath turned towards the wise ones in Ha and Mim and giveth them glad tidings of the Ridvan of God, the Lord of the worlds. Rejoice ye in that the One seated upon the Throne maketh mention of you in such wise that those near unto God perceive therefrom the fragrance of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. I swear by God! He Who was named Jehovah in the Torah, and the Comforter in the Gospel, and in the Qur'an as the Great News, hath come—He at Whose appearance the heaven of vain imaginings was rent asunder, the earth of idle fancies was cleft, and all who dwell on earth were terror-stricken, save such as God pleased, the Most High, the All-Knowing. Blessed are ye for having turned unto the Countenance, and joy be unto you for having attained unto this glorious station. Beware lest the affairs of men grieve you. Hold ye fast unto the truth—verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

O concourse of the wise ones in the land of Ha! The Most Exalted Pen declareth: This is the Day of remembrance and praise, and this is the Day for the manifestation of praiseworthy attributes. God willing, ye should give the thirsty to drink from the Euphrates of the Most Merciful's mercy, and guide the wanderers to their true home. With utmost joy and fragrance, give the glad tidings of the Merciful's bounty to all beings, and arise to serve with wisdom. Whatsoever appeareth from any doer of good deeds in this day shall be observed as a star in the heaven of divine knowledge. By the truth of His own Self! Nothing escapeth His knowledge. He is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Drink ye in the name of the True Friend, speak ye in His Name, and be enkindled with His love—an enkindlement whose effects shall become manifest in the world. This is not difficult for the Almighty. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the One, the Peerless. Those souls among you who are engaged in teaching the Cause are mentioned before the Throne and are specially favored with God's grace.

O Abu'l-Hasan! Though some names were not mentioned outwardly, yet all are recorded and inscribed in the Preserved Tablet by the Most Exalted Pen, especially those souls who have arisen with complete dedication to teach and serve the Cause. Upon them be My glory, My mercy, and My bounty, which have preceded all worlds. Soon shall appear in the kingdom what they have wrought in My path. It behooveth them to rejoice in this mention, from which the fragrance of the essence of their Lord's bounty hath been wafted. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

From the precincts of the Prison, We send Our glorification upon the loved ones of God in Nun and Ra, both men and women, who have fulfilled God's Covenant and have turned unto His luminous Countenance. O My loved ones in that land! There have come before the Wronged One the pages adorned with My mention and praise, and We have answered you as a bounty from Our presence. Verily, He is the Near One, the Answerer. Rejoice ye in My mention of you and trust in all affairs to the One, the All-Informed. Verily, He ordaineth for His loved ones that which shall profit them in His worlds. He is verily

the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth through His name, the All-Wise. Verily, in the Prison He maketh mention of you in such wise as to attract the hearts of the sincere ones. Glory be upon you and upon those who have cast away vain imaginings behind their backs, turning unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Abu'l-Hasan! We have heard the call of the Noble One in the land of Ta before, and We make mention of him with a tongue through which the horizons were set ablaze and through which the Lord of the Day of the Covenant spoke: "The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of Lords!" We made mention of him before, and We make mention of him at this time, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of God, the Revealer of Verses. Convey My greetings unto him and give him the glad-tidings of this remembrance which God has made the King of all remembrance. The glory from Us be upon him and upon those who have attained to the mention of this station.

Furthermore, whenever you meet the friends of God in any city or region, make mention of this evanescent one's utter powerlessness and nothingness. God willing, may they at all times drink from the chalice of the Merciful's love and be turned with their entire sight, hearing and soul toward the Most Exalted Horizon. This is the tree of goodness, and its fruit and leaves. God is witness that this servant does not consider himself worthy or deserving of mention in the presence of those friends who have caused their own will, desire and choice to become extinct and non-existent in the will and desire of God. Blessed is the soul that acts in accordance with that which it has been commanded in the Book of God—that is, the soul that outwardly is adorned and embellished with prescribed deeds, for it is observed that some interpret divine verses according to their own vain imaginings and continue to do so. Evil is that which they do.

The name of Jinab-i-Amin, upon him be the Glory of God, is oft-mentioned, for he has been and continues to be mentioned in every letter, and this servant has made mention of him in all correspondence, but it seems he himself has not yet written from his location. In any case, wherever he may be, may he be occupied with the mention of God and be engaged in that which He loves and with which He is well-pleased. God willing, may he attain to His presence and be blessed once again with His meeting. The Glory be upon you and upon him and upon those who are adorned with the attributes which the Revealer of Verses has sent down in His Mighty Book.

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Section 1: "At this hour when the heaven of grace…"

In the name of God, exalted be His Glory and Grandeur!

At this hour when the heaven of grace is raised high and the sun of loving-kindness and favors is dawning and rising from the horizon of bounty and beneficence, I am present at the threshold of mighty glory with the pen of love and the tablet of unity and concord, commemorating with wondrous praise that beloved leaf and the other leaves of that land, particularly the honored and respected matron, mother of the Haram of God and mother of that leaf and her namesake—upon them be the Glory of God—who were resident in the Land of Ta. I bear glad tidings of the wondrous divine favors, for praise be to God, His loving-kindness is manifest and evident toward each one.

This is evident from the verses revealed from the heaven of oneness addressing this lowly one, which are inscribed verbatim in this leaf, the details being that from the Land of Ta a petition was submitted to the blessed presence of the Servant of the Divine Unity—may my spirit be sacrificed for the dust of his most glorious and luminous feet. Therein were mentioned the spiritual manifestations of each of those leaves and the beloved leaf, wife of the late Aqa Muhammad Ja'far, and the sister of that leaf, and the sister of His Holiness's beloved Aqa Mirza Mahmud—upon him be the Glory of God—and Bibi Jan and all the leaves of that land. Also as promised to you, supplication was made for forgiveness of that leaf's late father. A response was graciously given, and among the verses that descended from the heaven of the favors of the Eternal Beloved—may the spirit of all loved ones be sacrificed for Him—they recorded blessed words of glad tidings. However, this one submits these that it may become clear and evident that deeds done purely for God's sake shall not be lost.

Blessed are ye for that which His Most Exalted Pen hath recorded in your mention. O ye pure leaves! This is a copy of what our Glorious Lord wrote to this ephemeral, lowly one:

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

Praise be to God Who hath raised up the heaven of utterance and adorned it with brilliant stars and illumined its horizon with the Sun of the mention of the Most Great Name, whereby the world was illumined. When the air stirred and heaven moved, the ocean of knowledge surged and the Ark of God sailed thereon through His Most Glorious Name. Blessed is he who held fast to it and embarked upon it through the Name whereby the veils were rent and the coverings were torn asunder. Glorified be He Who manifested what He willed through the Most Exalted Word and spoke and caused all things to speak. What He hath spoken is indeed the straight path and the balance of justice.

Through it the lovers were attracted and soared in the atmosphere of longing, and through it the sincere arose to promote the Cause of God between earth and heaven, bearing in His love tribulations which none can reckon save God, the Lord of all names. Through it the gates of the treasuries of heaven were opened and the Kingdom of Names appeared. Through it the trumpet was blown and the call was raised amidst the concourse of creation. Through it the mountains of idle fancies were crushed and the heavens of vain imaginings were cleft asunder and the earth of learning were split among the people. At times thou beholdest it flowing like water in the valleys, and at other times blazing like fire upon the heights. Through it the hearts of the wretched were consumed while the Concourse on High rejoiced.

Can the pen ever finish mentioning it? Nay, by the Lord of Names! Can paper bear to carry it? Nay, by the Creator of heaven! It is that through which the names and all things appeared. There is nothing but that hath been consumed through its manifestation and appearance. Through it the fragrance of God was diffused throughout all else, the dwellers of the graves were stirred, and the Day of Resurrection came to pass. Exalted, exalted is He Who manifested it and created it and made it the servant and educator of all things. Exalted, exalted be He Who hath manifested and created him and made him the servant of all things and their educator! Exalted, exalted be He Who hath known Himself and taught the servants whatsoever He hath willed! Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the All-Bountiful!

To continue: The servant hath indeed been made to rejoice by that which hath proceeded from your pen, which moved in remembrance of God and His praise, and in the glorification of God and His Names. When it was opened and read and perused, I turned toward the heaven of the Cause and presented what you had presented before the Throne. Then did the Tongue of Grandeur speak forth that whereat the world was gladdened and the moldering bones were quickened. He said, exalted and glorified be He:

O Ali! We were established upon the throne in the Most Great Prison when the servant who was present before Our face entered with thy letter and presented what was therein—and verily We are the All-Hearing, the All-Answering. We have heard thy call and recognized the state thou art in regarding thy love for these souls. Remember when thou didst turn toward the Prison and stood before the door and heard the call of the Wronged One Who spoke from the most exalted station that there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O Ali! Hearken unto what the ungodly say in this Most Great Revelation whereby the limbs of the nations have quaked. Thy Lord is indeed the Manifest with truth and He is the All-Knowing. They say He hath claimed divinity and this befitteth not any among the servants to acknowledge. Thus have their hearts hardened and their souls enticed them. Thus do We recount unto thee what the heedless have uttered—and We are the Informed, the All-Knowing.

Say: By God, this is the Day of God wherein none is mentioned save Him. He is verily the One Who speaketh in the Most Great Prison and calleth between earth and heaven. No Prophet but hath given the glad-tidings of this Day to the servants, and no Book but hath been adorned with this Most Great Name. Say: None is mentioned in this Day save God and His names and what hath appeared from Him. Thus hath the command been sent down in all the Tablets, but most of the people are heedless.

Say: This is the Wondrous One through Whom the horizon of creation hath been illumined and through Whose Word hath appeared what was hidden in the treasuries of God's protection, the Mighty, the Powerful. Say: Were He to speak other than what He hath spoken, then ye should object to Him. Say: Ponder and be not of those who turn away. Say: This is He Who hath come from the heaven of grandeur with manifest sovereignty and hath called all unto God in such wise that neither ranks nor hosts nor the utterances of the ungodly could hinder Him.

And the people of the Bayan who disbelieved in the All-Merciful have forgotten all that they were promised when they speak as spoke the people of the Furqan. Say: Woe unto them and unto you, O company of educators! They have followed vain imaginings as did their fathers before them. Thus doth the Tongue of Grandeur speak the truth.

Be thou grateful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds! Blessed is he who hath cast behind him vain imaginings and stood firm in this Cause whereby the feet of the mystics have slipped. Say: Fear God and follow not your desires. Follow Him Who hath come unto you with a proof whereunto the heavens and earth can bear no likeness.

Grieve thou not over anything. Verily He heareth and seeth, and We are the All-Seeing. We have mentioned thee time and again, and this is yet another time. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of thy Lord's verses, arise and say: Unto Thee be praise, O Creator of the heavens, and unto Thee be glory, O

Thou in Whose grasp is the reins of the worlds! I praise Thee and thank Thee for having caused me to turn toward Thy most exalted horizon and for having made me recognize Thy beauty after every remote misbeliever turned away from it, and for having shown me Thy countenance after the passing of all things, and for having made me hear Thy most sweet call, and for having caused me to attain unto the ocean of Thy Most Great Name, and for having given me to drink, through the hands of bounty, the Kawthar of eternity.

Every limb of My body beareth witness to Thy bounty, Thy bestowals, Thy generosity and Thy gifts. Verily Thou art the Gracious Giver. O my God! Thou seest that mine eyes are fixed upon the horizon of Thy favor and mine ears are attentive to hear Thy call. O Lord! The longing one's yearning and attraction never cease, nor does his love and passion diminish. I beseech Thee by Thine own Self to make me in all conditions attracted to Thy verses, delighting in the fragrance of Thy raiment, clinging to Thy robe, and speaking Thy praise amongst Thy creatures. Thou art the Powerful, the Most High, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Akbar! The Lord of Destiny calls thee from the direction of His Most Sublime Vision as a favor from Him upon thee, that thou mayest be of the thankful ones. From this Most Holy Station We send greetings to the faces that have turned toward the Face of God and responded when the Call was raised between earth and heaven, and followed what the All-Merciful revealed in a preserved Tablet. We remember them and give them glad tidings of what is ordained for them in the Kingdom of God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: Beware lest the world prevent you from the Creator of heaven. Leave the people to their vain imaginings and take what has come to you from God, the Mighty, the Great. He loves who loves Him and remembers who remembers Him and sees who stands firm in His remembrance and service to His Cause. He is the Hearing, the Wise.

At the end of the Tablet We remember him who is named Rida, who turned to the Face and believed in God, the Single, the One, the Powerful. Convey My greetings to his face and gladden him with what has been revealed for him from God, the Ancient Revealer. Then We remember the handmaidens who have turned, drawn near, recognized and drunk of My luminous wine. Blessed are they for having fulfilled God's Covenant and His Testament and remained steadfast in this wondrous Cause. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy family and upon those who have believed in God and held fast to His wise Book.

The verses revealed from the heaven of divine will testify and bear witness to the special favors that have been and continue to be directed toward you. Regarding what you wrote about this servant being negligent in sending letters—yes, indeed there was delay, but this was not from laziness or indolence, nor, God forbid, from any lack of sincerity. God is aware and bears witness that your mention and love have been and will remain in heart and tongue. Regarding your request that I circumambulate the Temple of Oneness on your behalf, praise be to God, this evanescent servant attained this bounty at the time of the revelation of verses, visiting and circumambulating on your behalf. Concerning what you wrote about the loved ones of Qamsar who have arisen to serve the Cause, it was presented at the Most Sublime Vision. This is what was revealed for them from God, the Lord of the worlds:

Section 2: “O My loved ones in that place! Hearken…”

O My loved ones in that place! Hearken unto My sweetest call which hath been raised from this luminous spot. Verily there is no God but He, the Mighty, the Wise. The glance of the Wronged One hath been directed toward you from this known station. He is the Hearing, the Responding One. Blessed are ye for having believed and turned toward the Supreme Horizon after the servants turned away, save those whom God, the Single, the All-Informed, wished. Hold fast to the cord of unity, then remember your Lord, the All-Merciful, with joy and fragrance. Thus doth command you the All-Knowing Ordainer. We have seen you and heard your call and have answered you with these verses through which the fragrance of utterance hath been wafted throughout all possibility. He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. By the life of God! There hath been ordained for you in My Most Glorious Kingdom that which the pen cannot describe, but most of the people know not.

O rejoice in My Name and drink from the Kawthar of life through My wondrous remembrance! We counsel you to show forth supreme steadfastness and to follow that which God hath revealed through the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Tablet. He, verily, commandeth you to do that which profiteth you in the hereafter and in this world. To this beareth witness the Lord of all beings in His mighty prison. Be illumined by My remembrance of you, for it is greater than all the treasures of the heavens and earth. Hearken unto Him Who is among you and remembereth you with the remembrance of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Turn towards the Land of Kaf and make mention of them who have soared in the atmosphere of Thy nearness and have attained unto the recognition of Him Who caused thee to speak with truth. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Blessed are ye for having attained and recognized the Wronged One when every heedless one turned away from Him. The world and all that is therein shall perish, but there shall endure for you that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in His perspicuous Book. God hath witnessed your acceptance and faith. Rejoice then in this Most Great Remembrance and drink of My luminous wine. Preserve your dignity through supreme steadfastness lest the allusions of them that have disbelieved in the Lord of the worlds cause you to slip.

The glory rest upon you and upon them who have laid firm hold on the Book of God with the strength that proceedeth from Him and have acted according to that which they were bidden by their Lord, the All-Wise. The names mentioned in your letter were brought before the Most Great View. Praise be to the Beloved of the worlds that they were adorned with the ornament of His love and attained unto His recognition. They have taken the choice wine from the hand of bounty and have drunk thereof. Blessed are they and those who have attained unto this noble station.

Wheresoever ye receive a divine Tablet, ye should convey that which is inscribed therein to its people or send it to them, and especially convey to each one wondrous and sublime greetings from God. Concerning what thou didst write about the steadfast women, the humble women, the believing women, and the chaste women of that land—this was presented before the Throne. Wondrous and sublime verses have been specifically revealed for each one from the heaven of the divine Will, and the glance of mercy hath been directed towards each. Blessed are they for having attained unto the recognition of God and the service of His firm and wise Cause.

It is clear and evident to every person of understanding that whatsoever existeth in the world is transient and will pass away. Soon all that is visible shall vanish, and that which shall endure forever is the mention that floweth from the Most Exalted Pen specifically for each of the servants and handmaidens. Blessed are the souls who have attained unto this most exalted station. By the life of God! Were We to fully describe this station, all the peoples of the world would turn to the most exalted horizon and would engage in serving the Cause with the utmost joy and fragrance. Thus doth the Truth speak the truth and mention that which rejoiceth the hearts of the sincere ones and the minds of them that are firm.

Ask ye of God—and let them ask—that they may remain firm and steadfast in the Cause of God. Say: O handmaidens of God! Give thanks that your mention hath been made before the Throne and that your deeds have been for God and have been accepted in His holy court. God willing, may ye be blessed in all times with the fragrances of divine verses and be gladdened by His remembrance.

Regarding what thou didst write about the word of forgiveness concerning the late Haji Mulla ʿAli-Akbar, this was presented before the Throne. This is what was revealed from the Kingdom of Utterance from God, the Mighty, the Bestower: O My handmaiden! We give thee glad tidings of thy Lord's favor and make mention of that which rejoiceth thy heart and the hearts of those women who have believed in God, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Know thou that God hath forgiven him through His grace, purified him, and caused him to ascend unto the sublime Companion. Verily, thy Lord's favor hath encompassed all created things. Thus doth God change whatsoever He willeth and ordain what He wisheth for whomsoever He desireth. Nothing can prevent Him, nor can any matter render Him powerless. He does through His power whatever He pleases and decrees through His authority whatever He wills. Therefore praise and mention these verses which have descended from the heaven of thy Lord's mercy, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have inhaled the fragrance of the garment in the days of God, who have turned to the horizon of revelation and who have heard the call of God, the Lord of Religions.

Furthermore, regarding the matters which His Holiness Ismu'llah Ha—upon him be all the most glorious glory and all the most excellent praise—has arisen to accomplish, this servant has, in accordance with the Most Holy and Exalted Command, submitted a brief account. They will surely inform that honored one and it should be carried out accordingly.

Additionally, concerning the mother of the sacred family who resides in the Land of Kaf—upon her be the glory of God—emphasize strongly that the souls dwelling in that land should show her respect, for truly she has endured numerous afflictions in the path of God. Blessed is she for what she has patiently endured in the path of our Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Now she remains in a foreign land and with utmost distress remains patient and thankful. We beseech God to assist her and grant her what befits His all-encompassing grace, and to aid those who support and honor her out of love for God, the Mighty, the Wise.

If possible, convey glad tidings to her on behalf of this evanescent one, for she is mentioned before the Divine Throne and the glance of favor is directed towards her. Blessed is she for her patience, her gratitude, her charitable giving, and her turning to God, the One, the Peerless.

This evanescent one requests that you convey to the friends and notable ones of every land the Most Glorious, Most Exalted greetings from this servant. And the other friends in the Prison Land and those circumambulating all remember that honored one with most excellent remembrances and glorifications.

The glory of God be upon your honor and your family and upon all the loved ones of God, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant 17 Sha'ban 1290

O my beloved! This is the letter of His Honor the Servant of the Divine Unity—may my spirit be sacrificed for his most mighty and luminous sacred dust—which contains blessed utterances—may my soul and the souls of all the worlds be a ransom for each letter thereof—descended from the heaven of divine bounty, and wherein favor hath been shown unto all the people of that land, men and women alike, especially unto that handmaiden concerning whom explicit favor and bounty have been expressed without hint or allusion.

God willing, together with the special Tablets wherein I mentioned their names at the outset, ye shall recite them again and again. The counsels of His honor the servant—may my soul be a sacrifice for his sacred dust—which he hath given concerning the exalted, honored, and revered mother of the household, upon her be the glory of God, do ye observe and follow. And from the tongue of this lowly and evanescent one, do ye make mention of them in their presence with wondrous and impregnable invocations and with mighty glorifications.

The hope is cherished that evermore that handmaiden, and her namesake, and the other maidservants of God in that land shall remain enkindled with the fire of divine love and intoxicated with the wine of the Beloved, that ye may quicken the dead in the graves of heedlessness and ignorance through the wafting of the sweet-scented breaths, and refresh and gladden the withered trees in the wilderness of passion and desire with the water of remembrance and goodly deeds, so that goodly fruits may appear from all the people of that land.

By God, besides Whom there is none other than Him! If a soul should gird up the loins of endeavor and, for the sake of God, take steps in the path of assisting the Cause of Truth, even dead bones would be stirred to motion by the effect of their pure breaths, let alone heedless souls. God willing, may you all conduct yourselves with one another in perfect love and unity, with joy and fragrance. Observe how great is divine grace and favor concerning that honored lady, and offer thanks with all your being that your names are mentioned before the Divine Throne. We beseech God, and you too should beseech, that He may remove all major obstacles and open wide the gate of attainment unto His presence before the faces of all His servants, both men and women.

In brief, if the honored Aliya, namesake of that distinguished lady, is not present in that land, make a copy of the petition and send either the original or a copy thereof to her presence, and convey infinite greetings. And on behalf of this lowly one, ask pardon for the troubles caused during the time of her presence. Convey infinite greetings to the beloved Aqa Mirza Mahmud and his relatives, both female and male, especially to his honored sister. And on behalf of this lowly one, mention each and every one of the handmaidens of God in that land with wondrous and sublime remembrances, particularly the honored

mother and Miss Sahib and Bibi Jan, upon whom be the Glory of God. Remember Shirin with the sweetness of the Beloved's utterance. The honored uncle—may my spirit be a sacrifice to the dust of his footsteps—that distinguished lady, and the other handmaidens of God in that land are remembered with spiritual remembrances.

What more can this evanescent lowly one say? Document 333 dated 27th of Shawwal 90 was presented in the Holy Land. The honored Shatir sends infinite greetings.

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Section 1: "O Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli! The successive letters from the beloved…"

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

O Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli! The successive letters from the beloved ones of the land of Kha—upon them be My Glory—which they sent to you were all presented before the Throne by this servant, and the gaze of favor was directed towards them. God willing, they have ever been and shall ever be like banners raised upon the hills among men, renowned and manifest in the name of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Blessed are they who have arisen to aid the Cause of the All-Merciful with wisdom and utterance.

Concerning what Kazim—upon him be the Glory of God—mentioned about M.S., that which is the cause of salvation has already flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. In His grasp is the dominion of all things; He takes and He gives, and He is the Forgiving, the Generous. In the early days of his tribulation, We commanded this servant to write and send the impregnable, exalted circle of the Most Great Name for his protection and deliverance. Divine favor has surely encompassed and will continue to encompass him. However, beseech God to assist him in that which shall be the greatest cause for the perpetuation of remembrance. He commands those who have turned to Him with what benefits them in this world and the next. Thus far, God, exalted be His glory, has protected and delivered him several times. We beseech Him to make known to him what He has decreed for him and what He has sent down for him from the heaven of His Will. He is verily the Ordainer, the Ruler, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

God willing, may he be assisted in serving the Cause and act as befits it. This is the Day that has been attributed to the Truth in all the Books. Observe what the All-Merciful has revealed in the Qur'an through His exalted words:

> "Lead forth the people from darkness into light and remind them of the days of God."

All the sincere ones, the near ones, and the unified ones have sought the advent of this Day, and with utmost humility and supplication have besought the Self-Sufficient, the Most High for its appearance.

That which Kazim—upon him be the Glory of God—has mentioned was heard. Praise be to God that they were assisted in the remembrance of God and His praise. Blessed is he and his household wherein has been raised the remembrance of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. There has been revealed for him

that from which the sincere ones perceive the fragrance of acceptance and the near ones the sweet savors of their Lord's favors, the Mighty, the Loving.

From the land of Kha, the honored Aziz and Khudadad have repeatedly sent letters to this servant, mentioning the exaltation of God's Word in cities and regions. Blessed is the son of My Most Truthful Name—upon him be My Glory and My Mercy. Praise be to God that all those souls have been successful in serving the Cause and have arisen with complete dedication to exalt the Word. By the life of God! From every doer of deeds, when a deed is manifested for God's sake, it has been and will be penetrating, moving, conveying, and victorious. This is that Word which is observed shining and radiant like the sun from the horizon of the heaven of the Tablet. Blessed are they who attain.

God willing, may they be assisted in all that has been revealed in the Book, that perchance the fragrance of unity may obliterate and remove the foul winds of discord. Wondrous and exalted Tablets have been sent down from the heaven of God's Will for the mentioned souls. God willing, they have attained and will attain unto them, and will drink from the chalices of words the Kawthar of utterance of the Revealer of verses. Blessed are My loved ones! By My life, they have attained unto the sun of My remembrance, the ocean of My favor, and the heaven of My grace.

From His Holiness Asad, upon him be the Glory of God, multiple petitions were received. Praise be to God, he has been and continues to be confirmed in service to the Cause. Great is this Day! We beseech the Most High to make known to all His station, His glory, His might, and that which hath been manifested therein. Blessed are the souls who have left their homelands for the sake of God, who have traversed lands for the sake of God, and who have spoken for the sake of God. God will soon reveal the fruits of their deeds. He, verily, is the Announcer, the All-Informed.

That which His Holiness Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, mentioned attained unto the honor of being heard by the Lord of Names. He must at all times voice his gratitude to the Beloved of all creation, for He confirmed him in His mention and praise and in service to His Cause. All that appeared from him in the path of God was witnessed. Verily, He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Under all conditions they must be engaged in the promotion of the Cause of God with wisdom and utterance. He, verily, aideth him who aideth Him, remembereth him who remembereth Him, and draweth nigh unto him who draweth nigh unto Him. He, verily, is the Near One, the Watchful. Not an atom's weight of deeds remaineth concealed, for today the Balance proclaimeth "I am the Distinguisher, the All-Knowing" and the earth speaketh the word "I am the Gatherer, the Resurrector, the Narrator, the All-Informed." Consider what was revealed in the Qur'an, His exalted Word: "O my son! If there be (but) the weight of a mustard-seed and it were (hidden) in a rock, or (anywhere) in the heavens or on earth, God will bring it forth."

The purpose is that all the loved ones of God should know that the Truth, exalted be His glory, is the All-Knowing and the All-Encompassing. By the life of God! Unto Him ascendeth the goodly deed and the goodly word. Alas! Alas! Were it not for the clamor and outcry of the people, I would have revealed that which is hidden behind the veils of the unseen and mentioned that which is inscribed in the Crimson Tablet by My Most Exalted Pen. The heedlessness of people hath reached such a state that they cannot distinguish shadow from light, and now they turn away from and complain about that which they

themselves were seeking with utmost desire in days and nights gone by. Fie upon them, upon their fidelity, their station, and their remembrances! They have mistaken mercy for vengeance and have deemed the greatest bounty insignificant. They have been nurtured by vain imaginings and turn unto their sources. Beseech ye God to rend asunder the greatest veil, which are the divines of the age, and not to deprive all servants from the ocean of knowledge and the sun of awareness. He, verily, is the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Kind, the Generous, the Merciful.

As for their seeking permission to travel annually to various regions for the triumph of God's Cause, this matter hath been adorned with the ornament of permission and embellished with the decoration of acceptance. God willing, in all his journeys he will move for God's sake, journey toward God, and speak for the sake of God. In truth, all souls have been created for the service of God's Cause. They must, with perfect wisdom, engage in this righteous deed, which is among the greatest of deeds, in the name of the Truth, exalted be His glory. God's favor hath been and will continue to be with him. And concerning what was written about not speaking a word until seeing a seeker, this accordeth with the Most Exalted Word that was revealed aforetime by the Supreme Pen, stating that the wise ones among God's servants are those who do not open their lips until they find a hearing ear, and similar utterances have been revealed in various instances. Blessed is he who hath recognized and attained. The ear is for the tongue, and the tongue is for the ear.

O Ali! In no matter should the loved ones of Truth let go of wisdom. In all conditions they should be mindful of it. It is the firm decree of God and the luminary of the heaven of divine ordinances. Blessed art thou and thy sons and those who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed. God counsels you with wisdom lest an outcry be raised by those who denied what they had previously known and turned away from Him Whom they used to invoke by night and day.

Section 2: "As for what was written concerning those souls…"

As for what was written concerning those souls who have ascended to the Supreme Companion and winged their flight to the Most Glorious Horizon: We made mention of them before and after their ascension with such mention as caused the Concourse on High and those who circle round His mighty Throne to be attracted, and We make mention of them at this hour as a token of Our grace, for verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of those who have turned to the Most Glorious Horizon when earthquakes seized all the tribes of the earth, and the idols wailed, and false deities cried out, and feet did stumble. We testify that they heard the call of God and answered their Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Say: Upon you be the glory of God and His chosen ones, and the glory of the Concourse on High and the Kingdom of Names, and the glory of those who hastened to the place of sacrifice in the name of their Lord, the Sovereign of Names, and the glory which has shone forth and gleamed from this Station which has been named with the Most Beautiful Names in the Book of God, the Lord of creation. We testify that you have attained unto the Most Great Ocean and have drunk of the choice sealed wine, whose seal was broken by the finger of the power of God, the Lord of lords. You are they who remained faithful to God's Covenant and His Testament when the learned, the mystics and men of letters broke it, save whom God

willed, the Lord of all men. You are they whom neither the veils of glory deterred nor the hosts of those who turned away from your Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, did frighten.

Blessed are you for having attained unto this Mention at whose raising the angels and the Spirit descended, and the Maids of Heaven emerged from their chambers, and the Concourse on High from their loftiest stations, to hearken unto what was sent down from the heaven of the will of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Verily We made mention of you at the time of your ascension and preferred some of you above others. He, verily, is the Single, the One, the Chosen One. Blessed are you, and joy be unto you, for having drunk from the Kawthar of utterance from the chalices of the bounty of your Lord, the Lord of all mankind. Through My mention of you, you have been mentioned by the tongues of the seen and the unseen, and none has been apprised thereof save him who possesses the Mother Book. Blessed is the tongue that speaks your mention and the heart that turns toward you and visits you through what God has sent down in this Tablet whereby all things have proclaimed: The kingdom belongs to God, the One, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

Some of these assured souls ascended adorned with the ornament of divine forgiveness and attained unto the Supreme Companion, and now God's favor has encompassed all and they have been blessed with that which pens are powerless to describe. Say: O My loved ones! It behooves you to make up for what has escaped you in the days of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Verily, We make mention in this station of the children of the Friend and the heirs of Him Who conversed with God—from whom the sweet savors of the love of the All-Merciful have been wafted throughout all possibility—and We give them glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for them in the Kingdom of God, the Lord of all worlds. By God! He Who spoke on Sinai calleth you and He Who hath come with clear sovereignty maketh mention of you. Blessed is he who, while seated, hath arisen to serve the Cause of God; and he who, while silent, hath spoken forth this wise Remembrance; and he who, while halted, hath hastened in the name of God and spoken that which the Spirit hath spoken in this valley that hath been honored by the footsteps of God, the Possessor of Supreme Glory.

We have made mention of them in the Crimson Book with such mention as no treasures of earth nor heavenly repositories can equal. To this beareth witness every fair-minded and perceiving one. Rejoice, O My loved ones, in that the Wronged One maketh mention of you in this exalted and wondrous station, and counseleth you with that which will cause the Cause of God to be exalted and with that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in His perspicuous Book. Glory be upon you and upon those who have aided the Cause of their Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful.

Convey greetings to all the friends on behalf of the True One. God willing, they will, through these greetings, drink of the sealed wine mentioned in the divine Books, and will act with utmost delicacy, freshness and wisdom in a manner befitting the Days of God.

The letter of Haji Mirza Ali-Akbar was presented by this servant. May he, God willing, be confirmed in the praise and glorification of God. We have heard what he composed in praise of God when this servant recited it, and We make mention of him as a bounty from Us, that he may rejoice and be among the thankful ones. O Ali-i-Akbar! Remember when thou didst enter the prison and attain the presence of God,

the Lord of all worlds, and didst hear His sweetest call and witness the effulgences of the lights of His most exalted horizon. Preserve this most glorious station through My Name, the Mighty, the Invincible. Remember what thou didst hear from the Tongue of Grandeur and reflect upon His mighty Cause. We counsel thee and those who have believed with that which beseemeth the Days of God. Say: O My loved ones! Hold fast unto goodly character in all conditions. Through it will your stations be made manifest and the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful, be exalted.

Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon whosoever hath inhaled My fragrance on this wondrous Day. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Invincible.

O My loved ones! Although this is the Day of the Greater Separation, yet were this separation to be fully realized, none would draw nigh to become acquainted with God's Cause and turn towards the Most Exalted Horizon. For the people are ignorant and are seen to be veiled from the Most Luminous Horizon by the greatest of veils. Therefore must all affairs be conducted with the utmost wisdom, that perchance the warmth of the fire of divine love might be kindled in dispirited souls. If today the disclosure of a matter would cause tumult and disorder, its concealment is preferred in the sight of God. And whereas in certain Tablets mention hath been made of exaltation, elevation, manifestation and proclamation, what was intended thereby was the appearance of goodly deeds, beneficial counsels and praiseworthy character, which cause the exaltation and advancement of the Cause. In one instance, these exalted words have shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of God's Tablet—exalted be His majesty:

> "This is the Day of arising, yet ye are seated; this is the Day of proclamation, yet ye are silent; this is the Day of awakening, yet ye are asleep; this is the Day of utterance, yet ye are at rest."

Similar luminous statements that have shone forth from the Most Exalted Pen are recorded in the Tablets. However, what was intended was arising to teach God's Cause with wisdom and utterance, not such manifestation and proclamation as would cause the ignorant of the earth to turn away, so that hearts, which are the cities of God's love, might be opened with the key of wisdom. In all conditions wisdom is beloved. Seize upon it, O My chosen ones, in His Name, the One Who ruleth over all the worlds.

At the close of this Tablet, We counsel My loved ones and him who hath been named ʿAli-Akbar with that which was formerly sent down from the presence of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed: Associate with all people in a spirit of friendliness and fellowship. We have revealed the Most Great Law for the unification of mankind. To this beareth witness that which hath been sent down from this wondrous Pen. We send Our greetings to the handmaidens of God who are there, and We give them the glad-tidings of My remembrance, whereby the hearts of them that have recognized Him are dilated.

The glory be upon you and upon them from the presence of One Who is mighty and powerful.

BH00398: Praise be unto Him Who cannot be described…

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

Praise be unto Him Who cannot be described by utterance, before Whom neither men nor heroes can stand, Who has manifested Himself on the Day of Return. There is no God but He, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

Thereafter it is submitted that the letter of S.M., upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], which he wrote to that person, was presented at the Most Holy Court. This is what has been revealed from the Kingdom of Utterance by the command of the All-Merciful:

> "O Samandar! The servant in attendance has submitted what thou didst send to Ism-i-Jud."

Concerning what thou didst write about Aqa Murtada-Quli, it was mentioned before the Wronged One. May the favor of the Beloved of all creation encompass all the friends and preserve them from loss in all worlds. In truth, loss belongs to those souls who today are deprived and forbidden from the Truth. Otherwise, those souls who have attained the lights of His countenance and are gazing toward the Supreme Horizon possess a station that cannot be equaled by all the treasures of the earth and its riches, the pearls of the sea and the mines of the mountains. When the honored Name of God M.H. was in Iraq, a sum was collected with him, and he intended to send it to the prison of the Land of Mystery. Later, a thief learned of this and stole that money. Jinab-i-Mihdi sent a petition to the Most Holy Court which was filled with lamentation and from which countless sorrows and griefs were evident. These sorrows of his were due to his wishes not being fulfilled. Subsequently, an answer was revealed and sent from the Most Holy Court to this effect:

> "O Mihdi! Transient things have been and will be befitting only for transient souls. Be not grieved by this event. Rather, rejoice in the remembrance of thy Lord and in that wherewith thy Master remembers thee. Strive to possess that which neither perishes nor can be reached by the hand of the treacherous and the thief."

O Samandar! How many souls there are who, with the utmost effort and diligence, gather a handful of ornaments and find the greatest joy and happiness in accumulating them. However, in reality, these have been assigned by the Supreme Pen to others—meaning they are not destined for themselves. Often they fall into the hands of their enemies. God protect us and you from such evident loss! Life is wasted, day and night are spent in toil, and wealth becomes the cause of affliction. Most of people's wealth is not pure. If people would act according to what God has revealed, surely His grace would not leave such souls deprived. In all cases, His bounty will be watchful and His mercy will be directed toward them.

Let Aqa Murtada-Quli not be sorrowful. God willing, he shall attain that which shall endure in mention throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. For today, every soul is capable of attaining eternal stations. Let them recite this prayer:

Glorified art Thou, O Thou at Whose separation the near ones are consumed, at Whose exile the believers cry out, and at Whose remoteness the sincere ones lament! I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thou didst open the gates of bounties to all who are in the earth and the heavens, through which the ship of Thy grace sailed upon the ocean of Thy bestowal, and the streams of Thy mercy flowed throughout the regions of Thy dominion, to assist me in that which Thou lovest and approvest, and to

ordain for me that which will protect me from the treachery of every traitor, the schemes of every deceiver, and the harm of those who have denied Thee and Thy signs.

O Lord! I have grasped with hope's hands the hem of Thy generosity, O Thou Possessor of Names! I beseech Thee not to disappoint me from that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have cast away what they possessed and taken up that which Thou didst command them in Thy Book. Then I beseech Thee, O Thou Goal of the world and the Manifest One among the nations, by the Most Great Name, to send down upon me from the heaven of Thy grace and the clouds of Thy bounty that which will unite what hath been scattered from me. Then ordain for me through Thy loving-kindness that which will make me independent of all save Thee and will benefit me in every world of Thy worlds.

Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest through Thy Name, the All-Dominating over all things. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Then I beseech Thee by the sovereignty of the Names to send down upon my brother that which will set right his affairs that have prevented him from recognizing Thee. O Lord! Thou knowest him better than I or he himself, and verily Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful ones.

O Samandar! Let them recite these exalted words which have been sent down from the heaven of loving-kindness, and if they recite them correctly once, it suffices. All matters should be carried out with joy and fragrance. In this Most Holy, Most Exalted Manifestation, We have forbidden the servants to make mention in the streets and marketplaces, as hath been recorded in the Most Holy Book which hath been sent down from the holy divine Kingdom. Blessed is the soul that hath acted according to that which was commanded by the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Ask God, exalted be His glory, to awaken the heedless ones and not to deprive them of the outpourings from the clouds of His loving-kindness. These occurrences that come to pass on earth, such as loss of wealth, the world's conflicts and its changes—regard all of these as harbingers. They call out to man with most eloquent utterance and inform him of that which shall come upon him in the future. God willing, He will grant hearing ears that all may arise to that which will lead to success and prosperity. The Command is in God's hands, the Lord of all worlds.

O Samandar! Gladden the heart of his honor M.R., upon him be the Glory of God. Say: It behooveth thee to read the Tablet of Ra'is and the Tablet of Paris, for these two blessed Tablets will enable man to attain the station of certitude, and after certitude and acting upon what We have commanded, assuredly the gates of goodly things will be opened before your face. Grieve not over anything, trust in God, thy Lord, the Generous. Verily, He taketh every hand that is raised toward Him, heareth every mention uttered by His servants, and answereth every supplicant. Hold fast unto His firm and mighty cord. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. End. On my behalf, convey greetings to him and say: God willing, through the grace of the All-Merciful you shall be successful. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

And likewise you had mentioned the matter of Jinab-i-Aqa Abdu'l-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, through whom the aforementioned sum was sent from the Land of Peace and the Land of Ha and Mim to Hadba. Regarding this matter, Jinab-i-Haji Mirza Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], had also written a letter to this servant from the Land of Ta, inquiring about the sum of thirty tumans which had become available here and was to be sent to the Land of Hadba, as well as from another place. After

presenting this to the Most Holy Court, words shone forth from the Dawning-Place of the Cause, and according to His command, a copy of those exalted words should be sent to you for forwarding. His mighty words in response to Mirza Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], state:

> "Concerning what you wrote about Mosul, He said it would have been better had they heeded the blessed words We shall surely test you' followed by ʿand give glad tidings to the patient ones.' Although famine has overtaken most lands this year, yet the spread of such matters by the friends might cause 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 is indeed the Single One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

And whosoever desires with utmost longing to pay the Huququ'llah should give it to such trusted ones as yourself and obtain a receipt, so that whatever transpires may occur with the permission and leave of the Truth. Verily He is the Teacher, the All-Wise.

And He said: Write,

> "Blessed art thou, O ʿAbdu'l-Husayn, in that thou hast been named with this Great Name. We made mention of thee before and make mention of thee at this time as a token of My favor, and I am the All-Mentioning, the All-Knowing."

The glance of His loving-kindness hath been directed towards you and your services in the path of God were witnessed, and your good intentions were also evident in the Most Holy Court. Be thou thankful unto God for this clear mention.

And concerning what they had written about Hadba, We commanded this servant to write to you what was written to Abu'l-Hasan of the people of Alif and Ra, that you may be informed. I beseech God to make you one who is assisted in that which will exalt His Cause and establish your mention in His wise Book. Praise be to God, the Most High, the Most Great.

And likewise regarding the plot of land they have purchased similar to this servant's small plot, it was presented before His presence and this response shone forth from the horizon of utterance:

> "Excellent is what thou hast done. God willing, it shall be counted among the enduring traces, and in this land too, according to His command, a plot of land was acquired that it might be among the enduring traces for whosoever desireth good. Verily the bounty is in His hand—He bestoweth it upon whomsoever He willeth. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days."

Such matters shall endure throughout the dominion of the earthly and heavenly kingdoms, inasmuch as they have occurred in the name of Truth in the days of Truth.

And concerning what you had written about the success of some of the loved ones who occasionally give charity to wayfarers and the poor of the city, it was presented in the Most Holy Court. He said this matter has been and will be most beloved. Blessed is he whom God hath assisted to spend in His path. Verily He

sendeth down blessings upon him from the heaven of grace. Verily He is the Protector of the rich and the poor and the needy.

O Samandar! Glorify on My behalf My loved ones in that land whom vain imaginings have not deterred from My straight Path. Say: By God, the True One! Ye shall soon find that which ye have wrought, endured, witnessed and heard in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. Not an atom's weight of your deeds escapeth His knowledge. Verily, He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. All things bear witness to you, yet most people are among the heedless. Soon shall they arise at the breath of chastisement and behold that which they denied through nights and days. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Know thou that We have made mention of Javad with verses that gladden the hearts of them that have turned towards God, and We have sent down for Andalib that which hath diffused the fragrance of thy Lord's mercy, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

O Samandar! Convey My glorification to all the friends. All are mentioned before the Throne, and in every instance the Most Exalted Pen turneth toward them and calleth unto them from the precincts of the Prison. God willing, may they truly attain unto this most exalted station at all times, and the fruit of their labors shall appear on earth. His honor Ism-i-Jud, upon him be My glory, hath made mention in this land of those related to him. Give thou the glad-tidings of divine bounty to all and make them joyful with his mention. Verily He remembereth him who remembereth Him, and He is the best of them that remember. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

This evanescent servant desired to send glorification to that beloved one, yet knoweth not in what manner of manner, in what form of forms, with what mention of mentions, with what tale of tales from his own world to make himself conform, that he might make mention or manifest it in the realm of utterance. I testify that I am indeed the weary, the lowly, the poor, the needy, the one in want of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Likewise to mention my beloved, his honor my brother, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, and all the friends of Baha, upon them—the unworthy mentions of this servant are contrary to propriety, yet from all there is hope for pardon. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to adorn all with the ornament of faithfulness and keep them firm upon the straight path of His Cause. No mention appeareth more beloved than this in my sight. He is indeed the Witness, the All-Seeing.

Another submission is that the traces of that beloved one's pen arrive continuously. This matter is very good and acceptable, yet it must occur in accordance with wisdom, as was submitted before. Some souls come by a word and go by a word—I know not to whom they go or what aspect they desire. In any case, these souls, at the slightest vexation, mention whatever occurs, and this may perhaps cause agitation. In all circumstances that honored one must be mindful of wisdom. If it can be sent in such way that none become aware, it is beloved; otherwise, some delay is preferable. And this matter came to this servant's own view, which he mentioned, for it was observed that God, exalted be His grandeur, hath sent down many firm commandments concerning the matter of wisdom. Verily He is the All-Knowing, the Preserver, the Helper, the Mighty, the Powerful.

BH00576: Praise be to God Who hath manifested Himself through…

In the name of God, the One, exalted be His majesty!

Praise be to God Who hath manifested Himself through a point from the Most Great Book upon the leaves of the world, whereupon appeared the Books, the Scrolls, the Psalms and the Tablets. Then He manifested Himself through a light from the lights of inner meanings upon the world of utterance, whereupon the horizon of divine knowledge dawned and the morn of the Cause shone forth through the luminary of grace and prosperity.

O My Name Mihdi! The letter from the Afnan Alif and Ha, upon him be My glory, was presented by this servant before the Throne. God willing, may he ever drink from the choice wine of inner meanings in this luminous day and offer it to them that are worthy. We have verily aided him to serve the Cause, and thus have We bestowed Our favor upon him and upon the chosen ones among My servants. Verily thy Lord is the All-Giving, the Generous. We give him glad tidings of a mercy from Our presence and make mention of him in such wise as hath brought joy to the hearts of the sincere ones.

O Mihdi! We have commanded all the friends to observe wisdom, and the divine Tablets bear witness to this truth. Nevertheless, some engage in teaching the Cause without any veil or covering. Although they act for the sake of Truth and make mention of His Name, yet this is not acceptable in the sight of God, for they act contrary to that which God hath willed. Some have exceeded the bounds of moderation out of fear and trepidation, while others, out of eagerness and enthusiasm, proclaim the mention of the Beloved of the worlds from the pulpits. Glory be to God! As to the fearful souls—what have they perceived, and from what do they seek to preserve and conceal themselves?

By the Sun of Utterance which shineth from the horizon of the Prison, even should they hide beneath the layers of the earth and seek to preserve themselves through all means and causes, they shall find no escape from the claws of death, nor shall they ever find it. God willing, may the trees of being not remain [without fruit and yield], and may they not deprive themselves of the water of life for the sake of these fleeting days. In all things moderation is beloved. Some time ago this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed from the Supreme Pen. His exalted Word:

He is the All-Wise Book

O people! Hold fast to the Strong Cord, for verily it will profit you on earth from God, the Lord of all worlds. Take hold of justice and equity, and reject what every remote ignorant one hath commanded you—they who have adorned their heads with turbans and pronounced judgment against Him through Whom every wise decree hath been made manifest. Through My Name their stations were exalted amongst the people, yet when I revealed Myself they pronounced judgment against Me with manifest injustice. Thus hath the Pen spoken in truth, while the people remain heedless. Verily he who holdeth fast to justice doth not transgress the bounds of moderation in any matter and is endowed with insight from the All-Seeing.

The civilization extolled by the learned exponents of arts and sciences will, if allowed to overleap the bounds of moderation, bring great evil upon men. Thus doth the All-Knowing inform you. If carried to

excess, civilization will prove as prolific a source of evil as it had been of goodness when kept within the restraints of moderation. Meditate upon this, O people, and be not of them that wander distraught. The day is approaching when its blaze will consume the cities, and the Tongue of Grandeur will proclaim: "The Kingdom is God's, the Almighty, the All-Praised!" Thus observe all things, then render thanks unto thy Lord for having mentioned thee in this wondrous Tablet. Praise be to God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne!

If a soul were to truly ponder what hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen and find its sweetness, he would surely become detached from his own will and desire, and would move according to the Will of God. Blessed is he who hath attained unto this station and hath not been deprived of this most great bounty. Today neither the fearful who hide themselves nor those who openly proclaim are beloved. All must act with wisdom and engage in service to the Cause. It behooveth everyone to reflect upon the condition of this Wronged One. From the beginning until now, We have been manifest among both friends and foes, and even in times when calamities and tribulations surrounded Us from all sides, We summoned the people of the earth to the Most Exalted Horizon with utmost power. The Supreme Pen desireth not to mention Its own afflictions in this regard, for this would surely cause grief to those who are near, to the sincere ones, and to them that are devoted. Verily, He is the Speaker, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing.

Most days We were in the hands of Our enemies, and now We dwell among serpents. These sacred lands have been described and mentioned in all divine Books, and most of the Prophets and Messengers appeared from these lands. This is that desert wherein all the Messengers cried "Here am I, O my God, here am I," and the promise of the appearance of God was to be in these lands. This is the Valley of Decree, the White Land, and the Luminous Spot. All that is manifest today was mentioned in previous Books, but the people thereof were declared unacceptable in all divine Books, to such extent that in some instances they were described as the offspring of serpents. And now this Wronged One, dwelling among the offspring of serpents, calleth out with the most exalted call and summoneth all to the ultimate goal, the most sublime summit and the highest horizon. Blessed is he who hath heard what the Tongue hath uttered in the Kingdom of Utterance, and woe unto every heedless and remote one.

Beseech ye God that He may enable all His friends to do that which is acceptable in His sight today. Should anyone succeed in performing even a single pure deed today, he shall be mentioned and recorded among those near to God in the divine Book. In all matters, hold fast to the cord of consultation. This exalted word was previously revealed in the Crimson Tablet. The heaven of divine wisdom is illumined with two luminaries: consultation and compassion. In matters take ye counsel together, for consultation is the lamp of guidance that leadeth the way and bestoweth understanding. Thus doth the All-Informed apprise you, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O people of Baha! Know ye the value of this most mighty, most holy Day and arise to that which beseemeth you and is worthy of it. Guard yourselves by the name of God, exalted be His glory, from the cawing of the ravens and the croaking of the deniers. By the life of God! The opposers among the people of the Bayan appear more veiled than all other peoples. They have returned to the first step. They speak according to their desires and by them seek to prove their case against God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. They have failed to perceive the fragrance of the Divine Day. Say: This is the Day of God; it

beseemeth no one to make mention of aught else or to turn unto any other than Him. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken from His glorious station.

We make mention once again of the Afnan at the end of the Book, that he may give thanks unto the Lord of all beings Who hath appeared and revealed what He desired through His all-compelling Will over the worlds. Thou art he who hath heard the call of thy Lord and turned unto the Supreme Horizon, and wert of them that responded. Say: O peoples of the earth! By God, that which ye possess will profit you not. Leave it behind in My Name, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Say: O concourse of divines! Cast aside what ye possess of veils and allusions. Hearken unto that which the Supreme Pen calleth you to in this wondrous Day. Through your injustice the Concourse on High hath lamented, as have the denizens of Paradise and those who have proclaimed there is no God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The world hath been darkened by your idle fancies, and the hearts of them who are nigh unto God have been troubled by your cruelty. Fear God and be of them that are fair-minded. O concourse of rulers! Your ornaments and that which ye possess have preoccupied you. Soon shall the breezes of annihilation seize you from every direction. Then shall ye see yourselves in manifest loss.

From this station We send Our greetings to My loved ones and counsel them with that which We have counseled them before, and I am the All-Wise Counselor. Say: Beware lest the doubts of those who have left your lands prevent you, or the conditions of the heedless veil you. We counsel them again and again with the wisdom that hath been sent down in the Tablets of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne.

That which was mentioned in the blessed spot hath been adorned with the ornament of acceptance by One Who is Compassionate, All-Knowing. If it be realized in spirit and joy, it is well-pleasing. God assisteth the souls that are steadfast and assured, and He hath commanded and doth command to what is right. Blessed is the soul that hath succeeded in serving in the path of God. Verily, it is of the people of the highest Paradise in My gracious Book.

O My Afnan! We bear witness that thou hast acted righteously in that which thou wast bidden by the All-Knowing Commander. God willing, mayest thou ever be assisted in that which causeth the exaltation of God's Cause. Minutes, hours, nights and days all swiftly return to extinction, and that which endureth and lasteth is what appeareth in the love of God and His path. How many souls there were who yearned and hoped for this station, yet today are seen to be heedless and veiled. O My Afnan! Say:

Glorified art Thou, O God of all created things and Object of all creation! I beseech Thee by the Dayspring of Thy mighty signs, whereby the Most Exalted Horizon was illumined and the Call was raised betwixt earth and heaven, to aid Thy loved ones and chosen ones to stand firm in this Cause—the Cause by which the idols have lamented and the edifice of creation hath been shaken. O my Lord! Thou beholdest what the hands of the oppressors have wrought and hearest the cawing of the ignorant ones who have turned away from Thy sealed wine when it appeared through Thy Self-Subsisting Name. O my Lord! Illumine their eyes with the light of Thy knowledge and their hearts with the effulgences of the light of Thy countenance. All things have testified to Thy power and might. I beseech Thee not to disappoint Thy servants from the rustling of the Pen of Thy Revelation, nor to debar them from turning unto the ocean of Thy mercy. Thou art He Whom the affairs of creation cannot frustrate, nor can the might of them that

have denied Thee and Thy signs strike fear into Thee. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH00833: Praise be to God, Who hath ever been…

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

Praise be to God, Who hath ever been and will continue to be the All-Powerful, the Most High, the Most Holy, the Most Pure, the Single, the Impenetrable, the Peerless, the One, the Self-Subsisting. He will forever be as He hath always been. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower.

He hath manifested the clear proofs and sent down the verses in such wise that the horizons have been filled therewith. The Path hath appeared, the Balance hath been set up, and He hath called all to a station that transcendeth description. He, verily, is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

Thereafter, your honor had previously given this servant a page containing the names of God's loved ones. In these days it was presented at the Most Holy Court, and for each one, a line from the Hidden Tablet was revealed and sent down. His is all praise and bounty, His is all glory and laudation and grandeur.

I swear by the Sun of the heavens of truth that the like of this favor hath never appeared in the world, nor shall it ever appear. Night and day, the glances of His grace have been and will continue to be directed towards His friends.

This evanescent one and your honor must beseech Him, glorified be His majesty, that He may enable all to render thanks and perform such deeds as befit these days and this bounty, that He may adorn all with the raiment of submission and crown them with the diadems of contentment. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, to Whose might all atoms testify, and the Self-Subsisting, to Whose sovereignty all created things bear witness.

My mention and the mention of what is above me and above that which is above me, nay, the mention of the world and the peoples and what is above them and below them, can never attain to the most insignificant of the signs which He hath deposited in His kingdom. Glorified, glorified is He above all meaning and utterance, above all mention and description, above all words and understanding.

And this new letter which they have written to your honor from Yazd and given to this servant—in these days when verses are being revealed and sent down like torrential rain—I presented it at the Most Holy Court. He mentioned each one with His blessed tongue, and the Sun of divine favor rose upon each one.

This servant is powerless to describe it. By the True One Himself, were but one letter thereof to shine upon the darkest night, it would become as the night of the full moon. God willing, may all receive their portion from the breezes of these days and engage in serving the Cause, for that which causeth strife, contention and corruption hath never been and will never be the cause of the exaltation of the Cause, but rather leadeth to its waste.

God willing, all should assist the divine Cause through pure and holy deeds, noble resolve, and praiseworthy and acceptable conduct. Time and again have I heard such utterances from the Tongue of Grandeur and conveyed them to the friends of God. May this servant and all be enabled to achieve that which is pleasing to the Desired One of all worlds.

Mention hath been made repeatedly in the Most Holy Presence of Aqa Siyyid Husayn, upon him be Baha'u'llah, and his letters have reached this servant. That honored one can bear witness that this servant hath rarely had, and still rarely hath, opportunity to write. Yet not everything that remaineth unwritten by the pen is forgotten from the heart. God, the One, is My witness that their names are ever remembered and their thoughts ever present.

Most often this ephemeral one is occupied with transcribing the divine verses, and if perchance some leisure is found, with attending to certain necessary matters about which the Point of Oneness—that is, the Point of the Bayan, may the spirit of all existence be sacrificed for Him—left instructions. For in numerous instances He instructed all who are in the Bayan to serve the Ancient Beauty in the days of His Manifestation, particularly during His presence.

Though this servant is incapable of service worthy of the servants of the Bab, yet according to his capacity some movement is made. God is the All-Forgiving, the Concealer. May He, God willing, adorn the deeds of this ephemeral one and His friends with the ornament of acceptance. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Exalted, the Forgiving, the Generous.

Concerning what was written about Aqa Shaykh Muhammad in this letter, it was presented before the Most Holy Presence. This blessed word shone forth from the Dawning-Place of the Divine Utterance:

May he, God willing, be a breaker of the idols of passion and a guide to the path of the Lord of Names.

Likewise, mention was made in that letter of Haji Mulla Ibrahim and Aqa Muhammad-Rida and others. The details of their circumstances as mentioned in the letter were presented. This is what the All-Bestowing One revealed in reply:

"He is the All-Knowing Expositor. Remember from Our presence those servants whom God hath freed from the chains of passion and aided to turn towards the Supreme Horizon—the station whereat the Lote Tree of the Utmost Boundary proclaimeth:"The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the Beginning and the End!" Blessed are they who have quaffed My sealed wine through My Name, the Self-Subsisting, and it is My hidden love wherewith none have been favored save those near ones who have cast away the world and taken what they were commanded by God, the Lord of the Throne and of Earth. God willing, may they, through the grace of the Lord of Days, shine bright like the stars of the heaven of utterance, and with perfect wisdom be occupied with the remembrance and praise of the Peerless Friend. By My life! This is the day of remembrance, praise, and service to the Cause. A hundred thousand regrets for those souls who have let pass from them that which befitteth and is worthy of these days. Hold ye fast to the cord of My grace and cling to the hem of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing." End.

This ephemeral one's submission is that you convey sublime greetings to each one on behalf of this servant.

Regarding what you wrote about Aqa Muhammad-Hasan ʿAttar, upon him be Baha'u'llah, they had written his details from the Land of Ha, and mentioned the allowance, and likewise the dye and cumin that they had previously sent have arrived. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to aid and assist him at all times in that which is the cause of an enduring goodly remembrance.

Convey on behalf of this servant sublime and glorious greetings to him. May he ever be, God willing, the recipient of the outpourings of the true Bestower of Grace and be ever turned toward His horizon. The world and all that is therein shall perish, and that which endureth is the remembrance of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

As for what was written regarding Jinab-i-Ustad Baqir, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], details about him and Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Hasan were both presented before the Most Holy Court. He said:

> "Excellent is what they have done in the path of God. Their remaining was preferable to traveling. Thus doth the All-Informed apprise them. Verily, We pronounce unto them from this station Our greetings, and nothing that hath been created in the realm of possibility can equal this pronouncement. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid them to remain steadfast with the greatest steadfastness in this Cause whereby feet have slipped."

Thus it ended.

Praise be to God that on this blessed day a number have attained unto the remembrance of God. Blessed are those souls whose names the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered. God will soon reveal that which is veiled today. Verily, He is the Manifest, the Revealer. The Glory be upon thee and upon every name that was in thy letter, and upon all who have turned unto the One, the All-Informed. Praise be to God, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

BH00909: Praise be to Him Who hath appeared and revealed…

In the Name of God, transcendent in His glory and power!

Praise be to Him Who hath appeared and revealed what He desired on a Day whereon the Pharaohs and their hosts were shaken and the tyrants and their ranks were made to tremble. He Who hath spoken forth a Word and made it a balance from His presence, a path from His nearness, a trumpet by His command, a cry by His will, a catastrophe by His decree, and an inevitable event by His sovereignty. Blessed is he who hath turned unto it and held fast thereunto, and woe betide him who hath cast it behind him and turned away therefrom. Exalted, exalted be its Creator, its Manifestor, and its Revealer!

I pray and offer salutations upon those who answered the call of God when it was raised in truth and who acted according to what they were commanded in His perspicuous Book. These are servants whom God hath described through the tongue of the Prophets and Messengers. Blessed are they and joy be unto them! They are those whom neither the clamor of the heedless nor the doubts of the wayward deterred from God. They arose to serve the Cause with such steadfastness as the eye of creation hath never

beheld. To this beareth witness the Lord of invention. Verily, He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O thou who art mentioned in My heart! I was gladdened by what flowed from thy pen in remembrance of our Lord and thy Lord. By thy life! The fragrances of thy words so transported Me that I am unable to describe it by pen or tongue, for it was adorned with praise of our Lord, the All-Merciful. His is the praise and favor for having aided thee to remember and praise Him, and for having granted Me the joy of receiving thy letter which spoke in remembrance of Him besides Whom none should be remembered.

When I became aware of it, I approached the Presence and presented its contents before His countenance. Thereupon the tongue of the Beloved spoke forth in the Kingdom of utterance, saying in His sweetest voice: O Ali! The servant in attendance here hath appeared and read what thou didst send unto him, and We have remembered thee with this wondrous remembrance. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as We have found from thee the fragrance of contentment in whatsoever hath been decreed and ordained by God, the Creator of heaven. O Ali! Every relationship hath clung to the cord of God and His kinship. Blessed is the servant who hath recognized that which the Wronged One hath uttered in this exalted station. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid you and assist you in that which He loveth and is pleased with. He is, verily, the Lord of the latter and the former worlds. There is none other God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Grieve not for what hath befallen you in these days. Be patient in what God hath decreed and ordained, for verily He loveth the patient ones.

With a hundred thousand tongues must thou praise and glorify the Best-Beloved of the worlds, Who hath assisted thee to utter words from which the fragrance of contentment was wafted. This is that word which hath ever been and will ever be remembered before God and is acceptable in His presence. Thus have We remembered thee from the precincts of the Prison, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

We make mention of Ali-Qabli-Akbar who hath attained unto that which most of mankind hath not attained, and We remember Ahmad, upon him be the glory of God, the One, the Single, who turned towards God, heard and attained unto that which was recorded in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. We send Our prayers, Our peace and Our glorification upon My loved ones in that place, from whom the Concourse on High perceiveth the fragrance of love and of turning unto God, the One, the Single, the All-Informed. Blessed are they and happy are they in that they have taken and drunk and have said: “Praise be to God, the Goal of the worlds.” The glory be upon thee and upon them and upon such of God’s servants as are patient.

We remember once again him who was named Ali who attained unto My presence, then he who was named Muhammad-Taqi who circumambulated the Throne that they might give thanks and be numbered among those who praise. We glorify them as We glorified them the first time and We mention them again with this clear remembrance for which the spirits of the world would be sacrificed, yet the peoples are in mighty veils. And We make mention of him who was named Ali-Asghar and give him the glad-tidings of what the servant in attendance here hath done on his behalf and how he arose to serve his Lord after permission was granted. Verily this is a great bounty. And We make mention of My servant who attained

unto My presence and circumambulated the Prison out of love for My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. The glory be upon you from God, the Lord of the worlds.

O beloved of My heart! Praise be to God that through the favors of the Beloved thou hast attained again and again and hast been and art under the glances of His grace. Though what hath come to pass hath caused infinite sorrows, yet since the compassionate, merciful, generous, and kind One is manifest and evident, He transformeth all hardships with a single word and attributeth steadfast and assured souls unto Himself. May all existence be a sacrifice unto His favor! At a time when man is immersed in the ocean of sorrows to such extent that no trace of joy is visible, by merely attaining His presence, through one word the wings of joy grow and through another word he learneth to soar. Who is able to praise God, the Lord of the worlds? The essence of praise hath confessed its impotence, the reality of gratitude its inability to reach Him, the truth of glorification its remoteness and evanescence, and the kingdom of knowledge its heedlessness and forgetfulness. He is the Sanctified One to Whose loftiness, sanctity and glory all things have testified. There is none other God but He, the Just, the Generous, the Merciful.

Concerning what you wrote about the aforementioned gardener, the described tree, the characterized flowers, the radiant shining realities, and the manifest crimson anemones—the heart was encompassed with joy upon beholding this. For it is verified and known that your honor, in whatever place or station you may be, have been and are engaged in the remembrance, thought, purpose and contemplation of that which is related to the Truth—how much more so with His exalted Name, His exalted Remembrance, His exalted Light, and His exalted Word. God willing, the roses of that rose-garden and the trees of that paradise—His remembrance shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven—have been and shall ever be fragrant and fruitful in the garden of inner meanings, which in one station hath been interpreted as the Book of God.

Furthermore, convey on behalf of this evanescent one to each and every one of the friends expressions of nothingness, glory and sincerity. God is the witness and testifier that they have always been and are before my sight, save in those moments when this servant himself is heedless and, in accordance with "naught appears from the heedless save that which profiteth him not, nor that which is beneath him," is preoccupied. Praise be to God that all those souls who exist are turned toward the Truth and are gazing toward the Most Exalted Horizon. The fragrance of divine love is diffused from them. To this doth testify this evanescent servant, and beyond him, his eternal Lord. Glory be upon your honor, upon them, and upon those who have attained unto the loving-kindness of God, their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH00960: O thou who bearest My Name! Upon thee be…

In the Name of the One God

O thou who bearest My Name! Upon thee be my glory! I pray that thou mayest be blessed with divine grace. The letter from the Afnan, upon him be My glory and mercy, which was sent from the land of Shin, was received. May they ever be engaged in the remembrance of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, detached from the world and all who dwell therein. That which thou hast arranged concerning he who beareth the name of Jamal, upon him be My glory, is acceptable. Indeed, they have inhaled the

fragrances of the divine days, of which all are heedless today, and are gazing toward and turning to the highest horizon. This is among God's greatest bounties, that He hath enabled them in such days to recognize that which all others are veiled from.

O Mihdi! The world is in upheaval while the people remain heedless. The dust of the deeds and words of the veiled ones hath obscured the luminous morn. Today every firm and mighty foundation is shaken, and every steadfast and upright foot hath faltered, save those whom thy Lord hath willed. The world's convulsions increase daily, yet its people perceive not the cause and reason, and remain veiled from what is with God by what is with themselves. The Sun of Truth is shining, the ocean is surging, the shrill voice of the Pen is raised, the Tree is speaking, and the Nightingale is warbling—yet deaf ears and blind eyes are witnessed. Most of what was revealed by the Supreme Pen in sacred texts and tablets hath come to pass, as thou hast witnessed, and what remaineth suspended in the heaven of God's Will shall assuredly be made manifest. Woe unto the heedless when the Great Terror comes!

O thou who bearest My Name! The Cause is exceedingly great. In one of the tablets revealed in these days, this most exalted Word was sent down:

> "The preamble of the Book of Creation was adorned with the word He'. We removed it with complete power and placed I'. By God's life, this is a mighty matter which none can bear save he who is the most powerful in the world and 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 dawning-places of vain imaginings and the sources of idle fancies are veiled by other veils. Reflect upon the baseness of nature and paucity of understanding of the veiled ones, who have but newly returned to their original station. By the Sun of Grace which shineth from the horizon of the Prison, they are considered before God as more veiled than all other peoples.

All divine Books testify to the greatness of this Day, yet the people of the Book remain unaware and heedless. Thou hast witnessed how that rebellious and transgressing sect who counted themselves the saved and blessed community [behaved]. Wait, and thou shalt see the others more rebellious and wretched than all the peoples of the earth. Thus doth the All-Informed apprise thee.

Say: He hath come with the truth and cannot be indicated by the signs of all the Books, nor doth He walk in the ways of the people of creation. He hath appeared and made manifest His Straight Path.

O thou who bearest My Name! Ja'far spoke one word in truth and sincerity—for nearly one thousand three hundred years they called him a liar, and the fruit of the deeds and words of that rebellious band was that they martyred God's loved ones, who had no peer or like on earth, with the most grievous torments. And now the veiled ones of the Bayan manifest exactly the same words and deeds, as if they had no knowledge of the Day of God and had not caught the fragrance of the garment of His Manifestation. From the ocean of knowledge they remain deprived.

O Mihdi, arise for God's sake and speak for God's sake and exert your utmost effort in God's path. Perchance through the Name of Truth and the Power of Truth, exalted be His glory, you may purify and sanctify the new creation from the doubts, veils and insinuations of this atheistic group. A word that is

spoken for God's sake contains within it the nature and effect of milk whose taste has not changed, and it will raise the children of the age to the lofty station of maturity and give them to drink from the ocean of knowledge. Likewise in these days, in one of the Tablets this exalted word was sent down from the divine Kingdom of utterance: Until you do not become aware of the falsehood of the past, you will not bear witness to the truth of this Day. This blessed word has been and is one of the pearls of the ocean of divine knowledge. Blessed are they that understand.

Whosoever attains to this testimony is mentioned before God as among the mightiest of creation. This is why the Point (the Bab), may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him, declares that a one-year-old seed of the Day of His manifestation is mightier than all the Bayan. O My Name! The breezes of torment for the deceivers from all parties have encompassed them, but now they are unaware and heedless.

Reflect upon Alexander of this age who was entitled the Emperor of the world. The hand of powerful glory lifted up two parties, as was detailed in previous years in the divine Tablets. Blessed are they that observe, blessed are they that perceive, and blessed are they that reflect.

Say: This is the Day of God wherein none is mentioned save Him. He needeth not any proof to demonstrate His Cause, nor any mention from among mentions. He hath come from the heaven of Command with clear sovereignty. Neither the hosts of the world nor the ranks of nations can frustrate Him. He hath proclaimed before all faces with the most exalted call: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the Powerful.

By God! My Cause is great, great! But most of the people are heedless. In these days in one of the Tablets this firm and impregnable word was revealed: Today is very great and wondrous, for the He is manifest in the garment of I and the Hidden One speaketh with "I am the Witnessed One." Despite the greatness of this Cause which by the testimony of all the Books is more manifest than the sun in midheaven, no person of insight has been nor will be confused about it, for its lights, manifestations, verses and evidences have encompassed all regions. None denieth it save every remote deceiver.

At the end of the Book We make mention of another Afnan and conclude with his remembrance. Verily thy Lord is He Who judgeth as He pleaseth. There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He came forth turning unto God until he attained the presence of the Countenance and heard what the Tongue of the Wronged One uttered in this noble station. God willing, may all, men and women, attain unto the fragrances of the divine days, remain firm in His Cause, be turned toward His horizon, and speak His praise. The glory from God, the Lord of the worlds, be upon them.

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BH01229: O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who…

In the name of Him Who calleth aloud with the most exalted utterance amidst all created things.

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who was attracted by the rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing and by the murmuring of the River of Meanings as it flowed from the right hand of the Throne of his Lord, the Lord of all beings, that the Most Great Joy might take possession of him on this Day whereon the Ancient King hath been made manifest through the Most Great Name and hath proclaimed: "There is none other God but He, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting."

The servant who is present hath at this moment presented thy letter before the Wronged One. We have answered thee through this Tablet whereby the horizon of utterance hath shone forth and the nightingale of the All-Merciful hath warbled upon the branches:

> "There is none other God but He, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen."

We have inhaled from thy letter the fragrance of thy love and have heard that which thy tongue and heart have uttered concerning this Remembrance at Whose appearance all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck, save for a mere handful who represent the Countenance of thy Lord, the Lord of existence. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as We have found thee speaking My praise, turning toward My horizon, soaring in the atmosphere of My love, holding fast to the cord of My bounty, clinging to the hem of the robe of My grandeur, and humble before the revelation of My verses and submissive unto My Cause that prevaileth over all that was and shall be.

Hearken unto the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen in the Persian tongue, that perchance the people of that land might, through the utterances of the Revealer of verses, shatter the idols of doubt and misgiving through the Name of Truth and turn toward the horizon of the Cause. This is a Day the mention of which hath been recorded in all the divine Books through the Name of Truth, for it is known as the Day of God, wherein naught is mentioned save God, His sovereignty, His grandeur, His power, His majesty, and His mercy that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Praise be to God that thy honor hath been enabled to make mention of the Truth, to praise the Truth, and to serve the Truth. Know thou the worth and station of this most great bounty and arise as behooveth the days of God. He is present and watchful, and at all times confirmeth them that are detached. Be thou assured of thy Lord's favor and proclaim His Cause with wisdom and utterance, that perchance such souls as have quaffed from the Kawthar of life and are turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon might not remain veiled by former superstitions nor be deprived.

O Abu'l-Ma'ali! Reflect upon the "triumphant community" and consider how, in the Day of the Manifestation of the divine Balance, the contending parties were accounted among the tyrannous and rebellious—nay, even more overweening and more astray. It is as though they have not drunk of the Kawthar of certitude, nor attained unto so much as a drop from the ocean of equity. They are numbered, in the Book of God, among the worshipers of idols and vain imaginings; their names are recorded and inscribed by the Manifest Pen. Blessed is the soul that hath been freed from the fantasies of former days, and that, in utter sanctity and detachment, hath turned unto the ocean of divine knowledge and the sun of heavenly wisdom. Look thou, then, and call to mind that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Furqan: "All that is upon it shall perish, and there shall remain the Face of thy Lord, the Possessor of majesty and bounty."

All are today perishing, though they perceive it not. For years and centuries, they have spoken of and awaited the appearance of an imaginary person in an imaginary city with imaginary signs and attributes. Yet when He appeared contrary to their understanding, reason, suppositions and imaginings, they raised the standards of rejection and unfurled the banners of denial and protest. The deeds of that rebellious, transgressing and heedless community are not surprising, for those possessed of insight and the people of the Most Sublime Vision have always recognized such souls as worshippers of the idols of vain imaginings. What is surprising is that the people of the Bayan have again become afflicted with the same delusions. By the Sun of the heaven of inner meanings, they are seen to be more remote, more misguided, and more veiled than all other peoples.

They behold the Sun of Manifestation at its meridian and hear the call of the Lord of Names from the highest horizon, yet they turn away and indeed are among the most vehement enemies. This Most Great Cause has no likeness in what has gone before or shall come after, for it has appeared adorned with the most wondrous originality. Verily, He is the Originator of the heavens and earth. Blessed is the servant who has attained unto that which God, the Lord of the worlds, has desired.

God willing, you should engage in teaching the Cause with the utmost determination, with wisdom and utterance, and in the name of the Ancient King rend asunder the veils of the peoples, that they might not remain deprived of the outpouring grace nor be bereft of the ocean of knowledge. Blessed art thou and thy brother who turned toward the Truth when most of creation turned away from it. We have indeed sent down unto him clear verses that he might rejoice and be among the thankful. We counsel all to manifest the greatest steadfastness in this Cause whereby the limbs of all names have trembled, save those whom God, the Almighty, the Powerful, has willed. Convey to all the friends the greetings from the Wronged One, that perchance through the fragrances of the garment of the All-Merciful's utterance they may be illumined with the lights of steadfastness and be recorded in the Book of God among those who are firm and steadfast.

BH01258: Praise be to the Beloved Who hath gathered together…

In the Name of the One All-Knowing!

Praise be to the Beloved Who hath gathered together the peoples of the world through His blessed word "No imperfection canst thou see in the creation of the God of Mercy," and through another word hath made manifest the greatest differentiation. Through His Name was raised the banner "Verily I am God," and through His manifestation was revealed the meaning of "All things shall perish save His Face." He is the One, the Powerful, the All-Knowing. The might of the powerful hath not weakened Him, nor hath the majesty of princes rendered Him powerless. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. There is no God but He, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

O Muhammad! The servant in attendance hath made mention of all that was written to thee by him who beareth the name of H and S, upon him be My glory. Blessed is he, for he is among those who have taken the path unto Him Who occupieth the throne. They have been and are beneath the glances of God's loving-kindness. We have given him glad-tidings of this aforetime, and We give him glad-tidings in this noble Tablet. Likewise his petition reached the Most Holy Court through the Most Great Branch. Verily

We have read and heard his call and the mention of his heart in the love of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne, and We have answered him and will answer him with that which all the treasures of the world cannot equal. He is verily the Answerer, the All-Bountiful.

Praise be to God that they have attained unto the lights of the Throne and have realized the presence of God, which is the greatest of all deeds. This is a Day the description of which hath left the Pen of Creation powerless, and all the world was created for this Day. Nevertheless, none have understood save a few. Whosoever hath attained unto its understanding hath attained unto all that hath been revealed in the Books. The attention, mention, acceptance and desire of no one shall be lost. All are recorded and inscribed in God's Book. For each one hath been ordained that which would bewilder minds to mention.

God willing, ye have been and shall continue to be assisted. Thereafter the servant in attendance laid before His presence another letter which Abuturab, upon him be My glory, had written to thee. Praise be to God, the fragrance of divine love was diffused from his letter. They have hearkened unto the call of Him Who conversed on Sinai and have recognized the divine Day from which most of the divines and mystics are veiled, and have attained unto the lights of the Sun of Revelation shining from the horizon of the heaven of God's Tablet. God willing, may they be assisted in that which shall cause its mention to endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Blessed is he who hath turned to the Most Exalted Horizon, who hath arisen to serve the Cause and hath spoken that from which the fragrance of inner meanings hath been wafted among the people of utterance. Glory be upon him and upon those who have attained unto the sealed wine in the days of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

In the letter of him who beareth the name of H and S, upon him be My glory, mention was made of certain souls who have turned to God. We make mention of each one of them as a favor from Us and a mercy from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. O Hakim! There hath come before the Wronged One a letter from one who loveth Us, wherein mention was made of thee. We make mention of thee that thou mayest give thanks unto God, thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. God willing, thou shouldst be so transported by the choice wine of the utterance of the Best-Beloved of all creation that the might of the world would have no effect upon thee and the power of the nations would not render thee weak.

Be thou occupied with the mention of the Truth through wisdom and utterance, that perchance the dead may attain unto life through the sweet-scented breezes of the garment of the All-Merciful, and the withered may be made fresh. This is the true springtime, inasmuch as the breezes of the mercy of the All-Merciful are wafting from the rose-garden of the Revelation. Blessed is the soul that hath been stirred by these spiritual breezes and hath quaffed from the cup of joy. God willing, mayest thou ever be the recipient of God's bounty and be enabled to make mention of Him.

As to what was written regarding the brother of the two martyrs, his petition was received and an answer was sent from the Most Holy Court. Were he to act in accordance with Our counsel, he would witness that which he hath never before seen. The glance of Our favor is directed towards him. God willing, may he be confirmed.

Likewise, mention was made in their letter of Mirza Ibn-i ʿA.B. We make mention of him at this hour that he may rejoice in this wondrous remembrance. Blessed is he in that he hath turned towards the Supreme Horizon and hath attained unto this remembrance which shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. We counsel him and those who have believed in that which the All-Merciful hath sent down in His holy, mighty, and great Book. The glory of God rest upon him and upon them and upon thee from God, the Lord of all worlds.

We send Our greetings from this spot unto him who was named ʿAli-Qabli-Naqi, that he may rejoice in these greetings from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We make mention of him even as We mentioned him before, and of those who have believed in God in that place and turned towards Him when every heedless one turned away. We give him the glad-tidings of the passing away of all that they witness today and of the endurance of that which hath been ordained for them in the Kingdom of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

BH01369: The servant testifieth at the beginning of this epistle…

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

The servant testifieth at the beginning of this epistle to the oneness and singleness of his Lord—He Who hath ever been One, Single, Alone, and Self-Subsisting. He hath taken unto Himself no likeness, no partner, no helper, and no peer. He created the Supreme Pen and caused it to speak forth the Most Exalted Word, whereupon all contingent things were shaken to their foundation, all created things appeared, the tongue of utterance spoke forth in the kingdom of knowledge, and the dove of the Cause cooed upon the branches. Verily, there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been powerful over whatsoever He willeth and supreme over His servants. He doeth what He pleaseth through His sovereignty and ordaineth what He desireth through His command. He is the Almighty, the Glorious, the Unconstrained.

And the prayer that hath shone forth from the Most Sublime Horizon, and the light that hath beamed from the Most Exalted Paradise, be upon the Essence of existence and the Sovereign of the unseen and the seen, through Whom all created things were brought into being and all existing things appeared, through Whom the ocean of divine knowledge surged in the contingent world and the sweet fragrance of the All-Merciful was wafted throughout all lands. And upon His family and companions, through whom countries were conquered and the hearts of servants were set ablaze, through whom the necks of the mighty were brought low and the fortresses of kings were taken, and through whom divine power seized all creation save those who clung to their mountains, grasped their hems, hastened to their shadow, and acknowledged that which their tongues had uttered. The servant beseecheth God, his Lord, through Him and through them, to exalt His Cause and manifest His Faith, though the idolaters be averse thereto.

And now, O my beloved one who art mentioned in my heart, my ears have been blessed by the melodies of the doves of thy noble utterance and mine eyes by beholding thy words. When I read and understood them, I sought the ultimate goal and presented them before His Face. Thereupon the River of Life overflowed in such wise that none could draw nigh unto it, for its waves appeared as mountains. By the

life of the Desired One! The servant acknowledgeth his powerlessness and inability to express that which flowed from the mouth of grace—rivers of knowledge and wisdom. Yet I shall mention what was impressed upon the mirror of my memory. He spoke, and His sweetest words were these:

"O servant who art present before the Wronged One! Know thou that I love the H and S who was imprisoned in the path of God and bore hardships in His love and good-pleasure. We send Our greetings and glorification upon him and upon those who are with him, both male and female, young and old. We make mention of them in such wise as to kindle within their hearts the lights of the love of God, and We counsel them with that which will elevate the station of man in the contingent world, and We give them glad-tidings of My remembrance of them and My turning towards them.

O friends! Be not grieved by the upheavals of the world, for that which endureth not is unworthy. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of utterance that ere long all that is seen shall return to nothingness, and that which hath been and forever shall be the cause of life and eternal remembrance is the good-pleasure of God, exalted be His glory. Blessed is the soul that hath been illumined by this light and hath attained unto this station. Night and day, this Wronged One seeketh the protection of the friends from all that God abhorreth.

O Husayn! Upon thee be My glory and My peace. Exert mighty efforts in training the souls that are with you. Convey to your family and children the greetings from the Wronged One and say: Grieve not and be not sorrowful. God shall soon open before your faces the gates of grace and mercy. Verily, He is powerful over all things. The cause and source of divine outpourings today is steadfastness in the love of God and the preservation of whatsoever hath been revealed in the Book from the Supreme Pen. Should all who are on earth attain unto that which God desireth, they would achieve true tranquility. He is the All-Loving, He is the All-Giving. There is none other God but He, the Forgiving, the Generous." End.

From this evanescent one, convey greetings to all. God is my witness and testifier that they have not departed from my sight. God willing, may they be adorned with that which God loveth and be embellished with the ornament of piety. You had mentioned that his honor Aqa Mirza Ali-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God, is now occupied. This matter was the cause of greatest joy, for all are commanded to engage in a craft, which is indeed accounted as worship before God. The members of the pavilion of chastity send their greetings and glorification to all the honored women, saying:

> "God willing, may all be protected, and may the mother of Mirza Ali-Akbar be adorned with the ornament of health and well-being."

Each of the friends sendeth greetings and offereth glorification. Peace and glory, shining from the horizon of the heaven of grace, be upon you and upon those with you, and upon those who act in accordance with that which they have been commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH01374: Praise be to Him Whose gate-keeper hath been sanctified…

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

Praise be to Him Whose gate-keeper hath been sanctified above all that hath been created in the kingdom of creation, and Whose guardian of the seat of detachment hath been exalted above all that is mentioned in earth and heaven. The atoms have testified to the loftiness of His loved ones, their exaltation and their detachment from all else beside Him. Exalted, exalted be their station! Exalted, exalted be their rank, their submissiveness and their humility before the effulgences of the light of His Countenance, and their steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of all creation.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who cannot be mentioned in words nor described by that which is uttered. Thy remembrance hath been sanctified above all expressions, and Thy praise above both reality and metaphor. I beseech Thee by Thy tribulations and by what hath befallen Thee to assist Thy servants to know Thee and to recognize that which Thou wast and ever shall be through Thy power and sovereignty. Thou art He to Whose greatness and might all things have testified. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise.

Thereafter, in these days a letter was received wherein this matter was mentioned: that his honor Aqa Muhammad Big had purchased a mule from Jinab-i-Amin, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], for thirty tumans, and a letter had arrived from the servant requesting that the sum be forwarded. Glory be to God! How could this evanescent servant write such a thing? This sum had no connection to the Most Holy Court.

The details of this matter are that his honor Haji Mirza Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], wrote that a mule belonging to his honor the Afnan, upon him be all the Most Glorious Beauty, was in the possession of his honor the elevated Trustee, upon him be the glory of God, His might, His light, His radiance and His favors, who sold it to his honor Aqa Muhammad Big, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah]. Now what should be done? This servant wrote that it should be forwarded, meaning delivered to its owner. And since this matter pertains to rights, it was written thus. Otherwise, if this sum had belonged to the Most Holy Court, it would never have been mentioned, much less requested. Now, since they have written that the sum is not available with his honor the Big, according to the command his honor Haji Mirza Abu'l-Hasan must settle this debt.

His honor Muhammad Big, upon him be the glory of God, has always been and continues to be mentioned in the Most Holy Court. His services and labors are likewise remembered and witnessed before the Truth. No reward has been nor shall ever be lost. All is recorded in the Book by the Supreme Pen. The servant beseecheth his Lord to assist him and make him successful as He made him successful before, and to send down upon him from the heaven of His bounty that which will cool his eyes, gladden his heart and tranquilize his soul. Verily, He is the Answerer, the Generous. Mention of him was made in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. This is what was sent down for him from the heaven of loving-kindness and favors.

Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God, has been and continues to be under the gaze of divine favor. God, exalted be His glory, Himself bears witness to his service in the divine path. Most of the friends of Truth, in ages past and present, possessed no earthly treasures, and this has never been and is not now a defect, but rather is a manifest glory. We make mention of him in this station that he may rejoice in the favors of his Lord, the Generous.

O Muhammad! We have mentioned thee before and mention thee at this hour, and We bear witness that thou hast believed in God and turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon when every learned one turned away from it, every mystic denied it, every person of understanding was perturbed, and every mighty foundation was shaken. Take heed that the affairs of the world grieve thee not. The Most Great Joy calleth out to thee from the precincts of its mighty Prison. Blessed art thou and those who have voiced the remembrance and praise of God and have arisen to serve His wondrous Cause. Thou art he who hath shown kindness to the friends and loved ones of God. He Who speaketh that there is none other God but He, the Single, the All-Informed, beareth witness to this. Convey My greetings to My loved ones in thy region and remind them of My beauteous remembrance. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, who have cast the world behind their backs and have turned to the Most Great Name—at Whose appearance the atoms of existence proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Lord of all worlds!"

From the revealed verses, the grace and bounty of God are evident and manifest. No deed hath been or ever shall be concealed, and whatsoever hath transpired in the path of God, exalted be His glory, hath not been and shall never be lost. All are recorded and inscribed in the Divine Book by the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is the eye that hath seen, blessed the ear that hath heard, and blessed the tongue that hath acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered. Woe unto those who have turned away and denied! The Glory be upon God's chosen ones and His friends, and upon those who have attained unto this mighty Cause.

BH01416: O My Name Mihdi! Upon thee be My glory!...

He is the Manifest One, the Speaker in the Kingdom of Creation!

O My Name Mihdi! Upon thee be My glory! Yesterday We departed from the known place, and another land became the scene of the Most Glorious Beauty. After arrival, the servant appeared with tablet and pen before His countenance. We said: "O servant, is it possible for a word to descend from the heaven of divine will that would remove the odors of hatred and rancor from the world, so that perfect fellowship may be manifested among all parties?" He said: "Verily, Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

O Mihdi! Petitions have been sent from the land of Ta and other lands, and in most of them mention was made of the arrival of the Name of God, Jamal, and the upheavals of that land. The Supreme Pen hath commanded all to wisdom and counseled consultation. They must, in all conditions, be mindful of that which God hath ordained. For the souls that are strong, assured and content, there hath been and is no harm, but the weak are observed to be disturbed by the slightest upheaval.

O Mihdi! When the Sun of inner meanings of the Qur'an shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of the All-Merciful's wisdom upon the mirror of knowledge, this verse became manifest and evident: "Nothing shall befall us save what God hath prescribed for us." Today all must hold fast unto wisdom and cling to that which hath been revealed from the Divine Pen. They must associate with the people of the world with the utmost joy and fragrance, act purely for the sake of God and with their gaze fixed upon Him in whatsoever they have been commanded. In such case, should any matter occur, by the life of the Beloved, it is beloved in the sight of the Beloved of the worlds. This world, which is observed to be less

than nothing, hath not been and is not worthy of mention. Ask thou of God that He may make all aware of that which profiteth them and is befitting for them. Verily thy Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Some time ago thou didst mention Jinab-i-Afnan Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God, and sent his letter which was addressed to thee. The servant in attendance submitted all of it before the Wronged One. God willing, he hath ever drunk and will ever drink from the Kawthar of divine favor and will remain focused on the Most Exalted Horizon. We have revealed for him a Tablet and mentioned him in such wise as will preserve his turning and devotion to God, the Peerless, the All-Informed.

O Mihdi! The mention of My Afnan, their turning to My horizon, their orientation toward My countenance, their hearkening to My call, their holding fast to My cord, and their clinging to My hallowed and luminous robe, brings Me joy. Were but a drop from the oceans of divine favors or an atom from the lights of the Sun of heavenly grace to become manifest, all would be observed to be bewildered, nay thunderstruck, save whom God willeth. Due to the lack of capacity in the earth, most matters are hidden from all eyes and vision until the time cometh; then will it be manifested in truth and the tongues of the world will speak:

> "Blessed be God, the Most Generous of the most generous, the Most Powerful of the most powerful, and the One Who holdeth dominion over all in the heavens and the earth."

One word that appeareth from the Dawning-Place of divine verses cannot be equaled by all that is visible and invisible. The Primal Point—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake—hath said that all existence is for the purpose of being mentioned but once in His presence. Blessed are they that turn unto Him, and joy be to them that have attained!

God willing, may they who are related to the Truth, exalted be His glory, attain unto the most great steadfastness, for both the croaking of the raven and the cooing of the dove are raised. We previously informed all of hidden and concealed matters. No event hath occurred on earth except that We mentioned it beforehand from Our Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is he who hath read and understood and was among those who have attained.

Today the first requirement is the recognition of God, and then steadfastness in His Cause, for the treacherous and the thieves have been and are lying in ambush. Verily, We have sent down all things in the Book. Thy Lord is, in truth, the Mighty, the Bestower. All matters have been revealed clearly and evidently, without interpretation, in God's Book. Say: Read ye, that ye may become aware of God's power, His sovereignty, His knowledge, His might, and His grace which hath encompassed those who are in the heavens and on earth. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!

Glory be upon thee and upon him and upon those whom neither the doubts of the divines, nor the hints of the jurisprudents, nor the clamor of the rulers have kept back from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

And at the end of Our utterance, We counsel all to observe the wisdom which We have revealed in the Scriptures and Tablets, lest the feet of the weak slip from this Path which hath appeared through the Name of God, the Lord of Names, on this glorious and wondrous Day.

BH01443: O Nazir, upon him be the Glory of God!…

O Nazir, upon him be the Glory of God! He is God, exalted be His station. Glory and power be unto Him, and peace and salutations be upon Him through Whom the Sun shone forth from the horizon of Hijaz and the valley of Mecca proclaimed:

> "He hath appeared Who hath adorned His head with a crown, yet He is the Messenger of God and the Seal of the Prophets,"

and upon His children and companions and helpers and loved ones.

This servant's petition to your honor is that multiple handwritten letters were received. Praise be to God, the Sun of divine love was manifest and shining from the horizon of every word. After their receipt, reading and perusal, they were presented before the Countenance of the Beloved. He said: "God willing, may they be engaged in mentioning the Goal of the world's peoples with utmost joy and delight." Then He said: "Pray that his honor Nazir, upon him be My Glory, may not be saddened by what hath appeared and what shall appear, and that he may truly recognize as being from God whatsoever he possessed and possesseth. For had he truly attained this station, he would not have expressed shame at God's bounty.

How much did he spend in Our path, and We accepted it. Yet it is observed that whatever is outwardly bestowed upon him generateth the dust of sorrow. This matter was not and is not beloved. He must in no wise fix his gaze upon the tongues of men—how they move and what they utter. In all conditions he must look to the divine Command and know it to be the cause of joy and gladness, and in truth be gladdened by it. This is the station of contentment that hath been recorded and inscribed in the books of old and of latter days.

The entire world is beheld as a handful of dust. Its taking and giving is not worthy of mention. How many matters that are pure good, yet man is saddened and grieved by them. How many hardships that became the cause of ease. How many instances of taking from which flowed the waters of giving. All hath been and shall be within God's mighty grasp. We beseech Him to quicken all through the living waters of the Kawthar and adorn them with the ornament of joy.

This Wronged One conveyeth His greetings to the friends of that land. Convey greetings to Muhammad Mustafa, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah] the Most Glorious, and to Haji Abbas. God willing, may they be preserved. Praise be to God, they are adorned with the love and praise of God. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds, and the end belongeth to the God-fearing.

The correspondence arrived. God willing, a reply shall be submitted. Whatever needs to be sent to your honor shall be sent to that beloved one. The Command is in God's hand, the Lord of the worlds. In these days signs of a cold have appeared in the blessed temperament. If this matter doth not cause delay, replies shall soon be sent. Several letters have also reached this servant from those parts, and have not yet been honored with replies. May that beloved one write replies to those parts and gladden them through the expression of kindness. God willing, the sun of attainment shall shine and God's grace—exalted be His glory—shall encompass all. He is the All-Bountiful, He is the All-Merciful. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

They also said to convey greetings to Aqa Mihdi, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah]. Peace be upon him and upon thee and upon those with thee and upon all the loved ones of God.

Another petition is to convey the greetings of this evanescent servant to the true beloved, Muhammad Mustafa, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah] and His mercy. It is long since we have been deprived of the traces of his pen. That honored one and he and all true friends must never be vexed with this servant in any state, for this servant is at all times occupied, as your honor yourself can testify. Often it happens that numerous letters arrive and the opportunity to reply becomes like the phoenix—its mention extant but its reality non-existent. Therefore the friends of God and they who drink the choice wine of meanings and utterance, should they observe delay from this servant in showing sincerity, must not attribute it to neglect but count it as lack of opportunity. All are aware and conscious of this matter. Often it has happened that someone sent multiple letters to this ephemeral one and this servant was not enabled to reply. The purpose of these submissions is that they should not consider this ephemeral one remiss in all conditions, and even if remiss, they should adorn it with the ornament of forgiveness. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is indeed the All-Kind, the All-Forgiving.

BH01500: O Muhammad! Praise be to God…

In the Name of the Desire of the worlds!

O Muhammad! Praise be to God that on a Day which is illumined by the lights of His countenance and which is known in the divine Books as the Day of God, thou hast attained the presence of the Wronged One. This is a station which all the Concourse on High, the denizens of Paradise and the dwellers of the holy precincts have sought after. By the life of God! The Pen of all creation is powerless and inadequate to make mention of it. Preserve thy station through the Name of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, inasmuch as those who circle round must at all times be observant of the divine Command and Will. These are they of whom He saith: "They speak not until He hath spoken." Their hearing awaiteth the word "Listen," their eyes await the blessed word "Behold," and their tongues stand ready for the manifestation of the word "Speak," for such souls are extinct in themselves, in what they possess, in their will and desire, and are focused upon, speak of, utter and stand firm in that which God hath willed.

O Muhammad! Give thanks unto God for having aided thee, drawn thee nigh, caused thee to hear and to speak on a Day whereon the servants have turned away, save those whom He wished and desired. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. The numerous letters which the friends of God addressed to thee were presented by this servant in the presence of the Wronged One. God willing, may all attain unto the eternal bounty which in one instance hath been interpreted as the Divine Word. This exalted Word hath been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book: "Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto the Word of God in His days," for whosoever attaineth unto divine mention, that mention appeareth as a lamp before his face, manifest, evident, bright and visible in all the worlds. Consider now the greatness of this station. Blessed are they that attain! All the souls who were mentioned in the letters have attained unto the divine mention and been honored by His Word. Verily thy Lord, the All-Merciful, is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He pleaseth through His word "Be" and it is.

Specifically for each one hath a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet been sent down from the heaven of Will. Beseech and implore God that He may enable all to preserve this station whose greatness the Most Exalted Pen hath acknowledged. His honor Mirza and his honor Siyyid, upon them be the Glory of God, made mention of the presence of holy, assured souls. Blessed are they, their gathering, and the place which hath been honored by their presence and hath heard their voices in the remembrance of God, their Beloved and their Goal. God willing, may the fragrance of unity continually waft from them, and may they exert their utmost endeavor with perfect wisdom to promote the Cause in both the night season and the day.

Whatsoever hath come to pass and become manifest in these days had already been revealed and sent down from the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is he who hath recognized and is of the assured ones. Today the assured and mighty souls must bestow upon all the living waters of the Cause of the Lord of creation. The people are heedless and debarred from the ocean of knowledge. Consider the followers of the Qur'an, how they were veiled and kept far removed by the vain sayings of the ancients. The Sun of certitude is shining and the ocean of knowledge is surging, yet they still cling to the people of conjecture and hold fast to the hem of idle fancies. This is the Day whereon the books of the first and the last depend upon the recognition of this Most Great Revelation. All things are known through Him, while He is self-subsisting, manifest and known of Himself. Blessed is the servant who hath recognized, and woe unto every sinful denier.

In all the previous Books this station is specifically reserved for this Revelation. If eyes were to be found and ears were to be seen, thou wouldst hear and witness that which God hath testified to, and wouldst acknowledge that which the Most Exalted Pen hath acknowledged. O Muhammad! Know thou what We have imparted unto thee as a favor from Our presence, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Speaker, the All-Seeing. From this spot We send Our greetings unto thee and unto those whose letters were presented before the Wronged One and who have shown steadfastness in this Most Great, Most Wondrous, Most Glorious and Most Wise Cause.

O thou who circlest round the Prison! Give glad-tidings unto the friends of God concerning that which hath been revealed, that all may rejoice through divine bounty and arise to do that which beseemeth the Days of God. Verily thy Lord doeth what He willeth and ordaineth as He desireth. There is no God but Him, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Glory be upon thee and upon them from the presence of One Who is Bountiful and Generous.

BH01499: O Samandar! That which thou didst write…

He is God, exalted be His station, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

O Samandar! That which thou didst write in the name of Jud, upon him be My glory, was presented before the Countenance. God willing, may all the friends of God be blessed with his remembrance. One word of his words is more beloved in the sight of God than whatsoever is on earth. Blessed are those souls who have attained unto it and been enabled to preserve it. Many matters today remain veiled due to the lack of capacity of the servants, and for this reason they remain deprived of recognizing the Sun of Truth. Soon will the one who has turned towards Him behold himself in the most exalted station, and the

one who has turned away in the lowest depths. That which is beloved today is steadfastness in the Cause of God, and none shall attain unto the supreme steadfastness save through the complete obliteration of idle fancies. Blessed is the one who hath broken their idols! Today no matter, no mention, no description, and no book sufficeth anyone save the Preserved Book and the Inscribed Tablet which speaketh before all faces:

> "Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting."

Though the True One, exalted be His glory and magnificence, hath rent asunder the veils of creation with the finger of His Will, yet it is observed that they have become entangled in other veils. The people of the Bayan, those souls who have turned away from the Water of Life, are seen to be more veiled than the people of the Furqan. They have desired to extinguish the light of the All-Merciful with the winds of fancy and vain imaginings. Fie upon them and upon those who have led them astray! By the life of God! The entirety of the Bayan was revealed for this Manifestation, and were this not the intended purpose, not a single word of it would have been revealed. Blessed is the soul that hath heard the cooing of the Dove of the Cause upon the branches.

Be vigilant regarding the Cause at all times and be mindful of wisdom in all matters. This is a firm command sent down from the Kingdom of the Ancient King. It is the supreme cause and the means of elevation. Blessed is he who hath held fast unto it and acted according to that which hath been commanded by God, the Lord of the worlds.

Concerning what thou didst write about the ascension of the uncle of Muhammad-Qabil-i-Rahim, We make mention of him as a bounty from Our presence, and We are the All-Knowing Remembrancer. O Samandar! The Lord of Destiny beareth witness that he believed in God and turned with his heart toward the Most Great Scene, this glorious and impregnable station. He is among those who heard the call of God and turned unto Him when every learned one turned away. The Glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon thee, O thou who hast turned toward the Supreme Horizon and turned away from those who denied God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Rejoice thou in My testimony for thee, for it shall be with thee in every world of the worlds of thy Lord, the Gracious. Blessed art thou for having discovered the fragrance of the garment and for having acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath acknowledged: that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the All-Informed. Verily, thou art in the Supreme Companion, and the Lord of all creation maketh mention of thee in such wise that its fragrance hath wafted between the heavens and the earth.

O Samandar! We console thee and his family with verses that have brought joy to the eyes of those near unto God. We have mentioned all the souls mentioned in thy letter with the most wondrous remembrances, and those mentioned in the letter of Kadkhuda, upon him be the glory of God, written in the name of Mihdi—all have been honored with the adorning mention of the All-Merciful. Blessed are they, again blessed are they! Happy are they, again happy are they! God willing, may all be seen in perfect unity and concord. This is the cause of glory, loftiness, and exaltation of the friends of God. Convey greetings to all from the True One. God willing, may all act in accordance with what He loveth and approveth. The reward of no one hath been nor shall be lost. All that hath flowed from the Divine Pen in the Book shall come to pass, as most already hath, and all have witnessed. Be assured, O My loved ones,

of My grace, My mercy, and My loving-kindness. Verily, He is with you in all conditions and commandeth you to that which will manifest your stations among His servants. Verily, He is the Possessor of Creation. His is the creation and the command, and He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

We make mention at the end of this Tablet of Our servant Javad and give him the glad-tidings of Our attention to him and Our remembrance of him, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones. The Glory be upon thee and upon him who was named Muhammad-Qabil-ʿAli and upon those who have attained unto this mighty station.

BH01648: Praise that is sanctified beyond tongues and pens…

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

Praise that is sanctified beyond tongues and pens and exalted above the comprehension and minds of all who dwell in the realm of possibility is befitting the most holy, most sacred court of that Divine Lote-Tree Who chose certain souls from the world and […] Exalted is the favor of our Lord and great are His bestowals. This servant beareth witness to the greatness of this most exalted station and His grace which hath encompassed all who are in earth and heaven. We desire to testify with the tongues of all who dwell in the kingdom of creation that He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. He doeth what He desireth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Single One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

May my spirit be a sacrifice for your honor. For some time this evanescent servant has been deprived of mentioning the Afnan of the Divine Lote-Tree, as the volume of correspondence has reached such a point that truly finding time and opportunity is like finding the phoenix in all lands, or like finding patience in the hearts of lovers. In all conditions God is witness and testifier that you are remembered and present in heart and tongue.

The purpose of submitting this brief petition is that several months ago you had sent a list of names of those who had paid some of the Huqúqu'lláh. This was presented in the Most Holy Court and according to command I should send receipts for those funds, but due to the press of duties it slipped from view until this time when your letter to His Honor the Name of God M, upon him be the Glory of God the Most Glorious, was seen. This evanescent servant became mindful of what had transpired and therefore seeks pardon through this petition. Assuredly pardon has been and is beloved by your honor. And today when your letter was presented before the Throne, He commanded that receipts be sent to each of those souls so that all may rejoice and give thanks to God, exalted be His glory, for through the Afnan of the Tree their mention was made in the Most Great Prison and they attained to God's wondrous and exalted favors. They must rejoice and give thanks to Him Who mentioned them and aided them to turn unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Therefore this evanescent servant wrote several pages and sent them to your honor so that the souls mentioned may know with clear certitude that God, exalted be His glory, hath accepted from them that which they sent.

Another submission is that previously it was written to that beloved one according to command regarding the two hundred tumans from Sabzivar, that it should [be delivered] to His Honor Mirza ʿAbdu'lláh-i-Nuri,

upon him be the Glory of God, who resides in the Land of Ta, and they should deliver it according to the draft. Now according to your letter this sum was sent to Alexandria and from Alexandria this matter was also written about. Now if any of these mentioned funds from before or after remain with your honor, [kindly] send them with utmost haste to the aforementioned Mirza. This matter is most essential. His Honor the Name of God Mihdi was also commanded in His presence to write again to your honor. The Command is in God's hand, the Lord of the worlds and the Beloved of the mystics.

This servant is most ashamed that for some time no petition has been submitted to His Honor of the Two Most Exalted Names, His Honor Khalil and proclaimer of the mighty Cause, upon him be from all glory its most glorious, and likewise to the honored gentlemen, the Afnans—may my spirit be a sacrifice for their steadfastness—who are present in that land. However there has been and is complete trust in the mercies of the Afnan. The Glory that is manifest and shining from the horizon of the favors of the Lord of the worlds and the Beloved of the nations be upon you and upon those who love you and remember you and draw nigh unto you and hearken to your words concerning the Cause of God, the Exalted, the Great.

BH01686: Praise sanctified above mention and utterance befitteth and beseemeth…

He is God, exalted be His station, to Whom belong greatness and majesty.

Praise sanctified above mention and utterance befitteth and beseemeth the Purpose of all contingent beings, Who through His perfect power made manifest the words of the Preserved Tablet in human temples and sent them forth to the arena of the world, and through those sacred and luminous temples illumined and enlightened the world.

He sent forth Moses with the rod of Command and the white hand of knowledge. All people arose to oppose Him, yet this only increased the loss of the wrongdoers.

And afterward the cloud of mercy was once again raised up and the heaven of bounty adorned. He sent forth the Spirit (Christ) to summon all the world to His oneness, for acknowledgment of this oneness is the cause of fellowship and unity among the peoples of the world. And when the light of unity encompassed the earth and overcame darkness, all were seen as one soul. At that time perfect peace appeared and became manifest, and the temple of justice was established upon the throne of appearance. Then was there seen in the earth neither crookedness nor abasement.

And after opposition and objection, at the second level and station, the blessed word "We strengthened them with a third" appeared from behind the will of the All-Merciful, and the Sun of Batha (Muhammad) shone forth from the horizon of creation. Again the people of hypocrisy broke God's covenant and arose with all their might to extinguish the light, imagining they would be able to accomplish this. But verily He, exalted be He, showed them their own powerlessness until His light was perfected in all lands and the banners of His name were raised throughout all regions. Exalted be His dominion and exalted be His power!

I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to strengthen weak eyes with the light of His bounty that they may behold the Sun of Manifestation and gaze upon its horizon. Verily He is the One with power over

whatsoever He willeth. No thing can frustrate Him and no matter can prevent Him. He commandeth through His sovereignty whatsoever He desireth. Verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thereafter thy letter arrived and brought joy and delight. God willing, thou hast ever drunk and wilt ever drink from the cup of the irfan of the Beloved Who perisheth not, and hast caused others to drink therefrom.

Regarding what thou didst write about his honor the Letter S, upon him be the glory of God—it is incumbent upon him to be circumspect, that is, not to believe every statement nor accept every claim. This blessed word hath shone forth from the dayspring of the heaven of utterance, written to one of the loved ones—exalted be His utterance:

> "Believe not every speaker, trust not in every newcomer, enter not every house, and hearken not unto every claimant."

For it hath been observed and continues to be observed that the liar adorns himself in the garment of truthfulness, and the one who turneth away displayeth himself in the robe of the one who advanceth.

They must, under no circumstances, lose hold of wisdom. Whosoever among the Jews should become aware will assuredly rise up in opposition and will seek to do mischief. Association with them should take place outside, without eating or drinking. It is not for you to veil the light of justice from any tyrant or profligate; yet ye must, of a certainty, keep your affairs concealed from those who are strangers thereto—save only such souls as, in very truth, seek to be informed, act for God's sake, and fix their gaze upon Him.

Convey this ephemeral one's greetings to his honor. I beseech God to preserve you in all conditions through His hand of bounty. Verily He is the Preserver, the Succorer, the All-Sufficient, the Trustworthy; and praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH01681: O Muhammad! God willing, thou shalt be enkindled like…

In the Name of the one true God, the All-Knowing

O Muhammad! God willing, thou shalt be enkindled like fire in thy love for the All-Merciful, and flow like water beneath His Lote-Tree, spreading far and wide. Praise be to the Goal of all worlds that thou hast attained unto the most great honor and been enabled to serve Him. A servant present before the Wronged One presented in the Most Holy Court the letter which Mirza Ata'u'llah had written to you. Praise be to God, the fragrance of love wafted from it. God willing, they will observe with perfect wisdom and utterance this word which hath appeared from the Dayspring of the All-Merciful's utterance:

> "Be thou wholly for God, the One, the Single, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting."

This blessed word shineth forth like the morning star from the horizon of the heaven of God's Book.

He had made mention of the Twin Shining Lights. Blessed be He! From him We heard mention of those for whom My Most Exalted Pen hath lamented, and unto whose exaltation and sublimity the Tongue of

Oneness hath testified in the Tabernacle of Grandeur. O Muhammad! Well is it with whosoever is occupied with their commemoration, and who leaveth a record of their sufferings, whether in poetry or in prose, upon the pages of time. Hasan attained unto a twofold martyrdom, for throughout the days of his life he was selfless in the Will of the One True God. Whosoever hath assimilated his will and purpose to those of his Lord and Master hath, verily, attained unto true martyrdom. He attained likewise unto an outward martyrdom. Blessed be he and his brother, and he who was called Kazim.

O Ata! Hearken unto the call from the precincts of Akka from this Wronged One Who hath borne in God's path what none knoweth save His all-compelling Self, the sovereign Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thy mention was made before the Wronged One and this clear Book was revealed for thee. Consider the divines and what they have committed in My days. We created them and strengthened them to exalt My Cause, yet they pronounced judgment against My Self and against those whose sanctity was attested by the Concourse on High, the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise, and every possessor of a tongue who hath judged fairly in this mighty Cause. They recite the Book while denying its Mother. They make mention of God while issuing decrees against Him. Woe unto them and unto those who followed them without My firm and mighty Command! Did what the leader of the people wrought profit him? Away with him and those who followed him! Did he gain aught from what he did? Nay, by My Most Great Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous!

Most strange, passing strange, that the one named after Husayn should slay Husayn—this is what the All-Merciful foretold, yet most of the people are heedless. In their vain imaginings they intended to extinguish the light of God's Cause, unaware that God's Cause is far too great for such deluded souls to be able to prevent it, extinguish its light, or quench its fire which speaketh in the Blessed Tree. In His blessed name the standard of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth" is raised aloft. The whole world cannot oppose His will. The hosts of earth and heaven cannot withstand His Cause. O ʿAta! God willing, thou shalt speak the praise of the All-Merciful with the utmost joy and radiance, and conduct thyself with perfect wisdom, for the deniers lie in wait to find some pretext and raise the cry of "O shame upon the Law!"

Say: O My loved ones! Drink ye the Kawthar of My utterance despite them, and associate with men that they may find a path for themselves to God, the One, the All-Informed. We have commanded and continue to command all to act with wisdom, lest some event occur causing hearts to be troubled. He manifesteth His Cause as He pleaseth through His sovereignty. He is, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful.

Corruption, conflict and disputation are forbidden. All must associate together with utmost love. God willing, the penetrating power of the Word will become manifest in the world. The helper of the Truth hath ever been the Word of Truth and the utterances of detached souls who summon mankind unto the Truth. Glory be upon you and upon the handmaidens of God who have believed in God, the Mighty, the Wise.

BH01758: O Mihdi! God willing, thou wilt observe with divine…

In the Name of the One God

O Mihdi! God willing, thou wilt observe with divine vision the world and all that hath come to pass therein. In this Most Great Revelation there hath occurred that which hath never occurred in the world. It behooveth thee to read the blessed Surih of Ra'is, as well as the Tablets to the Kings, and what befell the Chief of Paris. The hand of divine power was manifested and seized whomsoever He willed. Nearly twenty million souls perished, and in most regions of those parts blood flowed like rivers. Do not consider the world to be limited to one tract of land. Observe what hath befallen the servants in the vast renowned lands mentioned in the Books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Whatsoever hath appeared in the earth was revealed beforehand by the Most Exalted Pen, although this Most Great Revelation hath appeared with supreme grace and mighty loving-kindness. There befell mankind that which befell them. Verily, were He to desire it, He would seize the world through a single word from His presence. He is, in truth, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

If in certain instances there be delay in the manifestation of the divine Cause, this hath been and will be due to consummate wisdom, and none hath ever comprehended divine knowledge or become aware of the consummate wisdom. He is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

It is most strange that your honor hath not seen the divine Tablets, for had you observed them, you would have become aware of the power and might of God and would have spoken words that would convince that person and his like. Whatsoever hath occurred and shall occur in the earth hath been revealed clearly and manifestly in the divine Tablets without any interpretation. From that person's words it is evident that he hath no knowledge of the mysteries of the Cause and hath not turned to the divine Books. God willing, your honor will assist that person to refer to the divine Books, that he may not remain deprived of the ocean of divine knowledge and be not prevented from the sealed wine which hath been unsealed by the finger of the Name of the Self-Subsisting.

Convey greetings from this Wronged One to him and say: Look, then mention what proofs and evidences of God thou and the people of the world possess, and what hath appeared in this Most Great Revelation from God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Is there anyone with vision to behold the signs of God in the earth? Is there anyone with power to shatter the idols of vain imaginings in the name of his Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful? The verses have been sent down and the evidences have appeared and the proof hath encompassed all who are in the realm of possibility, yet the people are in evident doubt.

Say: If ye deny this Most Great Grace, by what proof can ye establish what ye possess? Be fair in God's cause and be not of those who recognized, then turned away and denied this resplendent, shining Light.

Say: Despite the power of kings and sovereigns, the arrayed ranks, the assembled armies, the continuous reports, and the fire-ships, God alone calleth out with the most exalted call and summoneth all to the supreme horizon. If any soul would reflect upon this Revelation and what hath appeared therefrom, he would assuredly speak forth and utter that which God loveth. God willing, may they be assisted and reflect upon what caused the denial of the deniers of old and what was its reason. By the life of God! Then would he behold the Path and the Balance and the appearance of the All-Merciful in the realm of possibility, and would say: Praise be unto Thee for having guided me and made me aware. I testify that

Thou are the Almighty over what Thou willest and in Thy grasp is the kingdom of the heavens and the earth. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH01886: O My Name Jamal! Upon thee be the Glory…

In His Name, the All-Knowing!

O My Name Jamal! Upon thee be the Glory of God! The Sun of Wisdom hath shone forth from the heaven of inner meanings upon the mirror of knowledge, and from that effulgence this word appeared:

> "Peace of mind is for the trustworthy, and fear is for the treacherous."

After the grace of God and divine favors, thou hast not transgressed, nor dost thou transgress, the binding and decisive commandments that have been revealed and sent down in the Tablets from the Supreme Pen, and thou hast been and art dealing with all souls with utmost kindness, love and patience, according to His command. In such case, had thou turned to the seeker, no harm would have been done, for he would have become aware of thy intention and that upon which thou standest. Perchance the lights of truthfulness might have been reflected in the mirror of his heart. Verily thy Lord is the All-Reforming, the Trustworthy.

Strange that they have not yet understood the intention of the Lord of creation. In all matters, let not wisdom slip from thy grasp. Entry after migration and association with some were contingent and conditional upon consultation. O Jamal, fix thy gaze upon this decisive, firm and blessed word which hath been recorded by the Supreme Pen in the Crimson Book: The heaven of divine wisdom is illumined with two luminaries: consultation and compassion. In all things hold fast unto consultation, for it is the lamp of guidance that leadeth the way and bestoweth understanding. Thus doth the All-Informed apprise thee. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. God willing, may this blessed word ever be before thy face and fixed before thine eyes.

At present, in view of what hath occurred, turning to that land is not permitted. Your efforts for peace, reconciliation and love have, due to lack of wisdom and consideration, become known as enmity and corruption. The Perspicuous Book between heaven and earth proclaimeth "I have come to reform the world," yet ears have not yet succeeded in hearing it. The deeds of the ignorant ones of the past have become the cause and reason for doubts and suspicions. Beseech ye God that He may make the heedless souls aware of His purpose. Should they hearken unto the verses that have been sent down concerning the avoidance of conflict and corruption, all would speak the words "Verily, He is the Truthful, the Reformer, the Trustworthy."

O Jamal! The divine land is not confined to the land of Ta. If thou shouldst turn toward Hadba, thou wouldst find those nearest to God in piety. This matter is not an explicit command. In all things one must consider the known party. He is with you wherever you may be. He, verily, is the Observer, the Vigilant.

At the end of this epistle, We make mention of thy wife, who hath endured in the path of God what most handmaidens have not endured. Convey to her My glad-tidings and glorification from God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. We have mentioned her in a Tablet, and beyond it in another Tablet, and have sent

them both to her as a token of Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Kind. We have also mentioned her brother in a Tablet that the treasures of the heavens and earth cannot equal. Be thou grateful and say: "Praise be to Thee, O Lord of the seen and unseen!"

Convey My glorification to the faces of My loved ones who have turned to the Supreme Horizon and have shunned every deluded deprived one. Upon them be the blessings of God and His peace, and the peace of the Concourse on High and of those who circle round the Will of their Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Glory be upon thee and upon him who hath aided the Cause of his Lord and hearkened unto what was imparted unto him from the verses of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Beloved. And praise be to God, the Lord of what was and what will be.

BH01912: Praise befitteth and is worthy of the Beloved…

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

Praise befitteth and is worthy of the Beloved of the world Who, through the blessing of the Most Great Name, hath quickened the dead and revived the withered ones, and through His blessed primal Word which dawned from the Orient of the mouth of the All-Merciful, caused His chosen ones to ascend to the most exalted station and returned the wretched to the most miserable abode. The people of paradise drank from that blessed Word the water of life, while the denizens of hell consumed the deadly zaqqum. Blessed is the soul who is today detached from all save Him in His remembrance, and who with perfect steadfastness speaketh His praise.

To continue: several letters were received from you, and since for some time the dispatch of correspondence had been delayed, no reply was sent until now. However, mention of you was ever made in the Most Holy Court. May you ever be blessed with God's infinite favors. This is a day when all the Concourse on High are occupied with the remembrance and praise of God. Say: O handmaidens of God and leaves of the divine Tree of Love! Enter into the paradise of the recognition of the Beloved. Chant wondrous and sublime melodies in His remembrance and praise. Consider the world as non-existent and fix your gaze upon the ocean of joy. Strive that ye may not be deprived of the outpourings of the ocean of bounty. Associate with one another with the utmost sanctity, purity, truthfulness, sincerity, trustworthiness and righteousness, in such wise that its sweet fragrance may be diffused and its gentle scent may be inhaled by every discerning soul. Say: Every deed hath had and shall have its fragrance, and that fragrance informeth all people. God willing, may all be gladdened in perfect unity by the praise of the Peerless Friend.

Furthermore, convey the expressions of servitude, humility and submissiveness of this evanescent servant before the countenance of the Most Great Leaf, Her Holiness the Sister—upon her be the Most Glorious Glory of God. And furthermore, this servant giveth you the glad tidings that the petition you submitted to the Most Holy Court, this servant presented it. He saith—and His sweetest and all-compelling utterance over all things is this:

> "O My handmaiden! Give thanks for having been mentioned before the Throne and that the Ancient Beauty hath turned toward thee from this noble prospect. Rejoice that thy name hath

> flowed from the Most Exalted Pen and thou hast been honored in the days of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Hold fast and cling to the cord of grace and the hem of God, the Powerful, the Sublime, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

God willing, may you be occupied at all times with the remembrance of the Friend, free and detached from all else, and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of eternity and Beloved of the world, for having caused me to know Thee and honored me and given me to drink of the choice wine of Thy mercy which hath preceded all created things. I beseech Thee to preserve me in all conditions through Thy bountiful grace."

Make mention of Me to thy sister and say: Grieve not, for thy Lord is verily the Forgiving, the Merciful. Say: Let her not be sorrowful but hold fast to the cord of steadfastness. And if in these circumstances she remaineth firm in the love of God, her deed is greatest in the sight of God, for despite association with that heedless one she hath not been deprived of the ocean of grace. Say: In the name of the Lord of the world, drink at all times from the Kawthar of divine love, despite those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds. That which shall profit thee hath been ordained for thee. Thy Lord is verily the Bearer of Glad Tidings, the All-Knowing.

BH01899: Praise be to God, the Single, the One…

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

Praise be to God, the Single, the One, the Unique, Who hath taken unto Himself neither counselor nor peer. He hath sent forth the Messengers and revealed the Books testifying that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been established upon the throne of power, might and majesty, and will continue to abide in the heights of loftiness and sovereignty. The conditions of nations have not frustrated Him, nor have the manifestations of the world rendered Him powerless. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful.

To continue: the servant received your letter. When I opened it, read it and understood it, I approached the Most Holy Court and presented its contents before His Countenance. Thereupon the tongue of the Beloved uttered that which caused the fragrance of utterance to be diffused throughout all possibility. He said:

> "May he, God willing, be blessed with divine favors and be assisted in that which He loveth and is pleased with. In truth divine confirmation hath become his companion. They must, through the grace of the All-Merciful, protect him."

O Taqi! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He remembereth thee from this station both near and far, and giveth thee glad tidings of His remembrance of thee. We beseech God, exalted be He, to ordain for thee the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily He is the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens.

And remember ye the Lord of the world with this prayer. He is the One Who calleth from the horizon of utterance:

“Glory be unto Thee, O Thou before Whose oneness the most ardent lovers of Thy unity have proved powerless, and around Whose exalted station the most accomplished among them who have recognized Thee circle in adoration! Through Thee the gate of knowledge and utterance was unlocked, and by Thy Name the light shone forth from the horizon of creation. Through Thy manifestation the breezes of holiness were wafted, and by Thy will the Pen of the All-Merciful moved, and through Thee the fragrance of the garment was diffused throughout the world, and the ocean of pre-existence surged through Thy Most Great Name.

I testify that Thou hast fulfilled what Thou didst promise in Thy Book and hast manifested the Day which Thou hast attributed to Thyself. Blessed is the servant who hath recognized and hastened with his heart to Thy horizon, and the face that hath turned unto Thy countenance, and the seeing one who hath beheld the Most Great Sign, and the hearing one who hath heard Thy sweetest call.

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O my Beloved, and glory be unto Thee, O my Master, and radiance be unto Thee, O my First and my Last, for having made known unto me the Dayspring of Thy manifestation, and caused me to hear the call of Sinai, and removed from before my face the veils of glory which had prevented the servants from turning towards the station of might, nearness and beauty.

By Thy glory, O Lord of all horizons and Manifest One on the Day of the Covenant! Were I to praise Thee with all the tongues of the world and glorify Thee in the oceans of knowledge through Thy Most Great Name, it would not equal a single one of Thy gifts or any of Thy favors which have encompassed me from all directions.

By Thy glory, O Sovereign of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen! I am ashamed to make mention of Thee, and whenever I desire to remember Thee, I am held back by the evidences of Thy greatness and the manifestations of Thy might and power. I beseech Thee, O Creator of the heavens and Lord of Names, to ordain for me from the Supreme Pen that which will draw me nigh unto Thee in all conditions. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

O my Lord! Thou seest my poverty, my powerlessness, my tribulation and my need. Have mercy upon me, O my God, through the wonders of Thy mercy. Then preserve me from all that may keep me back from drawing nigh unto Thee. Furthermore I beseech Thee, O Sovereign of bounty and generosity, to grant me the Most Great Steadfastness, the description of which hath proved beyond the power of all created things. Verily Thou hast power over whatsoever Thou willest. Thou withholdest and Thou givest. Verily Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous.”

BH01934: The letter of that faithful friend arrived. Since it…

In the Name of the one God!

The letter of that faithful friend arrived. Since it conveyed your health and well-being, it brought joy. We beseech God to assist you in that which will endure and persist.

Regarding what you wrote about the burning of books, you are right. The greatest error that occurred in the world was the burning of books, for books are as the eyes and ears of the world—through them humanity sees and hears. In truth, they deprived themselves of seeing and hearing. We testify that they are among the heedless.

You also wrote that after the Sassanians, the star of the fortune of the Zoroastrians set in the west of extinction. Outwardly it is as you wrote, but today is the Day illumined by the Sun of Truth. The fragrance of His utterance is diffused and the breeze of His grace is wafting throughout all regions. He is seated upon the throne of justice and established upon the seat of manifestation, speaking with the word "I am the Wronged One." Though possessed of ultimate power He appears weak, and though having complete might and ascendancy He is oppressed. Today the Zoroastrians circle round the Manifestation of the command of the All-Merciful. The meaning is the same as before though the word has changed, the way is the same though the name has been transformed. This change and transformation has appeared due to the change of the world and the requirements of the time.

You mentioned the world conquest of ancient kings. Their sovereignty was and is acceptable in the sight of the Lord of the world. The kings of Persia who existed in times of old ruled for centuries, ages and eras with perfect forbearance and piety, and each shone like the morning star in the heaven of greatness, and from the rays of the sun of justice the world was, according to its capacity, illumined and radiant. For the kings of the world there has not been and is not any helper mightier than justice and wisdom. Some time ago this utterance was recorded by the Pen of truth in a heavenly letter in the Arabic tongue:

> "O concourse of rulers! There is no force in the world mightier than justice and wisdom. Blessed is the king before whose face marcheth the standard of wisdom and behind whom standeth the host of justice. He is indeed of the people of Baha and hath been in the Crimson Book recorded by the Supreme Pen in truth."

O friend! The pavilion of the world's tranquility is upheld by these two pillars: justice and wisdom. Say: O people! Wisdom is like unto heaven—its sun and moon are forbearance and piety. Whosoever possesseth these two hath all good.

O friend! In these days when the bird of knowledge is caught in the talons of the ignorant, and the lights of the sun of fairness are hidden behind the veil of tyranny, where is there opportunity for speech or station for expression? Today concealment is necessary, for the birds of night are beyond counting and all seek darkness. In such case there is no station or rank for light. But the hand of divine power is manifest and supreme—He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

The book also arrived and was seen. Praise be to God, you executed it well. It contains exhortations, counsels, wisdom and morals. We beseech God that it may remind souls and grant them awareness. God willing, may the Lord assist you to serve His Cause and attain the enduring fruits of the Tree of His mention.

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BH02007: God testifies that there is none other God but…

He is the One dawning from the horizon of the heaven of the Kingdom.

God testifies that there is none other God but Him and He Who has come with the truth—verily He is the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Secret through Whom the sealed wine was unsealed and the Name of the Self-Subsisting appeared and arose with the Cause in such wise that neither the doubts of the learned, nor the turning away of the mystics, nor the power of princes could move Him. He is the One through Whom the veils were rent asunder and the Mother Book was sent down which had been hidden in the knowledge of God, Lord of all worlds. Whoso acknowledges Him has acknowledged God in all ages, and whoso turns away is accounted among the ungodly in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Abu-Turab! The All-Bountiful, Who is imprisoned in this fortress through what the hands of the heedless who turned away from God and His sovereignty have wrought by following every ignorant remote one, makes mention of thee. Thy letter was presented and the servant in attendance before the Wronged One submitted it, and We answer thee from My Most Exalted Pen at this time when the Lord of Names walks in this spot which has been honored by the Concourse on High and the denizens of the Kingdom of Names. Verily thy Lord does what He wishes by His command, and He is the Single One, the All-Informed.

Behold and remember when thou wert present before the Face and heard the Call from the Most Exalted Horizon, the seat of the throne of thy Lord, Creator of heaven, through Whom all things proclaimed: “The Kingdom belongs to God, the One, the Mighty, the Great.” Thou art he who sought the circumambulation place of the Prophets and crossed land and sea until thou attained and saw what was denied to the Interlocutor on the Mount of Knowledge. Verily thy Lord is the Ordainer, the Powerful. By the life of God! The treasures of the world cannot equal what the Pen has testified for thee—to this bears witness the Lord of Eternity, He is the Bestower, the Generous.

Blessed art thou for having uttered the mention of the Wronged One when kings and subjects turned away from Him, save whom God willed, the Sovereign of this wondrous Day. Say: O people! By God, the Truth has come and He makes mention of you and draws you near to a station whose remembrance shall not pass away throughout the duration of His Most Beautiful Names and Supreme Attributes. Fear God and be not of the heedless ones. The bodies have risen through the breezes of revelation while you are among those who sleep. Arise from the slumber of passion, then hearken to what the Lord of all humanity calls you to—He summons you to His Straight Path. Leave the ways of the world to the nations, then turn with radiant faces to this Path which has been raised up through this Most Great Name.

Say: O people! Be fair by God and oppose not Him Who has come with God’s proofs, signs and clear evidences to all in the heavens and earth. Say: O concourse of earth! Have mercy on yourselves and follow not those whom glory and wealth have prevented from this noble prospect. Soon shall they behold what they deny today—then shall they lament and weep and find neither helper nor escape. Thus has

crowed the Cock of the Throne and cooed the Dove of Heaven upon the branches of the Tree of Eternity that thou mayest rejoice and be among the thankful ones.

Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the faces of those whom God has honored by turning to none but Him and has illumined their hearts with the lights of His manifest Name. The glory be upon thee and upon those with thee from God, the Speaking, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

BH02045: Praise be to the Goal of the world, whose…

Praise be to the Goal of the world, whose drops from the ocean of grace have encompassed all.

Every soul mentioned in your letter has attained God's grace, especially yourself and the wife of the one named J M, upon whom be all His most glorious glory. Likewise, exalted and impregnable Tablets were revealed and sent specifically for the elder one and Shir-ʿAli, upon them be the glory of God. God willing, they will attain to them. I swear by God that what exists and is mentioned cannot be compared to even one of the Tablets. All have now attained to divine mention. You have repeatedly been blessed in this letter with wondrous verses from the tongue of the Most Great Unity, and moreover the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed specifically for you. Likewise the emigrants of the land of Sad were adorned with divine mention, and wondrous, exalted verses were revealed regarding those who have ascended to the Most Exalted Horizon. Today no deed or mention remains hidden. This evanescent servant begs and hopes that God will assist all to preserve their stations and give them to drink from the wine of steadfastness.

Regarding your mention of Aqa Muhammad-Rida and Aqa Mirza ʿAli, upon them be the glory of God, what you wrote was presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, and perhaps they will attain divine bounties. As per your request it was presented and two Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablets were revealed from the heaven of grace and sent—deliver them that they may drink therefrom the wine of their Lord's mercy, the Giver, the Generous. I request that you convey on behalf of this evanescent one profound, exalted greetings to them and all the friends of that land. God the All-Knowing bears witness that this evanescent one is occupied with mentioning 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 God's friends who shall have no fear nor shall they grieve, and praise be to God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

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It is submitted that after completing this letter, this evanescent servant attained the elevated handwriting of him who was named at the Most Great Scene as ʿAli-Qabli-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of Power. Praise be to God, it brought joy and gladness. Likewise two renowned handwritings from Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be the glory of God, arrived on this same day. This evanescent servant begs God, exalted be His glory, to be enabled to present and send the reply soon. Similarly the handwriting of Ibn-i-Abhar, upon him be the glory of God, arrived. Three sacred Tablets have thus far been sent in his name and one more remains. Due to wisdom they were not all sent at once, but in those same days when his handwriting arrived all Tablets were revealed and present. Again my greetings are

extended to each of the gentlemen and beloved ones, entrusted to your grace. Then greetings, praise and glory be upon you and upon them.

BH02105: Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One…

In the Name of the Everlasting Speaker

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and He hath heard that which thy tongue hath uttered and known thy condition. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Hearken unto the Call from the direction of the Prison, then act according to that which thou hast been commanded in the Tablet of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

That which hath ever been intended by love, and ever shall be, is the love of God. True love guideth the people and treadeth the path of Truth, and this is achieved and attained through the grace of religion. Regarding thy statement in this connection that thy love hath reached such a stage as to know neither unbelief, nor faith, nor religion, it is Our hope that, God willing, thy love and affection may be adorned with the ornament of truth and meet with His acceptance.

From the Pen of the Most High, there were revealed in the early days certain considerations regarding the stages of love that were specifically intended for the Sunnis. Those considerations were prompted by the requirements and exigencies of the time and by the stations and attainments of the souls. Regard religion as the orb of the sun and love as its light. Thus doth the tongue of this Wronged One speak forth in His prison, that thou mayest be of the steadfast.

We beseech God that thou mayest become illumined with the light of the Sun of Truth and engage in that which is worthy of this Day. Thou hast been mentioned before the Throne and hast attained unto this most mighty and most holy Tablet. Thy Lord is verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. God willing, thou shalt remain protected from the cawing of the ravens and the doubts of the suspicious ones. Say: O my God! I beseech Thee to make me steadfast and firm in Thy love and Thy Cause. Thou art verily the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

We make mention of thy father who believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, and We give him the glad-tidings of this Most Great Remembrance that he may rejoice and be of those who have laid hold of My Extended Cord.

O Ali, We have accepted thy sacrifice. This is from the bounty of thy Lord. Be thou grateful and numbered among those who render thanks. Now in life, occupy thyself with the remembrance and praise of the Friend, and seek from God true sacrifice, which is to submerge thine own will and purpose in the Will and Purpose of God, exalted be His glory—that is, to manifest no intention or purpose of thine own. Whosoever attaineth unto this station hath attained unto true martyrdom, and aught else is not permitted in this Day, for We have commanded all to wisdom, and they who are endued with insight must look to the Command of God and not act according to their own will. They must carry out that which they have been commanded and abandon that which hath been forbidden.

O elder one! Since thou hast attained unto the love and favor of God, thou art young and art mentioned among the youth before the Throne.

O Abu-Talib! The Desired One declareth: Praise be to God that in thy youth thou hast attained unto the recognition of the Dawning-Place of the Cause and the Day-Spring of Divine Revelation. Now ask thou of God steadfastness, for the heedless souls who associate partners with God are engaged with the utmost deceit and guile in leading people astray in the name of truth, and ere long their cawing shall be raised in that land. Guard thyself by the Name of thy Lord, the Triumphant, the All-Knowing.

The glory be upon you from God, the Most High, the Most Great.

BH02330: This is a mention from Us to one who…

He is the Dawning One from the horizon of grace!

This is a mention from Us to one who attained when the Most Great Sea appeared, and to one who saw when My most exalted horizon shone forth, and to one who turned when the light of the Countenance dawned after the passing away of all things, and recognized the Hidden Name and the Treasured Mystery when He came with a sovereignty before which all created things bowed down. Verily He is the Speaker on the Mount of Knowledge. There is no God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The fragrance of the All-Merciful has wafted throughout creation and the Dove of Revelation has warbled upon the branches by virtue of what the Tongue of Grandeur has spoken at all times. The Kingdom belongs to God, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Blessed art thou, O Javad, in that the Lord of creation has turned toward thee and makes mention of thee with verses from which the fragrance of the All-Merciful is diffused. He is the Powerful One Whom the circumstances of men cannot frustrate. He speaks and calls out from the Most Great Scene:

> “By God the Truth! The Hidden Cause has appeared, nearer than the twinkling of an eye, yet most of the people are heedless.”

Blessed is the one with vision who has beheld My Most Great Signs, and the one with hearing who has heard My Most Sweet Call, and the one who has turned toward this Luminous Horizon. Thus have We adorned the Tablet of eternity with the sun of utterance of thy Lord, the Kind, the Generous.

When thou hast won this Tablet of God and its effect, say:

> “O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by the breaths of Thy Most Exalted Word whereby Thou didst create all things, to make me in all conditions one who gazes upon Thee and speaks Thy praise. Verily Thou art the Beloved of my heart and the Lord of my soul. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.”

Hear the divine verses in the Persian tongue, O Javad. In the morning thy call was heard and in the afternoon thy mention was hearkened to. Repeatedly and successively thy remembrances and supplications attained the hearing of the Beloved of the world. Praise be to God that thou art mentioned before the Wronged One and hast won His favors. For each of the names mentioned in the book of Nabil-

i-A'zam and which you also mentioned in the letter presented to this servant, a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed and sent. God willing, all will attain to them. Thank God for this great bounty. We make mention in this station of thy family and relatives and send Our greetings upon them all, male and female, as a favor from Us. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous.

And We make mention of her who ascended to the Supreme Companion and attained the meeting when the Sun was shining from the horizon of Baghdad. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. And We have mentioned the Perfect One time after time and have sent down that which brings joy to the eyes of those near to God. Convey greetings to all from the True One, and the word of forgiveness has been sent down for those who have ascended. Verily He forgives as He wishes and bestows as He desires. There is no God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The glory be upon thee and upon thy brother and upon those who have attained to this mighty station.

BH02498: Here is your beloved, Habibullah of Khunsar. Upon him…

Here is your beloved, Habibullah of Khunsar. Upon him be the Glory of God. He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious.

O Habib! Hearken unto the call of the Beloved Who remembers thee from this praiseworthy station. Blessed is he who has sought out and visited the resting-places of My chosen ones, as attested by what My Most Exalted Pen hath spoken in the kingdom of creation. We bear witness that he is among the people of this exalted station. Joy be unto thee for having drunk the choice wine of utterance from the cup of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the All-Merciful, and for having been with My Name "the Beauty" who calls the servants unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Give thanks that thy letter hath reached the Wronged One, and that this irrevocable Tablet hath been sent down for thee, from which the Concourse on High perceive the fragrance of Glory. Verily thy Lord is the All-Loving, the All-Forgiving. We have accepted thy turning to Us, thy devotion and thy visitation, and We counsel thee to remain steadfast in this Cause whereby feet have slipped and hearts have been troubled. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the Kawthar of inner meanings from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the Mighty, the Loving.

Beware, beware lest thou commit 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 harm another soul, 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. Turn unto God in repentance for what thou didst intend in thy soul, then return unto Him and say:

> "O my God! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Word to ordain for me the word of forgiveness, for I intended in my soul what Thou didst not desire and what Thou forbade in Thy Book. I beseech Thee to remit my evil deeds and to immerse me in the ocean of Thy forgiveness. Thou art verily the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful."

Every injustice manifested by an oppressor—leave it to the Truth Itself. The hand of divine justice is all-encompassing and all-pervading. There hath been and is no need for corruption, conflict, contention,

murder and pillage. The triumph of the Cause hath been and ever shall be through utterance, and all else stems from selfish desires. God protect us and you, O ye who have turned towards Him.

All the souls mentioned in thy letter which thou didst send to this servant who is present have attained unto divine bounty and are remembered before the Throne. Give them the glad-tidings from Me of this mighty station, and convey My greetings unto them and unto those who have held fast unto that which they were commanded by One All-Knowing, All-Informed.

Thou didst mention the son of his honor of Abhar. In these days a Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of bounty in his name. God willing, he shall attain unto its perusal. Glory be upon him and upon thee and upon God's sincere servants.

BH02619: God beareth witness that there is none other God…

He is the Speaker in the Kingdom of Utterance.

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath appeared in truth was hidden in the eternity of eternities and treasured in the stronghold of the immunity of the Self-Subsisting, the Most High. Whoso hath heard from Him hath heard from God, and whoso hath turned unto Him hath turned unto God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is he who hath heard what the Tongue of Revelation hath spoken and hath answered God, the Lord of the seen and unseen.

How many a learned one hath cast aside knowledge and how many a child hath turned and taken hold of the Book in the name of his Lord, the Sovereign over what was and what shall be. How many a poor one hath been seized by the breaths of the verses and how many a prince hath turned away from God, the Lord of existence. By God's life! Their desires have held them back from God and their wealth hath deluded them from Him Who created them and provided for them unto this blessed, mighty, promised Day. Soon shall the breaths of extinction seize them from every direction and they shall behold themselves beneath the earth.

Say: O concourse of men! By God, the Lord of destiny hath come and through Him hath appeared the Most Sublime Vision, the station which was mentioned in the Books of God, the Lord of Lords. O Ali! Hearken unto the call from the precincts of Akka, the spot wherein the Lord of Names hath been imprisoned, having summoned all unto the truth, the Knower of things unseen. He hath come for the life of the world and the reformation of the nations, yet they have risen against Him with such tyranny as hath caused the Concourse on High to lament and those who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn to weep. Soon shall they cry for help but receive no succor, and shall wail but find for themselves no helper from God, the Lord of the kingdom of earth and heaven.

Rejoice thou in that thou hast been mentioned before the Wronged One, Who hath turned toward thee from His praiseworthy station and revealed for thee that which hath gladdened the eyes of the near ones and caused to soar the hearts of them that have held fast to the cord of the bounty of their Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. The servant who is present hath recited what thou didst compose in praise of God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Blessed is the tongue that hath spoken in remembrance of God, and the face that hath turned toward Him, and the heart that hath turned to His horizon, and the hand that hath taken

His sealed Book and acted according to what was commanded by the One Who commandeth, the Manifest. Thus have We lit the lamp of meanings in the niche of utterance that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the All-Merciful, Who hath mentioned thee in this Ancient House.

O ʿAli! We counsel thee at the end of the Tablet to the Greater Steadfastness, for a mighty, mighty Cause hath come, to whose magnitude the Books of God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting, have testified.

BH02776: Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses…

He is the One speaking the truth in this manifest station!

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and revealed the evidences in such wise that all who are in the heavens and on earth are powerless to reckon them. By God! The proof hath bowed down before the countenance of its Lord, and the testimony hath cried out with the most exalted call amidst all creation:

> "The All-Merciful hath come with a Cause against which all the armies of the world cannot stand,"

yet most of the people are heedless. The Wronged One calleth out in all conditions and giveth glad tidings to all created things of the Most Exalted Horizon, making them aware of the Dayspring of Revelation and guiding them to His Straight Path.

O My loved ones in Manshad! Hearken unto the call of God, the Lord of creation. He maketh mention of you as a bounty from His presence, that ye may draw nigh unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Blessed is he whom vain imaginings have not withheld, and blessed is the strong one whom the doings of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds, have not weakened. Hold ye fast unto the cord of unity, then aid your Lord, the All-Merciful, through remembrance and utterance. Thus hath the command been sent down in the Tablets of your Lord, the Help in Peril, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

O loved ones of God! Act ye according to that which ye have been commanded in the Book. This is better for you, did ye but know. He judgeth according to that which profiteth you in the hereafter and in this world. To this testifieth the Lord of all being, Who hath appeared and revealed what He desired through His sovereignty that hath encompassed all who are in the kingdom. He is, verily, the All-Conquering, the Almighty. Should there come unto you one who brays with the utterances of the wicked, know ye with certainty that he is that same brayer mentioned in the Book of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

We counsel you to manifest the greatest steadfastness and to act in a manner befitting the days of God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust. Blessed is he who hath turned unto that which is praiseworthy in the estimation of One mighty and great. From this station We send Our greetings upon the faces of them that have believed in God, and We make mention of him who hath been named Rida from the Supreme Pen which hath spoken betwixt earth and heaven that there is none other God besides Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The glory shining forth from the horizon of God's loving-kindness be upon thee, O thou who hast turned unto the Dayspring of Manifestation when the light was shining from the horizon of Zawra. I testify that

thou hast drunk the choice wine of recognition in the days of the All-Merciful and attained unto the Kawthar of reunion while most of the servants who turned away from the Dawning-Place of the Cause were heedless, having followed their vain imaginings.

Blessed art thou, O thou who art mentioned before the Throne, and blessed are they who visit thee purely for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Great. And blessed be the male servants of God and His chosen ones, and His maidservants who hearkened and responded when the Promised One came with a manifest Command.

BH02824: Praise be to God Who created creation for His…

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

Praise be to God Who created creation for His knowledge and for attaining what He ordained for them through His bounty. When He manifested them, He made known to them Him Who gave glad tidings to all of His manifestation and appearance and sovereignty. Glory be to Him, glory be to Him! How manifest is His proof and how glorious His grace and favor! He is the One Whose mercy preceded all and Whose evidence was perfected and Whose blessing was completed. I bear witness that there is no God but Him. He has ever been sanctified from what the creation possesses and exalted above all that souls and minds have comprehended. There is no God but Him, the All-Protecting, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

Prayers and peace be upon the Seal of His Prophets through whom was raised the banner of Divine Unity and the Tree of Oneness spoke forth and the fragrance of the garment wafted and the breeze of holiness stirred, Who spoke forth with the wise Qur'an from the presence of One mighty and all-knowing.

And now, O beloved of my heart, your letter brought me joy as it spoke in praise of our Creator and your Creator, our God and your God, and the God of all who are in the heavens and the earth. When I read and understood it, I presented it before the Lord. Then the tongue of grace spoke forth His word, exalted be His grandeur:

> "We give thanks to God for having aided them in what He loves and is pleased with, and enabled them to remember and praise Him and acknowledge His oneness and singleness and turn to what He has commanded in His Book. And We beseech Him to manifest from them that which will bring joy to eyes and sight."

End quote.

This evanescent servant submits that always has his tongue and heart and sight been turned toward those beloved ones and will continue to be—the eye for beholding, the heart for presence, and the tongue for praise. In most times the mention of those beloved ones has been and will be known in the true gathering.

Another submission is that a container of Muscat halva was sent as commanded. God willing they will partake of it with utmost joy and fragrance. If you eat sweets, consume a morsel in remembrance of the ant.

God is witness and testament that mention of your honors brings joy and delight, for they are known for love and specially blessed. No further instruction than this. The glory be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who love you and upon those who mention you. And praise be to God, our Beloved and your Beloved.

BH02964: To be typed

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BH03053: O Mihdi! In these days, both night and day…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O Mihdi! In these days, both night and day, verses are being revealed from the heaven of divine Will in such measure that creation is witnessed to be powerless to enumerate them. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for this mighty favor. Every word of the exalted Words has been and will continue to be influential in the kingdom of utterance and the realities of all things, and its effect will become manifest according to the requirements of consummate wisdom. Blessed are those souls who are today adorned with the ornament of acceptance and are mentioned and recorded by the Word of God in the Scriptures and Tablets. This most great bounty cannot be circumscribed by the praise and glorification of all created things.

O My Name! The melodies of the divine birds of the Kingdom and the cooing of the doves of the garden of inner meanings remain concealed. O Mihdi! The call is exceedingly loud, but the ears are stopped up. God willing, the hand of divine favor will take hold of all and lead them to the supreme heights. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth, and by His Name have all things spoken. The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The letter of the Afnan, upon him be My glory, was mentioned by this Servant in the presence of the Countenance. Praise be to God that they have attained unto what God desired and have acted in a manner that is acceptable before the Divine Presence. And regarding what they mentioned about conducting trade in these parts in the name of Truth—this matter is acceptable, for today whatsoever is carried out in the name of God is adorned with the ornament of everlasting remembrance. Previously also the honored Afnan, upon him be My glory, had written details about this. In any case, regarding these matters, let them act as they deem advisable. Verily He guideth the people to His straight path and assisteth His loved ones in that which He loveth and is pleased with. He is the Ordainer, the Almighty.

And trustworthy souls were mentioned in the presence. The Command is in the hand of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earth, and the Lord of all who are in the kingdom of Command and Creation. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Powerful. We send greetings from this station to the promoter of the Cause of God and the other Afnans who were under the glances of their Lord’s gracious favor. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Great.

BH03171: O Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli!

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

O Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli!

The petitions from the land of Kha reached the Most Holy Court through Jinab-i-Asad, and this servant presented them all. For each one specifically, a wondrous Tablet has been revealed from the heaven of divine favor. God willing, they will drink from the Kawthar of inner meanings and utterance from the fountainhead of the Pen of the All-Merciful and attain to that which God has intended.

We have made mention, both before and after, of Jinab-i-Haji ʿAbdu'r-Rahim Beg who has ascended unto God time and again. By My life! He has attained unto the Supreme Companion, and the Pen of God, the Lord of all names, has moved to make mention of him in such wise as the denizens of the most exalted Paradise and the highest Heaven make mention of him. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

Convey greetings from God to all the friends in that land. Whether all the revealed Tablets are sent at once or gradually, there is no harm either way. In all cases wisdom should be observed—this has been and will continue to be closest to righteousness.

The Leaf of Paradise, upon her be My glory, her petition was received and two replies were revealed from the heaven of the Most Merciful's mercy specifically for her—one during Ridvan and another before it. Now one of these two is being sent. Give her these glad tidings from Me: Blessed is the house that is associated with the Most Great Gate and wherein the remembrance of God, the Lord of all worlds, has been raised.

God willing, may all act in a manner befitting the days of God. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of divine wisdom that the fragrance of pure deeds and praiseworthy character pervades and influences the world. God willing, may all be enabled to achieve this and may all servants and handmaidens arise to serve the Cause with complete sanctity and detachment. Such souls are the inheritors of earthly and heavenly dominion. Their mention shall not perish nor shall the world's vicissitudes alter it.

The garden of Mir Muhammad Beg has been accepted. Blessed is he who holds fast to the Book and acts according to what has been revealed therein from the presence of the All-Wise Ordainer. Whatsoever God, exalted be His glory, has commanded contains the welfare of His servants and its benefit returns to creation. Thus does the Truth testify. Blessed are they that act! Blessed are they that attain!

BH03195: We make mention of the people of Khadra who…

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

We make mention of the people of Khadra who have turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon, who have shattered the idols of desire in the name of their Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One—He summons you unto God, the Single, the All-Informed. Beware lest the crowing

of every crow and the doubting of every suspicious ignorant one prevent you. Hold fast unto the Sure Handle and cling to the hem of the mercy of your Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

Soon will Satan call out in the name of the All-Merciful—this is what We have informed you of beforehand, if you be of those who understand. Cast behind you all else but God and take hold of that which you have been commanded in His Mighty Book. God willing, may you be successful through divine favors.

The Truth, exalted be His glory, has counseled His servants in Books, Tablets and Scriptures, and has commanded unity and accord. All must fix their gaze upon and act according to that which God has commanded. We enjoin upon you and those who have believed pure justice. Blessed is the one who has attained unto this exalted station.

We have heard your call and have answered you that you might rejoice and be among the thankful ones. We counsel all to the Most Great Steadfastness, for the manifestations of Satan, with utmost humility and submissiveness, lie in wait and have led and continue to lead people astray in the name of truth. Guard yourselves, O My loved ones in that land, and be assured with clear certainty.

And regarding what you wrote about the brethren, God willing, they will not deviate from the Straight Path nor transgress justice.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O God of the world and Desire of the nations! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast caused rivers to flow and seas to be subdued, to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise and to enable me to do what Thou lovest and art pleased with, for in Thy grasp are the reins of all things—Thou withholdest and Thou givest, and verily Thou art the Strong, the Powerful.

Then I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, by Thy Most Exalted Word, to grant me the Most Great Steadfastness and the Greatest Intercession. Verily Thou art the Lord of humanity and the Sovereign of the throne and earth. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

BH03211: Praise be to God, thou didst inhale the fragrance…

In the Name of Him Who speaketh with unerring wisdom

Praise be to God, thou didst inhale the fragrance of the Divine raiment, and it guided thee unto the dawning-place of the Hidden Secret, and the dayspring of the Well-guarded Treasure: wherefore at length, on the wings of yearning and devotion, of rapture and attraction, thou didst set out to reach the Most Exalted Destination, traversing prairies, deserts, seas and mountains, until thou didst attain the Furthermost Bourne, and the Spot around which the Concourse on High circle in adoration. No station equalleth this station: thereto have testified the Books of God aforetime and hereafter, and withal this perspicuous and mighty Tablet.

Thy letters were received, and all were graced with an attentive hearing. Praise be to God, thou art occupied in remembrance of Him Who is the Beloved of the World, and steadfast in service to the Cause. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of sanctity that this utterance, which hath risen above the dayspring of

the Pen of the All-Merciful, shall never be blotted out from the pages of the world. Do thou recognize its station, and be of the thankful.

Please God, those souls who have fixed their gaze upon the Most Sublime Horizon, and laid fast hold upon the hem of the mercy of the Incomparable Friend, should, in teaching the Divine Cause, do so both with wisdom and with utterance. All matters today are dependent upon wisdom. Should wisdom not dictate it, it is not permitted to speak. All must cleave unto such matters as are conducive to the assurance and tranquillity of the people, for by reason of the clamour of the heedless the hearts of the weak are like to be sore shaken. Thy Lord, verily, is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

Blessed is the one who aideth his Lord with goodly deeds and a spiritual character; he, truly, is reckoned among the people of Baha' in the Crimson Book, wherein the Pen of the Most High hath inscribed the secrets of all that hath been and shall be. Wondrous and incomparable Verses have been sent down especially for thee. Please God, thou mayest attain unto them all, and, with perfect wisdom and eloquence, engage in service to the Cause—service such as will be permanent and lasting, to the degree that the evanescence of the world and all its vicissitudes shall never change it.

Teaching is the Divine command, provided it be undertaken with wisdom. He, verily, speaketh the truth; leadeth the way; and revealeth the proof. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Beauteous.

BH03180: Praise be to God Who hath described Himself…

In the Name of our Lord, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Praise be to God Who hath described Himself as the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden, and He is the Knower of all things. I was present before the Throne when the Ancient Beauty turned towards me and said, exalted be His grandeur and mighty His proof:

> "The Sacred House desired to turn towards God, the Lord of all worlds. We withheld the Pen from giving permission, but at this hour the sun of Will hath shone forth from the horizon of loving-kindness and We have permitted her, as a token of Our grace, for We are the Bountiful, the All-Wise. She may turn towards the Countenance of the Ancient Beauty accompanied by one of My Afnans. Thus hath the decree been sent down from Him Who possesseth the Preserved Tablet."
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> "We command [al-Khalil] and My Afnan to consult regarding this matter. If they find it in accordance with what We have sent down of wisdom in the Book, they may proceed; otherwise, to wait is preferable. Thus hath the decree shone forth from the Supreme Horizon from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

Since the decree of wisdom and consultation hath been recorded by the Pen of Command in God's Book, therefore the True One Himself hath desired to act accordingly, that it may serve as a path for those who have believed in God, the Lord of all worlds. The Glory be upon him who heareth the Word and acteth according to what hath been commanded by God, the One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

What was heard from the Tongue of Grandeur is what has been recorded here. And He said that this year or next year, whenever wisdom requireth, they may proceed, for the Most Exalted Leaf—upon her be the Most Glorious Glory of God and His Most Resplendent Light—hath long made this request of the True One, hence permission hath been granted. However, all must be done in accordance with wisdom.

The Command is in His hand and the decree revolves around the will of our Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. Glory be upon you and upon those who remember you and love you for the sake of God, the Goal of all worlds.

The servant

BH03178: Praise be to God Who created us and guided…

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

Praise be to God Who created us and guided us to the straight path, and blessing and peace be upon the Guide of ways and the Seal of Messengers through whom the book of the world was sealed, and upon His chosen ones, His pure ones and His loved ones who called the servants unto God, the King of the Day of Judgment. And then, may my spirit be a sacrifice for your remembrance. The servant was gladdened by what shone forth and appeared from the horizon of your words and your utterances which were adorned with praise of God, the Lord of the worlds. When I read and became informed, I presented myself before the Face and submitted it. Then the tongue of the Beloved spoke and said:

“O thou who gazeth upon the Cause and turneth toward the Countenance! We have heard what thou mentioned regarding the one who came to thee. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist him in His remembrance and praise and to confirm him in what He hath commanded in His Book. Verily He is the Giver, the Answerer, the Mighty, the Generous. And We have written for him that from which the sincere ones will find the fragrance of love and affection. To this doth every just and perceiving one testify. We send greetings upon the faces of the loved ones who act with goodness out of love for God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. And We send greetings upon thee and upon thy family, female and male. And praise be to God, the Possessor of the unseen and the seen.” End.

The evanescent servant in all conditions remembers your honor and your presence and the presence of the brothers who cast away that which is rejected to its people and took up that which is good as a command from the All-Merciful in the Furqan, and remembers his honor Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, and his brother, then his brother, upon them both be the loving-kindness of God and His grace, and beseeches Him, exalted be He, to make them among His chosen ones in His earth. Verily He is the Protector of every rememberer, the Answerer of every supplicant, the Merciful to every seeker of mercy, and the Goal of every perceiving speaker. And he sends greetings upon the people of your household and says at the end of his words: Verily praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant, on the 27th of Shawwal

BH03239: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great, the Most Exalted

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him and that He Who speaketh is indeed the One mentioned in the Books and inscribed in the Scriptures and Tablets. Every tongue hath testified to His appearance and every utterance hath borne witness to His arising with a Cause at whose manifestation all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck, except such as God, the Lord of all worlds, hath willed.

Say: By God! The gate of the most exalted Paradise hath been opened and the Lord of Names hath spoken the most sublime Word, whereupon the divine fragrance wafted and the breeze stirred, yet most of the people are turning away. This is the Day wherein every Prophet speaketh, every Messenger circleth round, and every possessor of mighty authority serveth.

Say: By God! The horizon of utterance hath been illumined by the Sun of knowledge. Blessed is he who hath heard the call of God and turned unto Him with a radiant face.

Say: Cast away what ye possess of idle fancies and take what ye are bidden in the Scriptures and Tablets from God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Every spirit hath hastened to the river of life and every heart hath turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon. Thus doth He command thee from Whose presence hath come this Cause, at whose appearance the foundations of the world were shaken and the limbs of every learned one trembled.

When thou findest the fragrances of My Pen as it raceth in the field of utterance in the name of its Lord, the All-Merciful, take it with hands of submission, place it upon thy head, and turn thy face toward My most exalted horizon.

Say: I believe in Thee, O Lord of Names, through Whom the Tree spoke on Sinai and prostrated before the effulgences of the lights of Thy most glorious countenance, that Thou mayest deliver Thy servants through the arms of Thy power and draw them nigh unto Thee. Thou art He to Whose mercy all created things have testified and to Whose loving-kindness every possessor of sublime knowledge hath borne witness.

Thus was opened the gate of utterance and there emerged from it the Book of Knowledge with such effulgences that were they to appear upon the earth in less than the eye of a needle, by God, all would be found thunderstruck upon the ground. Thus doth One in Whose presence is the perspicuous Book make mention unto thee.

Glory be upon thee and upon those who have hastened to the river of life and drunk therefrom in My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

BH03376: This is a Book We have sent down…

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed

This is a Book We have sent down to one who has turned to his Lord and attained His days, and has endured adversity and hardship in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds.

Thy letter hath come before Us time and again. We answer thee through this clear Book. The servant in attendance before Us hath presented what thou didst send unto him. We have heard it and make mention of thee, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Wise.

We have previously sent down unto thee that which drew the inhabitants of the most exalted Paradise to a noble station. Let not the affairs of the world grieve thee. By My life! They shall pass away, and thou shalt witness what hath been ordained for those near unto God. Be thou vocal in My Name, hold fast unto My cord, soar in My atmosphere, and cling to My luminous robe.

The servant present before Us hath presented what thou didst send unto Ism-i-Jud. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing. We have heard thy call in praise of thy Lord and found the fragrance of thy sincerity from the garment of thy utterance. Verily thy Lord comprehendeth in His knowledge all who are in the heavens and on earth.

We counsel thee and My loved ones with the wisdom that hath been sent down in the Books of God, thy Lord. He ordaineth as He pleaseth. There is no God but Him, the Commander, the All-Wise.

Convey My greetings to all the friends in that land. God willing, may ye be assisted in that which is befitting this Day and be enabled to fulfill what God hath sent down in the Book.

The weak among the people have been held back from the Dawning-Place of the Self-Subsisting by vain imaginings, and the sources of conjecture, who are the ignorant ones of the age, have become a barrier between eyes and the effulgent rays of the countenance of the Lord of Names. Glory be to God! Every person of understanding is amazed at how they have deprived themselves of everlasting and eternal blessings through the various colors of a day or two.

It is incumbent upon all to beseech God that He may, through the finger of His power, rend asunder the thick veils and withhold not the people of the world from the ocean of His grace. Verily He is the Strong, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Encompassing.

Glory be upon thee and upon those who have taken the cup of mystical knowledge from the hands of My bounty, and I am the Generous Giver.

BH03424: O Hysayn! The story of Husayn has returned…

He is the All-Knowing, Speaking Witness

O Hysayn! The story of Husayn has returned. In the midst of tribulation, he calls those in the kingdom of creation to God, the Lord of the worlds. He calls out among the serpents of the earth—to this testifies he who has been given knowledge from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

This is the Day of which God's Messengers have previously informed, and of whose praise every insightful scholar has spoken. This is the Day which the Bayan foretold, and before it the Books of God, the Most High, the Most Great.

But when He appeared in truth and the Promised One came, all in the world turned away except those who came before the All-Merciful with illumined hearts. The entire world awaited this most mighty, most holy Day, but when the appointed time arrived and the Source of verses was made manifest from the Dayspring of Will, all turned away save whom thy Lord wished. Such is the condition of the servants on the Day of Return.

All were created for this Cause, yet they remain heedless of it. Soon shall these days end and all things pass away, and they shall find themselves in grievous regret and manifest loss.

This is a Day wherein every soul is able to gain possession of that which will endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of utterance that the divine word which has flowed from the Most Exalted Pen is an everlasting treasure for the servants. Blessed is he who attains unto it, and woe unto those who turn away.

God willing, through the grace of the True One, exalted be His glory, thou shalt gain possession of that which neither perisheth nor changeth through centuries and ages. We have heard thy call and have answered thee through grace, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Munificent, the Generous.

Know thou the station of what hath been revealed for thee. By the life of God! Nothing can equal it, wert thou of them that know. We counsel thee to manifest supreme steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of all mankind. Thus doth the Most Exalted Pen command thee from its Most Great Prison.

Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained this mighty, glorious station.

BH03429: O Ghulam-Qubl-Husayn! Your letter was received and from it…

He is the All-Seeing Witness

O Ghulam-Qubl-Husayn! Your letter was received and from it We perceived the fragrance of your turning and devotion to the Most Exalted Horizon, and your recognition of the Most Great Word through which every wise matter hath been revealed. We make mention of you and those who have believed. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous One. The Wronged One hath confined matters to the mention of God and His loved ones, such that the shrill voice of His Pen hath never ceased from the world. To this beareth witness the Lord of Eternity from His luminous horizon. Blessed is the stranger who hath sought the most exalted homeland, and the thirsty one who hath hastened to the ocean of his Lord's mercy, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. We have sent down the verses and manifested the evidences and called all unto the All-Informed One. Among the people are those who believed then denied, and among them are those who turned away when they heard the call of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We counsel all to that whereby the Cause of God and His sovereignty may be exalted, and We aid those who act according to that which they have been commanded in the Book from the presence of an Ancient Commander.

God willing, thou shalt attain unto the reading of the divine verses and remain steadfast in His Cause, in such wise that the Gog of self and Magog of passion—meaning heedless souls—shall not prevent thee from the Dawning-Place of the light of oneness. O Ghulam-Qubl-Husayn! Blessed is the day in which thou wert born, and blessed is the day in which thou didst attain unto this Cause. By the life of God! Those souls who today are firm in the truth are the cause of bounty and blessing to the people of the earth. Although these stations are concealed today, yet they shall assuredly become manifest and evident in the earth. Praise be to the Beloved of the world Who assisted thee and made mention of thee with these sublime words. He is the Powerful, the All-Encompassing, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing. There is no God but He, the Mighty, the All-Surrounding.

The chalice of the grace of God, exalted be His glory, appeareth and is made manifest successively. God willing, all shall be enabled to partake thereof.

BH03363: God beareth witness that there is none other God…

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing.

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come is verily the One mentioned in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. Every Prophet hath announced the coming of this Day, and every Messenger hath groaned in His yearning for this Revelation, which when it appeared, all things proclaimed: The Kingdom is God's, the Most High, the Most Great. Blessed is the one whose strength was not weakened by the power of the divines from attaining this manifest grace.

O Muhammad, upon thee be My glory, My loving-kindness and My mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. We have heard thy call and answered thee, and witnessed thy turning and turned unto thee from this Spot which hath been named by all names in the Book of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Let not the affairs of men grieve thee, nor the deeds of the aggressive ones prevent thee. Arise to remember and praise amidst the peoples of creation. Thus doth command thee He with Whom is the perspicuous Book.

We make mention in this place of thy father who was adorned with the ornament of the loving-kindness of his Lord, the All-Merciful. He hath ascended unto God and the Concourse on High found from him the fragrance of My love, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Blessed is he and blessed is he who remembereth him, and woe unto every heedless doubter. The Glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of the tender mercy of the Lord of Names, and the Light radiating and gleaming from this most exalted Station be upon him and upon those who love him and remember him after his ascension, even as the Most Exalted Pen hath spoken in this Luminous Tablet.

By God's life! Nothing that is seen today shall endure—all shall perish in less than a moment, and there shall remain for Him and His chosen ones that which hath been revealed from My Most Exalted Pen and ordained by My binding, mighty Command. Rejoice, O Muhammad, in this Most Great Remembrance. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to pour forth upon thee patience from His presence and to console thee through His grace. Verily He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Be thou in all conditions reliant upon

Him. He is assuredly with His trusting servants. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH03415: O leaf who art related to My name "Beauty"!...

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O leaf who art related to My name "Beauty"! The wronged One hath heard of thy sorrow and what hath befallen thee. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. This is a Day wherein every deed is weighed in the balance of thy Lord, and this is a Day wherein the earth and the mountains and the seas and the trees speak forth.

Let not the happenings of the world sadden thee. Make thy joy and happiness to consist in the grace of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Be not grieved at the loss of children. God willing, He will bestow His grace. He is, verily, the Generous, the Bountiful. Whatsoever appeareth hath not been, and is not, outside of divine wisdom. The people of insight and understanding have borne and do bear witness to this truth.

Today thou art blessed with something that is seen to be more distinguished and more faithful than a hundred thousand children. Today is different from other days. Every soul who hath drunk even a drop from the Kawthar of knowledge doth acknowledge that which the Pen of God hath acknowledged.

Children are for the preservation of remembrance and good deeds and the perpetuation of name and the like. And if God, exalted be His glory, should bestow His grace and that child should also be adorned with the ornament of worthiness and humanity and righteousness, his remembrance would still, with the passage of time, soon come to an end. But the mention of the Most Exalted Pen endureth, through the duration of the Most Beautiful Names. Hold fast unto this, if thou be of the people of Baha.

Better than what thou hast, and more exalted than that, is with thee, but thou art unaware of it. If thou shouldst become aware of it, God willing, thou shalt attain unto the most great joy and supreme happiness. Thus hath My Pen spoken, as a grace unto My name. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the inheritors of Thy Kingdom and the guardians of the House of Thy Cause to ordain for me an heir who shall inherit from me through Thy bounty and favors. Thou art, verily, the Best of inheritors. Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the mystics and Goal of the worlds and Glory of the hearts of the sincere ones.

BH03343: A remembrance from Us unto him who hath been...

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

A remembrance from Us unto him who hath been illumined by the rays of the Sun when it shone forth from the supreme horizon from the presence of the Lord of Names, that the remembrance may draw him unto a station wherein the allusions of the learned shall not withhold him from the Creator of heaven. He

speaketh that which the Tree of the Furthermost Boundary hath spoken in the kingdom of creation: Verily, there is none other God beside Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The world hath been adorned through the appearance of the Ancient King, and yet most of the people remain heedless. They have taken their vain imaginings and cast the Book of God behind their backs. Thus have their souls prompted them—they are indeed among the most lost.

Say: By God! The Most Great Book hath appeared and verily it speaketh throughout the world and beareth glad-tidings unto all peoples. God hath come with manifest sovereignty. Thus hath the horizon of knowledge been illumined by the Sun of the remembrance of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, Who speaketh the truth: There is none other God but I, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

Remember on My behalf My loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of My Book and My remembrance. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Blessed is he who hath cast away vain imaginings and turned unto the Dawning-Place of Revelation on this Day which was promised in the Scriptures of God, the Lord of the worlds. Beware lest conjectures withhold you from the Dawning-Place of certitude, or the intimations of the opposers cause you to fear—they who have followed their desires and broken God's Covenant and His Testament when He came with the Manifestation of His Cause, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing. Thus hath the Tongue of Revelation spoken while seated upon the throne in His mighty prison.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God and the God of all existence, the Lord of the unseen and the seen! I beseech Thee by the Manifestations of Thy Cause and the Dawning-Places of Thy Revelation, who have turned toward this Most Glorious Horizon, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which Thou didst ordain for Thy chosen ones who hastened to the place of sacrifice, yearning for Thy Beauty and seeking reunion with Thee. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee, clinging unto Thee, and holding fast to the hem of Thy mercy. Do with me as beseemeth Thee. Thou art He to Whose power and sovereignty all atoms bear witness, and to my poverty before the revelation of Thy riches. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH03443: From the Most Exalted Fruit of the Divine Tree…

From the Most Exalted Fruit of the Divine Tree of the Supreme Pen came this blessed word, which the Dayspring of the Light of Divine Unity spoke aforetime: "Whoso is God's, God is his." And this most exalted and glorious station cannot be attained except through recognition of the Manifestation of the divine names and attributes. Blessed is he who hath attained unto this most exalted station, and well is it with him who hath heard the Call and answered his Lord. He is indeed recorded among those who have attained in a mighty Tablet.

Your letter was received and from it were inhaled the sweet fragrances of love and devotion. God willing, through divine grace you shall become a guide to the path and a cup-bearer of the heavenly wine—that is, you shall bestow upon the people, in the name of God, the choice sealed wine which hath been unsealed by the finger of might, that perchance those who slumber may awaken and those who are heedless may turn toward the supreme horizon. This is the Day whose mention hath been recorded in the

divine Books of the past and future. Blessed is the eye that hath beheld what hath appeared in truth, and the ear that hath heard this wondrous Call.

We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to aid you to serve His Cause in such wise that you may set ablaze the whole world with the fire of divine love. Verily He is the One Who doeth what He willeth through His word “Be” and it is! Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast subdued all who dwell in the kingdom of creation through the movement of Thy Most Exalted Pen!

I beseech Thee by the sovereignty of Names, and by the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the Dayspring of Thine inspiration, to aid me to serve Thy Cause in such wise that my name may endure thereby in Thy Kingdom. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thy horizon, acknowledging Thy power and might. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy love in such wise that neither the might of princes nor the power of the powerful shall deter me. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the kingdoms of the heavens and earth. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH03584: O Mahmud! The All-Loving remembereth thee from this praiseworthy…

He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth.

O Mahmud! The All-Loving remembereth thee from this praiseworthy station and summoneth thee unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We have heard thy cry and lamentation in the days of thy Lord and We know thy condition. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He hath heard thy call and hath answered thee with that which all the treasures of the earth cannot equal. Rejoice thou and be of them that are thankful.

The world and whatsoever is therein shall perish. Where are the Caesars and their palaces? Where are the Pharaohs and their might? Where are the tyrants and their dominion? They have returned from their palaces to their tombs. Verily thy Lord is the Remembrancer, the All-Wise. Where is the Prime Minister of Iran and his pride? Where is his grandeur and his power? Where is his beaming smile and his decisive command and his pampered form? He hath returned to his abode, fearful, agitated, trembling from the fear of God, the Lord of all worlds. We bear witness that he showed a measure of love and in his final days there appeared from him nothing that would sadden the Ancient Beauty in this mighty Revelation.

O Mahmud! Grieve not for what hath befallen thee. Rather rejoice in this clear remembrance. Give thanks unto God for having made known unto thee this Cause from which every doubting learned one hath been debarred. Verily thou hast been remembered before the Wronged One and the glance of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing, hath been directed towards thee.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of the world! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name through which every door was opened and every tongue did speak and every poor one was enriched, to ordain for me what beseemeth Thy greatness and Thy power and Thy generosity and Thy favors. O my Lord! I am he who hath turned unto Thee and hath placed his trust in Thee. Ordain for me what shall profit me in Thy worlds. Verily Thou knowest what is within myself while I know not what is

within Thyself. Thou art verily the Almighty, the Powerful. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH03476: In the name of the All-Knowing Speaker! Some time…

In the name of the All-Knowing Speaker! Some time ago in a letter from this servant, mention of you was revealed from the Most Exalted Pen. God willing, you will drink the choice wine of the Merciful's bounty at all times and remain focused on its horizon. Through God's special favors you have aimed for the ultimate goal and attained that which was in the divine Books of the past and future.

This is the Day which all the Prophets and Messengers gave glad tidings of to the people and announced. Blessed is he who heard and turned and attained, and woe to every heedless doubter. Strange are those souls who consider themselves believers in the Book yet remain heedless of and turn away from the Mother Book. They speak according to their desires and say that which none before them have said. Your Lord, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, bears witness to this.

Thank God for having caused you to hear and recognize and enabled you to make mention of this Remembrance at Whose appearance all remembrances were struck with terror, as attested by Him Who has proclaimed that there is no God but Me, the Manifest, the Hearing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. God willing, you will at all times be occupied with assisting the Cause of God, exalted be His glory, and move according to His will and purpose.

By God's life! You have attained unto a word that cannot be equaled by the treasures of earth nor by that which is with the kings and rulers. Today, whosoever has attained to divine remembrance has come to possess a jewel whose worth and value the people of creation are powerless to reckon.

Preserve it and say: Yours is the praise, O Lord of Names, and Yours is the glory, O Creator of heaven! I beseech You by the sovereignty of Names to assist me in Your remembrance and praise and in aiding Your Cause amongst Your servants. Then establish for me and my family a station in the shade of the Tree of Your grace. You are He to Whose power all created things have testified, and to Whose grandeur and might all contingent beings have borne witness. There is no God but You, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH03465: We make mention of him who has turned…

He is the Manifest, the Speaker, the Expounder

We make mention of him who has turned to the Countenance, through that which God has made the wine of divine knowledge for all who dwell in the realm of possibility, and a sign of the Ancient One amongst the peoples, that he may rejoice in his Lord's favors and arise to serve this Cause—the Cause through whose manifestation traces were obliterated, thrones toppled, standards reversed, eyes were dazed, and the hearts of the mystics were troubled, save those rescued by the hand of grace as a bounty from God, the Lord of all worlds.

O Asad! We have heard your call and answered you as a favor from Us. We have witnessed your turning to God, the Creator of heaven, and We have turned toward you from the Most Exalted Horizon. Verily your Lord is the Mighty, the Generous.

This is a Day that cannot be compared with previous centuries, months and years, for it is associated with your Lord and was named the Day of God in the Books of the Prophets and Messengers. This is the Day which Moses heralded in the Torah, and the Spirit [Christ] in the Gospel, and after them Muhammad the Messenger of God. Read what the All-Merciful has revealed in the Qur'an:

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

Say: Fear God, O peoples of the earth! He Who was promised in the Psalms and Tablets has come, He Who was mentioned in the Scriptures of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: Come, that I may show you His most exalted horizon and cause you to hear what the Speaker of the Mount uttered in His mighty prison. Verily He has appeared with the truth and has manifested what He desired as a bounty from His presence. There is none other God but Him, the Speaker, the Manifest, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

We counsel you and those who have believed to show forth the greatest steadfastness in this mighty, impregnable Cause. Rejoice in that you have been mentioned before the Wronged One, and that My Most Exalted Pen has moved to make mention of you from this sublime station. Glory be upon you and upon those whom the affairs of the world have not prevented from turning to the Countenance, and whom veils have not barred from this luminous horizon.

BH03687: Your letter hath come before Us in the Most…

In His Name, the Desired One!

Your letter hath come before Us in the Most Great Prison, the Spot wherefrom God, the Lord of ancient days, doth gaze. Therein thou didst beseech God, the Lord of the worlds and the Desire of the nations, saying:

> "O Lord of the worlds and Creator of the nations! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name to make me, in all conditions, a servant of Thy Cause, a helper of Thy Faith, one who remembereth Thy Name, who uttereth that which Thou hast sent down through Thy sovereignty, and who acteth according to that which hath been inscribed in Thy Book."

We have heard thy call and whatsoever thou didst ask of thy Lord, We have answered thee as a token of Our grace, for verily We are the All-Bountiful. We have made thee a servant of Our Cause and aided thee to make mention of Me and to praise Me, that thou mayest render thanks unto thy Lord, the Almighty. And We have written for thee and for thy brethren and thy kindred that which thou didst desire from God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forebears of old. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the recognition of God in His days and for having quaffed the choice wine in His wondrous Name.

Thy letter hath come before Us time and again, and the Concourse on High, then the angels and the Spirit, have found from each one the fragrance of thy sincerity, thy turning and thy devotion to the All-

Knowing One. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee in this and enabled thee in such wise that the Lord of ancient days maketh mention of thee from this glorious station.

And in thy letter was mention of My servant Kamal who attained unto My presence and circled round Me. He is among those who attained unto the recognition of God at the beginning of the Nine, concerning which the Point of the Bayan gave tidings in His words:

> "In the year Nine ye shall attain unto the presence of God."

It behooveth him to preserve this station and to render thanks unto his Lord, the Merciful. We make mention of him and his family and his sons, for verily We are the All-Knowing Remembrancer.

And We make mention of Javad who was present in Baghdad and attained unto the Most Great Light when it shone forth from that manifest horizon. We send Our greetings upon the faces of Our loved ones in that place and give them the glad-tidings of God's grace and mercy, and We counsel them to remain steadfast in this mighty Cause.

BH03799: May you ever drink from the ocean of joy…

In the name of the one true God!

May you ever drink from the ocean of joy and soar in the atmosphere of gladness and delight. In truth, the atmosphere worthy for the soaring of the hearts of the friends of God hath been sanctified from the atmospheres of these dark cities and these lands that profit not. I swear by the ocean of utterance that I grieve with their grief and rejoice in their joy.

Praise be to God, the favors of the True One have been and shall continue to be with you. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid you and assist you and grant you the good of this world and the next. Hereafter be not grieved. aforetime hath this word flowed from the Pen: How many who were remote have been addressed by My Tongue as near ones, and how many who were near have been pronounced remote. Thus doth the truthful and trustworthy Tongue recount unto thee.

In these days this land is not free from controversies. From what is known, the atmosphere of that place is many degrees lighter and more pleasant and better than the most ruined of cities. If there be difficulties in affairs, they shall be resolved outwardly and inwardly, God willing.

Now too a group in the Most Holy Presence make mention of you and of her who is with you. Think not that you have vanished from sight. Verily He loveth faithfulness and hath chosen it for Himself in the kingdom of creation. With utmost joy and delight speak and drink and act as befitteth man.

The glory be upon thee and upon her who is with thee. The dwellers of the pavilion of chastity have ever mentioned and continue to mention you. This evanescent servant conveyeth his greetings to your honor. Verily with the hands of petition and supplication do I cling to the hem of God's generosity and beseech Him to ordain for you both that which shall gladden your hearts. Verily He is the Answerer of prayer and the Friend of those who love Him.

BH04119: O Kamal, thou hast been blessed with two great…

In the name of the peerless Lord!

O Kamal, thou hast been blessed with two great bounties: First, that in the year Nine thou wast vouchsafed the presence of God, concerning which the Primal Point gave all this glad-tiding in His words: “And in the year Nine ye shall be blessed with attaining the presence of God.” Likewise thou wert honored with the divine exposition regarding the blessed verse “all food,” and this is that which the Primal Point gave glad-tidings of: “And in the year Nine ye shall comprehend all good.” Thou shouldst at all times be thankful to the All-Merciful that He blessed thee with this most great bounty. Thou didst drink from the ocean of reunion and partake of the Kawthar of His presence.

Thy petitions reached the Most Holy Court time and again. We heard thy call and perceived the fragrance of thy love from thy prayers and remembrances. All the souls thou didst mention in thy writings were remembered at the Most Holy Court and were adorned with the ornament of the favors of the Lord of all being. Blessed art thou and they! Give them My glad-tidings and proclaim unto their faces, as bidden by God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

We counsel all to steadfastness, for the clamorous ones have been and are lying in wait for the believers and the sincere ones. Say: Should anyone come to you with the book of the netherworld and its pages, cast them behind you, then know that he is the clamorous one promised in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Loving. The Glory be upon thee and upon My loved ones and My handmaidens who have believed in God, the Lord of existence.

O Kamal! The Self-Sufficient, the Most High, counseleth thee to render thy humility and reverence wholly unto God alone. This is a word wherewith We counseled thee in Baghdad—keep it before thine eyes as a command from Me, and I am the True Counselor.

BH04286: Thy letter was presented before the Most Great Horizon…

In the Name of the Ever-Abiding, the All-Seeing

Thy letter was presented before the Most Great Horizon and attained unto the court of the Lord of Names. Thou hadst expressed grief—yet this is the Day of supreme joy, for the Sun of Revelation hath dawned from the horizon of God’s Will and the ocean of bounty is surging. Turn away thine eyes from the ways of the world and its people, and fix thy gaze upon the movements of the leaves suspended from the Divine Lote-Tree.

I swear by the Sun of grace shining from the horizon of the prison—if thou attainest unto that which hath been mentioned, neither the world nor all that is therein shall prevent thee from this supreme joy made manifest today through the appearance of the Lord of Power. This is the Day whereon “The All-Merciful is established upon the throne,” not the day of “Lord, Lord!” God willing, thou shalt taste the sweetness of the All-Merciful’s utterance. By My life! If thou findest it, it will draw thee to a station wherefrom thou shalt never be heedless, even should all the hosts of earth seek to prevent thee.

With complete trust, supreme steadfastness and manifest certitude, occupy thyself with teaching God's Cause, that perchance thou mayest guide the lost to the divine homeland and give the thirsty to drink from the living waters. His grace shall become manifest and His assistance shall reach thee. Be thou assured and be of the thankful ones.

He hath imparted that which is truth and graciously bestowed it, and what is required of you is to act according to that which hath been sent down in this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet from the Supreme Pen. Give thanks unto God for having been mentioned in His presence and for having attained unto this Tablet which shall testify for thee in all the worlds of thy Lord. This is a mighty station—preserve it through His Name, the Preserver, the Ancient.

BH04165: God willing, through the bounty of the One True…

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

God willing, through the bounty of the One True God, may you be safe and steadfast, watchful and speaking, and acting according to what He loves and is pleased with.

If you ask about conditions in this land, every day comfort and ease are declining while hardship, calamity and trials are increasing. Nothing shall befall us except what God has ordained for us. Were it not for the glad-tidings "Give thou good news unto the patient ones," the threats of "We shall surely prove you with somewhat of fear" would have transported the servants from existence to non-existence, just as He brought them from non-existence into being. In any case, We previously informed of the events in this land and its turmoil. We beseech God, glorified and mighty be He, to hasten what He has ordained. By Him Who caused Me to speak as He desired—if mention were made of the matters that have occurred, it would surely increase your grief. Therefore silence is preferable.

Your letters—all that you sent before and after addressed to My name Mihdi, upon him be My glory—the servant in attendance mentioned them, and likewise what you addressed to this Prisoner. The delay in replying has been due to intense sorrows and other matters. However, God is witness and aware that you have been and are in Our thoughts.

We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist you in what is befitting today and to ordain what will be the cause of joy and gladness. Peace and glory be upon you and upon she who was with you and accompanied you, and upon whoever holds fast to God's firm cord. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH04336: O Javad! The letter which his honor Aqa Muhammad…

He is God, exalted be His glory

O Javad! The letter which his honor Aqa Muhammad, glory be upon him, wrote to you was presented before the Most Holy Court. God willing, he and those who are with him will attain to divine favors and drink again and again from the fountain of joy which flows in the name of the Lord of the Manifestation, in such wise that earthly troubles and human conditions cannot affect it. Praise be to God, they are

adorned with the ornament of God's grace and act according to what hath been revealed in the Book. Blessed is he who maketh his utterance for God and his work for God and his orientation toward God and his patience in God. And at the end of the letter his honor Abdul-Baha, glory be upon him, requested that after receiving permission you visit and circumambulate on his behalf. Permission hath appeared—turn thy face to Him Who mentioned thee and remembereth thee, then do as he desired. Whoso hath loved Me and sought My station until he attained what he desired—verily We send greetings from this station upon him and upon him and upon them and upon thee. God willing, may all abide and rest beneath the shade of God's mercy.

Mention was made in that letter of his honor Shaykh Ali, glory be upon him. God willing, may he in all conditions gaze upon the Dawning-Place of the Manifestation of the All-Possessing, the Most High, and receive his portion from the outpourings of these special days. Verily We have mentioned him and do mention him and We beseech God to assist him in what He loveth and is pleased with. The glory from Us be upon him and upon those who have attained unto what God hath desired in His perspicuous Book.

BH04238: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

He is the One manifest above all things

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. His are the greatness and power, might and sovereignty. He giveth and withholdeth, and He is sanctified above mention of what hath been and what shall be. He Who speaketh is indeed the Hidden Name and the Treasured Symbol, Who hath appeared through this Name, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Thy letter which thou didst send to the servant who is present hath been read before the Wronged One. We have heard and answered thee through this Tablet, the mighty and ordained. All things have testified to the Revelation of God and His sovereignty, yet the people understand not. The Cock of the Throne hath crowed and the Dove of the Cause hath warbled in remembrance of this Most Great Remembrance, yet the people know not.

Blessed art thou for having turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon when the learned ones of the earth turned away from it, save whom God, the Lord of the seen and unseen, did will. Know thou the worth of this station—by the life of God, nothing on earth can equal it, as doth testify He with Whom is the Preserved Tablet. Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones who cast away idle fancies on this Day whereon the Trump was sounded and the Mount spoke forth: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Sovereign Lord of all existence!"

Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, then turn thy face toward the Prison and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Wronged One, for having spent what Thou didst possess in the path of God, the Lord of all the worlds. I testify that Thou hast appeared and made manifest what was hidden in the knowledge of God. Thou didst speak and caused all things to speak in praise of Thy Name, the All-Compelling over what was and what shall be."

BH04585: O ʿIzziyyih! God willing, may you gaze toward…

In the name of the All-Knowing Lord!

O ʿIzziyyih! God willing, may you gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon, walk upon the straight path of Truth, and voice the praise of the True One, exalted be His glory and all-encompassing be His bounty.

God is aware that from the letter you sent, such grief was brought about that mention of it would surely cause sorrows beyond measure—that is, beyond moderation—or its effects would appear in wilderness, deserts and mountains. God bears witness that this Wronged One has wished to behold you as befits you, even as the name bestowed upon you stands as a truthful witness and an eloquent testimony.

The mercy and grace of God are of such magnitude that pen and tongue are truly powerless to describe them. Verily He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful, and verily He is the All-Compassionate, the All-Generous. We beseech God to set right all affairs.

Be not grieved at what has befallen you. God willing, you shall attain to the greatest joy and soar with utmost gladness and delight in the atmosphere of God's good-pleasure.

Remember thy Lord with these sublime words:

> "Glory be unto Thee, O Master of existence and Knower of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which, when it shone forth upon the mirrors of all created things, was reflected therein that there is none other God but Him, to draw me ever closer to Thee in all conditions and to strengthen me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Generous."

The Glory be upon thee and upon my leaves and handmaidens who have believed in the Single One, the All-Informed.

BH04730: Your mention was mentioned before the One Who…

In the name of the All-Knowing Lord!

Your mention was mentioned before the One Who is Mentioned, and an answer was revealed from the Most Exalted Pen. God willing, may you be confirmed and assisted in what God loves and is pleased with, and be adorned with such conduct and deeds as will cause the exaltation of God's Cause.

Blessed is the soul that is today illumined by the lights of the Manifestation of God and has attained to His recognition. All beings were created for this Day, yet all were found heedless and veiled save whom God willed.

Say: O friends! Words alone have not sufficed and will never suffice. You must manifest such deeds that all souls will testify that you are distinguished from others and are truly related to the Truth. Strive, ere time is lost, to attain such a station whose mention will endure as long as the Kingdom endures. Hold fast unto pure servitude unto God, the True One.

We have previously informed all of the appearance of the cawers and the liars. All must hold fast to the cord of steadfastness and be detached and free from all save God, in such wise that the gestures and words of the cawers will not prevent them from the straight path nor deprive them of the Truth. He speaks the truth and the Command is God's, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Give thanks to the Beloved of the world that He has not deprived you and has mentioned you in this exalted Tablet. Verily your Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

BH04792: Say: O God of Names and Creator of earth…

In the Name of Him Who is Sanctified above all mention

Say: O God of Names and Creator of earth and heaven! I beseech Thee by the yearning of them that are near unto Thee in their separation from Thee, and by the sighing of them that long for Thee in Thy days, to cause me to acknowledge that which the Tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken before the creation of Thy heaven and Thy earth.

O my Lord! Aid me in Thy Cause in such wise that the veils of the world shall not prevent me from turning to Thy face, nor shall the doubts of the nations hinder me from standing firm in Thy Cause.

O my Lord! All created things have testified to Thy power, might and strength, and all contingent beings have acknowledged Thy grandeur, dominion and sovereignty. Who is there, O my God, whom Thou hast rendered deprived when he turned to the ocean of Thy bounty, and who is there, O my Beloved, whom Thou hast forsaken when he held fast to the cord of Thy grace and the hem of the robe of Thy favors?

I bear witness, and all existence both seen and unseen beareth witness, to Thy tender mercies and bestowals. I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which beseemeth Thee and Thy days, and to aid me to stand firm in this Cause whose loftiness, exaltation and greatness have been attested by the Books, the Scriptures, the Psalms and the Tablets.

O Lord! Thou art the All-Bountiful, possessed of the Most Great Name, and I am the poor one, possessed of great poverty. I beseech Thee by Thy mercy which hath preceded all created things, and by Thy grace which hath encompassed the earth and the heavens. There is no God but Thee, the Lord of all worlds, the Ultimate Goal of the hopes of them that yearn, and the Ultimate End of the purpose of them that seek.

Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is the dominion of all worlds.

BH04864: O Abu'l-Hasan! God willing thou art sustained by His…

He is the True, the Faithful!

O Abu'l-Hasan! God willing thou art sustained by His lordly favours and art occupied with such deeds as befit His Day. Regard faith as a tree: its fruits and leaves, its branches and boughs are, and ever have been, truthfulness, trustworthiness, rectitude of conduct, and forbearance. Be assured of God's sustaining grace, and engage thyself with service to His Faith. We have designated thee a trustee of God, have bidden thee to observe that which shall exalt the Cause of Him Who is the Lord of the worlds, and

have bestowed upon thee the right to receive Huqúqu'lláh. Consort with the people in a spirit of amity and concord, and be unto them a loyal counsellor and a loving companion. Content thyself then with that which We have ordained for thee.

In this Day it is incumbent upon all to evince true resignation. The Primal Point Himself hath informed every soul and summoned them to this lofty and sublime station, that all may attain unto the good pleasure of God, may forsake their own desires, of whose ultimate consequence they remain ignorant, and may fix their gaze upon the will of God. Nor is this fleeting life of such worth that it should distract any soul from the True One or deflect him from that which is pleasing unto Him.

Convey Our greetings to all Our loved ones and remind them of this station, which in truth is the loftiest of stations. Thus hath this Wronged One bidden thee, that thou mayest yield thanks to thy God, the Lord of utterance and bounty. My glory be upon thee and upon them that have acted as bidden by Him Who is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH04614: Praise be to God Who sent forth the Messengers…

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

Praise be to God Who sent forth the Messengers, revealed the Books and guided mankind to the straight path. And peace and blessings be upon Him through Whom prophethood and messengership were sealed, and by the lights of Whose countenance the horizons were illumined.

The purpose of the True One, glorified be His majesty, in creating the children of Adam has been to manifest His grace and bounty. In all ages and centuries, the channels of His overflowing grace have been the Prophets and chosen ones. These are the Manifestations of His Cause, the Dawning-Places of His revelation, the Recipients of His knowledge and the Rising-Points of His wisdom among creation. And whenever the horizon of the world was illumined by the light of a Manifestation, all turned away save whom God willed. Blessed are those souls whom worldly conditions did not prevent from recognizing the Lord of Names. God willing, may the saved community be assisted to perform such deeds as will cause the exaltation of the Cause. In all ages, the helper of truth has been goodly deeds and spiritual qualities. Blessed is he who holds fast unto them, and woe unto the heedless.

O friend! Thou art mentioned in the presence of this Wronged One. Due to the weakness of certain souls, at times the Pen is forbidden from writing and likewise the tongue from speaking. We beseech God to assist and confirm thee in that which He loves and is pleased with, and to ordain for thee the good of this world and the next. Verily He is the Lord of all creation and the Sovereign of the throne on high and of earth below.

BH04902: O thou of tender age, O Badí', rejoice…

He is the One Who beholds, witnesses, hears and sees.

O thou of tender age, O Badí', rejoice in that thou art remembered by the Fashioner of the heavens and earth, Who has come with a Cause that has shaken the foundations of idle fancies and vain imaginings.

He is the One through Whom the greatest commotion appeared amongst mankind and the Lord of Destiny spoke forth: “There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bestower.”

Blessed art thou and blessed is thy father who ascended unto God, the Lord of the Final End. The Most Exalted Pen hath testified for him to that which nothing created in the kingdom of creation can equal, as doth testify unto this He with Whom is the Mother Book.

O Badi’, God willing, mayest thou be the recipient of divine favors. We praise the Beloved of the world in thy tongue, for He brought thee forth from one who attained unto a praiseworthy station. Blessed is he, and blessed art thou, and blessed is thy mother who migrated and journeyed until she attained unto the station which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. And blessed is he who reforms thine affairs purely for the sake of God, the Lord of all worlds.

Divine favors have been and are directed towards you. God willing, the friends in that land who have drunk from the Kawthar of eternity and who gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon will not neglect your affairs and will exert their utmost efforts to improve them according to their capacity.

The glory be upon thee and upon thy father and upon whosoever loves him and visits him and remembers his days in God, the Lord of the heavens and earths.

BH04923: O Muhammad! The attending servant has presented what was…

He is the Most Ancient

O Muhammad! The attending servant has presented what was in your letter. We have heard it and answered you. Rejoice and be among the thankful ones.

Thank God for having enabled you to serve Him and for bringing you into His presence and entrusting to you the reins of affairs of those who come to Him by His leave. Verily your Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

We make mention of you and those who have emigrated in the path of God and His love, and have attained the permission upon which the acceptance of all things depends in a clear Book.

Ask God to assist the people of Baha to do what He loves and is pleased with, and to adorn them with the garments of light between earth and heaven, that all things may find from them the fragrance of sanctity and faithfulness. Verily your Lord is the Expositor, the All-Knowing.

Make mention on My behalf of My loved ones who have entered beneath the shadow of their Lord’s mercy, and convey My greetings to their faces, then honor their dwelling place through My firm and mighty command.

And concerning what you asked about My condition—it is stable to a degree. Verily your Lord is the Answerer.

Ask God to heal the world and cure it of its diseases. Verily He is the Healer, the Almighty.

A traveler must not abstain except after My permission. Say: Eat and drink in enjoyment. He decrees as He pleases and in His grasp is the kingdom of command. No one may say "why"—whoever says this has disbelieved in God, the Lord of the worlds.

The glory be upon you and upon them and upon those who have fasted by My leave out of love for Me. Thus have We adorned the tablet with the ornament of utterance. Verily your Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Powerful, the Mighty.

BH04924: Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God! He…

Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God! He is the Speaker, the Manifest, the Compassionate, the Generous

O Muhammad! Mention was made of thee before the Wronged One. We make mention of thee in this Mighty Tablet, which hath been sent down from the heaven of the will of thy Lord, the Merciful, the Compassionate. Blessed is he who hath turned toward the Most Sublime Horizon, and blessed is he who with attentive ear hath heard the call of his Most Glorious Lord, Who from the Most Great Prison summoned all unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

By God! The hosts of earth did not prevent Us, nor did their guns and ranks frighten Us. The Tongue hath spoken as He desired concerning this Cause, whereby the limbs of those divines who turned away and pronounced judgment against God, the Mighty, the Wise, have quaked with fear. These are they who disputed the signs of God and committed that which caused the denizens of the highest Paradise and the dwellers of the cities of names to lament. To this testifieth every fair-minded and perceiving one.

Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath heard the call of the Wronged One from the precincts of His mighty prison. The world and whatsoever is therein shall pass away, but that which hath been sent down from the Supreme Pen shall endure, as bidden by the Ordainer, the All-Informed.

The Tree crieth out, yet the people understand not. The Book speaketh with truth, yet mankind perceive not. Man uttereth speech, yet the people hear not. The Beloved giveth glad tidings to creation of this Revelation, yet they turn not unto it. The Spirit informeth them, yet they know not. By God! The earth discourseth and the Mount speaketh. Joy unto him who hath heard and responded, and woe unto every heedless one who is veiled.

Be thou steadfast in the Cause, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

BH04704: Praise be to Him Who is the Purpose…

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

Praise be to Him Who is the Purpose of the world and the Object of worship of all peoples, Who through His Most Great Word made manifest the River of Life in the contingent world and guided all to it. Blessed is the soul that has sought it and turned to it and drunk therefrom in His Name, the Mighty, the All-Wise. And woe unto him who hath turned away and hesitated before this supreme bounty.

Thereafter, your letter was received which brought the utmost joy. I beseech God, glorified be His majesty, that He may ever keep you protected and joyful beneath the shade of the Tree of His loving-kindness.

Although the recent news caused infinite grief, yet whatsoever occurs in the path of divine love, even if it be sheer detriment, is assuredly pure good. Blessed is he unto whom hath happened in His path that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an through His words "Then wish for death, if ye do speak the truth." In any case, whatsoever occurs in the path of the Friend's good-pleasure is beloved.

The essence is the knowledge of God and love of God. Whosoever attaineth unto this station, by the life of God, death shall not grieve him, nor shall armies prevent him, nor shall earthly conditions sadden him, nor shall ranks frighten him.

As for the permission that was sought—affairs are bound to their appointed times. It is hoped that permission will be granted and they shall attain unto it.

The glory be upon you, and we beseech Him, exalted be He, to ordain for you the good of this world and the next. Verily He is the Giver, the Responsive.

BH05052: A remembrance from the Wronged One to him who…

He is the Witness and the Witnessed

A remembrance from the Wronged One to him who hath turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon when the Lord of all beings came with the Most Great Sign and summoned all created things to a station which the Creator of heaven had revealed in the Books of old and in His Mighty Book which was named the Furqan by the All-Merciful, whereby God distinguished between truth and falsehood. Verily He is the Almighty Whom nothing can frustrate. He doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty. He is in truth the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

This is a Day wherein the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen hath been raised and the Herald hath proclaimed: "The Promised One hath come with manifest sovereignty." We have inhaled from thee the fragrance of acceptance. We have turned unto thee and make mention of thee in this perspicuous Tablet. Take hold of it with the hand of strength and steadfastness and say: O my God, my Lord, my Support, my Beloved, and my Hope! I beseech Thee by Thy tender mercies which have preceded all created things and by Thy mercy which hath encompassed all contingent beings, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm and immovable in Thy love. O my Lord! I beseech Thee to assist me under all conditions to remember and praise Thee in such wise that neither the books of the world nor the intimations of the nations shall prevent me, and to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones whom neither souls nor bodies nor riches deterred from Thy love. Thou art, verily, the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in His grasp is the kingdom of names. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH05186: O Isma'il! We have heard thy call…

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

O Isma'il! We have heard thy call, and the response thereto hath issued forth from the Source of utterance, the Beloved of the world, that both the outward and inward eye may be illumined and behold the highest horizon, and that the ear of the soul may hearken to the call of the Divine Lote-Tree.

O Isma'il! A single flame from the fire of God's love shone forth upon Solomon and set him ablaze—such a blaze that he lost all control and spoke that which he spoke. God aided him to recognize Him and enabled him to build that renowned edifice which was named the Remote Mosque in the kingdom of creation.

Behold and remember when thou wert by the sea and didst drink once from the Kawthar of reunion through My Name, and again from the cup of meeting through the bounty of God, the Lord of all worlds. We have remembered thee and do remember thee. Verily He loveth faithfulness. There is no God but Him, the Bestower, the Generous.

Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God and my Purpose, Who art sanctified above my knowledge, my remembrance and my praise! I beseech Thee by the Word through which all things were attracted and hastened to the ocean of reunion with Thee, O Lord of Names, to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise and in steadfastness in Thy Cause. Then write down for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones. O Lord! Illumine my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and my face with the lights of Thy manifestation. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And praise be to God, the Most High, the Most Great.

BH05069: Glorified art Thou, O my God, O God…

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

Glorified art Thou, O my God, O God of the world and Goal of the nations!

How can I make mention of Thee, after my certitude that mention hath appeared through the influence of Thy Most Exalted Pen, and that it returneth not unto Thy station, which cannot be described by the tongues of all created things? And how can I praise Thee, after my knowledge that the kingdom of praise hath appeared through Thy command and Thy will?

By Thy glory, O God of existence and Lord of the unseen and the seen! I behold myself bewildered in knowing Thee and powerless to describe even the lowest of Thy signs. Since Thou hast taught me that the way is barred and the path forbidden, I cling to the hem of the robe of Thy mercy and hold fast to the cord of Thy favors.

I beseech Thee by Thy Hidden Name and Treasured Mystery, which calleth out with the most exalted call between earth and heaven, to make me among those who have attained unto Thy will, turned toward Thy horizon, and heard Thy call.

O Lord! The mountain of rebellion hath turned toward the ocean of Thy forgiveness. I beseech Thee by Thy mercy which hath preceded all created things to blot out his misdeeds through Thy bounty and grace. Then ordain for him that which shall make him luminous amongst Thy servants. Verily Thou art He in Whose grasp is the kingdom of all things and in Whose right hand is the dominion of names. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy sovereignty.

O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Self to ordain for me the good of this world and the next. Verily Thou art the Possessor of the throne and the dust. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise.

BH05573: O My handmaiden! We have heard thy cry…

He is the Most Great, the All-Glorious

O My handmaiden! We have heard thy cry and have answered thee through this clear Book. At all times hath God, exalted be His glory, made mention of His male and female servants and continueth to do so. Be not grieved at what hath come to pass.

Consummate wisdoms lie hidden and concealed in divine decrees. I swear by the Day-Star of the heaven of divine wisdom that were people to become aware of the hidden and concealed mysteries, all would find themselves content with whatsoever hath occurred and shall occur. Thus hath My Book, the All-Wise, decreed.

God willing, so long as the greatest joy existeth, mayest thou fix thy gaze upon it and find happiness therein. It behooveth thee to commune with thy Lord through that which the Supreme Pen hath uttered in the Prison of ʿAkka. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

We have heard thy mention and have made mention of thee, and have witnessed thy turning unto Us, wherefore We have revealed for thee this exalted Tablet.

Glory be unto Thee, O God of existence and Speaker from Thy praiseworthy station! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Manifest, the Promised One, which Thou hast mentioned in Thy Scriptures, Thy Books and Thy Tablets, and through which Thou hast given glad-tidings unto Thy servants and Thy creatures, that Thou ordain for me from the wonders of Thy bounty one who will inherit from me and make mention of me after my passing. 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 Mighty, the Generous.

BH05434: It is submitted that according to instructions, promises were…

It is submitted that according to instructions, promises were previously made to send Tablets, and now they have been sent. At that time, replies were given to Jinab-i-Samandar and his brother and some friends in the land of Qaf, upon them be the Glory of God, and this was mentioned.

Now replies to the letters and petitions which Jinab-i-Samandar, upon him be the Glory of God, had sent from the friends in Ha and Mim have been revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will, and this servant did not have the opportunity to submit anything further to Jinab-i-Samandar.

The request is that His Honor write these two words of explanation—just that the reply to the petition of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Baqir from the people of Naraq and other friends who reside in the land of Ha and Mim has been revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will and sent. However, they must exert their utmost effort in teaching it. And regarding the matter that was mentioned in Jinab-i-Samandar's letter, the reply to that will also be sent later, God willing.

And furthermore, one Tablet was also revealed and sent in reply to the petition of Mirza Nasru'llah-i-Fumani—it should reach Jinab-i-Samandar so that he may send it.

All glory from all glory be upon you, O you who have sacrificed your all for the Glory. The servant.

BH05554: This is the Day whereon the Most Great Name…

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed

This is the Day whereon the Most Great Name calleth aloud amidst the nations and giveth them glad tidings of this Manifestation, at Whose appearance the Mount spoke forth saying:

> "He Who was promised hath come, through Him the Hidden One hath been revealed, and those who lay in their graves have arisen."

Blessed is he who hath turned unto Him and attained. Woe betide the heedless!

Say: This is not the day of suppositions and idle fancies. The horizon of the world hath been illumined by this Luminary, at Whose rising the Dove cooed, and the Cock of the Throne crowed, and the Nightingale sang, and the Mystic Dove warbled upon the branches. O ye servants of the All-Merciful! By God, that which was concealed in the knowledge of God, the Lord of all worlds, hath appeared. This is the Day whereon the Divine Lote-Tree calleth out and the Rock crieth aloud through this Great Name. Be ye as leaves when the winds of the Will of your Lord, the Lord of the Covenant, blow. Thus doth He Who hath with Him the Perspicuous Book command you.

Say: Cast aside what ye possess and take hold of that which ye are bidden by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. We have found the fragrance of thy love and heard thy call. We make mention of thee in this Tablet and reveal unto thee that which shall gladden the eyes of them that are nigh unto God. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and speak forth in praise of thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Wise.

Thus have We opened unto thee the gate of true knowledge through the key of Our Name, the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who hath drawn nigh and recognized and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of them that know!" May the glory rest upon thee and upon those who have turned unto God with evident certitude.

BH05931: O son of Harun! The Wronged One remembers thee…

He is the Rememberer and the Remembered One.

O son of Harun! The Wronged One remembers thee from the prison and summons thee to God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Give thanks unto God for having acquainted thee with that which hath

escaped the notice of the idolaters who have arisen to extinguish the Light that hath appeared from this praiseworthy Station. God willing, mayest thou be ever engaged in remembrance of the Beloved Who perisheth not, and be illumined and enlightened by the lights of His love.

As for thy desire to attain His presence and meet Him—this Wronged One hath ever yearned for the companionship of His friends, but the heedless have intervened between Us and you. Ye must not grieve at this separation. Those souls who are in truth seeking reunion and are holding fast to the grace of God—even if outwardly they attain not unto this station—the recompense of attainment hath been and shall be recorded for them by the Most Exalted Pen. Thank thou God, thy Lord. He is verily the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Be thou vocal in My remembrance with wisdom and utterance. Verily thy Lord heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Compelling over all who are in the heavens and on earth. Rejoice thou in the bounty of thy Lord. He hath remembered thee with that whereby thy remembrance shall endure throughout the worlds of thy Lord. He is verily the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

Praise be to God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen, and the Lord of the mighty throne.

BH05978: In My Name, the Most Great, the Most Ancient!

In My Name, the Most Great, the Most Ancient!

We have desired to make mention of him who hath inclined his ear to the Voice of God, that haply he may arise in a manner worthy of this wondrous Day and proclaim his Lord amidst all men, admonishing them to observe that which the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, hath bidden them.

O servant! Conduct thyself with justice and act in such wise that thy deeds may reveal the sanctity of the Cause. Adorn thyself with so praiseworthy a character, that by it the fragrance of purity may be wafted over all men. Quaff thou the wine that is life indeed from the living fountain of Mine utterance, and let thy sustenance be My remembrance and My praise. Thus biddeth you He Who holdeth the knowledge of all things in the unerring Book.

We have heard the praise thou hast uttered and revealed unto thee that which will enable thee to soar in the atmosphere of love and reunion, and to partake of that which thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Praised hath desired. Rejoice in My mention of thee and continually render thanks unto thy Lord, for His remembrance is, in truth, exalted above all that is on the earth. Do thou appreciate its value, then, persevere in serving this sublime Cause. He, verily, watcheth over His servants and giveth ear to their words. He, in truth, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Thus have We sent down the showers of utterance from the clouds of divine knowledge. Shouldst thou attain unto it, lift up thy voice and say:

> “Praise be to Thee, O Thou the Beloved of every understanding heart, and glory be to Thee, O Thou the Desire of the World!”

BH05974: O Sabz-ʿAli! God willing, mayest thou be illumined…

He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful, the Most Merciful

O Sabz-ʿAli! God willing, mayest thou be illumined and enlightened by the splendors of the Sun of certitude, and by the Most Powerful Name of the Beloved of the worlds, mayest thou, with the arm of assurance, shatter the idols of vain imaginings.

The Truth is present and watchful, He witnesseth and seeth, and He is in the highest horizon. Although outwardly We did not meet, yet God the All-Knowing beareth witness that thou hast been and wilt continue to be beneath the glance of His favor.

This is a Day wherein divine bounties, like unto torrential rain, are streaming down and descending. How excellent is the state of the soul that hath turned towards Him, and the heart that hath been drawn to Him.

We have summoned the whole world through the Most Great Name. Some have hearkened and been blessed with the holy word "yea," while others have turned away and risen up with utmost determination to afflict this Wronged One. For numbered years hath this Wronged One been caught in the hands of the oppressors—at times imprisoned, at times in jail, and other afflictions which none knoweth save the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

God willing, thou wilt inhale from these wondrous and exalted words the fragrance of the garment of Revelation, and in all conditions wilt speak in praise and glorification of the Wronged One of the horizons. Verily, He is with His servants who remember Him and are steadfast. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH05977: O Abdul-Husayn! The beginning of the matter…

He is the One manifest from the horizon of eternity!

O Abdul-Husayn! The beginning of the matter is the recognition of the Dawning-Place of God's Cause and the Manifestation of His Own Self, and its end is steadfastness in the love of God, exalted be His glory. Steadfastness is My mantle; well is it with him who is adorned with My mantle.

Thy letter was present before the Wronged One and the glance of favor was directed towards it. God willing, thou shalt be illumined and radiant through the effulgences of the lights of the divine countenance in this luminous Day.

The clouds of idle fancies and vain imaginings have prevented the sun of certitude from shining forth, and the traitors to the Cause seek—through whispers from which even the Evil One flees—to spread their delusions. By the life of God! They are in manifest error.

Convey My greetings to the friends in that land and say: God willing, the world should become perfumed through the fragrance of your turning to God, acceptance and steadfastness. This is what We have counseled the servants with in most of Our Tablets.

Well is it with thee, for We have found from thee the fragrance of sincerity in the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds. Verily, He is with thee, witnessing and seeing, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

The glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this mighty, most holy, most sublime and glorious Cause. We send greetings from this spot to thy two brothers whom thou didst mention in thy letter. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Bountiful.

BH05677: We make mention of Our servant the Merciful…

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

We make mention of Our servant the Merciful, as a bounty from Our presence, that he may rejoice in this remembrance which, when it descended from the heaven of the Kingdom, the Realm of Might prostrated before it and said:

> "My soul be a sacrifice unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds!"

And We make mention of those among My loved ones who have believed, who have cast aside all else save Me and have turned to My luminous horizon. And We make mention of him who was named ʿAli-Akbar, and give him the glad-tidings of the remembrance of the Lord of destiny in His Most Great Scene, that he may render thanks unto his Lord, the All-Bountiful.

Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison. Verily, there is no God but Him, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. We have made mention of him who turned unto the Countenance and have sent down for him that which brings solace to the eyes and through which the divine fragrance has wafted between the heavens and the earth.

Give thanks unto God for this bounty which has encompassed the world and for this mercy which has preceded all existence. To this testifies He Who speaks the truth in this manifest and luminous night.

Say: He makes mention of you in the last nights of Ridvan that He may draw you nigh unto God, the Lord of all religions, and give you to drink of this wine which has flowed from the Pen of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Glory be upon you and upon those who have believed in this momentous News.

BH05663: The Most Exalted Pen makes mention of him who…

He is the All-Knowing Warbler

The Most Exalted Pen makes mention of him who heard the Call when it was raised between earth and heaven, and gives glad-tidings unto all of that which hath dawned and appeared for the success of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O Fath-ʿAli! Give thanks unto God for Our having remembered thee and caused thee to hear the melody of the Bird of Utterance from this holy and wondrous atmosphere. Be thou thankful for My bounty, content with whatsoever hath appeared from Me, patient in My Cause, vocal in My praise, firm in taking hold of My Book by My strength, soaring in My atmosphere, and trustworthy among My servants, steadfast upon My straight path.

Beware lest the might of factions keep thee back from the Sovereign of the Beginning and the Return. Cast aside the world and take hold of that which the Lord of Eternity, Who is in the Most Great Prison, commandeth thee. He calleth all unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

How many who were seated arose at the Cry, and how many who were standing sat down through fear of God, the Most High, the Most Great! How many who were heedless heard and hastened and responded, and how many learned ones turned away from the Ever-Living, the Ancient of Days!

Blessed art thou for having held fast unto the cord of divine knowledge and clung to the hem of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. Be thou steadfast in this most exalted station and firm in this momentous announcement.

BH05746: A remembrance from Us unto him who hath hearkened…

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

A remembrance from Us unto him who hath hearkened unto the call of God, the Lord of all worlds, and responded unto Him on a day whereon most of the servants have turned away from Him. The Most Exalted Pen beareth witness unto this in this glorious and impregnable station.

It behooveth thee to preserve this most sublime and most exalted station, and this most glorious rank. Beware lest worldly affairs withhold thee from this noble station. Hold thou fast unto the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and cleave unto His luminous hem.

O Isma'il! The Wronged One remembereth thee even as He remembered thee before. Verily He loveth faithfulness and remembereth him who hath attained unto it in this new age.

When thou dost inhale the fragrance of My raiment from My words and hearest the Call from the Kingdom of Mine utterance, turn thy face toward God and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the God of all who are in the heavens and on earth, and the Object of the knowledge of them that have recognized Thee! Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken forth when the Prisoner was established upon His mighty throne.

Beware lest anything withhold thee from this Cause. Arise and say: Aid me, O my God, to be steadfast in Thy Cause, and vouchsafe unto me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have hastened unto the horizon of Thy manifestation and have acted in accordance with that which Thou hast commanded them in Thy Book. Verily Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful.

BH05969: In the name of the All-Knowing God! O wronged…

In the name of the All-Knowing God! O wronged Khan! The Wronged One of creation hath turned toward thee from the prison-quarter and remindeth thee of God's grace and mercy and loving-kindness, glorified be His majesty.

All the Prophets and Messengers were sent by the Lord of the worlds so that, through the endeavors of those holy souls, the suns of spiritual virtues might shine forth from the horizons of human temples. Strive thou to attain to such a station that mention of it shall endure as long as God's most beautiful names endure.

Reflect a little and act as befitteth thee. If in these few days someone misseth the chance to perform a deed, when will he succeed in making up for it? Hearken unto the counsel of the trusted Counselor, and hold fast unto and act upon that which beseemeth man.

Thy letter was seen. God is witness and testifier that whatsoever hath been said and is being said is intended for thy good. To this every fair-minded and perceptive one doth testify.

Ask about the welfare of the children and family on behalf of this Wronged One and convey greetings that all may rejoice. God willing, thou shalt act upon what hath been mentioned, placing thy trust in God. Verily He is with His trusted servants, and verily He is with His sincere servants, and verily He is with His triumphant servants. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH05990: In the Name of the Mighty, the Chosen One!…

In the Name of the Mighty, the Chosen One! O Lord of the kingdom of earth and heaven and Sovereign of the realm above! I beseech Thee by the Heart of the world which Thou hast made the Qiblih of the nations, to send down upon them who have submitted to the authority of Thy Cause and have fasted in their quest for Thy good-pleasure that which will make them to be numbered with those who, in their love for Thee, have detached themselves from all that is on earth. Then cause them to drink, from the hands of Thy bounty, the Kawthar of everlasting life through Thy Name, the All-Merciful.

O my Lord! These are servants who have turned toward Thy most exalted horizon on a Day wherein the Call was raised between earth and heaven, who responded when Thou didst summon them to the Dayspring of the lights of Thy countenance, who held fast to the cord of Thy laws when they were sent down from the heaven of Thy Will, and who were so consumed by the fire of Thy love that they welcomed every tribulation in Thy path and every affliction in their love for Thee.

O Lord! Leave them not to themselves. Take, through the hands of Thy grace, those hands which were raised to the heaven of Thy gifts and which took hold of Thy Book through Thy power on a Day wherein Thy fear seized all who are in Thy heaven and on Thy earth.

I beseech Thee, O Sovereign of the world, by Thy most exalted Self and by the Most Great Word, to ordain for them in Thy Preserved Tablet that which Thou hast written down for Thy chosen ones, Thy trusted ones, and Thy messengers. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, Whose greatness and sovereignty all created things and all contingent beings have testified to through Thy power and might. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Generous.

BH06077: The vain imaginings of former generations have deprived…

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

The vain imaginings of former generations have deprived the people from the dawning-place of verses and the dayspring of names and attributes. I swear by the Sun of Justice shining from the horizon of the Most Great Prison that whoso fails today to shatter the idols of former imaginings with the arm of might and strength shall never attain unto the light of certitude and the waters of assurance.

The rebellious and tyrannical people of the earth for ages, generations and centuries considered themselves the saved sect and reckoned themselves among the most exalted, most virtuous and most ancient of peoples. Yet when the divine Sun of Justice shone forth from the heaven of equity, they were all found to be ranked among the lowest, and were accounted, in the presence of the Truth, as the most contemptible and abject of creatures.

God willing, may you be illumined by the light of certitude and adorned with the ornament of steadfastness, that you may behold all else but God as a mere handful of dust.

Fix your gaze both outwardly and inwardly upon this blessed word which is as a star in the heaven of divine knowledge:

> "Turn thy face toward My countenance, turning away from all else besides Me. Thus have We caused thee to hear the shrill voice of Our Pen and taught thee that which shall profit thee in all the worlds of My dominion, and made known unto thee that which shall guide thee to My straight path. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!"

BH06200: Glorified art Thou, O Thou before Whose recognition…

Glorified art Thou, O Thou before Whose recognition of oneness the most devoted believers are powerless, and to the summit of Whose command's heaven the most accomplished mystics confess their inability to ascend!

I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art the Desire of the world and the Sovereign of nations, to make me one of those whom the clamor of the people hath not kept back from turning to the horizon of Thy favors and clinging to the cord of Thy bounties.

O Lord! Thou seest that I have cast all idle fancies behind me, turning toward the Dayspring of Thy signs and the Manifestation of Thy Cause, Whom Thou hast made to speak amongst Thy servants. I beseech Thee not to abandon me unto myself, and to strengthen me in all circumstances to remember Thee, to praise Thee, and to act according to what Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book.

O Lord! I am the needy one who hath clung to the cord of Thy riches. I testify that Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest. Neither the oppression of the oppressor, nor the tyranny of the wicked one, nor the croaking of the croaker can prevent Thee. Thou doest what Thou pleasest through Thy sovereignty and ordainest through Thy power what Thou desirest. Verily Thou art the Most Exalted, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Wise.

Moreover I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, to protect me from every tribulation and hardship, and to enable me to do what Thou lovest and approvest. There is no God but Thee, the Protector, the Helper, the Bestower, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH06265: In My name that hath dawned from the horizon…

In My name that hath dawned from the horizon of the world

This is a Book sent down by the All-Merciful, wherein He gives glad tidings to all contingent beings of this Manifestation which was promised in the Books of the Prophets and Messengers. We have illumined the world with the Sun of wisdom and utterance, but the peoples have turned away, following every remote ignorant one.

Thy letter was received and from it We found the fragrance of thy love. We make mention of thee as a bounty from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing Rememberer.

This is a Day wherein every learned one hath turned away, every mystic hath denied, and every suspicious writer hath rejected—save whom God hath willed, the Lord of the seen and unseen, the Lord of the mighty Throne.

Blessed art thou for having turned to the Face and drunk the Kawthar of divine knowledge from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the Generous. Know thou this station, then preserve it as thou wouldst preserve thine own sight. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty Commander.

Beware lest the affairs of creation hold thee back from what is with the Truth. Leave the people to their vain desires and hold fast to the hem of the mercy of thy Lord, the Merciful.

We counsel thee and those who have believed to remain steadfast in this Cause, by which the idols have lamented and the feet of the mature have slipped.

BH06030: Today the friends of God must speak with wisdom…

In the Name of the One Beloved!

Today the friends of God must speak with wisdom and make mention of that which is befitting. The True One is aware and bears witness that whatsoever hath flowed and continueth to flow from the Most Exalted Pen hath been and ever shall be for the elevation of humanity and for their freedom and deliverance.

They who possess speech and utterance and who are associated with the Truth must, with perfect wisdom, educate the children of earth. Speech should be like the spring breezes, that the trees of being may thereby become verdant and flourishing. One word is like the vernal winds, while another is like the deadly simoom.

Say: O friends! In all the Arabic and Persian utterances revealed from the Most Exalted Pen, the command to observe wisdom hath been sent down. Nevertheless, it is observed that some have been heedless of it.

O thou who hast turned thy face towards the Countenance! Rejoice in that the Wronged One hath remembered thee and commanded the servants to that which shall profit them in every world of the worlds of their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

God willing, may all act according to that which the All-Bountiful hath revealed in the Book and speak that which is the cause of exaltation, ascendancy and enkindlement. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have acted according to that which they were commanded.

BH06067: We have enjoined upon them that have believed…

He is the Most Great, the Most Ancient!

We have enjoined upon them that have believed the Most Great Trustworthiness, as doth bear witness unto this He Who is the Lord of all being, in this wondrous spot which God hath made a prison for the Dayspring of His Revelation. He, verily, is the Ordainer of what He willeth, and the Ruler over what He pleaseth.

The verses have appeared and the atoms have testified, and whoso hath hearkened is of the people of Paradise, and whoso hath turned aside shall hear ere long, through the grace of God, the Lord of all worlds. Can any deny this bounty? Nay, by the Self of the All-Merciful!—save every heedless doubter.

The horizons have been filled with the signs of God, and yet most men are numbered with the deniers. Among the people of the Bayan are those who heard and saw, then went astray and were misled, having followed vain desires and denied Him in Whom they had formerly believed. Thus hath the decree been fulfilled in a perspicuous tablet.

We make mention of thee, and of him who hath turned unto the All-Informed One. Be thou in such wise as beseemeth the days of thy Lord, and remind the people of this momentous News.

Say: O people of Baha! Turn not unto the world and its ornaments. By God's life! It shall perish, while your remembrance shall endure in the kingdom of your Lord, the Mighty, the Generous.

The glory be upon thee and upon them that are with thee, from One powerful and wise.

BH06857: O Ghulamali! The Wronged One, Who hath appeared…

In the Name of the One Friend

O Ghulamali! The Wronged One, Who hath appeared in His name, the Self-Subsisting, calleth thee from the precincts of the prison and saith: Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the splendors of the dawn of inner meanings and hast quaffed from the choice sealed wine. The purpose of creation hath been the recognition of this Day which in all the Books and Scriptures is known as the Day of God. Praise be to God, the Day hath appeared and its Lord and Master speaketh. Blessed are they who have recognized and believed in God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Ghulamali! We have witnessed thy burning with the fire of the love of God and have hearkened unto thy call. God willing, thou shalt drink from the ocean of divine bounty and bestow it upon the thirsty ones. Should thou find one who thirsteth, give him to drink of the pure wine in the name of the Lord of Power. Otherwise, preserve it in its vessel until there appeareth one who will drink it in My name, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

In all conditions hold fast unto wisdom, lest the clamor of the heedless be raised and become the cause of grief to those who have turned towards God. Be thou thankful unto God for having remembered thee in a Tablet whose fragrance shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Praise be to thy Lord, the Possessor of Might!

BH06832: O Husayn!

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Your letter was received and all that was mentioned therein became clear and evident. God willing, you will be observed with joy and gladness from the breezes of the divine days.

Regarding what you wrote about your wife—that in your absence one of the companions pronounced divorce, meaning he implemented its ruling—this matter is very far from divine justice and contrary to the ruling of the Book. I swear by the sun of the heaven's horizon of truthfulness that the Truth has come for the affection, unity, rest and joy of the people of the world, and has summoned all to the horizon of oneness.

If in truth someone has committed such an act, the prohibition of which is clear and evident in the Divine Book, it was not and will not be acceptable before the Wronged One. God has ruled and continues to rule according to the outward. God willing, after investigation, that which God has decreed will be carried out.

Be not distressed. Verily He changes hardship to ease, and sorrow to the greatest joy. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful.

BH06829: O Husayn! Verily Husayn remembers you, and he speaks…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O Husayn! Verily Husayn remembers you, and he speaks the truth between earth and heaven and calls all to the highest horizon, yet most of the people have turned away, denied, and disbelieved in God, the Lord of the worlds.

He has come upon the clouds of knowledge and given all the glad tidings of the manifestation of God and His presence, yet most of the people are heedless.

Blessed are you for having attained the presence of God in your early days and drunk the choice wine of reunion from the hands of the bounty of your Lord, the Generous. By the life of God! This is a bounty that neither the treasuries of names nor the riches of earth and heaven can equal, as attested by the Lord of creation in this manifest station.

He is the One Who was promised in the Books of God, yet when He appeared every stubborn oppressor denied Him. Behold then the loving-kindness of God and His sovereignty: He came for the salvation of the world, yet the people seized Him and imprisoned Him in this mighty fortress.

We give thanks to God in all conditions and call the people with supreme steadfastness to this mighty Cause.

The glory be upon you and upon your father and mother and your two brothers from the presence of One mighty and powerful.

BH06693: Say: O God of the world and Goal…

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

Say: O God of the world and Goal of the nations! I beseech Thee by the Light whereby the heavens of utterance were illumined for all contingent beings, and by the Fire whereby the Tree of Knowledge was set ablaze, to enable me in all circumstances and times to remember Thee, to praise Thee, and to serve Thy Cause in this Day wherein the hidden Secret and the treasured Symbol that hath spoken and doth speak "Verily there is no God but Me, the Almighty, the Powerful" hath been made manifest.

O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thy most exalted horizon and clinging to Thy Most Great Word whereby the Path was laid and the Balance established. Thou art He Who, O my God, taught me and made me to know and guided me to the ocean of vision and meeting, and gave me to drink, through Thy gracious hands, O Lord of Names, the water of reunion.

I beseech Thee at this moment to ordain for me, through the Pen of Grace, every good thing Thou hast destined in Thy Book for such of Thy servants as are sincere, and to assist me in that whereby Thy Cause may be exalted. Then send down upon me from the heaven of Thy bounty that which befitteth Thy generosity and bestowal.

There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Giver, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH06633: The Most Exalted Pen hath raised its shrill voice…

He is the One manifest above all things!

The Most Exalted Pen hath raised its shrill voice in praise of God, the Lord of Names, and beareth witness to that which the Tongue of Grandeur witnessed before the appearance of the world—that there is none other God but Him, the Most High, the Most Great. The ears were created to hearken unto this Call and the eyes to behold this luminous horizon. By God! The hearts were created to turn toward the Most Exalted Horizon and the souls to humble themselves at the manifestation of God's proof, the Lord of the worlds.

Blessed is he who hath attained unto the call of God; woe unto the heedless ones who have broken the Covenant and turned away from that which hath appeared in truth from the presence of the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Blessed art thou, O Rahim, in that thou didst hasten to the Most Great Ocean when the Ancient Beauty was in His Most Great Prison. Thou didst turn toward Him and journey across land and sea until thou didst arrive at the White Spot wherein was raised the call of the Creator of heaven, Who came with the truth with manifest sovereignty. Joy be unto thee for having attained unto that which was recorded in the Books of God and promised in the Tablets of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

It behooveth thee to return to the lands with joy and fragrance, and to circle round in the name of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate. Be thou even as the fragrance of the garment unto the lands, that the sweet scent of the All-Merciful may be diffused from thee.

BH06898: O Mustafa! There hath come before Us a letter…

He is the Glorious, the Most Glorious!

O Mustafa! There hath come before Us a letter from Jamal—him who hath soared in the atmosphere of the love of thy Lord, the All-Possessing, the Most High. Thy name was mentioned in this letter; wherefore do We now make mention of thee through the power of truth, that thou mayest read and be of them that are thankful.

Say: O God of the world, Thou Who art manifest in the Most Great Name! I ask Thee by them who are the Essences of being, whom neither the hosts of the world have hindered from turning towards Thy face, nor the kings of the earth deterred from gazing upon Thy horizon, to write down for me with Thy Most Exalted Pen that which beseemeth Thy generosity, O Thou Who art the Possessor of all Names and the Creator of the heavens!

O Lord! I bear witness unto that which Thou didst Thyself witness before the creation of the heavens and the earth; and I confess to that which Thy tongue did itself confess ere the kingdoms of Thy Revelation and of Thy creation were made manifest: that Thou art God; no God is there but Thee. Thou hast from eternity been powerful to do what Thou hast willed, and unto everlasting Thou shalt remain as Thou hast been from time immemorial.

O Lord! I have hearkened unto Thy call and turned my face towards Thy face. I ask Thee to draw me ever nearer unto Thy horizon; ordain then for me, O my God, that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Thou, verily, art the Almighty, the All-Highest, the Exalted, the Great.

BH06899: O Mustafa! Be thou thankful for that thou hast…

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

O Mustafa! Be thou thankful for that thou hast been remembered by this Wronged One, and that there hath been revealed for thee that which shall abide for as long as earth and heaven shall endure. Consider and call to mind the day on which Muhammad the Messenger of God appeared with the signs of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting: some among the people denied Him, others turned away from Him, yet others mocked Him, and still others rose up against him in such grievous fashion as to sentence Him to death without any clear proof from God, the Lord of all being.

Verily, He said: “Fear God, O peoples of the earth! Bear ye witness unto His unity and oneness, and follow not your idle fancies and vain imaginings. Join not partners with God, O people, and worship not that which your own hands have fashioned! Better is this for you, if ye be of them that understand”. The more strenuously He admonished them, the greater waxed their enmity and hatred. Thus doth the Pen of the

Most High recount unto thee from this Glorious Abode. Be thou steadfast in the Cause, and proclaim this Name through which the traces of Jibt and Taghut have been obliterated.

The Glory of God be upon thee and upon all those who have quaffed the choice sealed wine from the hands of the bounty of My Name, the Self-Subsisting.

BH07078: A remembrance from the Wronged One to him who…

He is the Speaker in the Kingdom!

A remembrance from the Wronged One to him who desires to turn towards the Most Exalted Horizon, when the Lord of Names appeared with a Cause before which neither the hosts of the heavens nor of earth could stand firm, as every fair-minded and perceiving one doth testify.

O peoples of the earth! Fear God and follow not your desires. By God! The dawn hath broken and faces have been illumined by the light of God, the Lord of all worlds.

Rejoice, O thou who art named Ja'far, that the Lord of Destiny hath turned towards thee from His Most Sublime Vision. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Arise to serve God and make mention of Him in such wise that the clamor of those who have turned away from the All-Merciful when He came with a clear proof shall not deter thee.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God and the God of all existence! I beseech Thee by Thy Branches whom Thou hast chosen above Thy servants, to aid me in all conditions to do what Thou lovest and approvest. Verily Thou art the Lord of humanity and the Sovereign of Names. There is none other God but Thee, the Overshadowing, the Mighty, the Great.

BH06995: O Mihdi! Your letter was presented before the Wronged…

He is sanctified from mention and description!

O Mihdi! Your letter was presented before the Wronged One, and the servant in attendance submitted what was written therein, from which the fragrances of the love of God were inhaled. Blessed art thou for having attained to this mighty station!

Thou didst seek steadfastness from the True One, exalted and mighty be He. Excellent is what thou hast desired of His abounding grace! Whosoever attaineth unto the Most Great Steadfastness in the Cause of his Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious—he verily is of those who are brought nigh in a clear Book. It behooveth all the friends not to be heedless of this station, and in all times to beseech the Beloved of the world that He may keep them steadfast in His love.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by the Word whereby Thou hast distinguished between Thy loved ones and Thine enemies, to make me steadfast in Thy love and speaking in Thy praise. Then write down for me, O my God, by Thy Most Exalted Pen, the reward of attaining Thy presence and what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the Most High, the Most Great.

BH07352: O Leaf who hast sprouted from the Tree…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

O Leaf who hast sprouted from the Tree of Faithfulness! Hearken unto that which the Lord of all beings maketh mention of thee, even as He hath mentioned thee before in diverse Tablets. Thy Lord, verily, is the Mighty, the Bountiful. Praise the bounty of thy Lord, for verily He heareth that which thou utterest at all times. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Thus have We adorned thee with the light of My remembrance. Be thou thankful and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and earths, for having made mention of Thy leaf, Thy handmaiden, and the letter of Thy mighty Book. I beseech Thee to protect me and bless me in Thy days. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful. Nothing whatsoever escapeth Thy knowledge. Thou art, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Remember thou the two radiant lights who were martyred in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. We have made mention of them in most of the Tablets, and We make mention of their families, both young and old. The splendor shining from the horizon of glory be upon them and upon them [the families] and upon thee, from the presence of One mighty and powerful.

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BH07809: This is the Book which the All-Merciful hath sent…

He is the One dawning from the horizon of eternity with My Most Glorious Name

This is the Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down for all who are in the realm of possibility. Exalted is He Who hath spoken and revealed whatsoever He hath willed. He is, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful. That which was inscribed hath come from the heaven of divine knowledge, and He hath manifested what He desired through His sovereignty which overshadoweth all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Say: O peoples of the earth! Fear God and follow not those who have disputed the signs of God and His proof when the Countenance appeared with this Name. Beware lest passion hold you back from the Lord of all beings, or the world occupy you and keep you from this All-Wise Remembrance. Leave the world, clinging fast to this Most Great Name. This will profit you in every world among the worlds of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Thus hath the Tongue of the Ancient of Days spoken in the Most Great Prison. He is, verily, the Mighty, the Forgiving, the Generous. The glory rest upon thee and upon those who have cast away the idle fancies of men and hastened until they attained the light of certitude. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH07978: God willing, may you at all times dwell…

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

God willing, may you at all times dwell and find repose beneath the shade of the Tree of the loving-kindness of the Beloved of all creation.

Today the Euphrates of mercy is flowing and the Sun of loving-kindness is shining forth. Strive that you may be illumined by its lights and drink from the Kawthar of His mercy.

Great indeed is this Day. The sincere ones and the believers in divine unity must manifest such service as befitteth the Day of God, and all must speak forth His praise in utmost sanctity and detachment and act according to that which hath been revealed in the Book.

Today is the springtime of goodly deeds and praiseworthy qualities. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto them. Fix thy gaze upon truth, speak forth for the sake of truth, and turn thyself toward truth.

Blessed art thou and blessed is thy father who hath attained his ultimate goal and achieved that which he desired from God, the Lord of all beings and the Master of the world to come and of the world that was. Be thou thankful and be among those who praise. All praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH07595: God—exalted be His glory—hath, in all His Books, Tablets…

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

God—exalted be His glory—hath, in all His Books, Tablets and Scriptures, promised unto His creation this Most Holy, Most Exalted Day and this Most Great, Most Mighty Manifestation. So exalted is this Day that in all ages it hath been extolled in the Books of the Daysprings of God's Command and the Dawning-Places of His Revelation as the Day of God.

Nevertheless, most of the people of the world are seen to be deprived and forbidden from attaining unto the Ancient King, and some who fancy they have turned towards Him are seen to be disturbed by the slightest breeze. Had they truly drunk from the Kawthar of certitude, they would not have been debarred from the Ocean of Life by the putrid odor of doubt and misgiving.

Beseech thou God that He may illumine and adorn His servants with the lights of the Sun of steadfastness. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. The Command is in the hands of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH07970: O Muhammad! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great!

O Muhammad! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He calleth thee and maketh mention of thee in such wise that the fragrance of utterance is wafted throughout all creation. Exalted is the All-Merciful, the Manifestation of this mighty grace!

The Ancient Beauty hath turned toward thee from His Most Great Prison and counseleth thee with that which shall profit thee in all the worlds of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. Be thou eloquent in His remembrance, steadfast in the service of His Cause, and act according to that which hath been revealed

in His perspicuous Book, which, when it was sent down from the Kingdom of utterance, all the books of the world bowed down before it. To this beareth witness the Lord of nations in this glorious station.

When thou attainest unto My Tablet and findest the fragrance of Mine utterance, turn thee toward the Most Exalted Horizon and say:

O Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below! I beseech Thee by the wrongs suffered by Him Who is the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the Dayspring of Thy signs to aid me in that which Thou lovest and approvest. Thou art, verily, the Lord of this world and the next. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH08201: A mention from Us to him who has attained…

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

A mention from Us to him who has attained the lights of the Bayan when the All-Merciful came, and believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, that My remembrance may draw him to a station that the conditions of men cannot shake, nor can the veils of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of existence, prevent him.

We have heard your call and have answered you through Our grace. Verily your Lord is the Mighty, the Loving.

Give thanks to God for having aided you to recognize the Dawning-Place of His Revelation and the Dayspring of His verses, Who was imprisoned because He summoned all to the supreme horizon, the Station wherein surged the ocean of knowledge.

We have remembered all who have turned to the Countenance and aided those who have turned to My extended path. The Glory from the Lord of eternity be upon you and upon those who have turned with illumined hearts to the praised Station.

BH08563: O Abdu’llah! The Wronged One of the world summons…

In the name of the All-Knowing Speaker

O Abdu’llah! The Wronged One of the world summons all peoples at all times and seasons unto truth. The purpose of this Revelation is that the clouds of oppression may be lifted away and the Sun of Justice may shine forth from behind the veil, that all the peoples of the world may abide in the cradle of security and peace.

O friends! Be as lamps unto the darkened world and as light unto its gloom. Consort with all the peoples of the world with utmost love. All conflict, contention and corruption are forbidden in this Most Great Revelation. Divine assistance has been and ever will be through goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. Hold fast with supreme steadfastness to the Cause of your Lord, the Lord of all beings, then act according to that which ye have been commanded in the Book of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH08612: In My Name, the Rememberer and the Remembered!

In My Name, the Rememberer and the Remembered!

O My leaf! Bear thou witness unto that which God hath testified in the Most Great Prison—that there is none other God except Me, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

There hath come before Us a letter from one who hath turned towards My horizon, set his face towards My countenance, spoken My praise, appeared before My throne, and heard My call, and hath drunk the choice wine of reunion from the hands of My bounty.

Therein was thy mention, wherefore We make mention of thee in this Tablet through which the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath been wafted throughout all creation, and the Nightingale of Utterance hath warbled upon the branches, that there is none other God but Me, the Speaker, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Thus have We adorned thy head with the crown of utterance and illumined the horizons of hearts with the light of proof. Verily thy Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Bestower, the Generous, the Bountiful.

Blessed be thy tongue for having uttered My remembrance, and thy heart for having borne My love, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

BH08543: O Husayn! May you ever abide beneath the shade…

In the Name of the one God!

O Husayn! May you ever abide beneath the shade of the Tree of Divine Providence of the Eternal Beloved, and partake, each morn and eve, nay at every moment, of the Kawthar of grace and the pure wine of His bounty.

At this hour, which is Wednesday morning, the glance of the Ancient Lord is turned toward you and He makes mention of you. Beseech and implore God, glorified be His majesty, that He may enable you to serve His Cause even as He enabled your father to make mention of Him, to praise Him and to serve Him.

This is the most exalted station, the highest rank, and the ultimate purpose. Blessed are they who have attained unto this bounty and been enabled to achieve this matter. They are indeed among the people of this noble station.

The glory of God rest upon you and upon your father and mother and those who are with you, from God, the Mighty, the Wise.

BH09036: The Wronged One of the World calls out…

In the name of the All-Seeing Speaker

The Wronged One of the World calls out to the friends of God from the horizon of the Most Great Prison and reminds them with sacred utterances. He is the One Whose grace has preceded all and Whose loving-kindness has encompassed all.

This is the day when all things are seen as dead save the letters of the Countenance which are inscribed in the Book of God—they are the souls who have attained unto the greatest steadfastness and who gaze toward the highest horizon. Blessed are they, then blessed are they! Know thou the value of these days and beseech God to make thee steadfast in His love, for thieves have been and are lying in wait for the friends of the All-Merciful. Protect thyself through My Name, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Verily, we are God's and to Him shall we return.

BH09074: O Ibna'a'l-Khalil! Praise be to God that ye have…

He is the Outward and He is the Inward!

O Ibna'a'l-Khalil! Praise be to God that ye have drunk from the ocean of divine mercy and been illumined by the lights of the manifestation of the Sun of Truth. Today, whosoever hath turned unto the supreme horizon is accounted before God as among the most exalted of beings and is recorded in the Book.

O Ibna'a'l-Khalil! Should anyone come unto you with the book of hellfire, leave it behind you, turning instead toward the All-Knowing, the One. God willing, may ye remain so steadfast in the divine Cause that neither the cawing of the crows nor the allusions of the opposers shall deter you. Thus have We set forth the matter with truth and expounded the verses. Blessed is every hearing and perceiving one. The glory shining forth from the horizon of eternity rest upon those who have attained unto this mighty Cause.

BH08664: In My Name, the Mighty, the All-Knowing!

In My Name, the Mighty, the All-Knowing!

Rejoice, O My handmaiden, in that My Most Exalted Pen remembereth thee in the prison of ʿAkka, through which the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath been wafted throughout all lands.

O My handmaiden! This is the Day which God's Prophets and His chosen ones have heralded. Blessed is the servant who hath attained, and the handmaiden who hath recognized Him. Praise be to God that thou hast attained to the recognition of the Dawning-Place of His names, which is greater than all other bounties. Preserve this station through the name of the One Beloved.

Today the Lamp of the world is lit and the Sun of glory is risen. God willing, may the handmaidens of God who dwell in that land attain unto its light and receive their portion from the effulgences of the Sun of Truth. The glory of God rest upon thee.

BH09167: O Nasir! Hearken unto My call, detached…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O Nasir! Hearken unto My call, detached from the call of the worlds, then turn to My horizon, sanctified from the horizons of the heavens and earth. Blessed is he who desireth My countenance, walketh My path, holdeth fast to My cord, cleaveth to My robe, and uttereth My beautiful praise. Blessed is the strong one who shattereth the idols of vain imaginings, and the hearing one who heareth this wondrous melody from My singing. From My singing melodies appeared in the trees, and from My call the call was raised from the Dayspring of grandeur—verily there is no God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed is he who casteth away what he hath and taketh what he is commanded by the wise Ordainer.

BH09032: M. H. The Wronged One, Who hath appeared…

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing Witness Who speaks!

M. H. The Wronged One, Who hath appeared in His Name, the Self-Subsisting, makes mention of thee and bears witness to thy turning unto Him, thy recognition and thy sincerity before God, the Lord of the mighty throne. Thy letter which thou didst send to My Name, the M and the H, hath been received, and We make mention of thee in this wondrous Tablet. Say:

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the fragrance of the garment was wafted throughout all creation and the Dove of Holiness warbled upon the branches! I beseech Thee to assist me to preserve that which Thou hast given me through Thy bounty and grace—namely Thy love, which nothing in Thy kingdom of creation can equal. O my Lord! Thou art the All-Powerful and I am helpless and poor. I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which lies with Thee. Verily Thou art the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Generous.

BH09150: O Muhammad, rejoice in that the Wronged One makes…

He is the Expounder, the All-Knowing

O Muhammad, rejoice in that the Wronged One makes mention of thee from this Spot which hath been named with the Most Beautiful Names by the Most Exalted Pen. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Knowing, the Manifest One.

Remember when thou didst seek the Desired One and didst hear the call of God, the Lord of the worlds. Grieve thou not over anything. By the life of God! Thou hast attained unto that which was mentioned in the Books of God, the Most High, the Most Great.

Beware lest the affairs of men veil thee from the Truth. Hearken unto the melodies of the Leaf of Utterance upon the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, at this time when the winds of destiny blow upon it from the horizon of accomplishment. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing.

Thus have We made mention of thee that thou mayest rejoice and give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Glory be upon thee and upon everyone who hath turned towards God, the Beloved of those who know Him.

BH08699: In My Name, the All-Encompassing over all who are…

In My Name, the All-Encompassing over all who are on earth and in heaven!

We make mention of Our handmaiden who hath heard My call, attained unto My recognition, and drunk the choice wine of My love from the hands of My firm and mighty Command. We have heard thy mention and make mention of thee, and have witnessed thy turning and turn unto thee from this Most Exalted Station, this Spot wherefrom every wise command hath appeared. Hold thou fast unto the cord of God's tender mercy, and make mention of Him in such wise as to cause the hearts of the handmaidens to be attracted. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing Teacher. Let not the affairs of the world grieve thee. In all matters place thy trust in the All-Seeing, All-Hearing Witness.

The glory of God rest upon thee and upon every handmaiden who hath turned and hath said:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Desire of the worlds and the Beloved of them that have recognized Thee and the God of all who are in the heavens and on earth!"

BH08933: The Cause hath appeared at the Greatest Scene through…

He is the One Who calleth from His most exalted horizon.

The Cause hath appeared at the Greatest Scene through this Name whereby the horizon of utterance was illumined and the Dove of Knowledge warbled upon the branches: Verily, there is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have indeed set forth the verses and manifested the evidences, yet most of the people remain heedless. When thou attainest unto the verses of thy Lord, glorify His praise and say:

O my God and the God of all who are in earth and heaven! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Word wherein are concealed the oceans of meaning and utterance, to make me cling to the hem of Thy riches and stand firm in Thy Cause. O Lord! I am the poor one and Thou art the Generous; I am the needy one and Thou art the Self-Sufficing, the Most High. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

BH08896: In My Name, the Wise Instructor

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Thy letter hath been received, and at its head were written these words:

> "In the affairs of this world and the next I am bewildered."

The Most Exalted Pen declareth: The matter of the world to come hath been, and shall ever be, to turn unto God—glorified be His majesty—to know Him, and to remain steadfast in His Cause. Whoso attaineth unto that which hath been mentioned is, in the Clear Book, numbered and recorded among the people of certitude. Bewilderment, doubt, and the like have no place in this station.

As to the affairs of this world: from the heaven of the divine Will the ordinance of gainful occupation and honest endeavor hath been sent down. Hold fast unto that which hath been revealed, trusting in God, the Lord of all worlds. In such case, his outward and his inward, his first and his last, shall all be prospered and built up. Verily thy Lord is the Truthful, the Instructor, the All-Aware.

BH08765: All things today are engaged in glorification and praise…

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

All things today are engaged in glorification and praise, for the Hidden Mystery is established upon the throne of manifestation. Blessed is the eye that hath been illumined by the light of His countenance, and blessed is the ear that hath been honored to hear the divine call.

Today the Speaker of the Mount is speaking that which was foretold:

> "Await ye the appearance of Him Who conversed with Moses from the Tree upon the Mount."

All must in this blessed Day act in accordance with that which will exalt the Cause of God. While time remaineth, strive ye that ye may attain unto infinite bounties.

We have made mention of thee before, and in this Book, that thou mayest render thanks unto thy Lord and be of them that are steadfast. The glory be upon thee and upon My handmaidens and loved ones in that land who have believed in God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH08895: It is hereby submitted that in these days…

He is the Helper, the All-Bountiful

In His Name, Who loveth beneficence and commandeth it!

It is hereby submitted that in these days the honored Haji Ali of Qarabagh, who was firm in his faith and a believer in God, hath ascended to the Supreme Companion, and his wife and children have, to all outward appearances, been left in that land without sustenance. Should any soul be able and willing to render assistance, this would be acceptable and beloved in the sight of God, and would be rewarded. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid those who believe to perform this beneficent deed to which the Purpose of the world hath testified, and to ordain for it the good of every world among His worlds, and to rain down upon it from the clouds of generosity that which shall render it independent of all peoples. Verily, He is the Powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Giver, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH09430: The morn of hope hath dawned, and the dawn…

In the name of the Beloved of the world!

The morn of hope hath dawned, and the dawn of this Day is manifest, and the Most Exalted Pen uttereth this blessed word: God willing, on this luminous day may all faces turn unto the divine countenance and partake of the true wine. This is the time for deeds and the season of joy. They who are endued with insight today gaze with utmost gladness upon the Most Great Prospect, and are so enraptured by the

wine of recognition that they regard all else but God as non-existent and count aught save the Friend as nothingness.

How excellent is the state of him who hath attained unto this most exalted station and who hath established himself upon the throne of steadfastness. We bear witness that he is of them that have turned and have quaffed the wine of revelation from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the All-Informed.

BH09272: By the name of the Goal of all worlds!

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May you ever remain focused on the horizon of the manifestation of the Beloved Who knows no decline, holding fast to His love and standing firm and steadfast in His Cause.

The call of the All-Merciful is raised high and the clamor of Satan is loud. We beseech God, glorified be His majesty, to protect all the friends from his evil.

Great is this Day and great is this Cause. Blessed is the one whom neither the affairs of the world nor the utterances of the peoples have prevented from the divine ocean of knowledge.

Hearken with your inner ear to the Divine Word. It is like armor for the temple of understanding. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who has sent it down in truth. He, verily, is the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH09712: O Nur, upon whom be the Glory of God!…

O Nur, upon whom be the Glory of God! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great!

O Nur! Hearken unto that whereunto the Lord of Revelation calleth thee. He verily draweth thee nigh, teacheth thee, causeth thee to know, and raiseth thee to a station wherein thou shalt behold naught in all existence save the Sovereign of the Kingdom. He Who answereth thee from this praiseworthy station—thy letter hath indeed come before Us and We have perused it, finding therein the fragrance of thy sincerity unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. We make mention of thee and of thy brother who hath clung to the hem of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen, and We remember him who came after him. Thy Lord is verily the All-Kind, the All-Forgiving. We send Our greetings to My loved ones in that land and make mention of them through My Most Exalted Pen, which proclaimeth at all times:

> “There is none other God but Me, the Rememberer and the Remembered.”

BH09672: O ʻIziyyih! Your lamentation was heard, your cry was…

In the name of the Everlasting Speaker!

O ʻIziyyih! Your lamentation was heard, your cry was heeded. God is witness and testament that we have desired and continue to desire your glory. God willing, through the grace of the All-Merciful, you have been and will be enabled to achieve that which God loves and with which He is well-pleased.

In truth, you must give something, for the reason that you came and requested to take poor ʿAbdu'l-Ahad with you to Aleppo. Now that place is closer by several leagues, what cause have you for grief? God willing, all affairs shall be arranged according to your heart's desire. This is not difficult for God.

Your letter was the cause of boundless sorrow. God willing, henceforth you will be seen in the utmost joy and delight, and will present your petition. The glory be upon you.

BH09503: Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God…

He is the One Who Remembereth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God, the God of Names and Creator of Heaven! I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy utterance and Thy mysteries hidden in Thy Book, that Thou assist me to turn towards Thee and to stand firm in Thy love. O my Lord! Aid me to witness among Thy servants that which Thy Most Exalted Pen witnessed before the creation of Thy heaven and earth. Then ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. I am he who, O my God, has aimed for the ultimate goal and the most exalted horizon, and I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy knowledge and the sun of Thy grace that Thou draw me and Thy servants nigh unto Thee. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth and in Whose grasp are the keys of heaven. There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH09614: In My Name, the One promised in the Scriptures…

In My Name, the One promised in the Scriptures, the Books, the Scrolls, and the Tablets

O My Afnan! Recall thou the days when thou wert in My presence and didst hear the voice of God, the King, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. God hath ordained for thee that which shall cause thy remembrance to endure through the eternity of His Best Names. Verily thy Lord is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth through His sovereignty that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. That which hath been concealed from sight shall soon be made manifest. He, verily, is the True Informer, the Trustworthy.

Thus have We caused to flow from the Pen that which shall establish the decree of pre-existence, yet most of the peoples remain heedless. The glory of God be upon thee and upon those who have held fast to this firm cord.

BH09279: O My handmaid! O My leaf! O thou who…

In the name of the One friend!

O My handmaid! O My leaf! O thou who remindest! Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto the pearl of the sea of inner meanings that was mentioned in the divine Books. Therefore praise thy Lord for this great bounty. And whatsoever thou hast witnessed before His face concerning the sanctification and glorification of God, exalted be His glory, remind the handmaids of God thereof, that all may partake of the infinite outpourings of God and receive their portion from the ocean of sanctification.

From this station We send Our glorification upon every handmaid among My handmaids and give them the glad-tidings of My mercy and My favor, and We counsel them to show forth the Most Great Steadfastness in this Cause whereby the hearts of those endued with understanding have been shaken. The glory be upon thee and upon them from the presence of One mighty and powerful.

BH09324: Let Jinab-i-ʿAli-Akbar, God willing, be engaged in the praise…

He is God!

Let Jinab-i-ʿAli-Akbar, God willing, be engaged in the praise and glorification of God, exalted be His glory, and act according to that which He loves and is pleased with.

On this Friday morning, which has been specifically designated for the gathering of the servants of God in mosques and congregations for the remembrance of God, this Wronged One has occupied Himself with the mention of the friends of that land.

We beseech God, exalted be His glory and abundant be His favors, to keep all steadfast in His Cause and firm in His love. Verily, He is near, the Answerer of prayers. He hears and sees, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

God willing, conduct yourselves with perfect joy and fragrance and complete wisdom. The glory be upon you and upon your father.

BH09435: The extended shadow is that which delivereth and giveth…

…The extended shadow is that which delivereth and giveth rest to souls from the fire of self and passion. Were this shadow to be concealed, the sun of resurrection would melt both bodies and souls. This shadow is of that knowledge which He declareth will be raised up after the appearance of the Qa'im, and beneath which all the Prophets will be gathered. Now the knowledge is raised up and the shadow is spread forth. No limit can be seen for it, and every eye beholdeth according to its own measure….

As regards thy question concerning the Qiblih… as long as the Sun is shining and manifest, orientation toward Him hath been and will continue to be acceptable, and thus hath He ordained.

BH09197: Praise be to God that thou hast drunk…

In the Name of the one true God!

Praise be to God that thou hast drunk from the ocean of divine knowledge and through the grace of God—glorified be His majesty—hast attained to that which most of the men on earth remain heedless of. Guard thou this most great bounty and supreme gift, through the Name of God, from the eyes of the heedless ones. Hold thou fast in all conditions to the Divine Lote Tree, for verily it calleth out and remembereth thee at this moment with that which shall endure as long as the names of God, the Lord of all worlds, shall endure.

From this station We send Our greetings upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this mighty Cause. Convey My greetings on My behalf to My handmaidens and give them the glad tidings of My gracious remembrance and My mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH09258: We make mention of that which My Herald uttered…

He is the One Who calleth aloud betwixt earth and heaven.

We make mention of that which My Herald uttered in this Dispensation—a Dispensation from which every learned one hath been veiled and every knower debarred, save those whom God, the Lord of lords, hath willed. He said—and His word is the truth, the essence of it having been enshrined in His mention—that He should not be consulted by reference to My intimations, nor by what hath been sent down in the Bayan. Thus have We caused thee, from this air, to hear the trill of the Bird of My Utterance, sanctified above words.

By My life, O thou who proclaimest My Cause! From the horizon of the Book of thy Lord there hath risen a Sun which no eclipse can veil, and a Moon which no obscuration can withhold. It shineth forth and sheddeth its radiance from all eternity. Glory be upon thee, and upon such as have attained unto the most great steadfastness in the Cause of their Lord, the Self-Sufficing, the Most Exalted.

BH09641: O thou who art enkindled with the fire…

He is God, the Speaker, the Manifest, the All-Knowing.

O thou who art enkindled with the fire of My love! My Most Exalted Pen maketh mention of thee from this luminous station. I call to mind the moment when We caused thee to hear the trill of the Bird of the Bayan in this holy, mighty, impregnable air. Nothing that hath been created on earth can be compared with My remembrance of thee. Give thanks, then, unto thy bountiful Lord.

We have heard thy call and have answered thee with this perspicuous exposition. Thus have We adorned the Ocean of the Word with the pearls of the utterance of thy wise Lord.

Bear thou, on My behalf, glad-tidings to those that are with thee, that the face of the Wronged One hath been turned toward them, and that the Tongue of God, the Almighty, the All-Beautiful, hath made mention of them.

The glory of God rest upon thee and upon them, from the presence of One all-powerful, omnipotent.

BH09646: O Jalal! He Who is the All-Glorious remembers you…

He is the One Who speaks the Truth

O Jalal! He Who is the All-Glorious remembers you in this station, around which circle the denizens of the highest Paradise and the Daysprings of Names at eventide and at dawn. Blessed are they who seek you out and acknowledge your loftiness and visit those through whom the Banner of Guidance was raised

among creation and the Dove warbled upon the Tree: “There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.” Blessed are you and your brother, and upon your mother and your sister, and upon those who believed in God on the Day of Return. Verily God and His angels and His Prophets and the Daysprings of His Revelation and the Dawning-places of His knowledge and the Repositories of His wisdom all send their blessings upon you and curse those who wronged you and killed you and shed your blood. These are servants who…

BH09976: In My Name, the Most Exalted

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Say: O my handmaiden and leaf of My divine Lote-Tree! O my God and my Beloved! The hearts of Thy lovers have melted in their separation from Thee. Where are the waves of the ocean of reunion with Thee? The hearts of those who yearn for Thee are consumed. Where is the path to attaining Thy presence? I beseech Thee, O Light of hearts and Fire of souls and minds, not to disappoint those who hope in Thee from the heaven of Thy nearness and the clouds of Thy bounty. I am she, O my God, who has turned toward the seat of the throne of Thy mercy and has clung to the cord of Thy favors. I beseech Thee to assist me to act according to Thy good-pleasure and to make this my hope and desire in Thy days. Verily, Thou art the Generous Giver.

BH09877: Glorified art Thou, O Thou in Whose hand…

He is the Dawning One from the horizon of the world through the Most Great Name

Glorified art Thou, O Thou in Whose hand is the dominion of all creation and in Whose grasp are the reins of all existence. Thou art He Who hath appeared and manifested whatsoever Thou didst desire through Thy power and sovereignty. Thou hast spoken, and caused all things to speak in Thy praise and glorification. O my Lord! Thou seest me clinging to Thy cord and holding fast to the hem of Thy garment. I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting, through which the tribes of the earth have lamented and those in the heavens were thunderstruck, to make me in all conditions one who uttereth Thy praise, who standeth firm in Thy service, and who aideth Thy Cause. Verily Thou art He from Whose knowledge nothing whatsoever escapeth and Whom no matter rendereth powerless. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH10114: O Mahmud, the Lord of existence makes mention…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

O Mahmud, the Lord of existence makes mention of thee from His all-glorious station, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. We have mentioned thee before, and in this Sacred and Protected Book. Blessed art thou for having turned unto God on a day when the learned of the age denied Him—save those whom God, the Lord of the seen and unseen, did please. Rejoice thou in My mention of thee. By the life of God! All the treasures of the earth and the riches of kings cannot compare with it. The glory shining forth from the horizon of God’s utterance be upon thy father and upon thee and upon all those who are with you, both male and female.

BH10064: He it is Who overshadoweth all names

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O Jalal! The Self-Sufficient, the Most High, makes mention of thee from the precincts of His Most Great Prison, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. He makes mention of him who makes mention of Him, and desires him who desires Him, as a token of His grace. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Take thou the Book of God in His Name, then read it with joy and radiance. He will protect thee and teach thee and acquaint thee with the straight path. Blessed is he who has turned to the Kaaba of existence, and blessed is he who has uttered this Name whereby the mountains have been subdued.

Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee, that thou mayest arise to serve the Cause with the greatest steadfastness on this Day whereon the tribes have lamented from every direction.

BH09940: The Tongue of God hath spoken and borne witness…

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

The Tongue of God hath spoken and borne witness to this Revelation, whereby the Speaker of the Mount hath spoken forth, and the Trumpet hath been sounded, and all who are in the heavens and on earth have swooned away, save those whom the hand of thy Lord's power, the Mighty, the Powerful, hath delivered. Turn thy face toward the Most Great Name and say: Praise be to Thee, O Lord of the worlds! I beseech Thee by Thy sealed Choice Wine and by Thy Name, the Manifest, the Hidden, to aid me in serving Thee and serving Thy loved ones, and to enable me to do that which befitteth Thy Revelation and Thy days. 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 Mighty, the Powerful.

BH10164: Today is the day when the divine breeze…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Grandeur and the Power

Today is the day when the divine breeze is passing by and the Spirit of God is in a state of attraction and excitement. The decayed bones have been moved by the outpourings of the Ancient Sea, and the withered plants have been refreshed by the generosity of the divine clouds. Blessed is the state of those servants whom the contaminations of this mortal world have not prevented from freshness—they are alive through the Name of the Friend and attached to His grace. These are among the people of Baha in the Tablet of God, the Lord of the throne and earth, and the Master of the hereafter and the first life.

BH10182: In My Name, the One Who speaketh forth…

In My Name, the One Who speaketh forth, the Expounder, the All-Knowing

O My Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Habib, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of God, the Lord of all names, and be of them that render thanks. I created all beings to hearken unto the

Call, but when it was raised in truth, every heedless and remote one turned away therefrom. We have manifested Our Cause with proof and evidence, yet most of the people are among the opposers. They cast aside their God and followed their own desires—verily they are among the lost. Soon shall they lament over their own selves and say:

> "Alas for us, for what we neglected in the Day of God, the Lord of all the worlds!"

BH10440: O Beloved! The Best-Beloved remembers thee. Verily He…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great!

O Beloved! The Best-Beloved remembers thee. Verily He is the Wronged One Who hath been imprisoned in the path of God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee and hold fast unto My cord. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Loving. Reflect upon the world and its transience and its conditions, and be thou detached therefrom through My Name, the All-Possessing over the kingdom of earth and heaven. All that thou seest today shall perish, and there shall remain for thee this forbidden remembrance. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee and revealed unto thee that whereby thy remembrance shall endure in a preserved tablet.

BH10317: He who is mentioned hath testified concerning Him Who…

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

He who is mentioned hath testified concerning Him Who hath come with the truth that He, verily, is God; there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. He hath come with the truth and summoned all unto Him, yet the people have turned away. They have denied the favor of God and His signs, and have turned aside from the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. We have counseled those who have believed in that which the All-Bestowing hath sent down in the Book, but most of the people understand not. Blessed is he who hath cast away vain imaginings and hastened unto the ocean of the mercy of his Lord, the Possessor of existence. Rejoice thou in that thou hast been mentioned before the Face, and this irrevocable Book hath been sent down unto thee.

BH10545: Thou art the one whom We caused to hear…

He is God, exalted is He!

Thou art the one whom We caused to hear, in the earliest days, the rustling of My Divine Lote-Tree, and the murmuring of the Kawthar of Mine utterance, and the shrill voice of My Pen, and the warbling of the Bird of My loving-kindness that hath preceded all worlds. Arise and proclaim with wisdom: O concourse of contingent beings! The All-Merciful hath come with proof and evidence, in such wise that neither the clash of the swords of enemies, nor the neighing of the steeds of the mighty ones, nor the croaking of the divines can deter Him. He speaketh and declareth before the face of the world: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Speaker, the Manifest, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH10611: Blessed is the one whose pinnacle of recognition has…

In the Name of the All-Knowing Speaker!

Blessed is the one whose pinnacle of recognition has been adorned with the crown of steadfastness. By the life of God! That crown illumines the people of heaven and shineth bright like the morning star. God willing, may all attain unto this most exalted station and this supreme rank. At all times thou shouldst be thankful unto the Divine Truth that He hath aided thee to make mention of Him and to praise Him, and enabled thee to recognize the Dayspring of His Cause and the Dawning-Place of His verses. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful and verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Wise.

BH10703: O Heaven of Healing! I beseech Thee…

He is the All-Bountiful

O Heaven of Healing! I beseech Thee by the sun of Thy grace, and the moon of Thy loving-kindness, and the star of Thy generosity, to inscribe healing from Thy Most Exalted Pen for this star in the heaven of Thy Manifestation. O Lord! This is a branch among Thy branches and a fruit among the fruits of the Divine Lote-Tree amidst humanity. I beseech Thee to protect him from poisonous winds and earthly diseases that afflict. Send down upon him, O my God, a mercy from Thy presence and a light from Thy nearness. Verily, Thou art the Healer, the Sufficient, the Compassionate, the Forgiving.

BH10893: O Ibrahim! Fix thy gaze upon this blessed Word…

In the Name of the Desire of the world

O Ibrahim! Fix thy gaze upon this blessed Word which is even as the sun in the heaven of utterance: “Create in me a being that I may be for Thee.” Arise then to render thanks and praise, for He hath guided thee to the Most Great Ocean and caused thee to be mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen. Say: Thine be the praise and Thine the glory and Thine the grandeur and majesty, O Thou Who art the Beloved of the heavens and the earth!

BH10974: O Nasru’llah! Praise thou the Best-Beloved of the world…

In the Name of the Everlasting Speaker

O Nasru’llah! Praise thou the Best-Beloved of the world Who hath enabled thee to attain unto that which, hadst thou possessed all the treasures of earth and expended them, thou wouldst not have attained thereunto. Now ponder upon the grace and bounty and mercy of God—exalted be His glory—and with thy outward and inward tongue utter the blessed words “Thine is the praise, O Thou Who art the Beloved of the worlds” and be thou ever mindful thereof.

BH10963: O Muhammad qabl-i-Hasan! Fix thy gaze upon this blessed…

In the Name of God, the Everlasting!

O Muhammad qabl-i-Hasan! Fix thy gaze upon this blessed Word, which is even as the Most Great Luminary for the world of vision:

> "Make mention of Me on My earth, and I will make mention of thee in My heaven."

Render thanks unto the Best-Beloved of the worlds, that He hath adorned thee with the ornament of acceptance and guided thee to the Dayspring of the lights of unity. Be thou grateful unto Him Who hath remembered thee through that which all the treasures of the earth cannot equal.

BH10925: O Hakim! That which was promised in the Books…

In the name of the All-Seeing,

O Hakim! That which was promised in the Books hath appeared. He is Jehovah, and He is the Comforter, and He is the Spirit of Truth, and He is the Great News which the All-Merciful hath given tidings of in the Qur'an. He it is Who hath walked upon the approaches of the earth and raised His pavilion upon the most exalted spot. Blessed art thou for having recognized Him and been numbered among those who have turned towards Him.

BH10950: O Ghulam-Rida! Consider man as a sword: while it…

In the Name of God, the All-Seeing!

O Ghulam-Rida! Consider man as a sword: while it remains in its sheath, its quality remains hidden and concealed. Through God's grace, you must be freed from the sheath of darkness, that your quality may become manifest to all the world. The quality of man lies in his conduct and deeds. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid you to achieve that which befits you in this wondrous and glorious Day.

BH10791: O Muhammad-Qabl-i-Husayn! Hold fast to this firm Word…

In the Name of the Lord of Names!

O Muhammad-Qabl-i-Husayn! Hold fast to this firm Word which is as the water of life to those who thirst. Look not unto creation and its conditions, but unto the Truth and His sovereignty and grandeur and glory. That which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen is as a lamp unto the darkened world and as a sun unto the realm of knowledge.

BH10781: O Ahmad! The Word of God is in one…

In the Name of the Goal of all the worlds!

O Ahmad! The Word of God is in one station likened unto a divine Lote-Tree—blessed are they who have found their habitation beneath its shade. And in another station it is likened unto a Pavilion—well is it with such souls as have taken up their abode in that place of security. And it hath been called by all the most beautiful names. Well is it with him who hath attained unto it and recognized its station and rank and its influence and power and dominion.

BH10971: O Mahmud! That which was promised in the divine…

In the name of the Lord of Days!

O Mahmud! That which was promised in the divine Books hath been manifested in this praiseworthy station, yet the unjust people failed to recognize it and arose in oppression, until they imprisoned the Wronged One in the prison of ʿAkka. However, God, exalted be His glory, made this imprisonment the cause of freedom and this confinement the means of liberation for all the peoples of the world. For this we thank Him throughout the duration of the kingdom and the heavenly realm.

BH11017: O Asadu'llah! The Lord of the worlds declareth…

In the Name of the One Friend!

O Asadu'llah! The Lord of the worlds declareth in this utterance which hath been sent down from the heaven of the All-Merciful's will: "Act thou according to My commandments for the love of My beauty." This is a word which the All-Merciful revealed aforetime in Baghdad and in this Great Prison. When thou attainest unto it, say: "Praise be to God, the Beloved of them that know!"

BH11032: O Karbila'i Muhammad-Husayn! Praise be to God that thou…

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

O Karbila'i Muhammad-Husayn! Praise be to God that thou hast attained to kissing the dust at the threshold of the Name of God. Strive thou that, through divine grace, thou mayest be honored with the most great steadfastness. This is the most exalted station, the highest rank, the primal pearl, the mystery of "or nearer," the ultimate station, and the furthermost goal. Blessed are they that attain!

BH11189: O Mihdi! Hearken unto My call from the precincts…

He is the Dawning One from the horizon of utterance!

O Mihdi! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We have remembered thee and My loved ones in that land, and We give you glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for you from the presence of One mighty and ancient.

The glory rest upon thee and upon thy father and upon those who have attained unto this mighty Cause. And praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH11163: O Hakim Rahim! This is a Day which hath…

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

O Hakim Rahim! This is a Day which hath had no peer or likeness, nor ever shall have. The Interlocutor of Sinai hath appeared, and heaven and earth have been adorned with a new attire. The New Jerusalem

hath descended from the realm of the divine Will, and the wilderness hath been honored and blessed by the footsteps of the Lord of all beings. Blessed art thou and blessed is the soul that hath inhaled the fragrance of the All-Merciful and attained unto this magnificent Day.

BH11135: O Ahmad! Strive thou to become a recipient…

In the Name of the Lord of Names!

O Ahmad! Strive thou to become a recipient of the fruits of the divine Tree of the Most Exalted Pen. Whosoever attaineth thereunto, no thing in all the world can harm him, nor can the allusions of nations veil him, nor the might of the powerful frighten him, nor the hosts of princes dismay him. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, as a bounty from His presence. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

BH11155: O Aqa Jan! The Beloved of the world hath…

In the Name of the All-Knowing Speaker!

O Aqa Jan! The Beloved of the world hath turned toward thee from the Most Great Prison and maketh mention of thee. Hath there been witnessed, or can there be witnessed, a bounty greater than this? Nay, by My Name, the All-Compelling over the worlds! Soon shall the hidden divine favors be made manifest in the earth and become evident unto all the peoples of the world.

BH11185: O Muhammad-Sadiq! Reflect upon this exalted and wondrous Word…

In the Name of the One, the All-Hearing!

O Muhammad-Sadiq! Reflect upon this exalted and wondrous Word which is among the pearls of the divine sea of inner meanings: Strive that there may appear from thee, in the days of God, that whereby thy name and thy mention shall endure in His holy, mighty and inaccessible kingdom. Blessed is every upright doer.

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BH01707: Lawh-i-Jud

In My Name, who calleth out before the face of the world!

O Thou who bearest My Name, Jud [Bounty]! Upon thee be My Glory. Give ear unto that which thou didst hear aforetime when the Daystar of testimony was shining resplendent above the horizon of ʿIraq, when Baghdad served as the Seat of the Throne of thy Lord, the Exalted, the Mighty.

I bear witness that thou hast hearkened unto the melody of God and His sweet accents, inclined thine ear to the cooing of the Dove of divine Revelation and hast heard the Nightingale of fidelity pouring forth its

notes upon the Branch of Glory: Verily there is none other God but Me, the Incomparable, the All-Informed.

O thou who bearest My Name! The glances of the loving-kindness of God have been and continue to be directed towards thee. While in His presence, thou hast heard the Voice of the One true God—exalted be His glory—and hast beheld the unveiled splendor of the Light of divine knowledge. Ponder a while! How sublime is the Utterance of Him Who is the Sovereign Truth and how abject are the idle contentions of the people! The accumulations of vain fancy have obstructed men's ears and stopped them from hearing the Voice of God, and the veils of human learning and false imaginings have prevented their eyes from beholding the splendor of the light of His countenance. With the arm of might and power We have rescued a number of souls from the slough of impending extinction and enabled them to attain the Dayspring of glory.

Moreover We have laid bare the divine mysteries and in most explicit language foretold future events, that neither the doubts of the faithless, nor the denials of the froward, nor the whisperings of the heedless may keep back the seekers of truth from the Source of the light of the One true God. Nevertheless some people seem to have been seized with epilepsy, others are torn up even as hollow tree-stumps. They abandon God, the Most Exalted—He before Whose revelation of a single verse, all the Scriptures of the past and of more recent times pale into lowliness and insignificance—and set their hearts on lying tales and follow empty words.

Thou hast surely quaffed from the ocean of Mine utterance and hast witnessed the effulgent splendor of the orb of My wisdom. Thou hast also heard the sayings of the infidels who neither are acquainted with the fundamentals of the Faith, nor have tasted this choice Wine whose seal hath been broken through the power of My Name, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Beseech thou God that the believers who are endued with true understanding may be graciously enabled to do that which is pleasing unto Him.

How strange that despite this ringing Call, despite the appearance of this most wondrous Revelation, We notice that men, for the most part, have fixed their hearts on the vanities of the world and are sorely dismayed and troubled by reason of prevailing doubts and evil suggestions. Say: This is the Day of God Himself; fear ye God and be not of them that have disbelieved in Him. Cast the idle tales behind your backs and behold My Revelation through Mine eyes. Unto this have ye been exhorted in heavenly Books and Scriptures, in the Scrolls and Tablets.

Arise thou to serve the Cause of thy Lord; then give the people the joyful tidings concerning this resplendent Light whose revelation hath been announced by God through His Prophets and Messengers. Admonish everyone moreover to observe prudence as ordained by Him, and in the Name of God advise them, saying: It behooveth every one in this Day of God to dedicate himself to the teaching of the Cause with utmost prudence and steadfastness. Should he discover a pure soil, let him sow the seed of the Word of God, otherwise it would be preferable to observe silence.

Not long ago this most sublime Word was revealed in the Crimson Book by the All-Glorious Pen:

> "The heaven of divine wisdom is illumined with two luminaries: consultation and compassion."

Please God, everyone may be enabled to observe this weighty and blessed word.

Certain people seem to be entirely bereft of understanding. By clinging to the cord of idle fancy they have debarred themselves from the Sure Handle. I swear by My life! Were they to reflect a while with fairness on that which the All-Merciful hath sent down, they would, one and all, spontaneously give utterance to these words, “Verily Thou art the Truth, the manifest Truth.”

It behooveth thee to turn thy gaze in all circumstances unto the One true God, and seek diligently to serve His Cause. Call thou to mind when thou wert in My company, within the Tabernacle of Glory, and didst hear from Me that which He Who conversed with God [Moses] heard upon the Sinai of divine knowledge. Thus did We graciously aid thee, enabled thee to recognize the truth and cautioned thee, that thou mightest render thanks unto thy bountiful Lord. Thou shouldst safeguard this sublime station through the potency of My Name, the Omnipotent, the Faithful.

Convey greetings on My behalf to My loved ones and suffer them to hearken unto My sweet Voice. Thus biddeth thee the One Who hath bidden thee in the past; I am in truth the Ordainer, the All-Informed. Glory be upon thee and upon those who give ear to thy words concerning this momentous Cause and who love thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH02094: O Mirza Asadu’llah, son of him who hath ascended…

O Mirza Asadu’llah, son of him who hath ascended to the Supreme Companion! He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

A mention from Us unto him who hath attained to the recognition of God when every ignorant and remote one turned away from Him, that he may rejoice in His remembrance and speak forth His praise in such wise as to attract the hearts of them that have known God. O Asad! He Who is the One, the Single, maketh mention of thee from this Spot which God hath made the point round which circle the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Cities of Names, and then they who circle round the Throne in the name of their Lord, the Mighty, the Trusted One.

Blessed is thy father, concerning whom the Supreme Pen was moved to make mention both before his ascension and after his elevation to a station wherein he beheld the world beneath his shadow. Verily thy Lord is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed. We have mentioned him in such wise as would cause the near ones to invoke blessings upon him at morn and eventide. Grieve not at what hath befallen thee. Verily thy Lord maketh mention of thee in such wise as would gladden every hearing and perceiving one. We make mention of him in this Spot that God’s chosen ones and His loved ones who have turned unto God, the Most Exalted, the Most Great, may remember him thereby.

O Muhsin! I bear witness that thou didst hear the Call when it was raised betwixt earth and heaven, and didst answer thy Lord, the Manifest, the All-Knowing. Blessed art thou for having quaffed the Wine of Life from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, and for having attained unto the most great steadfastness when feet did slip and every lofty mountain was scattered to dust. Thou art he whom neither the clamor of the divines held back from the Creator of heaven nor the assault of the oppressors from this Great Announcement. We bear witness that thou didst rend asunder the veils when the All-

Bestower came riding upon the clouds, and didst acknowledge that which the Tongue of Grandeur did utter: “There is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the Powerful.” Thou art he from whom they that have known God have inhaled the fragrance of steadfastness in this Cause at whose appearance all things proclaimed: “By God! That hath appeared from which all who are in the earth have fled in terror, save those whom God hath willed, the Lord of this wondrous Day.” Thus hath the Lord of all mankind made mention of thee that the servants who have believed in God, the Lord of the worlds, may visit thee thereby.

O Asad! Divine favor toward him is manifest and evident from wondrous and sublime verses, and the testimony that hath proceeded from the Supreme Pen concerning him is, in the sight of God, greater than all the treasures of the earth. Verily He seeth and witnesseth and speaketh. Thy Lord is indeed the All-Mentioning, the All-Knowing. Though for some days in this world he bore afflictions, trials and the like, this was in accordance with God’s conclusive wisdom. I swear by the Sun of utterance that such bounty hath been vouchsafed unto him as the pens of the world and its scribes are powerless to describe. If thou shouldst perceive these words, which are more delicate than the fragrance of a garment, with an attentive ear, thou wouldst attain unto the most great joy and wouldst cry out in all nights and days “Thine be the praise, O God of the worlds!”

God willing, thou shalt drink of the choice sealed wine in the name of the Self-Subsisting—and that wine is steadfastness, for the treacherous ones and the satans are engaged with the utmost effort and striving in leading souls astray. Ask thou God to protect thee and His servants. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Wise. The glory be upon thee and upon thy mother who heard and turned unto God, the Lord of this wondrous Day.

BH02984: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Knowing, the All-Hearing

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him and that He Who hath come from the heaven of divine revelation is the Hidden Secret, the Impenetrable Mystery, Whose advent hath been foretold in the Book of God and hath been heralded by His Prophets and Messengers. Through Him the mysteries have been unraveled, the veils rent asunder and the signs and evidences disclosed. Lo! He hath now been made manifest. He bringeth to light whatsoever He willeth, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth, invested with transcendent majesty and power.

Blessed is that strong one who will shatter the gods of vain imaginings through the potency of the Name of his Lord, He Who ruleth over all men.

O My Afnan! We would fain mention thy name as a token of grace on Our part, that the sweet savors of My remembrance may attract thee unto My Kingdom and draw thee nigh unto the Tabernacle of My majesty which hath been hoisted through the power of this Name—a Name which hath caused every foundation to tremble.

Say: O peoples of the earth! By the righteousness of God! Whatever ye have been promised in the Books of your Lord, the Ruler of the Day of Return, hath appeared and been made manifest. Beware lest the

changes and chances of the world hold you back from Him Who is the Sovereign Truth. Ere long will everything visible perish and only that which hath been revealed by God, the Lord of lords, shall endure.

Say: This is the Day of meritorious deeds, did ye but know it. This is the Day of the glorification of God and of the exposition of His Word, could ye but perceive it. Abandon the things current amongst men and hold fast unto that which God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, hath enjoined upon you. The day is fast approaching when all the treasures of the earth shall be of no profit to you. Unto this beareth witness the Lord of Names, He Who proclaimeth: Verily, no God is there besides Him, the Sovereign Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

Well is it with thee, O My Afnan, inasmuch as thou wert honored to receive My Holy Verses, hast inhaled the sweet savors of My Revelation and responded to My Call at a time when My servants and My creatures, casting the Mother Book behind their backs and, clinging to the dictates of the exponents of idle fancy and vain imaginings, have denounced Me. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in the kingdom of utterance at the bidding of God, the Lord of Creation.

Persevere thou conscientiously in the service of the Cause and, through the power of the Name of thy Lord, the Possessor of all things visible and invisible, preserve the station conferred upon thee. I swear by the righteousness of God! Were anyone apprised of that which is veiled from the eyes of men, he would become so enraptured as to wing his flight unto God, the Lord of all that hath been and shall be.

May His glory rest upon thee and upon such as have drawn nigh unto Him and apprehended the meaning of that which the exalted Pen of God, the Almighty, the All-Loving, hath recorded in this Tablet.

BH03796: We make mention of him who hath been attracted…

We make mention of him who hath been attracted by Our Call when it was raised from the summit of transcendent glory and hath set his face towards God, the Lord of creation. He is numbered with such as have heard and responded to the summons of their Lord at a time when the peoples of the world are wrapt in palpable veils. He testifieth unto that whereunto God hath testified, and acknowledgeth his belief in that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered. Unto this beareth witness the Lord of Names in this wondrous Tablet.

O My exalted Pen! Bring him, on My behalf, the joyful tidings concerning the things that God, the Powerful, the Omnipotent, hath reserved for him. Indeed he hath, for most of the time, been hemmed in by manifold sorrows, and verily his merciful Lord is the One Who seeth and knoweth all things. Rejoice thou with exceeding gladness inasmuch as this Wronged One hath turned His face towards thee, hath mentioned thy name aforetime and doth mention it at this very moment.

Unto My loved friends give thou remembrances in My name and convey to them the tidings of the gracious bounties of their Lord, the Giver, the All-Generous. From this exalted station We send Our greetings unto such believers as have taken fast hold on the Sure Handle and quaffed the choice wine of constancy from the hand of favor of their Lord, the Almighty, the All-Praised.

In this Day the faculty of hearing exclaimeth, “This is my Day, wherein I hearken unto the wondrous Voice coming from the precincts of the Prison of my Lord, the Perspicuous, the Hearing.” And the faculty of sight calleth aloud, “Verily this is my Day, for I behold the Dayspring of glory shining resplendent at the bidding of Him Who is the Ordainer, the All-Powerful.” Blessed the ear that hath heard the call, “Behold, and thou shalt see Me.”1 and happy the eye that hath gazed upon the most wondrous Sign, dawning from this luminous horizon.

Say: O concourse of the rulers and of the learned and the wise! The Promised Day is come and the Lord of Hosts hath appeared. Rejoice ye with great joy by reason of this supreme felicity. Aid Him then through the power of wisdom and utterance. Thus biddeth you the One Who hath ever proclaimed, “Verily, no God is there but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.”

May His glory rest upon thee and upon those who are with thee and such ones as cherish thee and give ear to the words thou utterest in glorification of this mighty, this transcendent Revelation.

BH04538: In the Name of Him Who is the Goal…

In the Name of Him Who is the Goal of the world! Thy letter hath reached the ears of this Wronged One. Praise be to God that thou hast been assisted to offer praise and thanksgiving to the Beloved of the worlds, and hast quaffed from the wine of true understanding. Blessed art thou, and blessed is he who hath taught thee and imparted unto thee the Word of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

For those possessed of insight, there hath never been, nor is there now, any doubt concerning the changes, transformations and evanescence of the world. God willing, may its manifestations, effulgences and conditions not debar thee from the immortal Kingdom. Strive thou that such deeds as befit the station of man may be made manifest from thee. Thus doth the Wronged One command thee from this remote spot.

The Truth hath summoned and continueth to summon the entire world unto that which shall ensure its salvation in all the worlds. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this from Its exalted and glorious station. If thou wert to observe with the eye of fairness that which hath been manifested, thou wouldst attain, in less than that, unto the lofty station of steadfastness.

Before the appearance of proof and testimony, none was commanded to recognition. He bestowed the eye and uttered the word “observe”. He granted the tongue and revealed the word “remember”. He conferred strength and commanded to action. Verily thy Lord is the Just, the All-Wise.

Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by the trees of Thy lands and the fruits of the Tree of Thy utterance to aid me to be steadfast in Thy Cause and to enable me, under all conditions, to hearken unto Thy Call which hath been raised from the right hand of Thy Throne. Then ordain for me, by the Pen of Thy Command, that which will draw me nigh unto Thee. There is none other God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

BH05487: The All-Merciful hath revealed a Book for all who…

In the Name of Him Who shineth from the horizon of utterance

The All-Merciful hath revealed a Book for all who dwell in the realm of possibility, and calleth all unto God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. This is the Day of Resurrection, yet the people perceive it not. This is the Day of Loss and Gain, and of Recompense, yet most among mankind know it not. The Calamity hath truly come to pass, and the Sure Hour hath appeared with justice, yet the people witness it not. The Hour proclaimeth and calleth all unto this Hour that speaketh and walketh in His prison, the Mighty, the Forbidden One.

Mention was made of thee in the letter of My Afnan, upon whom rest My glory. We make mention of thee in this irrevocable Tablet. Blessed is the heart that hath turned toward My horizon, and the tongue that hath been adorned with the praise of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen.

Render thanks unto the Beloved of the world Who hath enabled thee to turn unto Him on a Day when most of the people of the earth are deprived and forbidden. After recognition of God—exalted be His glory—that which hath been and still is of paramount importance is steadfastness. God willing, thou shalt attain unto it and preserve it through His Name, the True One.

We make mention in this place of him who is named ʿAbdu'l-Husayn. We have mentioned him in diverse Tablets as a token of Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. The favor of God hath encompassed him and will, God willing, continue to do so. Glory be upon him and upon thee and upon those who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

BH11345: Allah'u'Abha! O promoter of My Cause and one who…

Allah'u'Abha! O promoter of My Cause and one who gazes upon My countenance! We have desired to remember thee and have remembered thee in this Most Glorious Tablet that thou mayest give thanks unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

BH00172: Praise be befitting to my Beloved, Who hath opened…

Section 1: "Praise be befitting to my Beloved, Who hath…"

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

Praise be befitting to my Beloved, Who hath opened the gates of reunion unto all the worlds through the pen and finger. Once it was said that the pen is the primary interpreter in the world after the tongue. In truth, it is a mighty sign and an exalted station. The connection of the world dependeth upon it, and likewise its separation. With a single movement in the arena of utterance, the people of the contingent world are attracted—some rendered unconscious by its shrill sound, and others made steadfast by its call. This unconsciousness of which We speak is the very essence of consciousness, nay the source thereof. Exalted is the command of the Pen in revealing what He willeth, and exalted is He Who caused it

to speak and taught it. This Pen, with all these stations, fell unconscious at the first call of countless ages. This is a word I heard from the mouth of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

This evanescent servant, due to the intensity of the fire of love, whenever he wishes to present something, is ultimately put to shame by the abundance of words. The fire of love sayeth: Write! Write! Modesty sayeth: Enough! Enough! In all conditions there is hope for pardon.

Your letter arrived, along with the letter of Samandar, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], which had been sent to that beloved one and which you gave to this servant. On Thursday morning, the ninth of Muharram, it was presented before the countenance of the Lord of all beings. He, exalted be His glory, said:

We have heard the call of all, and all have been adorned with the ornament of divine mention. By the life of God! Every word hath concealed within it the good of all who are first and last. In one station it appeareth as a cloud from which the rains of divine grace pour forth unceasingly. The world of knowledge hath ever been and shall ever be verdant and flourishing through it. Exalted is the Lord of Eternity Who speaketh at this moment: "Verily, there is no God but Me, the Imprisoned, the Stranger."

At times it is the Water of Life for existence, for in truth whosoever hath partaken thereof hath attained unto everlasting, eternal life. By My life! The breeze of grace that wafteth at dawn bestoweth new and wondrous life upon decayed bones. It hath conquered and continueth to conquer the world through a word. It is the Most Great Key in the world, for through it are opened the doors of hearts which are, in truth, the gates of heaven. Were its attributes to be described as befitteth and beseemeth it, it would prove too lengthy. One of its effulgences shone forth upon the mirror of love, wherein was impressed the blessed word "I am the Beloved." It is an ocean all-embracing and comprehensive—whatsoever is desired appeareth from it. Exalted, exalted is this most sublime station, before which the essence of loftiness and transcendence walketh, glorifying and magnifying. These stations have flowed from the Most Exalted Pen that all may know the station of divine mention and preserve this precious pearl, which is more precious than all that is hidden and visible, in the treasuries of their hearts in the name of the Beloved.

As to what you mentioned concerning Jinab-i-Haji Baba, Mashhadi Husayn, and Haji Haji ʿAli—upon them be the Glory of God—from among the people of K.L., it was submitted. He said:

> "Praise be to God, they have been and are recipients of divine favor. We counsel them and My loved ones to that which causes the spirits of the hesitant to soar and draws the hearts of the heedless. That which We have enjoined in the Book has been and is the cause of tranquility and assurance for the peoples of the world. God willing, may the people of Baha be occupied and engaged in that which the All-Merciful loves with utmost joy and fragrance. The light of the goodly word and goodly deed has illumined and continues to illumine the world. Blessed are they who attain! We send Our greetings from this spot upon them and upon My loved ones there, and We make mention of the Lion and the Generous One, and We give them glad tidings of My remembrance of them. And I am the Remembering, the Wronged One. Long has My imprisonment lasted through what the hands of the enemies have wrought, yet the Spirit is in great joy."

As to their desire to turn towards the Most Exalted Horizon, We have informed of the condition of this land and its hidden movements before and after. Therefore the Most Exalted Pen has hesitated in giving permission. If they move for the sake of God and are content and thankful in bearing hardships, there is and has been no harm. We make mention at this moment of My loved ones in A. and Sh. who have cast behind them the vain imaginings of men, advancing toward the Most Exalted Horizon through the power of the Lord of Names—exalted be the Creator of the heavens Who aided them to recognize this Cause at which the limbs of the learned and the mystics have trembled. Thus has My Most Glorious Pen spoken in My Most Great Prison.

O friends! We have sent forth and dispatched for each of you a chalice of the Water of Life in the form of a word, that you may drink therefrom and speak with utmost joy and fragrance in the assemblage of recognition in the name of the Beloved of the worlds. Today the promotion of the Cause is beloved, but with wisdom and utterance, so that the divine word may find its place in good soil and spring forth verdant. O friends! I swear by the effulgences of the Sun of inner meanings that you are the gems of existence. Know your worth and preserve your stations. All the merchants of the world are seen to be in manifest loss, but God willing, you shall be seen with great profit, and all that is hidden today shall become evident and manifest in the world. God willing, may you all drink of the wine of steadfastness in such wise that should Satan appear with all his insinuations and whisperings, you would regard him as absolute nothingness.

O friends! Today is your day. Drink and give to drink! The ocean of life surges before all faces and the sun of bounty shines resplendent before all eyes. In all matters, be mindful of wisdom. Until the clamor of the heedless is stilled, that which has been commanded, if not in accord with wisdom, should be held in abeyance. From this word the station of wisdom is clear and evident. Hold fast unto it in all conditions. We counsel all to preserve the Books and Tablets. They must exert their utmost effort in safeguarding them.

God willing, may all the divine friends be illumined and gladdened by the lights of the suns of utterance and act according to that which they have been commanded in the Book. In truth, all must not be negligent in preserving the divine Tablets. As previously, when they intended to seize some friends, their writings first fell into [others'] hands. This is not permissible. They must designate a secure place for the divine verses so they remain protected from the touch of unworthy hands, although none shall touch them save the pure ones, as it has been and ever shall be.

Concerning Jinab Aqa Siyyid Mahmud and Jinab Ustad Aqajan, upon them be the Glory of God, mentioned in your letter—a Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablet from the heaven of grace has been revealed and sent for each. O My beloved! The river flows and the ocean surges and the sun shines forth, yet few indeed are the seekers and rare are they to find. And so must it be, for not every sightless one is worthy of the pearls of inner meaning, nor is every witless one capable of receiving this precious gem. In any case, the request is that you convey on behalf of this evanescent one greetings to these two dear ones, and likewise to the friends who have previously been adorned with the grace of the True Beloved. By the life of my Beloved and your Beloved and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and earth—nothing can compare with a single word of the divine utterances that minds have not comprehended and eyes have

not seen. Give them these glad tidings and send them the two blessed Most Holy Tablets, that their breasts may be dilated, their hearts illumined, their souls detached, their faces radiant, and their vision keen.

Likewise, mention was made of two souls known as Jinab Ustad Isma'il and Na'ib Rida, as requested by Jinab Haji Baba, upon them be the Glory of God, in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, and these decisive words were revealed from the heaven of grace. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

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

O Isma'il! The Wronged One remembers thee from the prison quarter and gives thee glad tidings of God's grace, the Lord of all worlds. By God! The veils have been rent asunder and the All-Bestower has come, riding upon the clouds, yet the people are in evident doubt. The heaven hath testified to the Lord of Names, while the people remain behind a thick veil. Blessed art thou and those who have attained unto the traces of My Most Exalted Pen and have recognized that which the Tongue of Revelation hath spoken from the Most Glorious Horizon. Exalted is the Lord of Eternity Who hath come with the Most Great Name, to the dismay of those who denied God's proof and testimony and turned away from Him when He appeared with a sovereignty that conquered all who are in the heavens and the earth.

We make mention of all My loved ones through thee, and of My handmaidens who have believed in the All-Informed One. O My loved ones! We have remembered you before and after in the Crimson Book, before which every book and preserved tablet bows down when it appears. Rejoice in My remembrance and take the chalice of utterance in My Name, then drink therefrom with the wisdom that hath been sent down from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Glory be unto those whom neither the tempests of the learned nor the hurricanes of the mystics have moved, who cast the Book behind their backs and held fast to their own vain imaginings.

In My Name, the One Who dominates the horizons

God willing, may all be adorned with the ornament of His favor on this blessed day and drink from the Kawthar of divine knowledge, to the chagrin of the heedless. The door of grace is open and the heaven of generosity is raised up. Regard these heedless souls as bubbles—soon they shall be seen to vanish and disappear. That which is tainted with the dust of extinction was not and is not worthy of attention and mention. Strive to possess that which is everlasting and eternal. The objections, protests and clamor of the people of the world and their learned ones are like the rustling of dried leaves when the winds pass over them. Now observe in what station these sounds are, and in what station is the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen.

By My life, if a soul were to hearken unto a single melody from the birds of utterance in the garden of the All-Merciful, he would become detached from the world and all who dwell therein, and would arise with the utmost strength and steadfastness in the path of his Lord's good-pleasure. Verily He guides all to His path and acquaints them with what He has revealed through His command and draws them near to the ocean of His good-pleasure. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Powerful.

Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the recognition of the Hidden Mystery and the Concealed Secret. Guard this station in the name of the One True Friend. The evil ones have been and are lying in wait, and have intended by their most grievous shrieking to withhold the servants from the most pure nectar. This is what We have informed you of before in various Tablets. He is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We make mention of all the friends in that land, both men and women, and counsel them to manifest the most great steadfastness. Blessed is he who acts, woe unto the heedless.

And as for what they had inscribed concerning His Honor Aqa Muhammad-Ibrahim-i-Buyini, it was presented, and this is that which the Desired One revealed in response. He saith—exalted be His majesty:

He is the Hearer, the All-Hearing

God beareth witness that He hath appeared and manifested whatsoever He desired, and He is the Omnipotent, the Almighty. He hath indeed revealed the Books and sent forth the Messengers, and made them the banners of His command among His servants and the manifestations of His utterance among His creatures, that they might give glad-tidings unto all of this precious, wondrous Day—the Day whereof, when it appeareth, the Greatest Terror shall be made manifest and earthquakes shall seize upon all the tribes, save those whom God willeth—the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O Ibrahim! Verily, the All-Wise remembereth thee and commandeth thee to observe the Most Great Uprightness. Verily, He is the Evident, the All-Seeing. Set aside the books of the world and take hold of this Most Great Book which speaketh forth from the prison:

> "Verily, there is no God but Me, the One, the Peerless, the All-Knowing."

Give praise unto God for that the Countenance hath turned toward thee and hath remembered thee with this evident Remembrance. The glory of God rest upon the people of Baha who have not been prevented by the affairs of the earth from the remembrance of God, the Lord of all the worlds. Here endeth the passage.

Section 2: "As for what they had inscribed concerning Aqa…"

As for what they had inscribed concerning Aqa Ilyas, one of the sons of Khalil—upon him be the glory of God—and the epistle which they had dispatched and sent to that honored one, these particulars and whatsoever was mentioned in that epistle were presented before the Countenance, and all was heard with attention, and this utterance appeared from the Kingdom of bounty. He saith—magnified be His majesty:

He is the Guardian over all who are in the earth and in the heavens!

We desire to give him who is named Ilyas to drink of the sealed nectar in the name of My Self-Subsisting One, and to show him that which the Interlocutor sought from God, the Lord of all the worlds. We have indeed aided the sons of Khalíl in this Most Great Manifestation, and guided them unto My straight path, and confirmed them in the knowledge of Me, and caused them to hear that which the Interlocutor heard upon the Mount of knowledge, and I am the Munificent, the Generous.

Give thanks unto God for that He hath made thee eloquent with this Most Great Remembrance and hath caused thee to turn unto My luminous Horizon. Be thou assured of the bounty of thy Lord, and say:

O my God! I beseech Thee by the Most Great News, whereby the pillars of the world were shaken, to make me in all conditions hold fast to the cords of Thy grace, Thy mercy and Thy loving-kindness, and to remain steadfast in Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have made mention of the sons of the Friend and the heirs of Him Who conversed with God in the letter Dal before Vav, and We have gladdened them with My mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. We have heard their call and have answered them from Our presence, and verily We are the Hearer, the Answerer. We make mention of them once again through these verses which have been sent down from the heaven of the grace of their Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Convey My greetings unto them, then deliver unto them this perspicuous Book that they may rejoice in this greatest favor and give thanks unto their Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The glory be upon thee and upon them and upon the son of him who was named David and upon every one who is steadfast and upright.

Some time ago his honor Aqa Abdu'l-Husayn Ali sent this evanescent servant a letter containing the names of some of the sons of the Friend. After its reading and presentation before the Divine Throne, and after submitting what was in the letter, a most holy and exalted Tablet was revealed for each of those names and, as commanded, was sent in this servant's handwriting. And now too, praise be to God, that which was revealed concerning all proclaims with the most exalted call the bounty, loving-kindness, compassion and mercy of the True One, exalted be His glory. God willing, may all attain unto that which God hath desired for them, drink from the cup of the utterance of the All-Merciful, and with the utmost joy and fragrance speak His praise.

This evanescent one conveys greetings to all and presents his respects to all the friends in that land. While time remains, opportunity exists and life endures, attain ye unto that wherein lieth the good-pleasure of the Goal of all the worlds. Today every soul is able to acquire everlasting bounties and an enduring mention. Blessed is the soul that hath recognized and attained, and woe unto the heedless. Can the seas of the world, the tongues of nations and the pens of all regions succeed in mentioning but a drop from the ocean of His loving-kindness? Nay, by His own Self, the True One! This is why, seeing the world and all therein to be powerless, He hath, through His own tongue, offered praise and thanksgiving unto Himself on behalf of His creation. May all creation be a sacrifice unto His grace.

And concerning what you wrote about his honor Haji Mirza Husayn 966 [Baha'u'llah] writing to you from the land of Sh that he had sent correspondence but received no reply—he speaks the truth. However, that beloved one knows and is aware that whenever there is a delay in replying to any of the gentlemen, this has been and will be due to lack of opportunity, not from any lack of sincerity or love. But by God's grace, this week which marks the end of the month of Muharram, a most holy and exalted Tablet was revealed especially for him, and likewise a detailed letter from this evanescent servant was sent to him. God willing, may it reach him and may he attain unto the divine Tablet. I present my sincere respects to all the gentlemen and friends of that land, and I beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to aid them all in that which will cause His mention to be adorned with the ornament of immortality throughout the

earth. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Generous.

That which was mentioned concerning Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Baqir, upon him be the Glory of God, was presented at the Most Holy Court, and these manifest verses were revealed especially for him from the heaven of loving-kindness. Blessed is he in having attained the choice wine of the utterance of our Lord, the Most Merciful. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

In My Name, the Speaking, the All-Knowing

This is a mention from the Wronged One to him who desired to make mention before the Countenance when it appeared from its most exalted horizon with His most beautiful names, that he might rejoice and be of the thankful ones. O Baqir! He Who summoned all to God, the Lord of the worlds, hath turned toward thee. Rejoice in that He Who in every state uttereth "Verily there is no God but I, the Single, the All-Informed" maketh mention of thee at this time. When the promise came and the time was fulfilled, the Dawning-Place of verses came with the standards of utterance, yet most of the people were heedless. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of Revelation and for having sent down for thee this wondrous Tablet. We heard thy call and caused thee to hear Our call from the precincts of Our mighty Prison. Blessed art thou and he who hath ascended unto God. We have forgiven him and purified him. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Bountiful. We mentioned him before in this luminous station. Nothing whatsoever escapeth the knowledge of thy Lord. He heareth and seeth, and He is the Hearing, the Seeing.

We make mention of My loved ones in that place and give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and My mercy which have preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. And We make mention of the Nightingale who soared in My atmosphere and spoke My praise and turned to My horizon and arose to serve My mighty Cause. Blessed is he who hath loved him and heard mention of him in this wise Remembrance. The Glory be upon thee and upon him and upon My loved ones who were not kept back by the greatest clamor from this most pure nectar and who arose to serve the Cause with such steadfastness as made the pillars of those who disbelieved in God, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, to quake. And praise be unto Him Who hath appeared and made manifest His straight Path.

And as for the mention that was made of Jinab-i-Mashhadi Ali Akbar and his cousins Aqa Muhammad and Aqa Qasim and Jinab-i-Aqa Javad Dhakir and their relatives, upon them be the Glory of God, all were presented at the Most Holy Court. The Sun of loving-kindness hath shone and beamed forth upon each one. God willing, may all attain to that which God hath desired and hold fast to the cord of unity, that there might appear in the kingdom that whereby hearts and souls will find rest. If the heedless people were to become aware of what the True One, exalted be His glory, hath desired in this Most Great Revelation, all the servants, be they divines or rulers, ignorant or learned, poor or rich, would turn to the most exalted horizon. Would that His Majesty the King of Iran would show some regard and become informed of the fruits of the Tree of Revelation. What benefit is there when the outward divines and certain souls are barriers to this station and veils to this Cause? All must beseech the Invincible Truth that He may, through some means, cause that sovereign to drink from the ocean of awareness. Verily He is the Powerful, and He indeed is the All-Informed.

And as for the mention made of Aqa Muhammad-Javad and his family and son, upon them be the Glory of God, from this matter utmost joy was attained as the shadow of the banner of steadfastness was witnessed from that household. The Beloved of all creation hath declared that may the fragrance of firmness, rootedness and steadfastness, God willing, waft from that gathering. A letter addressed to his wife, upon them both be the Glory of God, went somewhere and from there came here. In truth, the fragrance of steadfastness emanated from it. And this station is very great. Blessed is she and the one who wrote it, felicitations unto her and unto the one from whose pen flowed that which spoke of truth and sincerity. I offer my utter servitude and nothingness to all.

And as for what was written regarding Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Husayn Kh A residing in the house of K D, upon him be the Glory of God, may he, through God's grace, be blessed in all times. The petitions and writings of K D, upon him be the Glory of God, were presented one after another in their specific places before the countenance of the Lord of Oneness. In each instance the sun of grace dawned. May they, God willing, act according to what God loveth and speak His praise. The friends of God who have drunk from the wine of utterance must exert great effort in teaching the Cause with perfect wisdom. This matter is most important and very great, but with wisdom lest the cawing of the crows and the clamor of the heedless be raised.

Likewise, specifically for their guest, one Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed and sent. However, the sending of letters and the revelation and dispatch of Tablets, the more concealed these remain in those lands, the closer it is and will be to godliness and wisdom. In this matter, consideration of wisdom is necessary, nay obligatory, for if published it may cause harm and prevention, and perhaps harm may return to the Divine Lote-Tree. In all conditions wisdom takes precedence.

And as for what was written that Nabil Ibn Nabil, upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory, mentioned that the maternal aunt of the mother of Aqa Muhammad-Taqi, and the aforementioned person himself, and their sisters had requested that mention of them be presented at the Most Holy Court—it was presented, and the rain of mercy descended from the heaven of the utterance of the All-Merciful specifically for each one. Blessed be he and they, and congratulations to the loved ones of God and His handmaidens, one and all.

And as for what was mentioned regarding the Name of God 66, J M, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, may he, God willing, in whatever station, place or land he may be present, abide under the shadow of God's grace, exalted be His glory, and be occupied with quickening hearts and souls. God willing, that which indicates the grace, bounty and kindness of the Beloved of the worlds will be sent to his honor.

An Most Holy Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of grace specifically for his honor Aqa Mirza Habib-i-Khunsari, upon him be the glory of God, wherein mention hath been made of certain loved ones of God. Let them send it to his honor, the beloved Mulla ʿAli-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of Power, that he may, after perusing it, forward it to others. May the Glory that is manifest, radiant, brilliant, evident and effulgent rest upon thee and upon him and upon His near ones, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

My spirit be a sacrifice unto Thy remembrance! All the matters mentioned in the letter of his honor, the beloved S.M., upon him be the glory of the Most Glorious, were answered one by one, and specifically regarding the names mentioned therein, Holy and Blessed Tablets were sent down from the heaven of the grace of the Lord of Oneness and dispatched. God willing, may the chalices of human temples prove worthy and capable receptacles for the rains of divine mercy which stream down and descend from the clouds of the heaven of God's Will. We beseech God that the praise and thanksgiving which proceedeth from the tongues of creation in response to God's infinite bounties may be adorned with the ornament of acceptance, and that He may bestow His special grace and loving-kindness upon all, and withhold not His confirmation even for a moment. Verily, He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful, the All-Merciful, the All-Kind, the All-Munificent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH00025: Praise be to God Who delighteth His servant through…

Section 1: "Praise be to God Who delighteth His servant…"

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

Praise be to God Who delighteth His servant through the sweet savors of the utterances of His chosen ones, whose faces He hath honored by turning them away from aught else save Him, and whom He hath preserved through His might and dominion on a Day whereon the Herald calleth out from every direction:

> "O concourse of creation! Purify your hearts, your ears, your tongues and your eyes for the recognition of the beauty of God, the Lord of all names, and for hearkening unto His most great verses. This is the Day of remembrance and praise, as hath been testified by Him Who cleaveth the heavens asunder. Blessed is he who, with certitude, hath turned towards God, the Cleaver of the daybreak, and woe betide him who hath remained heedless and turned away from the presence of his Lord when He came with power and sovereignty."

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whom every weary one hasteneth to the Kingdom of utterance and every thirsty one to the Kawthar of life! I beseech Thee by Thy name, the All-Merciful, to ordain for Thy loved ones that which will draw them nigh unto Thee, cause them to speak Thy praise, enable them to make mention of Thee, acquaint them with Thy path, and aid them to serve Thy Cause. O my Lord! Thou seest them standing ready to manifest that which Thou hast willed in Thy days, and speaking forth the wondrous expressions of Thy remembrance. O my Lord! Draw them, then, through Thy Most Exalted Word in such wise that neither the veils of the divines nor the allusions of the mystics may grieve them. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He pleaseth, and in Thy grasp are the kingdoms of all names. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Praise be to God! Through His infinite bounties, they that have turned unto Him have attained unto a station whereof the people of the world are powerless to make mention. These are the souls unto whose loftiness and elevation all the Books and Scriptures have testified, and these are the servants who have cleared the paths of thorns and brambles and guided the people to the straight path. In truth, whosoever hath on this day succeeded in serving the Cause is accounted among those who are nigh unto God and is

recorded in the Perspicuous Book. Today, every possessor of hearing perceiveth from all things the remembrance and praise of God, exalted be His glory, and every possessor of sight beholdeth in all things the effulgences of the light of His countenance. This exalted and most holy station of this most mighty and most holy Day sufficeth, as He, exalted be His utterance, hath said: “The Kingdom on that Day shall be God’s.”

O thou beloved of My heart and remembered in My soul! God knoweth that thy remembrance bringeth joy and thy thought bestoweth delight. The letters which thou didst address to the Most Great Name, upon Him be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness, were presented at the Most Holy and Exalted Court. His blessed and exalted Word is: O Haydar! We have accepted the hardships of the world and the afflictions of the nations, and have summoned all, with the most great call, to the ultimate goal and supreme height. Yet none have attained thereunto save the detached ones. That which thou didst write to him who circumambulated was mentioned before the Wronged One. Praise and gratitude be to God that He hath assisted thee to mention and extol Him and to serve His Cause. The Most Exalted Pen hath, time and again, testified to that which hath proceeded from thee in the path of God. For the love of God thou didst bear tribulations and afflictions, and wert assisted to deliver His Word. Every word that is uttered for the sake of God will assuredly manifest its influence in the earth at some appointed time.

May God grant thee success in shattering the idols of vain imaginings and in rending the veils of idle fancies. The heedless people have been deprived of the Day of Meeting and Presence through the vain imaginings of the past. Each group hath clung to some vain fancy, especially the deniers among the people of the Bayan who are veiled by countless veils. They have gathered a handful of thorns and thistles from the knowledge of the divines of the Furqan and have called it the knowledge of God and obedience unto Him. Woe unto them and unto those who follow them without a command from the presence of an All-Knowing Commander! By the life of God! They are seen to be more remote than all peoples and religions, and they neither seek to derive anything from the Truth nor to comprehend it.

And when anyone desireth to recite unto them from the verses of their Lord, they thrust their fingers in their ears even as they did aforetime. They are assuredly among the most lost in the perspicuous Book. In the days when all were concealed through fear, the Author of the Cause arose by Himself and, with the utmost power, might and ascendancy, summoned the people of delusion to the Name of the Self-Subsisting. He took hold of the essences of being, and when the fragrance of the pervading musk was somewhat diffused and the horizons of the hearts of some of the servants were illumined with the light of His countenance, croaking and buzzing emerged from behind the veil. Thus did their souls entice them. They are assuredly among the idolaters in the mighty Book.

That honoured one must arise to promote the Cause in such wise that veils, allusions and troubles may not hold him back. Drink thou at all times the Salsabil of life in the name of thy Lord, the Revealer of religions. If thou hast borne hardships in God’s path, been afflicted with exile, and heard taunts, thou hast also drunk from the cup of bounty from the hands of grace time after time. A single drop thereof excelleth all the treasures of the earth. O Haydar-ʿAli! Rejoice thou that the Wronged One hath remembered thee from the Prison, whence thou dost inhale the fragrance of the bounty of His Name, the All-Merciful, throughout all possibility. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. Behold and

remember when We were with you upon the highest hills and We drank with you from the Chinese tea. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. To this do just servants testify. Then remember when thou wert present in the Garden, the place whereon was established the throne of thy Lord, the All-Merciful.

We partook with you of Chinese tea. Indeed, nothing escapes His knowledge, as just witnesses among His servants do testify. Then remember when you were present in the Garden, the place where the throne of your Lord, the Most Merciful, was established, and you heard what the Tongue of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, did speak. Beware lest the doubts of the world prevent you from the Ancient Lord. Remember your Lord in such wise as to attract the hearts. We were with you when you were speaking in remembrance of your Lord. Blessed be your tongue for having spoken the truth, and your face for having turned towards My praiseworthy station. Convey My Great Glory to the faces of My loved ones who have drunk from the hand of My bounty, My Choice Wine that is sealed.

Say: This is the Day of remembrance and praise, would that ye knew. This is the Day of deeds, would that ye understood. This is the Day of God, would that ye recognized. This is the Day of the Most Great Steadfastness—hold fast unto it in the name of your Lord, Who dominates over what was and what shall be. This is the Day of utterance, would that ye speak with wisdom. Give them glad tidings of My remembrance, My mercy, My loving-kindness, and what hath been ordained for them in My preserved Book. The glory rest upon you and upon them and upon him who at this hour writeth before the throne of his Lord, the Master of existence.

Praise be to God that you have been and continue to be favored with divine grace. On one of the nights when these holy, impregnable, and transcendent verses were being revealed from the heaven of divine will specifically for you, He also mentioned the hill in Persian, and likewise your feast and the presence of the friends are exactly recorded in the divine books of old. He says there are feasts upon the heights and mountain peaks for the Lord of Hosts. Whatever hath appeared in this land was recorded letter by letter in the divine books of old. Blessed are they who have attained! Blessed are they who know! In all the books, the appearance of the Manifestation in this land was promised, as well as in its surroundings.

Some people have come from other countries and settled around this blessed and holy land, saying the Manifestation is near and we have come to attain and comprehend it. Nevertheless, they are observed to be in great heedlessness. Their leader sought to attain the presence some years ago, but this request was not accepted in the Most Holy Court. However, a Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablet was revealed from the heaven of grace specifically for him, and in that Tablet was recorded that which would save every fair-minded one and lead every seeker to his goal. Nevertheless, the truth of the blessed words “None shall touch it save the purified ones” became manifest. In short, they did not attain to even a drop from the ocean of its meanings, and they are still waiting as did the people before them.

And with them are a hundred thousand regrets and sorrows that they are deprived and forbidden from the overflowing grace and infinite mercy of God. The Command is in God’s hands—He gives and withholds, and He is the All-Powerful, the Mighty.

O Hussein! Verily We have mentioned thee before, and We make mention of thee on this night which hath been illumined by the lights of the Countenance, as the Ancient Beauty walketh in His Most Great

Prison. Thou hast turned unto Us and We have turned unto thee. Be thou thankful and be of them that remember. Preserve what hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen even as thou preservest thy spirit and thy sight. Verily thy Lord is the Ordainer, the All-Wise. Be thou vocal in the remembrance of thy Lord and steadfast in the service of His loved ones. Thus doth command thee He with Whom is a Book which none hath comprehended save God, the Lord of all worlds. He Who loved Me and became a captive in My path hath made mention of thee. We have remembered thee with that which perisheth not, whereunto every just and discerning one beareth witness. Say: O people! Cast aside the cups of idle fancies and take up the chalices in the name of your Lord, the Munificent Bestower. Give thanks that the Countenance of the Ancient One hath turned toward thee and hath sent down for thee this perspicuous remembrance. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

And likewise concerning Aqa Siyyid Aqa, upon him be the Glory of God, whose mention was in your book, these decisive verses were revealed from the heaven of divine will: O Siyyid Aqa! The Lord of Names giveth thee glad tidings from the prison's precinct and maketh mention of thee with a mention through which the sincere ones shall find the fragrance of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is the name upon which My Pen hath moved, and the tongue that hath spoken My praise, and the heart that hath turned unto My glorious and beloved Kingdom. He Who circleth round Me hath mentioned thee. We have remembered thee as a bounty from the True One, the Knower of things unseen.

Preserve the verses of thy Lord, then recite them with spirit and fragrance. Verily they shall profit thee in the Hereafter and in this world, as witnesseth He with Whom is the Preserved Tablet. Set aside the doubters with their vain desires and take what thou hast been commanded by God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Verily We have commanded all in the Book with that which shall profit them in this world and the next, whereunto beareth witness My Supreme Pen and beyond it the Lord of creation Who speaketh in the prison that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Loving. Verily We counsel Our servants with the Most Great Trustworthiness and command them with that which they have been commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of existence. The Glory be upon you and upon My handmaidens who have heard the Call and have attained unto the Promised Day.

And in this station, O Haydar-ʿAli, the Tongue of God, Lord of earth and heaven, makes mention of thee once again that thou mayest give thanks and be of them that rejoice. Turn thy face, incline thy heart, raise thy finger and say: O peoples of the world! By God, He Who was hidden in the tabernacle of grandeur, concealed in the pavilion of infallibility, and inscribed in the Books of God, Lord of all worlds, hath appeared. Fear God, O peoples of the earth, and deny not Him Who calleth you unto God, the Mighty, the Great.

God willing, may you engage in the promotion of God's Cause with all your heart, tongue, limbs and eyes. Your mention and that which hath befallen you hath not been, nor ever shall be, effaced from the Book of the world. His honor Ism-i-Jud, who was with Me and who now circleth round My throne—upon him be My glory which was, hath sent what thou didst send unto him. When it was read before the Face, this perspicuous Tablet was revealed.

Section 2: “God willing, thou shalt summon, with wisdom…”

God willing, thou shalt summon, with wisdom and utterance, all who dwell in the realm of possibility to the horizon of the All-Merciful. Whatsoever is sent should all be written down and, with the utmost wisdom, read to some who are worthy in certain villages and cities. Now, day and night, Tablets are being revealed and dispatched to various regions. We have explicitly forbidden all from conflict, contention, corruption and whatsoever is abhorrent to minds and souls, and have commanded that which leadeth to the exaltation of the Word and the manifestation of man’s station. Of the verses and tablets that are sent, some must record copies thereof and preserve them.

Indeed, the utmost effort and diligence must be exerted in preserving the divine verses. Some friends, should one of the infidels enter their home, all their writings fall into his hands before any search, and this is and hath been extremely unwise. The dispatch of Tablets from this direction must remain concealed, except from souls who are trustworthy, reliable and steadfast, for should the deniers and unbelievers become aware, they might arise to prevent and create mischief. This servant submits these petitions outwardly as they accord with wisdom, otherwise knowledge is with God and I am but an ignorant one far removed.

That you wrote you had delivered the divine Tablets to their intended recipients—a hundred thousand times blessed be you and every soul who hath attained unto God’s Tablet and its effect. It is evident that your honor hath exerted and continues to exert the utmost effort in service to the Cause. This matter is more manifest than the sun in the presence of Him Who is visible and evident.

You mentioned the Naddafs, upon them be the Glory of God. The honorable Haji Mirza Abu’l-Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God, has repeatedly made mention of them in the Most Holy Court, and wondrous, sublime verses have been revealed concerning them. God willing, they have and will continue to attain unto these. Likewise, two Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablets were specifically revealed for them and were entrusted to Shaykh S. to deliver. In truth, they have in no wise fallen short in serving the Cause. We beseech God to protect them from the clamor of the heedless, the croaking of the croakers, and the doubts of certain followers of the Bayan who are in truth among the people of the coffin.

O my Beloved! This servant is greatly perplexed, for these followers of the Bayan, who today are heedless of and have turned away from the King of the Bayan and what He has sent down and revealed, have never had any knowledge of this Cause and its foundation from the beginning, yet they strive to lead astray receptive souls and represent themselves to everyone as those who believed at the outset of the Cause and are fully informed of all matters. Some poor souls, being uninformed, might be barred and veiled from the divine path through the deceit, duplicity and guile of those remote and veiled souls.

By Him Who speaks and has caused all things to speak His praise and glorification, this evanescent servant has neither seen nor heard the like of such souls. The servant begs his Lord to protect His servants from the evil of those who have cast the Cause of God behind their backs and followed every rebellious satan. In any case, the honored Naddafs, upon them be the Glory of God, are mentioned in His presence. Blessed are they and joy be unto them. That which they sent to the exalted matron, the mother of the household, upon her be the Glory of God, was received and presented at the Most Holy Court.

And regarding your mention of Aqa Mirza Mahmud and his family, upon them be the Glory of God, it was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court. In these days, a wondrous and sublime Tablet was specifically revealed for them from the heaven of the All-Merciful's grace, and its bearer is Shaykh S. who will be departing for those parts in the next few days. Likewise, again on this most luminous night, a new Tablet has been revealed from the heaven of the will of the Lord of Destiny and will be sent. God willing, may they drink and give others to drink of the choice wine of inner meanings from the divine ocean of utterance. This evanescent servant conveys to them a wondrous and sublime greeting that is sanctified above the limitations, allusions and words of this servant, and I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to aid them to teach the Cause and to remain steadfast with the greatest steadfastness. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Helper, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

And concerning what you wrote about Jinab Aqa Muhammad Ibrahim (Ibn Javahiri Qumi), this evanescent servant beseeches God to keep him steadfast upon His straight path, that he may be as a key to unlock the doors of the hearts of the servants. God willing, may they open in the name of Truth so that the effulgences of the Sun of Revelation may encompass and surround all, through the grace and favor of the Goal of all the worlds. It is hoped that he will be observed as a lamp, bright and luminous in that city, that all may find their way by that light to the Supreme Horizon and attain their ultimate purpose which is the knowledge of God, exalted be His glory.

In any case, mention of him was made in the Most Holy and Supreme Court, and one most mighty, most impregnable and most holy Tablet was revealed for him from the Kingdom of the utterance of the All-Merciful and was dispatched. God willing, may he drink from the chalices of the words of the Revealer of Names and Attributes and from that wine of inner meanings, and become intoxicated and arise to guide the servants in the assemblage of the world through the name of the Lord of Eternity. In all conditions may he not let go of wisdom, for all matters are, in the sight of God, dependent upon and connected with wisdom. For instance, if wisdom does not dictate it, teaching is not permissible.

This is a word which this evanescent servant has repeatedly heard from the Tongue of Grandeur. Blessed is he who has cast aside his own will and held fast to the Will of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

And concerning what you wrote about Shah-Abad and the enthusiasm of the loved ones, as well as the acceptance of certain souls and their gathering around the unifying Word of God—all was presented in the Most Holy Court, and these brilliant verses were revealed from the heaven of will especially for them. He says, exalted be His grandeur:

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

This Book hath been revealed in truth by the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, for those who have shattered the idols of vain imaginings and idle fancies. In the name of God, the Possessor of all that was and that shall be! O My loved ones throughout the land! Hearken unto the Call that hath been raised in truth. Blessed are they who hear. Rejoice in that ye have been mentioned by My Most Exalted Pen on this Day whereon the Temple of the Manifestation hath been established upon the Most Great Throne and hath proclaimed:

> "There is none other God but I, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen."

All must engage in teaching the Cause with utmost joy and radiance, in accordance with the wisdom set forth in the Tablets. Should someone not be eloquent in speech, let him assist the teacher. It would be most regrettable if, in this day, any soul should be deprived of serving the Cause, for the deeds of this Day are accounted among the most exalted of all deeds in the sight of God. God willing, may all be enabled to achieve that which will cause the exaltation of God's Word. The gaze of the Wronged One hath ever been and shall continue to be directed towards His friends and loved ones. Verily, He heareth and seeth them. Ere long shall the world and all that is therein pass away, while that which hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen concerning the people of Baha shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven.

O friends! Strive ye to attain the wine of steadfastness and drink from the stream of certitude. All religious groups have been nurtured on vain imaginings and idle fancies; thus are they deprived of the effulgent rays of the Sun of Truth. Consider those who have turned away among the people of the Bayan: though they count themselves enlightened and saved, they are now regarded by God as more debased than all the peoples of the earth, for they cling to imaginings the like of which hath never been seen before, and they persist with the utmost determination in leading astray receptive souls. While claiming faith in the Bab, they have visited upon His Messenger and Revealer that which no oppressor hath ever wrought, and have uttered that which no idolator hath ever spoken. God protect us and you from their evil. Say:

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through the sweetness of Whose utterance the sincere ones have hastened to the court of Thy door, and through the lights of Whose countenance the devoted ones have turned towards the horizon of Thy grace! I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thou hast subdued the kingdom of earth and heaven, to aid us in remembering Thee, glorifying Thee, and serving Thy Cause throughout Thy lands. Thou art He, O my God, Who hath made known to us the ocean of Thy knowledge, the heaven of Thy wisdom, and the sun of Thy Revelation. I implore Thee not to deprive us of steadfastness in Thy Cause. O Lord! Thou art the Generous, the One endowed with great bounty.

Inscribe for us, with Thy Most Exalted Pen, that which Thou hast inscribed for those whom neither the doubts of the divines have prevented from turning unto Thee, nor the idle fancies of the followers of the Bayan from beholding the horizon of Thy favor. O Lord! Grant us from the chalice of steadfastness such measure that neither the veils of the world shall prevent us from turning unto Thee, nor the dark clouds of the nations from facing towards Thy direction. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O beloved of my heart! A hundred thousand regrets that the power of discernment and perception in the world is as rare as the philosopher's stone. By Him Who created me, manifested me, caused me to know Him, drew me nigh unto Him, and made me a servant of His Cause—were all the peoples of the world to become imbued with the fragrance of the All-Merciful's utterance, they would all be seen circling round His presence. A hundred thousand pities that they are deprived of this peerless bounty. The cause and reason for the deprivation of the servants are the divines of the age, who have prevented these helpless souls from the imperishable, matchless, never-failing crystal waters of the Eternal One, and have occupied them with unseemly words and allusions. God, exalted be His glory, saith in the Hidden Words:

> "O ye that are outwardly fair yet inwardly foul! Ye are like clear but bitter water, which to outward seeming is pure and clean, yet when tested by the Divine Assayer, not a drop thereof will He accept."

The example of these divines is like unto one who hath gathered many pebbles and thinketh that what he hath are jewels, while all that he hath collected from first to last would not equal one carat of diamond. Yet the poor wretch is heedless and unaware of this. This evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted and mighty be He, to open the eyes and illumine them with the light of knowledge. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Convey my greetings to Hasan Aqa, upon him be the Glory of God. May he, God willing, be enabled to mention God, serve His Cause, and remain steadfast in His Faith. I swear by the Sun of existence that all the world shall perish save those deeds that have been and shall be manifested in the path of God. Likewise, I convey my sincere greetings to Mirza Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, and I beseech God to enable him to attain that which is pleasing in this day. God willing, may he achieve the most great steadfastness and be so enkindled with the fire of divine love that the ungodly and deniers among the people of the Bayan shall be powerless to extinguish it.

Convey my greetings to him and mention that by the life of God, certain treacherous, vain and false souls have set about to lead astray the souls who have accepted the Faith, despite having no knowledge whatsoever of the essence of this Cause, and in this luminous morn they have deprived people of the wine of divine knowledge. His honor should drink from the cup of steadfastness in the name of Truth—a drink after which no thirst shall seize him and he shall see all else but God as absolute nothingness and sheer non-existence. Time and again this evanescent one hath heard these words from the Divine tongue, exalted be His glory:

> "This is the Day of God; none shall be mentioned save Him. Blessed is he who hath turned unto Him and attained. Woe betide them that have turned away."

Section 3: "Likewise I send greetings and praise to Mulla…"

Likewise I send greetings and praise to Mulla Mirza Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God. I hope that he will arise to serve the Cause with perfect steadfastness—an arising that none on earth can prevent. Praise be to God, mention of him has flowed from the Supreme Pen both before and after, and the gaze of loving-kindness has been directed toward him. He should be so enkindled that its effects become manifest throughout the earth. However, in all things wisdom must be observed, such that the clamor of the ignorant ones who are known as the learned is not raised. They should gauge the earth and sow the seeds of wisdom. That some are openly engaged in teaching among both friend and foe—this matter is not favored at the Divine Threshold. The time for open proclamation has passed. After the martyrdom of the Most Wondrous One (Badi'), upon him be the Glory of God and His mercy, all have been commanded to observe wisdom. They must be mindful of it in all conditions, for some of the friends are seen to be troubled, depressed and dejected when trials appear. Yet our Lord, the All-Merciful, is verily the Compassionate, the Generous. My spirit, my soul, and my being be a sacrifice for His compassion, His mercy, and His loving-kindness.

O friends! This evanescent servant submits with utmost humility and nothingness: Know ye the value of this Day. All those near to God and the sincere ones uttered the words "Would that I…" and at all times beseeched and hoped from God that they might attain this supreme honor and mighty gift. And ye, praise be to God, have attained it through God's infinite bounty and have quaffed from the sealed wine. Now this servant and the masters must, with perfect unity and harmony, utter praise and thanksgiving to God, exalted be His glory, recognize the value of this supreme blessing, and act upon that which today causes the exaltation of His Cause. In all the Books, Scriptures, Psalms, Tablets and Epistles, triumph has been made conditional upon patience, calm, dignity, spiritual qualities and goodly deeds. We beseech God, may His favors be universal, to aid all to observe His commandments revealed in His Book. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, in the beginning and the end.

Regarding what you wrote about the friends in Sultan-abad, and likewise what you mentioned about Mulla Ibrahim and Ustad Husayn, upon them be the Glory of God—all was presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court. The Tongue of Grandeur spoke these sublime and decisive words. He says, exalted be His glory:

In My Name, the Most Ancient, the Most Great, the Most Exalted

O friends! These are the days of the All-Merciful, and the Living Waters flow and stream forth from the Dayspring of generosity. God willing, with illumined hearts, radiant faces, and brilliant brows, ye shall take from the Hand of bounty and drink in the name of the Peerless Friend. Were ye to ponder the words that shine forth from the horizon of the Supreme Pen, such rapture and longing would seize all that ye would see all else as non-existent, and would arise with all your limbs and members to serve the Friend with such steadfastness that neither the doubts and insinuations of the learned and the ignorant would prevent you nor hold you back from this supreme good and mighty favor.

O Haydar-ʿAli! Remind the servants of what hath been sent down from the heaven of thy Lord's will, the All-Merciful, and give them the glad-tidings of His great bounty. Say: O ye who are beloved of the All-Merciful! Hold fast today unto that which befitteth the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds. Beware lest the doubts of men debar you from the Truth. Cling ye to the hem of the loving-kindness of your Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. By the life of God! This is a Day that hath no equal among days. Strive that there may appear from you that which will draw you nigh unto the One, the All-Informed. From My Most Great Prison I send greetings to My loved ones there, and counsel them with that whereby their names shall be exalted between the heavens and the earth. This is the Day for deeds, this is the Day for goodly character, and thy Lord is the Creator, the Fashioner, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Ibrahim! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, when sorrows encompassed Him through what the hands of the heedless have wrought. Be thou steadfast, firm and constant in serving this Cause, whereby the hearts of them that are endued with understanding have been perturbed and the feet of the learned have slipped, save whom God hath willed, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. All the treasures of earth cannot equal My remembrance of thee. Know thou its worth, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Great.

We make mention of Husayn, after the Master, that the call of the Lord of creation may attract him on the Day of Return in such wise that he will arise and say with wisdom and utterance: O concourse of creation! By God, the All-Merciful hath come with manifest sovereignty. Give thanks unto God for having been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One while He was imprisoned in this mighty fortress. Let not the affairs of the world grieve thee. Leave them to their people and take hold of that which thou hast been commanded in the Book of God, the Goal of them that have recognized Him.

O Haydar-ʿAli! Convey unto them My remembrance, My loving-kindness, My bounty and My mercy that have preceded all creation, that there may appear from them what God hath desired in this holy and wondrous Day. Thus have We revealed from the chambers of words the maidens of inner meanings and utterance. Blessed is he who hath witnessed, seen and recognized the signs of his Lord, the Most Great, in both beginning and end. Woe unto the heedless! Woe unto those who turn away! Woe unto them that slumber!

Concerning what you wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Muhammad Hakim, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, and likewise regarding their turning to the Most Exalted Horizon, it was presented in the Most Holy and Most Glorious Court. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, and His Word is the Truth:

"O Muhammad! Hear the call of the Wronged One from the direction of the prison. He summons thee to the Truth and calls thee to a station whose mention hath been recorded in the divine Books, Tablets and Scriptures of the past and present. O Muhammad! In days when, due to the multitude of tribulations and afflictions, day could not be distinguished from night, this Wronged One arose alone to promote the Cause—an arising which the clamor of all the peoples of the earth failed to deter Him from that which God had purposed. With the most exalted call He guided the people of the Kingdom of Utterance to the Most Exalted Horizon. He made manifest the straight Path of God so that the peoples of the earth might not be deprived of the outpouring grace of the True One. Yet when the Path became manifest, the Cause of God became resplendent, and the horizon of the world was illumined with the lights of His Revelation, all arose in complete opposition, except those whom thy Lord, the Lord of the heavens and earth, willed otherwise.

God, exalted be His glory, is My witness and testimony that for not a moment did I conceal Myself or seek to preserve My life. In all conditions, the exaltation of God's Cause and the glorification of His Most Exalted Word were the apparent and hidden objects of My gaze. All the people of the Bayan bear witness to what hath been mentioned, except those souls who are deprived of the ocean of fairness and are barred from the Most Exalted Horizon. And when the breezes of divine loving-kindness wafted and the fragrance of the celestial Robe was partly diffused, a group arose in hypocrisy and rushed to all regions that they might perhaps extinguish the souls that were aflame with the fire of love. Such is the condition of the servants on the Day of Return. Glory be to God! They have become heedless of the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing, and have turned to souls who have never had, nor have, any knowledge of the root of the Cause.

Your honor should, with the utmost joy and fragrance, make the people of the contingent world aware, that perchance through the grace of the Life-Giving Kawthar they may be purified from the conditions of self and passion and turn towards the Most Exalted Kingdom. The station and rank of this renowned Day

is most great, yet the people are observed to be exceedingly heedless. God willing, they will arise from the slumber of negligence through the Most Sweet Call and turn to the ocean of knowledge.

O Muhammad! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. Verily, He mentioneth thee for the sake of God and commandeth thee that which shall profit thee in all the worlds of His worlds. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Cast away what thou hast heard from those who cannot distinguish their right hand from their left, and take hold of that which thou hast been commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. Take the Sealed Wine in My Name, the Self-Subsisting. Verily, it will attract thee to a station wherein the conditions of the world will not prevent thee from the Lord of Eternity. Thy Lord is, verily, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Counsel the servants to be steadfast with supreme steadfastness, as bidden by the Lord of all beings. Verily, He commandeth them that which shall profit them in the Hereafter and in this world. To this testifieth His perspicuous Book."

From these verses and utterances of the Lord of Names and Attributes, the divine bounty and grace towards His servants is manifest and evident. God is My witness that this servant observeth himself to be bewildered at most times, for though the horizons of the worlds of meaning and utterance are illumined and radiant from the Sun of Revelation, yet the servants are seen in utter heedlessness and remoteness. They are so intoxicated with the wine of pride that they cannot distinguish between what benefits and what harms them. They have been and are wandering lost and dumbfounded in the waterless desert. God willing, may those souls who have been blessed with the mention of God, exalted be His glory, in these pages be confirmed in serving the Cause, educating the servants, and quickening the dead. This evanescent servant offers greetings to each one and gives them glad tidings through the mentions of the Supreme Pen. May God confirm them in that which befits this blessed Day. Verily He confirmeth whomsoever He willeth through a command from His presence, and He is the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

And concerning what you wrote that if someone other than your honor should turn towards those regions, it would become the cause and means of enkindling the fire of love—this matter is clear and evident. However, let Ali-Qabel-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, the Lord of Power, and likewise Ibn-Ismu'llah-al-Asdaq-al-Muqaddas, upon them both be the Glory of God, and Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God and His favor, send whomever they deem advisable with holy and impregnable Tablets, that perchance the breezes of the All-Merciful may seize the hearts of the people of those lands and lead them to the ocean of wisdom. In this matter, they must exert mighty efforts so that the breezes of revelation may not be cut off from cities and regions, and ears may not be deprived of the Call. There must be no delay in sending souls and teaching the Cause. Souls must be made aware of the path of teaching God's Cause, that they may speak with complete wisdom among the people and make them conscious of the true purpose and outcome of God's Cause. In this way, the suns of steadfastness will shine forth from the horizons of hearts and illumine the world. Blessed are they who know, blessed are they who act.

And concerning what you wrote about Haji Siyyid Abu'l-Fadl, it was submitted. A Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed specifically for him. God willing, may he attain unto it and act according to what God has willed.

Likewise you mentioned Muhammad-Qabli-Husayn, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], son of L.T., and his namesake. Praise be to God, the aforementioned one has been acknowledging and confessing this Most Great Cause from the earliest days, and has been adorned with the mantle of the grace of the True One, exalted be His grandeur. Now he is seen to be more steadfast and more enkindled than before. This evanescent servant beseeches and implores the eternal True One, exalted be His glory, to make him appear as a standard upon the hills among His servants and to continually elevate his station. A Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet has been revealed especially for him. May he recite it with spirit and fragrance and drink from the flowing Kawthar that lies hidden in the depths of the divine words. Happiness and joy be unto him!

Section 4: "And as for his namesake, mention of him…"

And as for his namesake, mention of him was made in the letter he sent to this servant, and likewise in your letter which you had sent to Jinab-i-Ism-i-Jud, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, wherein his acceptance, his turning to God and his steadfastness were mentioned. Both were presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Mighty, Most High Court. This is what the Tongue of the All-Merciful uttered in the Kingdom of Utterance—exalted be His grandeur:

> "Praise be to God, he has attained to the recognition of the Divine Word and has acknowledged and confessed that which the Tongue of Grandeur has spoken. His degrees of eagerness and longing are manifest and evident before the Divine Presence. God willing, with perfect wisdom may he drink from the Kawthar of utterance of the Lord of all possibilities."

End quote. And one Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet has also been revealed especially for him from the heaven of the All-Merciful's will. God willing, may he drink and cause others to drink from the oceans of inner meanings and utterance that lie hidden in the words of the Lord of religions.

And regarding what you wrote about Ustad Hasan-i-Sabbagh, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], it was presented at the Most Holy Court. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in reply:

> "We have mentioned him before from My Most Exalted Pen and We mention him again at this time that he may thank his Lord, the Mighty, the Generous. God willing, may he be confirmed in that which befits this most wondrous Day and be assisted in that whereby the Cause of God, the Exalted, the Great, may be uplifted. O Haydar-i-Qabli-ʿAli! Convey My glorification unto his face and remind him of the verses of his Lord, the Protector of all who are in the heavens and the earth. And We make mention in this station of his son who is named Nasru'llah and We give him the glad tidings of My gifts and favors that he may praise and be of the thankful ones. And We counsel him to the Greater Steadfastness and to that which hath been sent down in My Perspicuous Book."

End quote.

O Haydar! Conffer, from Our presence, upon ʿAli a greeting of magnification, and remind him of the verses of his Lord, the All-Compelling over all who are in the heavens and on the earth. And in this station We make mention of his son, who hath been named Nasru'llah, and We give him glad tidings of My

bounties and My loving-kindness, that he may render thanks and be numbered among the grateful. We enjoin him to steadfastness most great, and to that which hath been sent down in My Clear Book. Ended.

And as to that which ye had written, in detail, concerning the visitation of the two Lights, the two shining Luminaries (upon them be, from every glory, the glory of the Most Glorious, and from every light, His most radiant light): this was submitted in the Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible Presence. This is what hath been uttered by the Tongue of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Exalted be His word:

O Haydar! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. The Tongue of My utterance in the Kingdom of My knowledge beareth witness that thou hast attained unto that which, in the sight of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, is accounted among the most excellent of deeds. Verily We were with you both: We heard and We saw, and I am the Hearer, the Seer. We have accepted your turning unto Us, and whatsoever ye wrought in the path of God, the Lord of religions. The failure of the letter to arrive, and the delay of the reply, hath not been the cause of non-acceptance. He doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth, and He is the Mighty, the All-Powerful. Rejoice thou in the bounty of thy Lord; verily He is the Bountiful, the Generous.

Whatsoever appeareth for the sake of God is known unto Him, and attaineth unto the adornment of acceptance. Blessed are the souls who, purely for the sake of God, attain unto that which ye have attained. O servant of God, ʿAli! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, and know of a certainty that whatsoever hath proceeded from thee in the path of God hath been accepted in the presence of the Countenance. No worker's deed hath been wasted in the sight of God, neither shall it ever be. Be thou assured of that which My Most Exalted Pen hath spoken, and be of the thankful.

O Haydar-ʿAli! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. The Tongue of My utterance in the Kingdom of My knowledge beareth witness that thou hast attained unto that which was most meritorious in the sight of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. We were with you both, hearing and seeing, for We are the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We have accepted your devotion and what ye have done in the path of God, the Lord of all religions. The failure to receive a letter and delay in response was not due to lack of acceptance. Verily, He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Almighty, the Powerful. Rejoice in thy Lord's favor, for He is indeed the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

From these decisive verses of God, the bounty of the True One is evident and manifest. In truth I say, from every word the Sun of Grace doth shine forth. Blessed art thou and those who were with thee. Praise be to God that ye have attained this supreme bounty and are mentioned and recorded in God's Book as among the people of the Crimson Ark. In truth, this station is sanctified above all outward descriptions that flow from the pen, for mention of it hath been revealed and sent down from the Tongue of Grandeur. A hundred thousand blessings upon the soul that hath attained unto this most exalted station.

Regarding what thou didst write about Aqa Mirza Habibu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, it was presented and He showed loving-kindness and revealed a most holy, most exalted, most glorious Tablet especially for him. God willing, his eyes shall be illumined by beholding it and his heart gladdened by its

perusal. He hath indeed attained unto the pearls of the ocean of his Lord's utterance. The servant giveth him the glad tidings of this wondrous Tablet and congratulateth him on this great bounty.

And as to that which ye had written concerning the assured souls who have turned unto Him (upon them be the glory of God): the names of them all were laid before the Throne, and for each and every one resplendent verses were sent down from the heaven of the mercy of the Lord of lords. This lowly and transient servant is powerless to recount them in full; yet a portion thereof which was revealed in the Persian tongue is set down, that all may attain unto the utterance of the All-Merciful, and may act according to that which behoveth man. His exalted Word is this:

The Pen of the Most High conveys greetings to those who drink the choice wine of the Most Glorious, and says: Today is the day of service and the triumph of the Cause. Deprive not yourselves of the bounties of these days and their fragrances. With the utmost wisdom, steadfastness, kindliness and forbearance, remind the people that perchance they may attain unto new life through the divine Kawthar of bounty, and through the divine Word attain the ultimate goal and the most exalted summit. Today the sun of grace is shining; strive that ye may succeed in deeds befitting this divine Day. Your mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and there hath been revealed for each one that which is like unto imperishable treasures with the Trustworthy, the All-Knowing. All the things of the world cannot equal this blessed word. Be ye thankful unto your Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Ye should guide the people through goodly deeds, pure words, and revealed wisdom, and God willing, occupy yourselves with the triumph of the Cause through spiritual qualities and praiseworthy attributes. We, from this station, send Our greetings unto you and give you glad tidings of God's grace and mercy, and enjoin upon you that which hath been revealed in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. Ye should soar with the wings of unity in this holy atmosphere and appear amongst the people with utmost love and fellowship. He verily is with you under all conditions. He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

All handmaidens are remembered in God's mention. O leaves of the blessed Tree! He hath turned toward you and sayeth: Ye must all be adorned with the ornament of sanctity and clothed in the garments of purity. Beseech ye the Exalted One to illumine the crown of deeds with the diadem of protection. He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Ye have attained unto days for which those near unto God, the sincere ones, and the faithful ones beseeched God, exalted be His glory. Be not grieved or saddened by outward matters and the affairs of this transient world. The mortal world is unworthy of mention. Soon will the people of the earth return to their abode with utmost regret and manifest loss. That which endureth in the book of this world and the books of other worlds, throughout the duration of the Most Beautiful Names, is a mention that is inscribed today by the Most Exalted Pen in the crimson scroll. Strive to attain unto it and preserve it through the Name of God. None but God hath been and shall be capable of mentioning this station. It behooveth all to offer praise and thanksgiving unto God at all times. Blessed is the servant who hath attained, blessed the handmaiden who hath attained, blessed the servant who hath acknowledged, and blessed the handmaiden who hath acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered before the creation of the heavens and earth: "Verily, there is no God but Me, the All-Informed, the All-Seeing."

You wrote that Jinab-i-Aqa Abdul-Hussein, known as Eliyahu, was in the land of K where the hostile faction rose up against him. This is not the first oppression that has appeared from the oppressors in these days, nor is it the first vessel that has been broken in the path of God, nor is he the first man to be afflicted with the gloating of enemies. In any case, his situation was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, and He said:

> "God willing, may the entire world be adorned with the ornament of recognition of the Ancient Lord, and arise to support the Cause of the All-Merciful through wisdom and utterance. Today, engagement in crafts and trades is counted as worship. It is necessary, nay obligatory, upon all to be occupied with some profession or work. Idleness, inaction, seclusion, unemployment and laziness have never been and are not pleasing in the sight of God. God willing, may all attain and act upon that which God has commanded."

Convey greetings on behalf of this evanescent servant to him and mention that engagement in affairs is also considered service in its proper place. God willing, may souls who have accepted the Faith attain unto the most great steadfastness—and the most great steadfastness is a station wherein whosoever attains unto it beholds all save God as non-existent and null, even if he should bring forth all that people possess.

Regarding what was written about this servant using the word "Malik-i-Yawm'ut-Talaq" with a "ta" (without dots), while it appears it should be with a dotted "ta"—both are correct. For "Yawm'ut-Talaq" with an undotted "ta" refers to the Day of Resurrection, as it is the Day of Separation. Since the Greatest Separation occurs on that Day, in some instances it is written with an undotted "ta". Similarly, with a dotted "ta" it means "meeting", and since that Most Great Day is the day of meeting, in some instances it is written with a dotted "ta". This is the Day when different parties gather in one place and conflicting conditions turn toward one destination. This is the Day of Meeting, this is the Day of Encounter, this is the Day of Coming Together, this is the Day of Separation, this is the Day of the Greatest Distinction, this is the Day of Assembly. By the life of my Beloved and thy Beloved and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and earth, the Calamity has come and struck, the Inevitable has appeared and taken hold, and the Hour has emerged and come to pass.

In the days when the Sun of Manifestation was rising from the horizon of Iraq, but due to the incompletion of the appointed time was still veiled behind the clouds of wisdom, one day the Ancient Beauty came out from the private quarters, and in the outer room Haji Muhammad-Taqi from Nayriz—upon him be the Glory of God—was present with this servant. In those days no one was aware of the true nature of the Cause, all were heedless, and due to the intensity of concealment all were forbidden, even though, by His very Self, the Cause was more evident than the sun. However, the utterances of the Truth Itself kept people bewildered. In those days such matters occurred that were they to be mentioned, all would cry out "What longing!"

In any case, at that moment the Tongue of Grandeur, addressing Haji Muhammad-Taqi, spoke saying: "Haji Muhammad-Taqi, I was seated when I saw the promised Hour walking." They said: "O Haji Muhammad-Taqi, the promised Hour mentioned in the Bayan walked in this manner"—and They demonstrated the walk—and repeatedly said: "Haji, look, look, It walked just like this, It walked just like

this." Glory be to God! Despite this most great Revelation, since concealment was decreed, no one in those days was aware save a few, and even those few only according to their capacity, not according to what He truly is, exalted be His glory, universal be His bounty, magnificent be His station, and there is no God but Him.

Section 5: "Regarding what was written about having copied…"

Regarding what was written about having copied the wondrous and exalted Tablets that were revealed from the Supreme Pen concerning the meaning of assistance, and having them on hand for all to see and become aware of divine assistance and its meaning—this matter is truly a great service to the Cause of God. However, previously also there was revealed from the Supreme Pen concerning the meaning of assistance that which is the cause of guidance and remembrance for all on earth. God willing, obtain those also and add them to what you have written, so that all may understand that the Manifestation of Truth, exalted be His glory, is for the reformation of the world, not for killing, plundering, corruption, discord, persecution and the like.

And concerning what you wrote about Aqa Muhammad-Hashim (from K) and other friends of God—this was presented at the Most Holy Court, and verses were specifically revealed from the horizon of Divine Will for each one. God willing, they will perceive their fragrance, for if all who are on earth were to truly perceive the fragrance of but one of the Divine Words, they would find themselves sanctified, holy, detached and free. Blessed is the soul who has attained to this most exalted, most glorious station. This is what was revealed for Muhammad-Hashim:

In My Name, the Witness, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

A mention from Us to those in the world, that the mention may draw them nigh unto a station which God hath sanctified from the doubts of them who have denied the Day of Judgment. O Hashim! Rejoice in that thou art remembered by Him Who hath arisen in the name of the Self-Subsisting, and hath shattered the idols of learning through His Name, the Mighty, the Powerful. We have ordained knowledge for the recognition of the Known One, and that whereby the servants may benefit, not that which every ignorant deluded one may utter. Blessed is the face that hath turned to the Face of God, the ear that hath heard the Call, and the tongue that hath spoken this Most Great Name. Beware lest the doubts of men hold thee back from the Lord of Destiny. Leave what the people possess and take what thou hast been given by the One Who is Kind, the Generous. We make mention of thy family and those with thee as a favor from Us—verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient. And from this station We send Our greetings upon them and upon those who have laid hold of this firm Cord.

This is what was revealed for Mirza Suha (from Sultanabad):

In the Name of the Peerless Beloved

The Lord of Names saith: Strive that through God's favor—glorified be His majesty—thou mayest be named a shooting star, that is, a brilliant, manifest meteor. The existence of the friends and their steadfastness in the Cause of the Lord of Names is light unto them who have turned towards Him and fire unto the idolaters. God willing, thou shalt shine forth like the morning star from the horizon of the

heaven of God's love. This is a Day wherein every soul can acquire that which leadeth to elevation and ascension. How many souls there were who yearned for this wondrous, glorious Day, yet when the dawn of God's Day appeared, all turned away. Beseech God that He may sanctify all from the abasement of self and passion and draw them to the highest horizon. This is the true blessing and the heavenly food. Blessed is he who hath attained thereunto, and woe unto him who hath deprived himself of God's blessing and bounties, His grace and favors. Beseech God—glorified be His majesty—that He may aid thee in a matter which shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Glory be from the Wronged One upon those who have attained unto this mighty station.

This is what was revealed for Jinab-i-Ustad Husayn K:

In My Name, the Hearing, the All-Knowing

O Husayn! The Wronged One remembereth thee from the prison and calleth thee unto God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. We have entered the prison and have sent down verses in such wise as none can reckon save God, the Lord of Lords. Be thou vocal in praise of thy Lord and act according to what the All-Bestowing hath revealed in the Book. Blessed is the strong one whom the conditions of creation have not weakened, and the one who hath turned toward God whom the signs of the veiled ones have not hindered. Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord's grace and glorify Him at eventide and at dawn. Give thanks that thou hast attained unto the outpourings of My Most Exalted Pen, which when it moveth, the Herald proclaimeth: "The Swift to Account hath come!" Thus hath the ocean of My grace surged for thee as a bounty from My presence, and I am the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

We make mention of him who is named Hashim and give him glad tidings through this Remembrance which hath been sent down in truth from God, the Lord of all men. And We make mention of him who is named Muhammad that he may rejoice in the bounty of his Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

This is what was revealed for his honor Aqa Husayn (K) who attained in Zawra. He is the Witness and the Witnessed. A Book sent down by the Sovereign of existence from His praiseworthy station to him who hath believed in God, the Mighty, the Loving. Blessed is he who hath sought the fragrance of the Intended One, and the seeker who hath answered the Desired One, and the learned one who hath believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. How many learned ones have turned away from the Path, and how many ignorant ones have recognized, hastened, and said:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the seen and the unseen!"

By God, the horizon of the world hath been illumined by the Most Great Light, yet most of the people perceive not. Verily the Truth walketh before the faces of creation. He Who speaketh at the heart of contingent being beareth witness to this, that there is none other God but Me, the Powerful over what was and what shall be. Blessed is he who hath advanced, turned to God and attained unto His presence, and woe unto every one who hath turned away and rejected God by following every heedless one cast out.

This is what was revealed for him who is named his honor Siyyid Baqir K. He is the Hearing, the Responding. Today all things are ablaze from the fire of the Divine Word, and all atoms of creation speak

forth “The Revealer of Verses hath come!” Blessed is the soul that hath hearkened unto the voice of the One Who conversed on Sinai from the Tree of Manifestation and hath arisen with all its heart and spirit to the Cause of the Beloved of the worlds. The mention of this glorious and wondrous Day in the divine Books is more evident than the sun at its zenith. Blessed is the eye that hath attained to its vision and the heart that hath turned toward the most exalted horizon. O Baqir! If thou wert to thank God throughout the duration of the kingdom of earth and heaven, it would not equal this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet. Know thou the value of the words of the Most Merciful and preserve them as thou wouldst thy life. We, from this station, send Our greetings upon thee and upon thy father and upon those who have attained unto this mighty station.

O Siyyid Rida, the Lord of Names saith: Strive thou to attain unto the good-pleasure of God, exalted be His glory. This station hath no peer or likeness, and all the sincere ones, those drawn nigh, and the pure in heart have sought and continue to seek it. Verily thy Lord speaketh the truth and guideth whom He willeth to His straight path. And praise be to God, the Mighty, the Wise.

This is what was revealed for his honor who is named Mulla Muhammad Rida K. He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great. O Muhammad Rida! The heaven of bounty is upraised and the sun of manifestation is shining and visible from its horizon. This is the Day promised in all the heavenly Books. Today is the day of awareness. The Peerless Knower saith: The gate of grace is opened and the ocean of mercy is manifest before all faces. Strive that ye may receive your portion from the bountiful outpourings and be not deprived. Reflect upon the former ages and consider what befell the Prophets of God and His Messengers. Whenever the Dawning-Place of divine revelation appeared from the heaven of God’s Will, all arose in opposition and protest, and inflicted upon that Essence of being that which the pens of the world are powerless to recount. Say: O friends! The water of life floweth in the name of the Revealer of verses. Blessed is the soul that hath recognized and drunk thereof, and woe unto the heedless ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

In the Name of Him Who is the Guardian over all who dwell on earth and in heaven!

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of those who dwell in the kingdom of creation, that perchance this remembrance may draw them nigh unto a station which hath been recorded in the Book. This is not the day for tarrying and silence. It behooveth every soul to speak with wisdom and utterance concerning this Cause which hath been made manifest from the horizon of grace. O loved ones of God and His chosen ones! Hearken unto the call from the direction of the luminous Spot. Verily, it giveth you glad tidings of that which hath been sent down in a Book inscribed by the Pen of God. Beware lest the doubts of men withhold you from the Truth. Forsake that which the people possess, then turn with radiant faces toward the horizon which was promised by the tongue of God.

The proof hath been perfected, the bounty completed, and that which was hidden in the pavilion of glory hath been revealed. The heaven hath been cleft asunder, and the crimson Ark hath sailed upon the sea of grandeur by a command sent down from the heaven of Revelation. Thus hath the Tree spoken, the Cock crowed, and the Dove of the Cause warbled upon the branch known by the name of God. We counsel thee and the loved ones of God to remain steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of the learned have slipped. Verily, thy Lord is witness unto what I say.

Indeed, the grace, favor, generosity and mercy of God have reached such a degree that none can adequately render thanks for them. Divine verses are being revealed night and day without cessation, and all are mirrors reflecting the bounty, generosity and loving-kindness of the Beloved of the worlds. This evanescent servant beseecheth God to aid His loved ones to perform such deeds as are worthy of this most exalted and most holy grace. Convey, on behalf of this evanescent one, sublime and glorious greetings to them who quaff the choice wine of inner meanings. Such blessing dependeth upon the favor of that Beloved One. God willing, may all drink cup after cup, draught after draught, and goblet after goblet from the choice wine of divine favor. Glory be upon thee and upon them, and upon everyone who hath spoken and doth speak, who hath stood and doth stand, and who hath walked and doth walk His straight path. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Furthermore, some time ago wondrous and sublime Tablets were revealed specifically for the friends and loved ones in the land of K, and were sent with the Shaykh. Likewise, in these days several most holy and most exalted Tablets have been revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will specifically for Aqa Muhammad Husayn N and his two namesakes and Aqa Ghulam-ʿAli—upon them be 96 [Baha'u'llah]—and were dispatched by post. God willing, may they attain unto them.

As for the Tablets that were previously requested for the friends in Qamsar and its surroundings, which were delayed—this delay was due to the delay in your letter. Now certain Tablets have been revealed from the heaven of favor, both with and without names, and will be sent in the next dispatch, as sending them in this dispatch would be contrary to wisdom. After their arrival, permission is granted for you to write the name of whomsoever you deem advisable, that all may attain to divine favor. The Command is in His hand. He ordaineth what He pleaseth for whomsoever He willeth, and confirmeth what He desireth for whomsoever He purposeth. He is the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Praised.

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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!

Magnified is the All-Merciful Who hath, through His Most Exalted Word, attracted all who are in earth and heaven, and guided all through it on a Day wherein the foundations of the cities of names were shaken. He it is Who hath subdued all things through His Most Exalted Pen, and through it hath opened the door of reunion unto all who dwell in the kingdom of creation, and the Dove of the Cause hath warbled upon the branches of the Tree of Eternity. Exalted, exalted is He through Whose Name the world was illumined, and through Whom the feet of the peoples did slip—they who cast the path of God behind their backs and followed their vain desires. These are servants who went astray and led others astray until they pronounced judgment against Him Who created and fashioned them. Thus did their souls entice them. The servant and God's loved ones on earth bear witness that they failed in their duty towards God when the standard "He is the Truth" was hoisted in the most exalted station.

Exalted is He Who caused to flow from the tongue of His chosen ones the waters of knowledge and utterance. They are the lamps of guidance amongst mankind—servants whose praise every book hath voiced and every tongue hath mentioned. They are the standards of divine knowledge in the realm of possibility and the banners of utterance from the All-Merciful. Exalted, exalted is He Who created them, caused them to be known, gave them utterance, brought them nigh, and chose them to serve His Cause among His servants, enabled them to make mention of Him among His creation, and made them the hands of His Cause in His kingdom. Through them the cock crowed and the clouds proclaimed: "The Kingdom is God's, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful!"

Glory be to Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the pearls of divine knowledge appeared from the ocean of Thy mercy and the fragrance of the garment was diffused through Thy command and will! I beseech Thee by Thy Will which transformeth darkness into light and sorrow into joy, to send down from the heaven of Thy grace upon Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones that which will draw them nigh unto Thee in all conditions and protect them from those who have denied the Beginning and the End. There is no God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

My spirit be a sacrifice unto your steadfastness! The birds of your knowledge have caused Me to hear, from the atmosphere of your certitude, that whereby I perceived the fragrance of your sincerity and your steadfastness in the Cause of our Beloved and your Beloved. When the shrill voice of your pen attracted Me and your words delighted Me, I soared on the wings of longing until I attained the station of nearness and holiness and beauty. And when I was present, that which was in your letter was presented, whereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that whereby the Balance was set up and the mountains were moved. His word, exalted be His glory:

In My Name that shineth forth from the horizon of utterance

O thou who drinkest the choice wine of My utterance and soarest in My atmosphere! Hearken unto My call, for verily it draweth thee to My Kingdom and My dominion. By My life! The Word through whose breezes We quickened the kingdom of creation now lamenteth My sorrow and that which hath befallen Me at the hands of them that have violated My Covenant and Testament, and have chosen for themselves a loved one other than Me. Thus hath My tongue spoken that thou mayest know what hath befallen the Wronged One from the hosts of the oppressors. From every word of thy Lord hath flowed the living waters of proof and evidence, yet the people are in manifest doubt. The ocean of wisdom hath surged before all faces, yet most of the people remain heedless. Consider and remember when thou wert with Me and didst witness the waves of the ocean of thy Lord's utterance, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Behold the people of the Bayan! They claim faith for themselves, yet deny Him Who revealed the Bayan from His inaccessible and glorious Kingdom. The world hath been illumined by the Sun of My most exalted Word, yet the people remain behind a thick veil. Verily the Word at times singeth and at times lamenteth—the former for what it containeth and the latter for what hath befallen it from them that have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds. This is the Day whereof Adam gave tidings, and after him Noah, and after him Hud, until Muhammad, the Apostle of God, came with a perspicuous Book. We revealed unto Him the Furqan wherein mention was made of this All-Wise Remembrance, and We gave

tidings unto all therein of this Day which is the Lord of all ages and centuries, from God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. He gave tidings unto all of the Days of God and spoke in praise of this Revelation, whereat, when it appeareth, all mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds.

O thou who gazest upon My countenance! Do ears hear? Nay, by the life of thy Lord, the Speaking, the All-Seeing! Do eyes behold? Nay, by My sanctified and luminous Beauty! By God! Were anyone to hear the call of thy Most Glorious Lord from the Supreme Horizon and taste the sweetness of His utterance, he would soar on the wings of detachment in this atmosphere wherefrom the near ones hear:

> "There is no God but Me, the Most Exalted, the Most Great."

Remind the people of thy Lord's most great signs, that perchance they may cast away what they possess, turning unto God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Blessed is he who hath spoken forth this Most Great Remembrance, and blessed the ear that hath heard the Call, and blessed the heart that hath turned unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. It behooveth thee to speak that whereby the birds of certitude may soar throughout all regions and cities. Thus doth He Who hath given thee to drink the choice wine of inner meanings command thee, in His Name, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Convey My greetings unto My loved ones who have turned away from all else save Me and have held fast unto My Strong Cord. Glory be upon thee and upon them that have attained unto this glorious and wondrous station.

The Sun of Grace shineth with such brilliance that none need establish Its reality through proofs and evidences. Praise be to God! That Beloved One hath ever been and remains remembered in the Most Holy Presence and Supreme Horizon. The principal cause for the delay in writing this letter was thy movement and travels, as successive letters from thee and other friends gave news of movement and intention to travel. This evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, that He may enable him to occupy himself with His remembrance in his remaining days and to make up for what hath passed.

And concerning what thou didst write in thy last letter about the gathering of those who drink the choice wine of inner meanings in the house of Karbila'i ʿAbdu'l-Baqi, upon him be the Glory of God, occupied in the remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds—blessed art thou and they, and those who have attained unto the knowledge of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. This matter too was presented in the Most Holy and Exalted Presence. This is what the Tongue of the All-Merciful hath spoken in the Kingdom of Utterance. His word, exalted be His majesty:

In My Most Ancient and Most Great Name

When the Sun of inner meanings dawned forth in the mirror of knowledge, the blessed word "I am the One manifest above all things" became manifest, and in every instance an utterance appeared and a word was witnessed. The Divine Cause has been and shall forever be all-encompassing, and ere long its effects shall be witnessed in the world. The degrees of that honored one's love, devotion and steadfastness are known and evident before the Wronged One. God willing, you shall bring to life the dead in the valley of heedlessness and ignorance with the Kawthar of the All-Merciful's utterance, that all may drink from the Euphrates of divine mercy and turn to the supreme horizon.

This is a Day the like of which hath never been. God willing, may those near and sincere ones succeed in deeds that are likewise without peer or likeness. Under all conditions, keep the friends fresh and verdant through the fragrances of the All-Merciful's raiment. I swear by the Life of the Beloved of creation that all the pens of the world and tongues of the nations fall short and are powerless to praise and extol this wondrous Day. That which was in the former Books hath now become manifest and evident. Say: By God, He hath appeared Who made the dawn as darkness and walked upon the borders of the earth. Be thou a cup-bearer among My servants, then give them to drink of the Kawthar of My loving-kindness and the choice wine of My bounty—at times in My Name, at others through My remembrance, and at times through My love, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Ere long these days shall be rolled up, and most people shall find themselves in manifest loss. Strive that a handful of dust may attain everlasting life through the Salsabil of utterance. Today every soul is able to possess that which shall endure throughout the sovereignty of earth and heaven. Blessed are they who have attained unto this Day and recognized its Lord.

Say: Where are the hosts and the parties, and where is he who turned away from the Lord of Lords? Where are the ranks and the banners, and where are the crowns and the thrones? Say: Where is the joy of Chosroes and the lamentation of the bereaved? Ask thou God to aid all to that which beseemeth His appearance and His days, and to assist them in His remembrance, His praise and the service of His Cause, the Mighty, the Great. Thou shouldst, through God's grace, speak that which will set the world ablaze and bestow the water of steadfastness at all times, that those on earth may be purified from the defilement of idle fancies and vain imaginings, and be adorned with the ornament of knowledge and certitude. He commandeth thee that which profiteth the servants. Thy Lord is verily the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

And likewise these exalted words were revealed from the Source of verses regarding Aqa ʿAbdu'l-Baqi, upon him be the glory of God, whose house became a gathering place for the friends of God. His glory be exalted:

In the Name of the Peerless Lord

O Abdu'l-Baqi! Thou hast attained the presence of the All-Merciful, heard the divine call, and beheld the supreme horizon. I swear by the Sun of the heaven of God's Cause that this station is sanctified and exalted above the mention of all on earth. However, thou must preserve it in the name of the Friend and keep it hidden from the thieves and treacherous ones. O Abdu'l-Baqi! Forget not the counsels of the Wronged One. He counseleth all in that which profiteth them in this world and the next. Thy Lord is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He is with thee, hearing and seeing, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Blessed is the soul that today standeth firm in serving the Cause with wisdom, and blessed is the house from which the mention of God is raised. We make mention of those who gathered there and give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and My mercy, which have preceded existence in both the seen and unseen realms. Blessed are their tongues for having uttered the praise of God, the Lord of all worlds, and their ears for having heard the mention of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Nabil, O Muhammad! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Single, the One! Glorify on My behalf the countenances of My loved ones whom thou hast mentioned in thy letter, convey to them My remembrance and praise, and remind them of My verses and that which hath been revealed from My

Pen. Say: By God! This is He by Whose will the Mother Book was sent down, by the movement of Whose Pen the Supreme Pen was moved, and by Whose call the Call was raised from the Dawning-Place of Grandeur. Sovereignty belongeth unto Him Who speaketh the truth. Blessed is he who hath drunk from the cup of His utterance, and woe unto the heedless. Thus have We opened the gate of the Kingdom of utterance with My finger, and I am, verily, the Powerful, the Mighty.

By the life of God! If all who dwell on earth were to truly perceive the fragrance of but a single verse from the divine verses, all would turn to the Manifestation of the Cause, become detached from what they possess and turn unto what is with God.

O thou beloved of My heart! The Kingdom of utterance is stirred by the divine utterance, yet the people are heedless, nay withered, nay dead. They have not partaken of nor received their portion from the Kawthar of immortality which floweth before all faces from the Supreme Pen. At one time this blessed word dawned from the horizon of utterance of the King of Oneness, addressing one of His names. Though the original divine utterance is not at hand, its purport is this: Beseech the exalted Truth that such fragrances may be diffused as would draw hearts and spirits to stations and bring to mind such realms that the mentions and conditions of this world would become to them a thing forgotten.

The friends of God must attain to such a station that neither the might of the oppressors nor the signs of the Pharaohs—who in one instance are called the denying divines and in another the objectors among the people of the Bayan—should prevent them from the divine Kawthar. The greater the Cause, the greater its trials and tribulations. Yet today trials and tribulations are not visible, for the heaven of grace is raised high and the ocean of bounty is manifest. If from one direction the cups of trials and tribulations are witnessed, from another the Most Glorious Beauty with the white hand bestoweth the Kawthar of immortality. If croaking is raised, the pure wine is also flowing and circulating.

In one of the Tablets these words were revealed from the source of verses—His word, exalted be His majesty and might: Say: O friends of Truth! Be not saddened by the derision of the deniers and the denial of the objectors, for these matters have ever been and will ever be proof of the truth of the Truth, exalted be His glory. If ye should hear unseemly words from some ignorant, heedless, unknowing one, it mattereth not, for he and all that is with him shall soon return to nothingness, while ye today drink from the Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful and hear the words “Ye are of Me.” At this moment, one of the near angels circling round made supplication: “O my God, my Lord, my Goal, my Beloved, and Beloved of all in the heavens and earth! I beseech the ocean of Thy generosity and the sun of Thy grace that I may hear a hundred thousand curses, revilings and denunciations in Thy love, if but once this ear might be blessed with hearing the most sweet words ‘Verily thou art of the people of Baha.”’

The generality of mankind dwelling upon the earth in this day have turned away from the Truth and remained bereft of their portion from the ocean of divine knowledge. They utter and continue to utter that which causeth the denizens of the Most Sublime Paradise, the Prophets and Messengers of God, to lament and bewail. This is not the first matter to have appeared in the realm of existence. The friends of God must, under all conditions, with utmost endeavor and steadfastness, occupy themselves in service to the Cause. His Holiness Rumi—upon him be mercy—hath said: ‘The moon sheddeth forth its light while the dog howleth.’ It behooveth all to direct their gaze toward the betterment of the world and toward

that which befitteth the station of man. Verily, whoso remaineth opposed to the command of God, He seizeth him and rendereth him manifest as one who hath never been, nor is, cognizant of consummate wisdom.

Section 2: "During this time, whilst the servant was engaged…"

During this time, whilst the servant was engaged in penning this epistle, a command issued forth from the Supreme Source of the Cause, and after entering into the Most Holy and Inaccessible Sanctuary, the Tongue of Grandeur gave utterance to this blessed Word—exalted be His majesty—saying:

Write to Nabil, upon him be My glory and loving-kindness: Arise to serve the Cause of Truth through the power of Truth, the grace of Truth, and the might of Truth—arise with such steadfastness that the very essence of constancy shall be made to tremble thereby. With the fire of love set ablaze the hearts and souls of men, and with the light of knowledge illumine their countenances, that the hearts and souls of the sincere may be sanctified from all doubts, conditions and allusions, and that they may, detached and free, occupy themselves with His mention, His praise and the teaching of His Cause throughout His realms and domains.

Say: O ye who thirst for the stream of flowing mercy, O ye who yearn for the surging ocean of attainment, O ye who await the presence of your Lord—for what day have ye reserved your eyes? For what hour have ye kept your hearts? And for what moment have ye preserved your tongues and ears? Today the eye proclaimeth at the highest pitch, "The Day is mine!" for the Goal of all existence hath spoken the words "Look, thou shalt behold Me." The ear declareth, "By God, the time is my time!" for the Most Sweet Call hath been raised from the realm of grandeur. And the tongue in the kingdom of utterance proclaimeth "Verily, this Day is my Day!" A hundred thousand blessings rest upon him whom the conditions of the world and its changing hues have not withheld from the Essence of all essences, and whom perishable things have not debarred from the everlasting kingdom.

In that moment such verses were revealed from the Dayspring of Divine Revelation that, by God besides Whom there is none other God, this servant was struck with wonderment and amazement, and in truth found himself utterly powerless to utter a single word thereof. Unless the confirmations of God, exalted be His glory, shall assist, how can this servant be capable of writing, or worthy of setting forth the truth? I beseech you and all the friends to supplicate God, exalted be His glory, to aid this servant in this most great and mighty service. Verily, He is the Helper of the world, and within His grasp lie the reins of all nations. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

A beloved and honored missive from his honor Samandar, upon him be the Glory of God, was sent to his honor Ism-i-Jud, upon him be the Glory of God, and he forwarded it to the Most Holy Court. All of it was presented, and answers to some passages descended from the heaven of grace, but will be sent at a later time. The Command is in His hands—He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth, and He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. In truth, they have not fallen short in serving the Cause. God willing, may they be confirmed in all conditions. Their mention has been and continues to be made in the Most Holy Court. God willing, they shall attain the answer to the aforementioned missive. Blessed be he and his

honor Nabil Ibn Nabil. This servant has always wished to be occupied with the praise and glorification of the friends of God, but finds no time and opportunity is lacking.

In every post, observe how correspondence and missives arrive from most directions. Many times this servant has felt utterly embarrassed due to lack of time. On one hand, occupied with writing divine verses in His presence, on another hand engaged in making copies thereof, and beyond that answering correspondence and letters which the friends write to this servant himself, and beyond these stages, by command some tablets are also sent in this evanescent one's handwriting. In all conditions I beseech confirmation from God, exalted be His glory, and seek enablement that whatever days remain may be spent in commanded services. Verily He is the Lord of enablement, there is no God but He, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

His honor, the esteemed Sarvar, his honor K.D., upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], has written a letter to this evanescent one and likewise sent a petition to the Most Holy Court. It was presented before the Throne. The Sun of favor rose and shone from the horizon of grace and the Tongue of Grandeur spoke this blessed word, His word exalted be His majesty:

In My Name, the Dawning from the Horizon of the World

O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! Thy call hath attained the hearing of the Lord of Names. God willing, through divine grace thou shalt in all nights and days be engaged in the remembrance of God and arise to serve the Cause. This wondrous Day is attributed to Him. Behold what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: "The Kingdom on that day shall be God's." Verily the Balance walketh and saith: "I am the All-Knowing Discerner," and the Path proclaimeth: "His Straight Path hath appeared," and the Self-Subsisting calleth out with the most exalted call: "The Promised One hath come and people have arisen for the Lord of the worlds." Blessed is he who hath recognized and heard and turned and found the fragrance of the All-Merciful's utterance when He came with manifest sovereignty.

Remember My loved ones on My behalf and give them the glad tidings of My mention and My mercy and My favor and convey to them My glorious and wondrous greetings. Say: In all books before and after, this Day hath been named the Day of God, yet the manifestations of idle fancies and daysprings of vain imaginings are heedless and veiled therefrom, and like earthworms are cast down and occupied in the clay of ignorance. God willing, may the people of Baha appear with such an adorning as befitteth this mighty Cause. Thus have We mentioned thee before and at this time and We shall mention thee hereafter with a tablet from which shineth the sun of thy Lord's tender mercy, the Kind, the Generous. End.

This evanescent servant too shall, God willing, submit an answer to their letter.

And this is what was revealed from the Dawning Place of verses for him who was named Muhammad-Javad on the Day of the Call, His word exalted be His grandeur:

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great

This is the Day whereon all atoms cry out: “The Kingdom belongeth to the Revealer of verses,” while the Spirit proclaimeth from the Divine Throne: “Greatness belongeth to God, the Lord of lords.” Blessed art thou and those whose heads are adorned with the crowns of their Lord’s favor, the Lord of Return. Days and nights shall pass away, but there shall endure for thee that which hath been sent down from this Pen, before which all pens bow down when it moveth. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, for it cannot be equaled by the treasuries of kings nor by the wealth of merchants. We counsel thee and them that have believed in that whereby the Cause of God, the Cleaver of Dawn, may be exalted. We make mention of My handmaidens who have circled round the will of their Lord, the Lord of Necks. And We make mention of thy wife, from whom We have inhaled the fragrance of steadfastness in this Cause—the Cause at whose appearance covenants were breached and standards reversed. Blessed is she, and again blessed is she. We testify that she hath attained unto that which most of the servants have been debarred from.

O Ahmad! The One, the Single, remembereth thee as He walketh upon the most exalted station. Say: O concourse of the dead! Arise, then hearken unto that which the Speaker of the Mount uttereth on the Sinai of Revelation through this Name, at which the Evil One hath lamented and the mountains have crumbled. Let not the affairs of the world grieve thee. Turn thy face toward the All-Bountiful and say: Ordain for me that which profiteth me, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all created things. Thou art He Who directeth the world with the finger of Thy will, and Who holdeth the bridle of governance with Thy other finger. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Giving. The glory be upon thee and upon thy father and mother, and upon those who are with you among the loved ones of God, the Lord of creation.

Wondrous and sublime verses have been revealed from the Divine Tongue for all the friends in that land. The river of mercy floweth. This drop is not capable of enumerating. Would that the people of the world might know! Would that they might hear! Would that they might be fair!

And at the end of the utterances of the King of Names and Attributes, these exalted words were revealed especially for Jinab-i-Fayd’u’llah, upon him be the Glory of God. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

In My Name, the Manifest, the All-Knowing

O Fayd’u’llah! The Tongue of Grace declareth: The cloud of mercy is raised up and the rains of generosity pour forth from the clouds of bounty. Blessed is the state of one who is not deprived today of the outpouring of the True Bestower of Grace. God willing, may hearts become connected to the divine ocean of joy so that they may be freed and liberated from the troubles and sorrows of the world. Thou hast drunk from the cup of the All-Merciful’s utterance time and again. God willing, mayest thou be aided to preserve this most exalted station. That which is incumbent upon all today is that they expend the utmost effort and endeavor in attaining the good-pleasure of God, that they may achieve this greatest bounty and mighty gift. And this station cannot be attained except through complete effacement in the will and desire of God. God willing, may all be successful in submission and contentment, and be thankful for what God hath commanded. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to the friends of that land. How excellent is the state of one who hath attained to His mention and hath arisen to serve Him. The command is in His hand—He giveth and withholdeth, and He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

Concerning your mention that you had sent detailed missives containing exhortations and counsels to the friends of God in the land of Kha—this was submitted to the Most Holy Court. Thus did the tongue of the All-Merciful speak forth in the Kingdom of Utterance—exalted be His majesty:

> "Well is it that he has acted. God willing, they should at all times be bearers of glad tidings from the presence of the Truth. The people of the earth need educators and likewise expounders, that all may, in this spiritual morn, partake of the wine of divine love and attain unto that which God has desired for them. Blessed are the people of Kha, who have cast away vain desire and held fast unto the Lord of all mankind. We give them the glad tidings of God's grace and mercy, and draw them nigh unto a station that hath been recorded by the Pen of God. Convey My greetings unto their faces and remind them of My days that were promised in the Tablets. Their mention hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen—to this testifies the Mother Book, which speaketh in the Most Great Prison amidst the nations that which shall assist them in a Cause that hath been inscribed in the Book. God willing, may all attain to divine bounties."

And concerning what you wrote about that known person, it was submitted, whereupon He said:

> "We have protected him and his brother on numerous occasions. Thy Lord is verily the All-Bountiful, the Protector, the Generous. We have ordained for them the good of this world and the next. He is verily the Almighty, the Powerful. God willing, may they attain on this divine Day to that which shall deliver them from the troubles of the world. Beseech God—glorified be His majesty—that they may be aided to preserve that which hath been bestowed upon them. Verily thy Lord speaketh the truth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. There shall appear from them that whereby their mention shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. This beseemeth today those who have turned unto the One, the All-Wise. The glory be upon him and upon those with him who have turned unto My luminous horizon."

This evanescent servant beseecheth God—glorified be His majesty—to aid His loved ones in that which befitteth His divine Day.

Another submission: Concerning what you wrote specifically about those souls gathered in the house of Karbala'i ʿAbdu'l-Baqi—upon him be the glory of God—wondrous and exalted verses have been revealed from the heaven of divine Will. God willing, may all attain unto them.

However, at the end of the letter you had mentioned Aqa Muhammad-ʿAli—upon him be the glory of God—from the land of Sh. After submission to the Most Holy Court, the Sun of Utterance shone forth in the form of these sublime words—exalted and glorified be His utterance

He is the Mafest and the Hidden

Verily We make mention of him who hath desired to make mention of his Lord, and We bid him to that which beseemeth the days of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. In the night seasons the scratching of My Most Exalted Pen is raised up, and in the daytime the tongue of My grandeur doth speak:

"There is none other God but Me, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen."

Every hour beareth witness to My remembrance, and every moment declareth that the Call hath not ceased from the direction of the Lord of Names. At times He maketh mention through His Pen, at times through His tongue, and at times through His heart, sanctified from all that was and shall be. Rejoice, O Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli, in My remembrance of thee, My loving-kindness towards thee, and My turning unto thee from My praiseworthy station. From this station We send Our greetings unto the faces of My loved ones in thy land, that they may rejoice in these greetings through which the fragrance of God's loving-kindness hath been wafted in the seen and unseen realms. The glory shining forth from the horizon of eternity be upon them from God, the Lord of existence.

This servant's humble petition at the end of this letter is that you convey the greetings of this lowly and submissive servant to all the friends of that land and to those masters who have drunk from the Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful and who are gazing toward the Most Exalted Horizon. God willing, may all be blessed with the outpourings of His Grace, the All-Bountiful, and remain steadfast in His service. The Glory be upon you and upon them and upon those who have testified to that which God, the Lord of the worlds, hath testified.

The servant 22 Muharram 1299

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Section 1: "In the month of Muharram of the year…"

In the month of Muharram of the year 99

O Muhammad-Hasan-i-ʿAttar, may the Glory of God rest upon him. Consider thou this.

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

All praise, sanctified beyond mention, allusion, word and meaning, befitteth the most holy and most exalted court of the Beloved One Who, through a single effulgence shed from the Sun of His firm utterance, illumined the horizons and caused every faltering tongue to speak with surpassing eloquence. He it is through Whose will the education of the world hath ever been sustained, and by Whose decree the quickening of nations hath been and shall forever be accomplished. All the atoms of the universe are moved to exultation and joy by the fragrance of His manifestation. Blessed is the servant whom neither the doubts of the veiled ones prevented from his goal, nor the intimations of the followers of the Bayan kept back from the Beloved of the worlds.

A handful of dust, unworthy of mention, have laid claim to existence, and souls who know neither beginning nor end have, through their pretensions to knowledge, become the cause of misguidance. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to sanctify and detach the people of Baha from all else but Him, that the Pharaohs of the world and the tyrants among the nations may find themselves agitated and unsettled before their steadfastness. The Pharaohs and tyrants referred to here signify, in one sense, the people of the Bayan, who through their vain imaginings have deprived themselves of the manifest Sovereign and

the Lord, the Self-Subsisting. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of divine favor that such wickedness and heedlessness as shown by these souls hath never been witnessed.

We pray God to confirm all in turning unto Him and in steadfastness in His Cause. Verily, He is the Protector of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou seest Thy loved ones beneath the talons of Thy enemies, and Thy chosen ones in the grasp of the transgressors among Thy creatures. O Lord! Do Thou protect them through the hosts of the unseen, whereby Thou didst protect Thy Prophets, Thy Messengers and Thy Chosen Ones. O Lord! Illumine their faces with the light of Thy countenance and their hearts with the effulgences of the suns of Thy knowledge. O Lord! They are Thy servants and Thy creation who have turned unto Thee and have voiced Thy praise on a Day whereon all have turned away from Thy beauty. O Lord! Aid them to be steadfast in Thy Cause and draw them ever closer unto Thee in all conditions. This servant knoweth with certain and perfect certitude that there is no blessing in the kingdom more excellent than nearness unto Thee, and no gift greater than Thy good-pleasure. I beseech Thee to illumine our faces from the Sun of Thy grace and to ordain for us through Thy Pen of Decree that which beseemeth Thy glory and majesty. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing.

And further: thy letter was received, and from it wafted the sweet savors of certitude. Praise be to God that they are speaking His praise and are the recipients of His grace, for were it not for His prevenient grace, who would be capable of turning unto Him and recognizing Him? His is the praise that transcendeth the praise of the sincere ones and the pens of all that was and shall be. After perusal, it ascended and attained the presence of the Lord of the seen and the unseen. Then, after permission was granted, thy letter was presented, and this is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in reply, exalted be His glory:

He is the All-Mentioning, the All-Knowing

O Hasan! Thou hast witnessed the effulgence of the light of My countenance and attained unto the outpourings of the ocean of Mine utterance. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this manifest favor. We have remembered thee and revealed for thee that which solaceth the eyes of them that are nigh. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and the earth! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance, whereby the horizon of the heaven of meanings and utterance was illumined, and by the fire of Thy Tree, whereby all in creation were set aflame, to aid me in serving Thee in this Day which hath been mentioned in Thy Books and whereof Thou didst give glad-tidings unto all through the tongue of Thy Messengers.

O my Lord! Thou art He at Whose call all things have called out, and by Whose Word all in the kingdom of creation were attracted. I beseech Thee by the sovereignty of Thy names and by the treasuries of Thy knowledge, O Creator of the heaven, to assist Thy servants in celebrating Thy remembrance and praise, and in standing firm in this Cause whereby the hearts of those who denied Thee and Thy signs were thrown into turmoil. O my Lord! Every tongue hath testified to Thy grace and mercy, and every voice to Thy generosity and favors. There is none other God but Thee, the Bestower, the Bountiful.

Praise be to God! That honored one hath, through the grace of God, exalted be His glory, attained. He hath drunk from the Kawthar of reunion and partaken of the ocean of meeting. We beseech the Source of bounty and the Dawning-Place of generosity to ordain from the Most Exalted Pen, for all the friends, the reward of attainment and meeting. Verily, He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Kind, the Bountiful.

And concerning what was written about Aqa Abu'l-Qasim, upon him be the Glory of God, it was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. A wondrous and sublime Tablet was specifically revealed for him and sent in the handwriting of this servant. God willing, may he drink from the oceans of inner meanings concealed within the divine words and hear with delight and satisfaction from the true Holy Spirit. For He hath said that among the distinctive features of this Most Great Revelation is that whenever any soul attaineth unto a word of the divine words, or a tablet from the tablets, or any of the bounties, the Holy Spirit proclaimeth in the highest voice in the Kingdom of the Unseen "May it be pleasant and wholesome!" Blessed is the soul that hath attained, the eye that hath seen, and the ear that hath heard. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

In My Name, the One Who Warbleth upon the Branches

This is a Day wherein everyone who has advanced has attained the Most Exalted Horizon, and every person of insight has proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongs to God, the Lord of Lords!" The Supreme Pen makes mention of the friends of the Lord of Names, saying: Today the attraction of the verses has seized all atoms. Today Mount Sinai circles round the Manifestation, and Batha proclaims "The Truth has appeared!" The House is enraptured and joyous at the appearance of its Lord. Blessed is the soul whom the cawing of the crows has not prevented from the true elixir. I swear by the Sovereign of the Word that if all the world were to catch a fragrance from this Garment, all would turn their faces toward the Friend. Say: O friends of Truth, be not saddened by the taunts of the wayward and the denials of the deniers, for these matters have ever been and will continue to be proofs of the truth of the Truth, exalted be His glory. If you hear an unseemly word from some ignorant, heedless person, it matters not, for he and all that pertains to him will soon return to nothingness, while you today drink from the Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful and hear the words "you are of Me."

At this moment, one of the near-stationed angels who was circling round made supplication: "O my God, my Lord, my Goal, my Beloved, and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and the earth! I beseech the ocean of Thy generosity and the sun of Thy grace that I might hear a hundred thousand curses and reproaches and imprecations in Thy love, and that this ear might but once be blessed with hearing the most sweet words 'Verily thou art of the people of Baha."' At this moment, upon hearing these wondrous and sublime words, the servant who was present before His face engaged in writing down the verses was observed to become ignited like a globe of fire. Blessed are they who are set ablaze by the Word of God, and woe to the heedless!

Ask of God, exalted be His glory, to make thee steadfast and grant thee a portion of the sweetness of His utterance. How many powerful souls were seen to be weak at the time of the revelation of the Word, and how many learned ones were counted among the ignorant at the time of His manifestation. Today, every light thing soars in spiritual atmospheres through the name of God and His favor, while every heavy thing

lies fallen and cast out upon the earth of self and desire. Beseech ye God to save all through His mighty arm and draw them to the Most Exalted Horizon. Verily, He is the Helper, the Succourer. Praise be unto Him Who praises and speaks in this moment.

At the end of this Tablet, this Wronged One conveys greetings to the friends of that land and says: Verses, remembrances and words are being sent down like copious rain without cessation from the heaven of the All-Merciful's loving-kindness. Has such a bounty ever appeared in any age? Has any pen or tongue ever announced such a matter? Nay, by My life! Therefore, those who drink the choice wine of utterance must manifest themselves with such spirit and joy that all contingent beings may perceive their fragrance. In this Revelation, matters have appeared such that no fair-minded person has any cause for hesitation. But God guides whom He willeth to His straight path. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

But, O My loved one, where is to be found an ear that is meet to hearken unto the utterance of Truth? By the life of the Beloved of existence! Were the servants to discover but this single Tablet, revealed from the heaven of the All-Merciful's utterance in the name of the honored Abu'l-Qasim, and were they to attain unto its meanings, they would all be guided unto the supreme purpose, and would reach the ultimate end for which they were created. Yet the causes of heedlessness have brought about heedlessness, and have sealed the eyes of true vision.

This servant is lost in a sea of wonder, pondering what hath befallen, that some among men should remain deprived of the breaths of Revelation which, in this day, encompass the world, and should be shut out from the splendors of the Sun of proof and evidence. They have beheld the operation of God, and they behold His power. They have witnessed, plain and manifest, that which the Book, by explicit and clear text, hath proclaimed unto all; and yet, notwithstanding this, they have dedicated their ears unto the croaking cry, and have deprived themselves of hearkening unto the divine utterance.

Stranger than all is this: that these self-same people of the world who ascribe themselves to the Bayan have remained bereft of its Sovereign, its Revealer, and its Beloved. They are seen, in very truth, even as those souls who call themselves Shi'ih. These Shi'ih—God preserve us from their guile, their heedlessness, and their error!—through successive and continuous ages, fashioned out of their own fancies and vain imaginings certain traditions, and bowed down before them in worship and devotion, until the Hand of divine power rent the veil asunder and made manifest that which lay hidden in their hearts. Whereupon, as hath been witnessed, they hanged that Essence of existence, and, with bullets of hatred, martyred Him by the decree of divines who were among the pillars and chief ones of the Shi'ih. Upon the oppressors be the curse of God! These deluded souls tread this same path, and lead the poor people unto an idol.

I beseech Thee, O my God and the God of all who are in earth and heaven, to protect Thy servants from the defilement of those who have turned away from Thy sweetest call, denied Thy most great signs, and cast behind them Thy Covenant and Testament in the kingdom of creation. O Lord! Aid Thy servants to be fair-minded and to acknowledge that which their eyes have seen and their ears have heard in Thy days, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of all peoples! Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

And as for what you wrote concerning Aqa Shaykh Muhammad of the people of Manshad, upon him be the Glory of God, mention of him was made in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. This blessed Tablet was revealed especially for him. He speaks, exalted be His grandeur:

In My Name, the Most Ancient, the Most Great

Verily We make mention from Our Most Exalted Pen of him who hath been named Muhammad in the kingdom of creation, and We have mentioned him before as a token of Our grace, for verily We are the All-Knowing Rememberer. Blessed is he who hath attained unto My days, turned towards My countenance, and uttered My beautiful praise. Today, every possessor of vision hath won this most great bounty, and every possessor of hearing hath won the hearkening unto his Lord's call, the Expositor, the All-Wise. Happy the lands from which the fragrance of the Robe hath been wafted, and the city o'er which have passed the breezes of the dawn of My glorious and wondrous Day. Happy the soul that hath taken the chalice of immortality in My Most Glorious Name and drunk therefrom through My mention, the Mighty, the Gracious.

Section 2: "We have aforetime enjoined upon the friends…"

We have aforetime enjoined upon the friends of God and His servants that wisdom whereby We have taken the covenant from those who have turned unto God, the One, the All-Informed. Blessed art thou, O Muhammad, inasmuch as thou hast shattered the idols of vain imaginings through the name of thy Lord, the Possessor of mankind, and drunk from the ocean of certitude. We have made mention of thee in such wise as nothing on earth can equal. He Who speaketh these words beareth witness: There is none other God but Me, the Numberer, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

We counsel thee to observe wisdom lest there occur that which God abhorreth and the clamor of them that have denied the Day of Judgment be raised. Hold thou fast unto the cord of wisdom in all circumstances. Verily He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Beware lest the affairs of men grieve thee. Behold and then call to mind what befell God's Messengers and His chosen ones when He sent them with manifest sovereignty. Among the people were those who turned away from them and opposed them, and those who pronounced sentence for the shedding of their blood. Thus did their desires command them without any clear proof from God, the Lord of all worlds. We summoned them to the supreme horizon, yet they confined Us in this mighty fortress. We desired for them the good of the hereafter and of this world, yet they abandoned Us in this remote prison. We opened unto them the gates of blessings, yet they prevented Us from the bounty which God created through My Name, the Bestower, the Invincible.

And We make mention of My loved ones in that place, and We send Our greetings unto them, and We counsel them to manifest supreme steadfastness and that which beseemeth this Day whereof God gave glad-tidings through the tongues of the Messengers. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have laid hold on the hem of wisdom and upon those who have turned unto the Most Great Ocean on this momentous Day.

Praise be to God! The Sun of bounty hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of divine favor. Blessed are they who have on this day attained unto but a single letter, how much more a word and a tablet. The entirety of the world cannot equal a single word. How excellent is the state of the soul who hath today attained unto this most great bounty and this most exalted and noble station. However, according to divine command, all must hold fast to the cord of wisdom. Therefore, if outwardly the friends of God were to openly engage in teaching, this would surely cause uproar and clamor among the heedless divines, and likewise cause disturbance in the hearts of certain friends who are mentioned before God. Before the martyrdom of Badi', these matters were in effect, and afterward the decree of wisdom was revealed with utmost clarity from the heaven of God's command. Blessed are they who raise its standards and preserve its reins. Repeatedly was this blessed word heard from the Tongue of Unity, exalted be His grandeur:

> "O friends! Today drink ye the living waters in the name of the Beloved of all creation, in defiance of the followers of all religions—a draught whereof the ungodly, the wayward, the deniers and the heedless shall not find a trace upon their lips. In receptive, fertile, and capable lands, deposit and cast the Word of God. From barren earth nothing groweth and nothing springeth forth."

In all conditions, they must act according to that which God hath willed. In truth, service to the Cause hath been and shall ever be teaching, but with wisdom. All good is for those souls who have today arisen to serve the Cause. It is hoped that the true friends will not deprive themselves and will receive from the Dayspring of abundant grace that which shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven.

As to what was written concerning Aqa Siyyid Muhammad, upon him be the glory of God, who was the writer of the letter—praise be to God, he hath been and is remembered in the mention of God, exalted be His glory, both before and after. This servant conveyeth infinite greetings to him. Mention of him and Aqa Muhammad-Husayn, and the plea for their forgiveness, was submitted at the Most Holy Court. By the life of the Beloved! Thereupon did the ocean of forgiveness surge, and they attained unto that which they desired from the depths of the bounty of their Lord, the Mighty, the Generous.

As to what you wrote concerning Mulla Ali-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, a most sublime and holy Tablet hath been revealed for him from the heaven of divine knowledge and hath been dispatched. God willing, may he drink from its oceans of inner meanings and attain unto that which God hath willed. Though he is already aflame with the fire of love and attracted by the light of His countenance—blessed and happy is he! This servant conveyeth his greetings to him and beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to aid him in serving His Cause. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Likewise, specifically for Mulla Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God, a wondrous Tablet hath been revealed from the heaven of bounty. By the life of the Beloved! Every letter of these Tablets is, in the sight of God, superior to all that is visible and invisible. God willing, may those possessed of insight who gaze toward the Most Great Horizon drink from the chalices of divine utterances the living waters and occupy themselves in the gathering of contingent beings with wisdom and utterance in remembrance of the peerless Friend. Convey on behalf of this evanescent servant greetings unto him. God willing, may he

shine forth like a brilliant star from the horizon of the heaven of meanings. His petition was presented at the Most Holy Court at the appointed time.

The Sun of favor hath dawned and shone forth from the horizon of grace, and the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken that which the tongues of all on earth are powerless to recount. From the most sublime and holy Tablet the degrees of favor are evident and clear. Blessed is he! The servant beareth witness that he hath attained unto a Tablet before which all previous tablets have bowed down. Within His grasp is the Kingdom of grace—He giveth and withholdeth, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

And as to what thou didst mention concerning Ali, upon him be the Glory of God—after it was presented before the Most Exalted Horizon, this most sublime and holy Tablet was revealed from the presence of the all-pervading Will. God willing, may he attain unto it and drink from the Kawthar of steadfastness. His words, exalted be His glory:

In My Name, the Witness, the All-Hearing

O Ali! We have desired to make mention of thee and those who have believed, on a day which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. This is a day wherein the atoms cry out:

> "The Revealer of verses hath come, and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Goal of them that know!"

God had taken the covenant of this Day from all who are in the heavens and on earth, yet when He appeared with the truth, the people turned away save those who shattered the idols of vain desire through the Name of the Lord of all being and turned with radiant faces toward the Most Exalted Horizon. How many a learned one hath lamented in separation, yet when the ocean of reunion surged, turned away and showed pride before God, the Beloved of the sincere ones. Say: By God! The Hidden One hath appeared and hath spoken that whereby the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise have been attracted. Blessed is he who hath recognized and found the fragrance of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O Ali! The river of thy Lord's mercy hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen. Take thou, in My Name, and drink therefrom through My binding and wise command. We give thee glad tidings, and to those who have believed in that place, of a bounty from Our presence and a favor from Our court. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. We counsel you with that which hath been sent down in the Book from the presence of One mighty and powerful. Beware lest the conditions of the Pharaohs frighten you, or the doubts of the tyrants sadden you—they who have adorned their heads with turbans yet have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. They attained the heights of glory in this vain life through My Name, but when I manifested My Self, they pronounced judgment against it with evident tyranny. O loved ones of the All-Merciful in all lands! The Wronged One counseleth you from the precincts of the prison to be steadfast in this Cause, whose greatness hath been attested by the tongues of the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise, and whose sovereignty hath been witnessed by every truthful, just and discerning one. Hold fast unto it in the name of your Lord, the Possessor of Names, and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Creator of the heavens, for having made known unto us the Dawning-Place of Thy Cause, the Source of Thy Revelation, and the Dayspring of Thy Most Exalted Word, at whose appearance the dove cooed upon the branches."

This is the Day which God foretold aforetime—the Day whereon mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds. Thus hath the gate of inner meanings been unlocked by the key of utterance, when the All-Merciful was walking in the most exalted station and calling all to His straight path.

God willing, may all the friends in those regions drink from the Kawthar of divine favor, fix their gaze with utmost steadfastness upon the Most Exalted Horizon, and attain unto that which is pleasing unto God, glorified be His majesty. This hath been and shall ever be among the most mighty matters in the sight of God. Today is the day of mention, praise, steadfastness and service. Blessed are they who have attained unto that which is befitting.

His honor Aqa Muhammad Isma'il of the people of Ya presented a petition to the Most Holy Court, which arrived through his honor Haji ʿAbdu'r-Rahim, upon him be the glory of God, His mercy and His favor. Several names were mentioned therein. A Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed for each one, and as commanded, this servant wrote and sent them—deliver them unto them. As for what you wrote concerning the blessed location, this matter is, according to His command, with his honor Afnan, upon him be all the most glorious glory. Let whatever he deemeth advisable be carried out. Each of the persons whose names were in your letter have attained unto their purpose and all have been honored with a divine Tablet. God willing, may they attain unto the presence of the Tablets and discover therefrom the heavenly blessing, and through the Name of the One True Intended One, may they be blessed with this most great bounty. The glory of God be upon his honor, the Afnan of the Divine Lote-Tree, and upon thee, and upon those who have hastened with their hearts unto the Most Great Ocean and have drunk therefrom in the name of our Lord, our Beloved, our Goal and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and the earth.

Again it is mentioned that at the end of your letter was mention of the scribe, upon him be the glory of God. The extent of his mention and sincerity was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious, Most High Court, and these pearls have appeared from the ocean of divine knowledge. Blessed is he and those who have attained unto the mention of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious Lord. His word, exalted be His majesty: He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing.

This is a Book which the All-Bestowing hath sent down from the heaven of grace unto him who hath turned unto Him and voiced His praise on a day whereon every heedless doubter turned away. Thou didst desire a drop from the clouds of the heaven of thy Lord's bountiful mercy; thereby did the ocean of bounty surge, and the Countenance of the Ancient of Days turned toward thee from this glorious horizon. Give thanks unto God for this Most Great Remembrance. Verily He draweth thee nigh and guideth thee unto a station that shall gladden the eyes of them that are brought near. The clouds of munificence have rained down their bounties, and the Sun of generosity speaketh before all peoples: "The Truth is come, and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the One, the All-Knowing." Grieve thou not over anything. Rather, rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast remembered

me in the Most Great Prison, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is held the reins of all who are in the heavens and on earth."

These blessed verses, which are in truth greater than the heavens and the earth, were revealed specially for his honor Javanmard, upon him be the glory of God. God willing, may he attain unto them and drink from the ocean of His bounty.

BH00404: Praise be to God Who hath adorned the leaves…

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 hath adorned the leaves of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing with mysteries known to none save His exalted Self. When the Hidden Mystery desired to reveal Himself in the kingdom of creation, He shone forth through one of the Names, whereupon the denizens of the highest Paradise and those who dwell in the most exalted Garden were drawn unto Him. Glorified be the Creator of the heavens and the Originator of all things, Who hath caused to proceed from the Pen that which hath illumined the world. Blessed is he who hath sought the One Who is sought, and the seeker who hath sought the Desired One, and the learned who hath desired the Known One, and the mystic who hath turned toward the Recognized One. Woe unto every learned one whom knowledge hath withheld from the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting, and every mystic whom vain imaginings have veiled from the Hidden Name. By the life of God! Those who pride themselves on their knowledge in the days of God and occupy themselves therewith without His leave are indeed among the worshippers of names, as recorded in the Crimson Book. To this beareth witness the Mother Book, which speaketh in the Prison that there is none other God but He.

Glory be to Thee, O Beloved of all creation! I beseech Thee by the leaves of the Tree of Thy knowledge, and the fruits of the Tree of Thine utterance, and the cooing of the doves of Thy remembrance in Thy lands, and the warbling of the nightingales of Thy love in Thy dominion, to assist Thy loved ones to stand firm in Thy Cause, to hold fast to the cord of Thy bounty, and to cling to the hem of Thy grace in such wise that the oppression of the aggressive ones in Thy days shall not deter them, nor shall the doings of the wrongdoers prevent them from turning toward Thy horizon. O Lord! Illumine their hearts with the lights of Thy knowledge, then give them to drink from the Kawthar of Thy love that they may recognize what Thou hast ordained for them from the Pen of Thy decree.

O Lord! Unveil unto them what hath been hidden from them through Thy grace and favor, for verily, O my God, my Lord and my Support, were they to become aware of what Thou hast ordained for those of Thy servants who are nigh unto Thee, they would cast away the world and all that is therein, turning with their faces, their eyes and their hearts unto Thee. O Lord! Make known unto them their stations and aid them to preserve them through Thy Name, Thy sovereignty, Thy might and Thy power. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, the Bestower, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

To continue: as thy letter was enkindled with the fire of divine love, it added to its flame. God willing, may thy heart and the hearts of the loved ones of God ever be aflame with this fire which precedeth light itself

and hath precedence over it. Were the pens of all who possess the power of composition to be engaged from the beginning that hath no beginning unto the end that hath no end in elaborating this theme, they would assuredly fail to pay befitting tribute to its praise. A single gleam of that fire shone forth upon the Mount, whereupon was witnessed what was witnessed and was heard what was heard. Exalted be He Who created it and caused it to appear and to speak. After this servant had perceived its heat and hearkened unto its sighing, I turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon and presented myself before His Face. Then did the Tongue of Grandeur speak that which the denizens of the kingdom of creation are powerless to mention or comprehend. At the end of the revealed verses, these exalted words were sent down from the heaven of divine Will—exalted be His grandeur:

In the name of the Wronged One, the Prisoner

O Abu'l-Hasan! Fix thy gaze upon this hallowed, exalted, blessed and perfect Word, which is as a pearl from the ocean of knowledge of the Best-Beloved of all creation:

> "Aid ye your Lord, the All-Possessing, the Most High, through goodly character and deeds."

O Abu'l-Hasan! Convey the Word of the Friend to His friends, that perchance they may drink of the life-giving waters concealed therein. The Supreme Pen hath, throughout the nights and days, counselled the loved ones of God to manifest goodly utterances and praiseworthy, well-pleasing deeds. If those who claim relationship with God, exalted be His glory, were to act in accordance with that which hath been enjoined, assuredly would its influence and fragrance encompass the world and illumine the embodiments of idle fancies and vain imaginings with the lights of certitude. Say: The intoxication of selfish desire hath withheld men from the Lord of all being and the Supreme Horizon. All were created for this Most Great Day, yet they remain veiled from it. Say: Strive ye, and let not this time slip from your grasp. I swear by the Divine Ocean of knowledge that these days have neither peer nor likeness.

In all things hold fast unto wisdom and take firm hold of consultation. God hath manifested Himself in such wise that no fair-minded soul hath any cause to hesitate. Should anyone observe with an eye of fairness that which hath streamed forth in this Revelation from the Supreme Pen in Adrianople, Baghdad and the Most Great Prison, and ponder thereon, he would proclaim the blessed words "The Truth hath appeared!" All previous Books bear witness to this Most Holy, Most Exalted Day, and all the Prophets and Messengers have testified to the greatness of this Most Great Day. Nevertheless, all remain heedless save whom God willeth. Reflect upon the followers of the Bayan. By Him Who hath set all things in motion through the movement of His Most Exalted Pen, they have no knowledge of the source of their vain imaginings and idle fancies to which they cling. Say: O ye that are bereft of vision! Consider with fairness and insight the divine verses and heavenly manifestations, and ponder upon them. Should anyone, detached from all else, gaze upon that which hath been revealed, he would surely perceive the fragrance of divine revelation and distinguish it from aught else.

O Abu'l-Hasan! We make mention at this moment of God's loved ones and His friends in that land who have quaffed the choice wine, turning away from the cawing that hath been raised from the direction of vain imaginings, without any clear proof or evidence. We give them the glad-tidings of Our manifestation, Our remembrance and Our utterance, even as We gave them glad-tidings aforetime in the Scriptures and

Tablets. Say: The Wronged One calleth you to the Dayspring of certitude and giveth you to drink of the sealed wine from the hands of His grace and favors. O My loved ones! Turn not your gaze toward the world and all that is therein. Ask ye God, the Lord of all being and the Sovereign of the throne on high and of earth below, to aid you to act in accordance with that which will cause your mention to endure throughout the eternity of His most excellent names.

There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We counsel you with that which We counselled you before, and We command you to do that which will draw you nigh unto God, the Lord of all mankind. Glory be upon you and upon My handmaidens whom the Most Great Veil hath not kept back from the Lord of Destiny Who speaketh from the Most Great Prison. The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of all Lords.

Section 2: "Blessed art thou, nay, a hundred thousand times…"

Blessed art thou, nay, a hundred thousand times blessed art thou and the friends of God, for ye are drinking the choice wine from the chalices of the utterance of the All-Merciful. One drop thereof is more precious in the estimation of the Concourse on High than the blessings of both worlds. How far are these minds and souls from comprehending a station the praise of which hath been uttered by the tongue of the Lord of all names! The likes of us weak ones are unable to traverse this field save through the special assistance of God, exalted be His glory. Verily, He aideth whomsoever He willeth, and He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Concerning what you wrote about the friends of the land of Za, it was presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke forth from His Most Glorious Horizon—glorified be His majesty:

> "Our gaze of loving-kindness hath been directed towards the servants and handmaidens of that land. Blessed are they who, for the sake of God, show love unto those who are related to Abu-Basir—he who proclaimed this Most Great Name and offered up his spirit in the path of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting—and likewise unto those who are related to Jinab-i-Ashraf, upon him be the glory of God, who drank what they drank from the choice wine of steadfastness and certitude in the Cause of the All-Merciful. These are My loved ones who dwell beneath the canopies of My grace. Upon them be My glory and the glory of all who are in the heavens and the earth."

God willing, may the friends of that land attain unto that which God loveth.

As for what you wrote concerning the garden, it hath been accepted. However, according to His command, it must remain in their possession and they should use its proceeds until such time as the Command is revealed from the presence of the Wise Ordainer. And if you wish to know about earthly matters, the Tongue of Grandeur uttereth decisive verses night and day, and this evanescent servant is occupied with recording them. I beseech God—exalted be His glory and great be His bounty—to grant success and aid in this momentous task. Verily, He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Some time ago, Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Sadiq, upon him be the glory of God, arrived in the Holy Land. He saw, heard, drank, and attained. He came with the utmost joy and departed with the utmost joy after receiving permission. His letter arrived from the great city, from whence he intended to return to his home. I beseech God—exalted be His glory—to illumine that community and the people of that region with the lights of the Countenance of the Beloved of all creation, that all may gaze toward the Supreme Horizon and act according to that which God hath revealed in the Book.

This Persian verse was revealed from the Most Exalted Pen in previous years. He spoke, and His sweetest utterance is:

O Baha'u'llah, when Thy fire blazed forth It consumed the very existence of Thy lovers With but one spark cast upon hearts Thou didst raise a thousand Sinais in breasts

The Kawthar of love is concealed in these resplendent words. Outwardly, the word "fire" is mentioned, but inwardly it is light upon light. The flame of love is manifest and evident in the Sadratu'l-Bayan. God willing, hearts and souls shall be ignited by that fire and illumined by that light. In these days, and previously, several letters and missives arrived from Aqa Muhammad Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God, wherein were mentioned the names of certain devoted, assured and enkindled souls. For each one, a Most Glorious Tablet was revealed from the Supreme Horizon—some in the blessed handwriting of the Greater Branch (may my spirit, my being, and my essence be a sacrifice for the dust of His footsteps), and some written by this servant were sent.

In all conditions, all the friends who have truly partaken of the Most Pure Wine and are focused on the Greatest Scene must observe wisdom. The matter of wisdom is mentioned and accepted before God to such a degree that this year the Most Great Festival of the Birth was not celebrated. He said:

> "We have prohibited this festival to exalt the station of wisdom and to elevate its rank."

From this comprehensive, decisive and blessed word, the significance of wisdom becomes clear and evident. And these holy, sublime, blessed and revealed Tablets that were specifically revealed and sent for the friends of that land—if wisdom does not permit, let them remain with His Holiness Afnan (upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory). Great effort must be made to preserve the Tablets and Divine verses. It seems some have been negligent in this matter, as evidenced by the fact that when some friends were arrested in certain lands, their writings were discovered before they themselves were apprehended. In any case, mention of the Land of the Prison, as well as the Tablets, must remain concealed. Complete concealment is what behooveth us, and He is the Preserver, the Helper, the Mighty, the Great.

This servant's request is that you convey greetings to all the friends of that land on behalf of this evanescent servant, and remind them of what has been mentioned, so that all may hold fast to the firm and strong cord and become detached from all else but God. These days and nights, these months and years, these hours and minutes—all have passed and are passing. God willing, may vision be fixed upon the Greatest Scene and may all our pillars attain to that which was ordained in the Book. Glory be upon you and upon those who have found and recognized the breeze that wafted in the dawn of God's Day—our Beloved and your Beloved, our Goal and your Goal, and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and the earth. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant 22 Muharram 1299

Another matter: A letter was received mentioning that a mule belonging to His Holiness Afnan (upon him be all Glory) was sold by Jinab-i-Amin (upon him be the Glory of God, His light and His favors) to Muhammad Bey (upon him be the Glory of God). A letter from the servant arrived requesting that the payment be sent. What kind of situation is this? This payment had no connection to the Holy Threshold that it should be requested. The property belongs to His Holiness Afnan and the payment should reach him. Now, since Jinab-i-Bey does not have the funds available, as commanded, do not request it and pay it from the Huququ'llah. As commanded, convey wonderful greetings to your relatives on behalf of God, exalted be His Glory, and give each the glad tidings of His special favors. This is from God's grace upon you and upon those with you—know this and be among the thankful ones.

BH01453: Praise be to God Who sent forth the Messengers…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Grandeur and the Power!

Praise be to God Who sent forth the Messengers, revealed the Books, made manifest the proof and evidence, and sealed Messengership and Prophethood with Him Who was named Muhammad in the Kingdom of Creation, Ahmad in the Concourse on High, and the All-Praised One in the tabernacle of grandeur and glory. He is the One through Whom truth was distinguished from falsehood. There is none other God but Him, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Help in Peril.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the ships of Thy wisdom sailed upon the ocean of Thy knowledge, and the spheres of the heaven of Thy decree revolved by the Pen of Thy ordainment, to assist Thy loved ones and Thy friends even as Thou didst assist those who are nigh unto Thee among Thy creation and the sincere ones among Thy creatures. Then inscribe for them that which shall profit them in every world of Thy worlds. O my Lord! Thou beholdest them soaring in the atmosphere of Thy nearness and sailing upon the sea of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee not to disappoint them at the door of Thy mercy. Verily, Thou art the Ordainer, the Giver, the Mighty, the Generous.

To continue: the melodies of the birds of your knowledge upon the branches of the tree of your certitude in the Cause of God—our Beloved and your Beloved, our God and your God, our Goal and your Goal, and the Goal of all who are on earth—attracted me. When I read and presented it, and after my supplications were complete, the Tongue of Grace spoke, God willing, that which God loveth and is pleased with. May they attain! Praise be to God, they have drunk from the cup of bounty and have been and are circumambulating around the will of the Lord of Names. In these days, the tyranny of oppressors is evident from all directions. The standard of Islam lieth prostrate upon the earth due to the transgressions of the transgressors, and its throne is shattered. All the friends must, at all times, beseech the Exalted Truth, glorified be His majesty, for the exaltation of the Cause, that perchance all may attain to the Cause of God and His religion.

That which you had written was heard. God willing, the waters of the world shall not prevent you from the Kawthar of God, and gold shall not make you heedless of the divine path. We beseech God, the Lord of the Throne and earth, the Master of the hereafter and the former times, to assist His loved ones, His

friends, and His chosen ones in that whereby the standards of guidance may be raised among all creation and the banners of proof and evidence upon the hills of contingent being. Verily, He is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth. All things are captive in His grasp, and this is indeed easy for Him. There is none other God but Him, the Omnipotent, the Powerful.

Regarding what was written about Haji Muhammad Husayn and Aqa Mirza Mihdi, upon them be the Glory of God, it was presented. He said that if they wish to remain in the land of A and S, there is and was no objection. Let them occupy themselves, trusting in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Verily, He sendeth down from the heaven of grace whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Commander, the All-Wise. God willing, may they walk and conduct themselves with perfect joy and fragrance and with complete wisdom.

The envelopes which were sent have arrived. God willing, may the Truth, exalted be His glory, assist this evanescent one to present the response. And regarding what you had written about Haji Abdu'llah and the land of Kha, that was and is the expedient course, conforming to and associated with wisdom. Furthermore, the honored beloved Aqa Siyyid Abdu'l-Baha, upon him be the Glory of God, has written a letter to this evanescent one and sent supplications. From some conditions, I present glorification and greetings to his service, and afterward his response, along with the response to the supplications, God, the All-Merciful willing, will be sent. At present there is no more opportunity than this.

To the spiritual beloved, Aqa Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God, and other friends and gentlemen, mention of evanescence and nothingness is presented. God willing, as long as the horizon of the world is illumined by the Most Great Luminary, may they pass their days in perfect joy and gladness and spirit and fragrance, and be occupied with the mention of the Peerless Friend. I testify that you have profited in your trade and attained the fruits of your existence. The servant beseeches his Lord to protect you and grant you the good of this world and the next. There is none other God but Him, the Omnipotent, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Beautiful. The Glory, perfumed with the fragrance of the Beloved, be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who love you in God, the Lord of the worlds. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH01981: O Abu'l-Fadl! Hearken unto what the Wronged One mentions…

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

O Abu'l-Fadl! Hearken unto what the Wronged One mentions to thee from the direction of the Prison, and calls thee to God, the Single, the All-Informed. This is a Day wherein none is mentioned save God alone, as testified by the Tongue of Grandeur in His Mighty Book. Blessed is the soul that hath not been veiled by the doubts of the divines nor been prevented by the intimations of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the worlds. Verily those who have violated the Covenant of God and His testament have no portion of this Sea, from whose waves is heard: "There is no God but Him, the Single, the All-Informed." Bear thou witness to that which God hath witnessed, detached from all who are on earth. Thus doth He Who speaketh at all times teach thee that there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Hearken in the Persian tongue: This Day is the Day whose mention hath been recorded and inscribed in all the divine Books, and that which is specially reserved for this Most Great Revelation hath been repeatedly revealed from the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. Every soul must behold with his own eyes and none hath any excuse today regarding that which proceedeth from the Ancient Tongue. The Point of the Bayan—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake—declareth:

> "I have taken an essence in His mention, which is that He cannot be indicated by any indication, nor by what hath been revealed in the Bayan."

Were anyone to meditate on this decisive utterance, he would attain unto a drop from the ocean of knowledge. By the life of God! All the seas of the earth together cannot equal that drop, yet most of the people are heedless.

Say: O people of the earth! He Who was promised in the Books of God hath come. Cast aside what ye possess and take hold of what ye have been commanded by an All-Knowing Ordainer. Say: He hath no need of mention of the past or future to prove His Cause, and when He citeth certain expressions of the past and utterances of the chosen ones in certain instances, this is a grace from Him, for He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Generous. None hath ever been acquainted with the root of this Cause. By the life of God! Whosoever hath claimed such knowledge is recorded among the liars in the Clear Tablet. Thou thyself art aware that every matter hath appeared from this Dawning-Place and unto it doth return. Beseech ye God—exalted be His glory—to grant the servants sight and bestow upon them a portion from the ocean of fairness, that all the peoples of the earth may become aware and bear witness unto that which God hath ordained. God willing, thou shouldst summon the people of the contingent world to the horizon of the All-Merciful with the utmost joy and fragrance, wisdom and utterance.

Say: Beware, O people of the earth, lest the veils of names prevent you from the Creator of the heavens. Cast behind you your vain imaginings, then approach with radiant faces the Most Exalted Horizon, and be not of the heedless ones.

Say: Know ye the value of this wondrous Day. This is a Day wherein man is able to acquire that which shall endure throughout the kingdoms of earth and heaven. We counsel all to steadfastness supreme, for the hateful ones and the treacherous lie in wait. Therefore ask thou God to protect His servants from the evil of those who have turned away from God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Praise be to God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

BH02718: O Hasan! Give thanks for Our having shown thee…

He is the Guardian over all names!

O Hasan! Give thanks for Our having shown thee the fire of Our Lote-Tree, and for Our having witnessed thy burning in the love of God, the Lord of all worlds. The Dawning-Place of Utterance hath turned toward thee from the horizon of the All-Merciful and speaketh that which He spoke before the creation of contingent things. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have heard thy call and have answered thee with an utterance whereby the Concourse on High and the

dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise have been enraptured. Thy Lord, verily, is the Expositor, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Render thanks unto God for having aided thee to recognize the Dayspring of His Cause and the Source of His greatest signs, and for having given thee to drink of the Water of Life from the hands of His mercy which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. Be thou steadfast in the Cause in such wise that neither the tempests of the divines nor the storms of rulers shall move thee. Thus doth He command thee Who is attested by the Books of God, the Most High, the Most Great.

Be thou firm in the Cause and vocal in praise of thy Lord Who created thee, caused thee to know Him, raised thee up and gave thee utterance through this Remembrance, before which, when it appeared, all remembrances from every direction bowed down in submission. Verily thy Lord is the All-Remembering, the Most Generous.

Blessed art thou for having turned to the Most Sublime Horizon and directed thyself toward the countenance of thy Lord, the Lord of Names, and hastened to the ocean of certitude, detached from idle fancies and holding fast to My strong cord. O Hasan! We bear witness that thou hast done well, even as God did well unto thee. This is a word that cannot be equaled by all the treasures of the earth. Rejoice and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O God of all worlds!”

Hold fast under all conditions to wisdom, lest there appear that which would disturb the hearts of them that have turned to God. Make wisdom the standard before thy face. Thus hath it been sent down from the Pen of Command in the tablets of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Should a crier appear in your land, leave him to himself and put your trust in God, the Lord of this wondrous Day.

Convey My greetings to the faces of My loved ones and remind them of that which hath streamed forth from the vessel of Mine utterance, the Mighty, the Impregnable. Say: This is the Day of arising, did ye but know it, and this is the Day of goodly character—cleave ye unto it and be not of them that comprehend not. Aid your Lord through goodly deeds and through that which befitteth this Day, whose mention hath adorned the Books of the Messengers. Verily, thy Lord is the Counselor, the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

At the end of this Book We make mention of thy wife and give her the glad-tidings of My mercy and My loving-kindness, that she may be among the thankful ones preserved in a guarded Tablet. The Glory be upon thee and upon her and upon whosoever hath remembered thee out of love for God, the Lord of the Exalted Throne.

BH02838: We make mention from My Most Exalted Pen…

In His Name, the Most Ancient, the Most Great

We make mention from My Most Exalted Pen of him who was named Muhammad in the Kingdom of Creation, whom We mentioned before as a favor from Us, and verily I am the All-Knowing Rememberer. Blessed is he who has attained unto My days, turned his face toward My countenance, and uttered My beautiful praise. Today every possessor of insight has attained this Most Great Bounty, and every

possessor of hearing has attained the hearing of his Lord's call, the Expositor, the All-Wise. Happy the lands from which the fragrance of the Garment has been wafted, and the city over which have blown the breezes of the dawn of My wondrous Day. Happy the soul that has taken the chalice of immortality in My Most Glorious Name and drunk therefrom through My mention, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

We have previously counseled the friends of God and His servants with the wisdom whereby We took the covenant from those who have turned to God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Blessed art thou, O Muhammad, in that thou hast shattered the idols of vain imaginings through the name of thy Lord, the Lord of all mankind, and drunk from the ocean of certitude. We have made mention of thee in such wise as nothing on earth can equal. He Who speaks bears witness to this, that there is none other God but Me, the Reckoner, the Mighty, the All-Praised. We counsel thee with wisdom lest there occur that which God abhors and the clamor of those who have denied the Day of Judgment be raised. Hold fast to the cord of wisdom in all circumstances. Verily He witnesses and sees, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Beware lest the affairs of men grieve thee. Behold and then remember what befell God's Messengers and His chosen ones when He sent them with a manifest sovereignty. Among the people were those who turned away from them and opposed them, and those who pronounced sentence of death upon them. Thus did their desires command them, without any clear proof from God, the Lord of all worlds. We summoned them to the Supreme Horizon while they imprisoned Us in this mighty fortress. We desired for them the good of this world and the next while they left Us in this remote prison. We opened unto them the gates of blessings while they prevented Us from the bounty which God created through My Name, the Bestower, the Invincible.

We make mention of My loved ones in that place and send Our greetings upon them, and counsel them to manifest supreme steadfastness and that which befits this Day which God proclaimed through the tongues of the Messengers. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have clung to the hem of wisdom and turned to the Most Great Ocean on this momentous Day.

BH03164: In My Name, the Witness, the All-Hearing!

In My Name, the Witness, the All-Hearing!

O Ali! We have desired to make mention of thee and those who have believed, on a Day which was inscribed in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. This is a Day whereon the atoms cry out:

> "The Revealer of verses hath come, and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Goal of them that know!"

God took the covenant of this Day from all who are in the heavens and on earth, yet when He appeared in truth the people turned away, save those who shattered the idols of vain desire through the power of the Name of the Lord of all mankind and turned with radiant countenance toward the Supreme Horizon.

How many learned ones lamented in separation, yet when the ocean of union surged they turned away and waxed proud before God, the Beloved of the sincere ones. Say: By God! The Hidden One hath appeared and hath spoken that which caused the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Most

Exalted Paradise to be attracted. Blessed is he who hath recognized and found the fragrance of God, the Mighty, the Praised One.

O Ali! The Euphrates of thy Lord's mercy hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen—take thou, in My Name, and drink therefrom through My firm and wise command. We give thee and those who have believed there glad tidings of a favor from Us and a bounty from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

We further counsel you regarding that which hath been sent down in the Book from the presence of One mighty and powerful. Beware lest the conditions of the Pharaohs frighten you or the doubts of the oppressors who have adorned their heads with turbans and disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment, sadden you. They reached the heights of glory in this vain life through My Name, yet when I manifested My Self they pronounced judgment against it with evident tyranny.

O loved ones of the All-Merciful in all lands! The Wronged One counseleth you from the precincts of the Prison to remain steadfast in this Cause, whose greatness hath been testified to by the tongues of the dwellers of the most exalted Paradise and whose sovereignty hath been witnessed by every truthful and discerning one. Hold fast unto it in the name of your Lord, the Lord of Names, and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Creator of the heavens, for having made known unto us the Dayspring of Thy Cause, the Source of Thy Revelation, and the Dawning-Place of Thy exalted Word, at Whose appearance the Dove cooed upon the branches."

This is a Day whereof God gave glad tidings aforetime—the Day whereon all people shall stand before the Lord of the worlds. Thus hath the gate of inner meanings been unlocked by the Key of utterance, as the All-Merciful walked in the most exalted station and called all to His straight path.

BH03300: In the Name of the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing! O…

In the Name of the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing! O ʿAli-Akbar! The Lord of Destiny makes mention of thee at this hour when sorrows have encompassed Him from those who have disbelieved in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We have manifested Our Self and summoned all unto the Dayspring of Revelation Who speaks forth at all times that there is none other God but Me, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

My Revelation had been mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen in the Scriptures and Tablets, yet when He appeared in truth, those who followed the dawning-places of idle fancies turned away. Blessed is he who hath hearkened to the call of his Lord and drunk the living waters from the cup of his Lord's utterance, the Most Merciful, Who hath come with the standards of verses and summoned all unto His outstretched path. How many a learned one awaited My days and how many a mystic bowed before My Name, yet when I manifested My Self they turned away until they pronounced their verdict against the Mighty, the All-Loving. Thus have We opened before thy face the gate of utterance with the key of His Name, the Mighty, the Beloved.

O ʿAli! The shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen is raised to such a degree that the tongues of the world and the pens of nations are powerless to make mention of it. Blessed is the ear that hath gained the honor of hearing His call and blessed is the tongue that hath been moved to make mention of Him. The whole world speaketh His Name yet is veiled from Him, turneth toward His countenance yet is debarred from Him, maketh mention of His Name yet is heedless of His Command. This is the Most Great Talisman.

God willing, thou shouldst, with the utmost wisdom and utterance, guide those who thirst in the wilderness of heedlessness to the heavenly springs of divine revelation and summon them. Upon thee be wisdom, upon thee be wisdom. People are observed to be as infants—they need an educator and one who will remind them. Blessed is the soul that ariseth for the sake of God to serve the Cause, that perchance those who slumber may be awakened by this sweet spiritual breeze that wafteth at the dawn of this divine Day, and become aware.

We convey Our greetings to all who have turned towards Us and enjoin upon them that which is befitting and meet. Blessed is he who hath heard and acted, and woe unto the heedless. The glory be upon you from God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH05424: He Who is the Desired One beareth witness…

In His name, the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed!

He Who is the Desired One beareth witness from the Most Great Prison to that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath witnessed in the eternity of eternities. O Husayn! The Wronged One remembereth thee on the Day whereof the All-Merciful hath made mention in the Qur'an: "The Day when all mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds." By God, the True One! The Qur'an crieth out amidst all created things: "He Who was promised in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds, hath come!" And the Gospel proclaimeth: "The Glorious One hath come! The Kingdom is God's, the Mighty, the Beauteous!" Verily, the Bayan circleth round the Throne, while they that claim to be its followers have violated God's Covenant and Testament, save those whom the hand of thy Lord's loving-kindness hath preserved, the Powerful, the Mighty.

Say: O people of the Bayan! By what proof did ye believe in the All-Merciful, and by what evidence did ye turn away from Him Who, when He appeared, caused the Spirit to proclaim before His face: "The Hidden One hath appeared with manifest sovereignty!" We, verily, send Our greetings from this spot unto the loved ones of the All-Merciful in that land, and We remind them of that which beseemeth the days wherein the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken: "There is none other God but Me, the Manifest, the Speaking One, the All-Knowing." We counsel them to remain steadfast in this Cause, through which the feet of all peoples have slipped save such as have clung to the hem of My luminous robe. The glory of God be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and upon those who have attained unto this wondrous Remembrance.

BH05871: This is a Book which the Lord of Names…

In the Name of Him Who shineth from the horizon of eternity!

This is a Book which the Lord of Names hath sent down unto him who hath hearkened unto the Call and turned unto the Most Exalted Horizon and witnessed what God, the Lord of creation, hath witnessed. Say: O peoples of the earth! Do ye deny Him Who hath come with that wherewith every Prophet and every Messenger came from God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting?

Say: Verily the proof, by its very essence, proclaimeth between earth and heaven, and the evidence crieth out through this Name whereby the mountains were scattered, the seas were made to boil, and the trees did speak: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of what hath been and what shall be!" Rejoice thou at My remembrance of thee. By God! The treasures of the earth and whatsoever the kings possess of hoards and riches cannot equal it. Take hold of the Book with the power of thy Lord and say: "I testify that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who speaketh hath appeared in truth and is encompassed by the evidence from God, the Mighty, the Loving." Say: He needeth not, for the proof of His Cause, any mention from among all mentions, nor any tablet from among all tablets. He Who possesseth the Hidden Book doth testify to this. The splendor from Us be upon those who have turned unto the Path and have cast behind them the vain imaginings and idle fancies of men.

BH07893: O Isma'il! This Wronged One raises His call…

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

O Isma'il! This Wronged One raises His call and laments for Himself. In the days when all the people of the Bayan were veiled behind a barrier due to the might of princes and the opposition of divines, this Wronged One arose to promote the Cause—an arising that caused the limbs of all names to tremble. And in the midst of trials and tribulations, He summoned all beings, from kings to subjects, from those below to those above, to the highest horizon. But when the Cause became manifest and the Sun of Revelation dawned from the horizon of power, the buzzing of flies appeared and each of the ungodly, clinging to murmuring and croaking and buzzing, said that which they said. Verily, He has recorded all things in a clear Book. Beseech and implore God, exalted be His glory, that He may preserve thee from the doubts of the people of the Bayan who clung to it while turning away from its Revealer, its Messenger and its Creator. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

BH08870: God beareth witness that there is none other God…

He is the One Who has power over all who are in the heavens and on earth.

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come with the truth is indeed the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Secret. Whoso turneth unto Him hath turned unto God from time immemorial, and whoso turneth away is accounted among the idolaters in the perspicuous Book. Most strange it is that some, on the Day of Return, pass by the life-giving Kawthar and set their faces toward the mirage. They have lost indeed who denied the signs of God and clung to the cords of fancy and vain imaginings. Say: O people of the earth! The Sun of certitude hath risen, and the Ocean of knowledge surgeth, and the heaven of grace is uplifted. Cast away what ye possess, then turn toward the Most Sublime Horizon—the Station wherein the Lord of Names proclaimeth: "There is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

BH09697: O Muhammad-Qabli-Karim! We have heard thy call. God willing…

He is the Expounder, the All-Knowing!

O Muhammad-Qabli-Karim! We have heard thy call. God willing, thou shalt be watchful of the truth at all times, and act according to that which exalteth the Cause. We have enjoined wisdom upon all the friends, yet some have not hearkened with accepting ears unto the divine counsel. That which is acceptable in the sight of God this day hath been and shall ever be obedience to God, exalted be His glory. Nevertheless, some have turned away from His good-pleasure and clung to their own desires. It behooveth them to repent and return unto God, the Forgiving, the Generous. Any deed that causeth tumult and perturbation among heedless souls is not acceptable before the Wronged One. Say: Hold fast unto that which ye have been commanded in My Mighty Book.

BH09254: We have seen thy turning unto Us and have…

He is the One mentioned in the heart of Ha by his faithfulness!

We have seen thy turning unto Us and have made mention of thee from My Most Exalted Pen, and We have heard thy call and have called unto thee from this luminous Spot, from the Divine Lote-Tree:

> "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Knowing."

I created all peoples for this Most Great Day, but when He appeared they turned away and denied God, the Lord of Lords. Blessed is he whom the doubts of the divines have not withheld, and blessed is he whom the might of those who disbelieved in the Beginning and the Return hath not caused to slip. Hold thou fast unto the cord of steadfastness and take hold of the hem of God, the Lord of all men. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as the Pen of the Wronged One hath moved at the mention of thy name, while imprisoned in the Most Great Prison in the hands of those who were heedless of God, the Lord of the Day of Return.

BH09676: O Ali! Hearken unto My call from the precincts…

He is the Rememberer and the Remembered

O Ali! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison, and I am the Wronged One, the Stranger. We have summoned all people unto God—among them are those who have turned away and those who have turned towards His straight path. Blessed is the soul that hath cast the world behind it and acted according to that which was commanded by the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have heard thy call and make mention of thee in this wondrous and glorious Tablet. Preserve it as thou wouldst preserve thine eyes. Verily it shall be with thee in all the worlds of thy Lord. Thy Lord is, in truth, the Witness, the Supporter, the Almighty, the Powerful. Glory be upon him who hath drunk the choice wine of supreme steadfastness from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Lord of all mankind. Woe unto the heedless ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH09907: How wonderful, how wonderful that thou hast passed beyond…

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

How wonderful, how wonderful that thou hast passed beyond vain imaginings and turned with devotion to the ocean of certitude! How wonderful, how wonderful that thou hast broken the idols with the arm of assurance and set thy face toward the Best-Beloved of the worlds! How wonderful, how wonderful that thou hast lifted thy gaze from the stagnant pool and attained unto the living waters of Kawthar! All these blessings have been and shall ever be from the bounties of the Self-Sufficing, the Most High. However, this Wronged One counseleth thee with a word which is, in the sight of God, more precious than all the treasures of earth, and it is this: Hold thou fast, with complete detachment from all else save Him, unto the Most Great Steadfastness. Thus doth the Lord of Names command thee, and those who have believed in God, the Peerless, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH01421: In the Name of God, the One, and blessings…

In the Name of God, the One, and blessings and peace be upon Him after Whom there shall be no Prophet.

Praise be to God Who sent down the Book and guided all thereby to the straight path, and made the Kaaba the circling-place of the world that His remembrance might endure among the nations, and that all might know who follows God's command and who follows his own desires without clear proof or Book. And blessings and peace be upon Him from Whose garment every believer in creation found the fragrance of the All-Merciful, and through Whom was raised the standard of unity among religions—He Who was named with the Most Beautiful Names in the Kingdom of Names and as Muhammad in the realm of creation—and upon those who followed Him in what God, the Revealer of verses, commanded them.

My spirit be a sacrifice for your steadfastness! I detected the fragrance of your expression from letters you sent to the loved ones. When I found them, I reflected within myself and became aware of my negligence, for days and nights had passed without my outwardly mentioning what would bring me to your remembrance. Yet God knows that this servant lost opportunities and times, as though they had become like patience in the hearts of lovers or like the phoenix in distant lands. Therefore my excuse is acceptable to the noble ones. This servant asks his Lord to prescribe for your honor what befits His loftiness, greatness and glory.

I presented what you sent regarding Abdullah, upon him be the glory of his Lord, before my Master's face. He mentioned you and spoke concerning you that from which I found the fragrances of grace and favors, and commanded me to write to your honor what I heard. He said—and His words are the sweetest—"Praise be to God Who made him steadfast in goodness and sanctified from the people of hesitation by whom the standard of Islam was reversed and through whom covenants were broken. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist us and him in His remembrance and praise, and in steadfastness in His Cause and in arising to what He has commanded us in His perspicuous Book." Thus did it end.

As for what you mentioned regarding Jasim, upon him be the glory of God, this servant gives him glad tidings of his Lord and Master's grace. When I presented it, He said—and His words are the beloved ones—"O Jasim! We make mention of you and remember your days and your presence with Us, and We beseech Him, exalted be He, to strengthen you and assist you and send down upon you from the heaven of His bounty a blessing from His presence. Verily He ordains and answers, and He is the Forgiving, the Generous. Be assured of God's grace and care, for nothing escapes His knowledge. He does what He wishes and ordains what He desires, and He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. And We remember Nasir and Abbas and pray for their success and support from the presence of the Helper, the Wise. We send greetings upon him and upon Abdul-Karim and upon those with you. Upon you be the peace of God and His mercy and His care." Thus did it end.

This servant sends greetings to them and shows them his humility and submissiveness for the sake of God, Lord of the worlds. Remember the beloved Jasim and remember when he turned toward your presence and wept—God knows he is before my eyes. I ask God to unite his gathering and to open before his face the gates of blessings and goodness. Verily He is the Guardian of the doers of good. Praise be to God, Lord of the worlds.

This servant hopes that you will convey to my heart's beloved, the Observer, upon him be the glory of God, the degrees of my sincerity and humility, and present to him what he sent. And this servant sends greetings to Mihdi, upon him be the glory of God, who is in His service. I ask God, exalted be He, to open the gates of joy and delight upon the faces of His friends, chosen ones and loved ones who left their homes to circumambulate His House and to traverse between Safa and Marwa. Verily He is the Lord of creation and the Maker of light and darkness. There is no God but He, the Single, the One, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Wise.

Peace and praise be upon your honor and upon those with you and upon those who held fast to goodness and upon every steadfast, upright believer. And praise be to God, Lord of the worlds.

The servant, on the 23rd of Muharram the Sacred, year 1299

Then I present to your honor that Mirza Maqsud, upon him be success and support, has mentioned your honor during his presence and showed to you his love, affection and sincerity, and wrote to you on the day of his return what indicates his state regarding love and affection. The servant at that time sent to your honor that you might witness it and remember him and pray for him and for me and for all what is best for us in the beginning and the end.

BH00164: All praise that is sanctified beyond expression of proof…

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 All-Glorious

All praise that is sanctified beyond expression of proof befitteth the Lord of Mercy, through Whose light the world of creation is illumined, and by Whom the branches and leaves of the divine Lote-Trees are moved to song and melody. He is that Sun by Whom the hearts and minds are enlightened, through

Whom truth was made manifest, through Whom He did try His servants, and through Whom He adorned the realm of doubt and perturbation with the ornament of certitude and assurance. Notwithstanding all this praise and glorification, were men possessed of true vision, the Manifestation of Truth from the horizon of the heaven of the Divine Will would itself suffice. Exalted, immeasurably exalted, is He Who hath revealed Him and made Him a proof and criterion unto all that dwell in the heavens and on earth.

All praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds, and glory and radiance rest upon those whom neither the tempests of the learned nor the hurricanes of the mystics could move, who arose amidst mankind and spoke forth with that wisdom which descended from the Lord of eternity. These are servants through whom the countenance of inner meanings smiled and the nightingale sang upon the branches. The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of all religions. These are servants unto whose station the Books of God have testified aforetime, and whose rank and merit His servants have acknowledged—honored servants who speak not till He hath spoken, and who do as bidden.

O beloved of My heart and he who is mentioned in My soul! The melody of thy words of praise hath transported Me—thou who art Our purpose and thine own purpose. When I perceived therein that ardor which is born of naught save the love of God and His Cause, I turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon and appeared before the Divine Lote-Tree and presented that which was contained therein. Thereupon the Tongue of the All-Merciful spoke forth in the Kingdom of Utterance, saying, exalted be His glory:

In My Name, the Most Mighty, the Most Great

O Husayn! God willing, mayest thou be blessed through divine grace and act in accordance with that which befitteth the Days of God. Convey My greetings to those friends who have truly inhaled the fragrance of My robe and are illumined by the lights of the sun of steadfastness, and say: No day hath been or is greater than this Day—a truth that hath shone forth like unto the sun from the horizons of all divine Books, Tablets and Scriptures. For the True One, exalted be His glory, hath attributed this Day unto Himself, and though all things are attributed unto Him, He hath specially designated this Day and named it after His own Name, as it is known in the Books as the Day of God.

Were steadfast and upright souls to ponder this matter, by My life, they would find themselves cleansed of the dust of the world with all its sorrows and afflictions. Where is the detached heart that may taste the sweetness of divine utterance? And where are the pure ears that may truly hearken unto His Word? Though most souls are adorned with outer life, they are seen to lie in the graves of their own temples. They have taken discomfort for comfort, called conjecture knowledge, and taken every foolish one as their lord and master, occupied and rejoicing therein. Woe unto them and destruction be upon them! The decayed bones were quickened by the divine fragrances, yet the leaders of the earth, who count themselves guides, teachers and mentors, remain cast aside in perishing graves, deprived.

Beseech thou God that He may grant people a portion from the ocean of awareness, that they may gather with utmost joy and delight beneath the divine Lote-Tree and utter "Praise be unto Thee, O God of existence, in both the seen and unseen realms."

In addition to these utterances which have descended from the heaven of loving-kindness as verses specifically revealed for your honor, a Most Holy Tablet was also revealed and sent so that the ear might

attain true blessing through hearing it and the eye might be illumined by beholding the lights of His countenance. Likewise, a Most Holy Tablet was specifically revealed for his honor Akhtar, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah]. God willing, they will attain unto it and perceive the fragrance of the divine garment from the Divine Tablet—a perception that the limitations of the world and its conditions cannot prevent, and which forgetfulness has no power to affect. Although the reply to that spiritual friend was delayed, your honor is aware of the details of matters and cognizant of the binding and essential occupations of this evanescent servant.

Were I to seek forgiveness from your honor with a hundred thousand tongues, I would still consider it insufficient. However, the Beloved of the worlds bears witness that in these days this evanescent one finds no opportunity even to speak, let alone reply to the letters of the friends. The purpose in mentioning these matters is that if there be delay in this evanescent one's reply, it is not due to negligence or, God forbid, lack of sincerity. Rather, the realm of this evanescent one's occupations has been struck by such a famine that truly not a grain of leisure can be found therein, save through divine confirmations. On one hand, he is occupied in the presence with the writing of revealed verses, and likewise with making copies thereof a second time, for the original revelation is such that most souls are unable to read it, hence copies are made.

And likewise there are replies to letters from friends and believers which arrive from all directions like torrential rain. In any case, I beseech and hope that all the friends will pray to God, exalted be His glory, for confirmation for this evanescent one, that perchance he may be assisted in this most great and mighty cause. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Concerning what you wrote about the envelope sent from the direction of K, it arrived and its details were submitted to the Most Holy Court, and an answer was revealed and sent to K. God willing, upon its arrival, a new and wondrous life will be attained by all. Today is a day when the breezes of life are wafting and passing from all directions. Blessed is he who has found, and woe unto the heedless and the deniers.

And concerning what was mentioned that the friends of God, exalted be His glory, in the land of [Sh] are blessed with the bounties and favors of recognition and certitude, this matter was submitted to the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court. This is what the tongue of our Lord, the All-Bestowing, spoke in reply, exalted be His glory:

O Husayn! That land is blessed and is as the sight unto the body of the earth. Soon will its station be made manifest and evident unto all the worlds. Blessed is it and blessed is he who recognizeth its station and glory. We have adorned steadfast souls with such an ornament that the mention thereof and its station shall never be erased from the book of the world. Their names and that which hath been ordained for them have been inscribed by My Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book. Were this station to be revealed, even to the extent of a needle's eye, thou wouldst behold the earth transformed into another earth. By the life of God! This matter is concealed, and it behooveth not to reveal more than what is prescribed and determined.

Blessed are they who dwell in that land and who are adorned with divine love. God willing, may they all drink of the Most Glorious Wine from the white hand and arise to serve the Cause with perfect wisdom.

In all matters, observe wisdom and hold fast unto it. This firm command hath been revealed and established in most Tablets, lest that should appear which would disturb the hearts of My loved ones and chosen ones. God willing, mayest thou at all times drink from the cup of glorification of the Lord of Destiny. The glory shining forth from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have acknowledged that which My swift-moving and active Pen hath spoken.

Concerning what thou didst write about Aqa Siyyid A. and Aqa Ghulam H. and M.N., upon them be the Glory of God, being present and requesting mention from the Most Holy Court—this matter was presented before the Throne. Unique and sublime verses were revealed for each one. At the end, the Tongue of the All-Merciful spoke these exalted words: "O servant in attendance! If those souls who have today turned to the horizon of revelation and have attained unto divine mention were to become aware and conscious of this most mighty, most noble, most exalted station, they would assuredly soar on the wings of attraction and yearning in the atmosphere of the love of the Day-Star of the horizons, to such extent that they would behold all else in the lowliest station.

O servant in attendance! Write: Blessed is the soul whose name hath been mentioned before God, the Lord of Names, and blessed is the servant for whose mention the tongue of the All-Merciful hath moved in the Kingdom of utterance." The Bab—may my soul be sacrificed for all else but Him—hath said that all exist that they might be mentioned once in His presence. The world's lack of capacity hath veiled this greatest station from eyes. Verily thy Lord is the All-Wise, the All-Knowing. The glory be upon the people of Baha from God, the Creator of heaven."

Furthermore, the acceptance, sincerity, mention, praise and glorification from this evanescent one for their service depends upon the grace of that Beloved.

Regarding thy question about the passage in the most holy Tablet which states "Masih in Ray," the intention was His Holiness Haji Mirza Masih-i-Nuri, upon him be the Glory of God and His mercy. Many times have I heard mention of him from the Ancient Tongue. During the journey when the Desired One of all worlds proceeded toward Khurasan, he was in attendance. He bore hardships in the path of God, and during the nights and days he would drink from the waters of reunion and was engaged in service. Later he ascended, and he is buried between the shrine of Abdu'l-Azim and Shahzadih Hamzih. Once these words were heard from the Tongue of Grandeur: "'Azim and Hamzih, upon them be My glory, have attained the presence of the one who attained My presence."

As to what was asked concerning the blessed passage which flowed and was revealed from the Pen of the Beloved of all creation—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him—wherein He says "Verily paradise is true" up to His exalted words, just as what has outwardly appeared in the paradise of the shrine of the Eighth Imam is naught but what the Messenger of God spoke concerning him being the tenth successor.

O my beloved! The Kingdom of utterance is seen to have neither beginning nor end. That first station is where the Tongue of Eternity spoke saying "I am the Beloved of the worlds." That Most Great, Most Exalted station possesses ranks and stations that none except the Self of Truth—glorious is His majesty and universal His bounty—has known or will know, has enumerated or will enumerate. In one station they have taken the Primal Will itself, which is the Manifestation and Source of God's Command, glorious

is His majesty, as the first, and the blessed Fatima—God's blessings be upon her—as the third; by this reckoning the Eighth Imam becomes the tenth. He has spoken the truth, to this testifies my Beloved and your Beloved and the Beloved of all in the heavens and earths.

And in another station, the Essential Being of Eternity, which is the station of "there is no God but Him," is mentioned as first and the Point of the Qur'an as second; by this reckoning the Eighth Imam becomes the eleventh. And in yet another station, they have mentioned the Prince of Believers—God's blessings be upon him—as the first of the successors; thus he becomes the eighth Imam. And in one station he is the eighth, in another the tenth, and in another the eleventh. And all these three stations are adorned with the ornament of true authenticity. Likewise, that Holy Being—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him—is Himself the Primal Will in the Dispensation of the Qur'an and possesses two stations and two ranks, meaning He holds both Prophethood and absolute Successorship.

In this case, He Himself is the first of the successors—He is the first successor and Imam Rida is the tenth successor. This is the intent of the statement of the Point of the Bayan—may the spirit of all in the kingdom of command and creation be sacrificed for Him.

All these statements that have been mentioned are each correct in their own station and will remain so. Now if it is said that the eighth is the eighth, or the eighth is the tenth, or the eighth is the eleventh—all are correct and there is no doubt in it. However, today is sanctified above these mentions, and in the Most Holy Court there is not and has never been any mention of successorship or the like thereof or above it or above above it. The Exalted One, in consideration of the weakness of the servants at the beginning of His Manifestation, showed forbearance in His utterances and spoke with wisdom. Thus in one place He says that if anyone attributes to this servant prophethood or successorship or anything above that or similar to it, he is of the calumniators and I am innocent of him.

Section 2: "Such themes as these are abundant…"

Such themes as these are abundant in the utterances of that Sacred Being. Even in one station He declareth: "Should any soul attribute unto Me a specific, divinely-ordained Bab-hood, he hath spoken falsely." Yet thereafter He hath mentioned all these stations in their proper place. For instance, He saith: "This is that same Point of the Qur'an Who in this cycle hath appeared as the Point of the Bayan." This is the station of Prophethood. And in the station of Divine Successorship He declareth: "Verily, I am He Who standeth up for the Truth, of Whose appearance ye have been given promise." Yet in another station They have denied all these stations and have spoken of other stations, as is clear and evident to those possessed of true vision. And in one station They say that were it not for the weakness of the people, no mention would have been made of Will.

Were this evanescent servant to attempt to describe these stations in detail, time and opportunity would not suffice. There is no doubt that these utterances were made with wisdom, for had They spoken a different word at the beginning of the Revelation—that is, had They declared at first what They later proclaimed—the fire of rejection and denial would have brought about at the beginning what it later accomplished. Reflect upon the oppression of the oppressors, the rejection of the rejectors, and the denial of the deniers. To such an extent did the rejectors and deniers, who were the divines of the age,

rise in opposition that that Essence of Being referred to Himself as “the servant of the Remnant of God”, yet even with this these base people were not satisfied and perpetrated that which pen, tongue, page and ink are powerless to describe.

Verily, when mention was made of the matter of vicegerency, this servant was moved to set down some of the fruits of this Tree, that the friends of God might become aware, and might bear witness unto that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. From this single word—vicegerency—strange things have appeared in the realms of earth and heaven; and until this hour no soul hath truly fathomed its reality, nor apprehended its signs and fruits. This is the word that laid Islam waste; and this is the word that caused the Primal Point to be suspended in mid-air.

At one time this exalted utterance was heard from the Tongue of the Lord of Names. Exalted be His glory:

> “Through it the back of Islam was broken, its throne was cast down, its banners were reversed, and its unity was scattered.”

Ended.

Consider the party that clung unto this word, and that came to be called the Imamiyyih. They hanged that guileless Essence of being—He from whose word the successors and the saints were created—and with bullets of rancor and hatred they martyred Him. The curse of God be upon the wrongdoing people! Those who deemed themselves the best of parties were, in the end, beheld as the basest among the peoples of the world. All of that faction arose to shed the most pure blood. All the divines and leaders pronounced the decree, and the rest carried it out—save a few who were unknown, who held no authority. Yet even those few, after acknowledging and confessing the claim to Qa’imhood, rose up in utter aversion, and strove with all endeavor to sever the Blessed Lote-Tree.

Strange it is that despite all these events which all have seen with their own eyes and heard with their own ears, now again a group of the creeping things of the earth have clung to former vain imaginings and have barred and continue to bar people from God’s straight path. Reflect upon the Four Gates, what they said and what they did. They cut down the very Tree with the sword of ignorance and falsehood, yet these people lacking insight still consider them leaders. Ponder well: Where is that which they spoke of and informed the people about His station? Where is the rememberer and where is the remembered? Where are the cities and where are the dwellings? Where is the father and where are the sons?

Some time ago this Most Holy Tablet was sent down from the heaven of divine will. This servant makes mention of it so that certain matters may become clear and evident to the friends of God, and all may become somewhat informed about that which has become a veil for people and deprived them of the living waters. His word, exalted be His glory:

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 bullets of tyranny. Reflect upon those lying, treacherous souls who appeared among the people in the name of truthfulness, trustworthiness, asceticism and piety, that ye may be preserved from the terror of

this Most Great Day. One made mention of Jabulqa, another referred to Jabulsa. Another lying one arranged an imaginary form and established for it a seat upon the throne of vain imaginings. One unjust one made mention of the Sacred Region, and another unjust one attributed words to Him. These reprehensible, false matters became the cause and reason for the sovereign of the city of oneness to be martyred with complete tyranny. Should the hand of divine power rend asunder all veils, ye would observe new matters and hear novel words.

Now He utters one word that perchance it may become a barrier between truth and falsehood, and that word is this: Purify your ears from that which is spoken by those who attribute themselves to 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 accounted before God as the mightiest and most powerful among men. Hearken unto that which My Herald spoke before. He said, and His word is the truth:

> "A year-old seed on the day of His manifestation is mightier than the entirety of the Bayan."

Out of pure kindness and mercy have these mentions flowed from the Pen of the Unconstrained One. Preserve them and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds.

The fire of falsehood of those rejected souls consumed the world, and differences in religion became the cause of the weakening of the religion of God and His Cause. In that false region which they called sacred, no Qa'im entered or left, yet a hundred thousand intrigues, corruptions and different imaginary forms emerged from it. The fruit of that region and other vain imaginings was that which was mentioned and which ye have seen and heard.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Have mercy upon the servants. The fire of the past is not yet extinguished; ye kindle another fire. Fear God, O people, and follow not vain imaginings and idle fancies. Follow Him Who guideth you to His straight path and directeth you to the horizon of certitude. This blessed word was revealed from the tongue of the Ancient of Days, His word, exalted be His glory: Blessed are those souls who have sanctified and purified their hearts from the vain imaginings and idle fancies of the past and adorned them with the seal "The Kingdom is God's this day."

Once this word was heard from the tongue of the Ancient of Days: The Bab—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him—expressed agreement with the people of the Furqan (Muslims) in most matters, that He might attract those heedless souls to the direction of awareness. And this agreement was manifested to such an extent that in some instances mention of the four well-known gates flowed from that blessed Pen. However, this Most Great Revelation rent asunder the veils with the finger of power, despite those who denied God and His sovereignty and turned away from the Day which was illumined by the lights of His countenance.

O spiritual friend! Beseech God to sanctify the people of Baha from these sacred mentions. Say: Today is God's Day, wherein none is mentioned but Him. Leave these names and foundations and mentions to those who are veiled and heedless. Today, turn ye unto the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree. The friends of God must exert their utmost effort in safeguarding the Cause, lest such vain imaginings emerge and become the cause of conflict, contention, discord, revolution and differences in the world. Say: O people

of Baha! Reflect upon that which hath flowed and continueth to flow from the Most Exalted Pen, that perchance the fabrications of mendacious souls may not debar you from the Lord of Oneness and deprive you of the living waters that stream from the right hand of the throne of the All-Merciful. In former Books He saith: “The Lord alone shall be exalted in that Day.” This is the Day of which the Qur’an hath given tidings and which it hath announced in these blessed words: “The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds.” Since the verses of former Books and the Qur’an have repeatedly flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, this servant hath been content with brevity.

The opposers among the people of the Bayan still know not what hath come to pass. By God, besides Whom there is none other God! They have not attained unto a drop from the ocean of utterance nor become aware of a single word from the Mother Book. They speak according to their own desires and say that which the ancients never said. It is not known what they have understood from the Great Announcement, nor how they have interpreted “the heaven will bring forth evident smoke.” They have perished who followed them without clear proof or an illuminating Book. Recently they have gathered to cling to that which the rebellious and transgressing party had clung. Beseech God, exalted be His glory, to purify the world of remembrance from their mentions and to sanctify the world of existence from their presence. Were this evanescent servant to relate what he heard from the tongue of the Ancient Beauty and witnessed with his own eyes, that which is now concealed would become manifest. However, the matter is in His hands, and I may not utter a word except by His leave. What hath been presented regarding these matters is intended that perchance some of the people of the earth might become aware of that of which they are now heedless and unaware.

This evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to confirm all in that which is the cause and source of humility, submissiveness, resignation and contentment. The Word of Truth was cast upon all who are on earth from God, but pride, heedlessness and vainglory deprived the people. Reflect upon that which hath been mentioned. For instance, successorship is considered one of the highest stations, yet the rebellious and transgressing party, claiming to understand this station, count themselves, in their fancy, as the most exalted among the parties of the world. And this pride and transgression caused them to martyr that Holy Being through Whose word hundreds of thousands of successors have been and continue to be created. In brief, the excellence of this word hath been concealed due to the deeds of that oppressive party, while its evil consequences are beyond count and reckoning, as some have been mentioned.

And further, if it be in accordance with wisdom, convey to the friends and loved ones and honored ones and chosen ones of God who are present in that land mention of the evanescence and nothingness and sincerity of this evanescent one. At this moment, this blessed word was heard from the rustling of the Divine Lote Tree:

> “It hath been sent down aforetime that God is with those who are patient.”

I beseech Him, exalted be His glory, not to deprive the rulers of the earth from the splendors of the lights of the Sun of Justice, and to adorn the temples of all with the ornament of equity and fairness, and not to withhold from those on earth the outpourings of the True Bestower. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

The glory shining forth from the horizon of the loving-kindness of our Lord, the All-Merciful, be upon you and upon those who have followed His straight path. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant 6 Safar 1299

BH03903: This is a Book sent down in truth…

He is the One dawning from the horizons of the Dawning-Places of Remembrance

This is a Book sent down in truth from the Wronged One to him who hath believed in the Self-Subsisting, the Guardian. Thou hast attained unto the recognition of the Revelation on a Day whereon the Speaker on Sinai hath proclaimed:

> "There is none other God but Me, the Lord of the unseen and the seen."

Thy letter was presented and the servant who standeth before the Throne laid it before Us. We testify that it attained unto the hearing at the Most Exalted Horizon—the station wherein the Lord of all beings speaketh and around which circle the Concourse on High, at eventide and at dawn. Rejoice thou in that We have answered thee through this Tablet from which all who possess spiritual perception detect the fragrance of God, the Mighty, the Loving. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and speak forth in remembrance of thy Lord, the Possessor of all being.

We make mention of My loved ones in that land and give them the glad-tidings of My favor and My loving-kindness, and of that which hath been ordained for them in the Crimson Book by My Most Exalted Pen. Verily their Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Forgiving, the All-Kind. O My loved ones in that land! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One from the precincts of the Prison. He remembereth you with that which shall never perish, so long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endureth. Be ye in such wise that neither the veils of the divines prevent you from the Lord of all names, nor the doubts of those who have denied the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

We hear your call and behold your turning toward the Face after the passing away of all things. Verily, He heareth and seeth from His praiseworthy station. Beware lest the affairs of the world sadden you. Leave behind what the people possess of idle fancies and vain imaginings, and take hold of that which ye have been commanded in My Preserved Tablet. Thus have We illumined your hearts with the lights of verses and adorned your temples with My remembrance, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. The glory be upon you and upon those who have believed in God when He appeared in truth and who have quaffed from the hand of His bounty His choice sealed wine.

BH07485: He is the Silent Speaker! Verily the Bayan crieth…

He is the Silent Speaker! Verily the Bayan crieth out through this Name and circleth round the will of its Lord, yet the people are in manifest doubt. We have sent it down for My remembrance, that through it My Cause might be established amongst My servants and My sovereignty be made manifest amidst My creation, yet the idolaters turned away from God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: Die in your wrath! Verily it circleth in this station and saith: Woe unto him who hath turned away from the One, the All-Knowing!

By God's life! The Lord of Names hath sent Me down for His Most Glorious Beloved—to this all things bear witness, if ye be of those who know. Were it not for Him, the Bayan would not have been revealed, nor would the All-Merciful have sent it down upon the Prophets and Messengers.

Hold fast, O servants, to the cord of guidance—and verily this is that Cord which speaketh and writeth in this secure station. He who hath an ear hath heard the call of God, and he who hath not heard is counted among the dead. This is the Day of thanksgiving and the Day of praise—give thanks unto the Lord for this supreme bounty.

BH08629: The Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken this word: "And…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great!

The Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken this word: "And from water We made all things living." That water in these days floweth from the Most Exalted Pen. By the life of God! This is that Kawthar whose description was sent down aforetime in the divine Books, and this is that Choice Wine for which the divines and mystics waited. This water hath been called by all names—at times thou seest it as fire, in such wise that its roaring flame is heard; at other times thou beholdest it as light, kindled and shining. O people of Baha! God willing, through the bounty of the Lord of Names, ye shall attain unto it and drink therefrom. Whosoever attaineth unto it hath attained unto everlasting life. Blessed are they that know, and woe unto the heedless! Praise be to God, the Speaker, the Rememberer, the Mighty, the Trusted One!

BH08914: In the Name of the Most Holy, the Most…

In the Name of the Most Holy, the Most Great! We have sent down unto thee that which will gladden thy heart and the hearts of those who have turned to the most exalted Station. Verily, He, from within the Most Great Prison, summoneth the peoples unto God, the Revealer of verses. Among the people are they who have heard and responded, and they who have heard and turned away from God, the Lord of lords. This is a Day wherein the Most Great Ocean hath surged, and the atoms have cried out: The Kingdom is God's, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful! O people! Take hold of the Book of God with His power and follow not every doubting pretender. The Cry hath been raised, the angels have descended, and the mountains have passed away. Blessed the eye that hath seen, blessed the ear that hath heard, and blessed the heart that hath turned unto the Dayspring of lights! Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made me to turn unto Thee when most of Thy servants had turned away from Thee.

BH08986: A Book which the All-Bountiful hath sent down, one…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great

A Book which the All-Bountiful hath sent down, one that proclaimeth unto the world the advent of the Most Great Name. Blessed is he that attaineth thereto, and woe betide the heedless!

It guideth mankind unto the straight Path of God, and draweth them nigh unto the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Verily, it is the Summoner among His servants, and the Herald crying out betwixt the heavens and the earth.

Whoso hath purified his heart, lo, in that very instant is he enraptured thereby; the melody of God taketh such hold upon him that he beholdeth himself severed from all that dwell in the realm of being.

And whoso ariseth in response to this Call, he, verily, is of the companions of the All-Compelling in a Guarded Tablet.

Say: The seal hath been broken, and the choice Wine hath flowed. Happy the share of the drinkers thereof!

We beseech God to vouchsafe unto thee and unto My loved ones a portion of that which He hath sent down of the tokens of His bounty. Verily, He is in truth the Bestower, and verily He is the Mighty, the All-Bounteous.

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

BH01872: May the honored and esteemed Nazir, upon him be…

May the honored and esteemed Nazir, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah] and His grace, take note. 152

In the Name of God alone, and blessings upon Him after Whom there shall be no Prophet.

Praise, sanctified above the mention of all created things, befitteth the Dawning-Place of verses, Who through the Pen of Destiny hath undertaken the conquest of the world and hath, willingly or unwillingly, granted all kings and subjects refuge and station beneath the shade of one of His names. He hath promised His loved ones in all times the infinite bounty which is the station of reunion and presence, and hath chastised the deniers with the supreme retribution. His is the praise and favor in all conditions, and He is the Self-Subsisting, the Most High. And blessings and peace be upon the Dawning-Places of His Revelation, the Day-Springs of His Cause, the Sources of His wisdom, and the Treasuries of His knowledge, and upon Him Whose shoulder was adorned with the Seal of Prophethood among all creatures, and upon those who arose to serve His Cause and traversed the lands to exalt His Word until the banner of Divine Unity and the standard of detachment were raised upon the hills of the world—they are honored servants whom God hath described as those who speak not until He hath spoken and who act by His command.

Thereafter, this evanescent servant submitteth that your exalted letter, adorned with the mention and praise of God, exalted be His glory, and beautified with gratitude and thanksgiving to the Beloved of the world, may His favors be universal, did water the withered spirit and bestow the rains of joy. God willing, may this bounty not be prevented from being received, and may the waters of the world not extinguish this fire of love. At all times this evanescent one uttereth "Is there any more?" After perusal and experiencing happiness and joy, expressions of gratitude and praise were submitted. They said: "God willing, may they be the manifestation of divine bounty and likewise grateful and thankful." End quote. Many favors were shown, beyond reckoning, but this servant, in consideration of wisdom, hath sufficed

with what was mentioned. I swear by the Sun of divine favor that in every word is concealed a world of meanings and an ocean of grace is hidden. How can this servant or any other be capable of expression or worthy of utterance? The Command is in His hand—He commandeth and judgeth, and He is the One, the All-Wise.

This evanescent servant conveyeth greetings and salutations to Aqa Mihdi, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah], and to all who serve His Holiness.

The servant, on 8 Safar 1299.

I submitted the expressions of mention, praise, gratitude and thanksgiving which that honor had shown regarding the Sanctuary. They showed infinite kindness. Aqa Mirza Shu'a'u'llah, in evening and morn, in setting and dawning, in absence and presence—nay, in all times and seasons and hours and minutes—is engaged in mentioning, crying out and calling to mind that honor. At all times a tablet is in his blessed hands; sometimes he sayeth "This letter is from the honored Nazir written for me," and then in the sweetest melody he uttereth—that is, he readeth what is in the letter—"Nazir" with a very prolonged extension, and "Karbila'i Mihdi and Fati." At times with tablet in hand he sayeth "I have written this letter to the honored Nazir" and in another sweet tone he singeth. The point is that most of his mention and thought is the mention and thought of that honored one. There is no further opportunity to relate in full the details of their kindness; the completion of that will be in person, God willing.

BH00013: Praise be to Him Who has rent asunder…

Section 1: "Praise be to Him Who has rent asunder…"

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

Praise be to Him Who has rent asunder the veils on the Day of Return, Who has shattered the idols of vain imaginings in the name of the Lord of all Days, and who has arisen to serve the Cause in such wise that the might of the oppressors of the earth—they who have adorned their heads with turbans and have taken control of God's servants in the name of their Lord, the Creator of all things—could not deter him. They would enter mosques and temples to make mention of God and to recite what He had revealed unto His Beloved and Chosen One. Yet when the horizon of the world was illumined and there shone forth from it the Sun of His Most Great Name—through which the Cause of every Prophet was established and the Mission of every Messenger was fulfilled—they turned away from Him, denied Him, cast His Cause behind their backs, broke His Covenant, and perpetrated that which caused the atoms to lament and the Maids of Heaven to swoon in their chambers.

By God! Through their deeds, the eyes of the denizens of the most exalted Paradise and the supreme Heaven have shed tears. They took pride in His Name amongst the people, yet after His manifestation they visited upon Him that which the Kingdom of Utterance is powerless to describe. They denied the Day of God, whose mention had adorned the Books, the Psalms, the Scrolls and the Tablets. This servant and all things bear witness to their heedlessness, their ignorance and their error. These are they against

whom the word of punishment in the Book has been fulfilled. Sufficient unto them is what God hath revealed in the Qur'an:

> "And We had given them ears and eyes and hearts; but their ears and eyes and hearts availed them nothing, since they denied the signs of God; and that which they had mocked at encompassed them."

They have taken the book of their own selves and cast the Mother Book behind their backs. By God! They are the idols, the sources of superstition, the wellsprings of vain imaginings, and they are the oppressors and pharaohs of the earth. They have clung to self and passion, turning away from the Lord of all mankind, relying upon their pens while turning away from what hath been sent down from the Supreme Pen.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose verses those in the graves were stirred, and through the fragrance of Whose raiment the Mountain was caused to soar when the Light shone forth from the horizon of Revelation! I beseech Thee by the lamp of Thy Cause and the waves of the ocean of Thy utterance to aid Thy loved ones to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee, and to arise to serve Thee. Then protect them, O my God, through Thy power and might, from those who have denied Thy truth, rejected Thy proof, and disputed Thy signs. Then make them, O my God, the emblems of Thy victory in Thy lands and the standards of Thy glory in Thy realms.

Furthermore, I beseech Thee, O Beloved of the world and the Manifest One through the Most Great Name, to assist him who hath turned toward Thy most exalted horizon and hath arisen to serve Thy Cause amongst mankind. O Lord! Thou seest him as one who aideth Thy Faith, who standeth firm on Thy path, and who uttereth Thy Name amongst Thy servants. Strengthen him with such confirmation that the conditions of the world and the clamor of the nations will not hold him back. Thou art He in Whose grasp are the reins of power and might, and around Whose will revolve the Manifestations of grandeur and authority. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Powerful, the All-Seeing.

And now, O beloved of my heart and desire of my soul, the trilling of the bird of your utterance hath informed me, the warbling of the nightingale of your praise hath attracted me, and the wine of your remembrance hath intoxicated me in such wise that I desired to soar on the wings of longing to a station which God hath sanctified from the mention of all who dwell on earth. When I attained and was blessed with the lights of the Sun of Glory, I presented what was in your letter before Him Who hath sent down the Mother Book through a movement of His Most Exalted Pen in the kingdom of creation. And after its contents were blessed by the hearing of the Lord of all mankind, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, saying, exalted be His glory:

O Varqa! O thou who gazest toward the Most Exalted Horizon! Say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, Who art sanctified above my mention and utterance and above that which Thy creatures express in Thy kingdom and Thy servants speak in Thy land. I thank Thee for having caused me to traverse the realms of inner meaning until I reached its pole—the station which was named the Luminous Spot and the White Land, and which Thou didst name in another station the Land of Resurrection. Therein didst Thou show me Thy Beauty and give me to drink the choice wine of Thy

utterance, and taught me that which drew me away from myself and caused me to forget all else but Thee. I beseech Thee by this supreme gift and this mighty favor to preserve for me this most exalted station.

Verily Thou art the Lord of the latter and the former. This evanescent one beareth witness, O my God, to Thy permanence, this weak one to Thy power and might, and this poor and loving one to the effulgences of the light of the Sun of Thy Beauty. Thou art He Who, O my God, my Lord, my Support and my Desire, through one letter of Thy most exalted Word, didst manifest Thyself on Sinai's Mount, whereupon the branches and leaves, and beyond them the atoms, spoke as spoke the Tree on the Mount of Knowledge from the presence of the All-Merciful. And Thou didst manifest Thyself through another letter unto the Kingdom of Utterance, whereupon the Torah, the Gospel and the Qur'an were sent down. And through one drop from the Euphrates of Thy mercy flowing from Thy Most Exalted Pen hath appeared the Kawthar of life in all existence. Exalted is Thy power and great is Thy sovereignty!

I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art the Quickening Pulse beating in the body of the world through Thy Most Great Finger, to draw me near unto Thee in all conditions and remind me of the days wherein I drank the Kawthar of Thy reunion from the perspiration of Thy grace and bounty. Thou art He Who, O my God, called me unto Thee and caused me to enter the pavilions of Thy greatness and established me before Thy presence in Thy service, remembrance and praise. O Lord! Thou seest and knowest that my joy is in Thy remembrance and my turning unto Thee, and my gladness in Thy grace and loving-kindness. Send down, then, upon me from the clouds of Thy mercy that which will cause me to smile in Thy days. Verily Thou art the Possessor of bounty and bestowal, and within Thy grasp is the kingdom of names. There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Blessed art thou, O beloved of my heart! Thou hast drunk the water of loving-kindness and life from the cups of the favors of my Beloved and thy Beloved and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and the earth, in such wise that the atoms should say:

> "Blessed art thou and happy art thou, O thou who hast attained unto this supreme grace!"

As to what thou didst write concerning that Mirza ʿAbdu'llah had borne the troubles of that Beloved One and sought recompense—these matters were presented at the Most Holy and Exalted Threshold. This is what the Tongue of God spoke, exalted be His glory:

> "O Dove of the Lord of Names! My favors concerning him have flowed from the Most Exalted Pen such that nothing in the world can equal it. This is the essence of recompense which hath been and is beloved in the presence of God, exalted be His glory. But outward favors shall also reach him, God willing. Give him the glad tidings of that which My tongue hath spoken, and I am the Ordainer, the All-Wise."

As for what thou didst write concerning the apple of thy eye, Mirza Ruhu'llah, it was presented. This is what was revealed from the Kingdom of Will and Utterance, exalted be His grandeur:

> "O Dove! Thou shouldst recite in his right ear three times: 'Thou hast come by God's command and appeared for His remembrance and wast created for His service, the Mighty, the Beloved.'

> We mentioned him before when his [mother] cried out, and at this time too, and I am the All-Bountiful, the Manifest. Make mention on My behalf to his mother and give her the glad tidings of that which the Wronged One hath spoken in His mighty prison."

Know that concerning what you wrote about certain prayers and supplications that have been revealed with make him' (va aj'alahu), whether it would be considered alteration if recited as make me' (va aj'alni) which refers to the speaker—it is submitted that this is not an alteration and both forms are permissible. Similarly, regarding the blessed words "Say: O God" and "Say: Praise be to God," both the omission and inclusion of the word "Say" are correct. However, its inclusion is preferred due to the nobility of the blessed word which has issued from the mouth of the Lord of Oneness, while its omission is permitted as it makes more evident the station of servitude and dedication in this regard.

Concerning what you wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Ghulam-ʿAli, upon him be Baha'u'llah, and the extent of his acceptance, steadfastness, sincerity and service—this detail was submitted before the Divine Throne. He, exalted be His grandeur, said:

> "Praise be to God, he is aflame with the fire of love and adorned with the light of recognition. The Kawthar of reunion, which is the most precious of the world's jewels and more exalted than the water of life—praise be to God, he hath attained unto its preservation and manifested its fruit. God willing, may these effects be ever manifest from him. Blessed is the soul that hath attained His presence and hath arisen as befitteth this station. From this station We send Our greetings upon him and upon My loved ones there who have cast away the world and taken hold of that which they were commanded by God, the Lord of eternity."

And concerning what you wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa Yusuf (from the people of Naraq), upon him be Baha'u'llah, it was submitted before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. This is what was revealed from the heaven of the will of our All-Wise Lord:

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

O Yusuf! The Wronged One remembereth thee with such an accent that were all existence, both seen and unseen, to hear it, they would assuredly abandon life and immortality, hastening to the place of sacrifice in this Path, which, when it appeared, the Straight Path proclaimed:

> "The Promised One hath come with His manifest, clear, and evident Path!"

By God! Thou wert created for this Day, that I might circle round this Path and announce before it unto the people this Revelation, concerning which God took a covenant from the Prophets and Messengers. O Yusuf! The garment hath been stirred by the breeze of thy Lord's will, whereby the divine breeze hath wafted over all lands and the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath been diffused throughout the heavens and the earth. We made mention of thee before, and at this time when the Wronged One is established upon the throne of His Great Name. We counsel thee and those who have believed to that which causeth the sun of virtues to shine forth from the horizon of a pure heart. O My loved ones! Aid the All-Merciful through goodly deeds—this is a word We have revealed in numerous Tablets, as beareth witness He Who hath spoken in every instance that there is none other God but Me, the All-Commanding, the All-

Knowing. Glory be upon the people of Baha who have drunk the wine of immortality from the cup of the bounty of their Lord, the Generous.

God willing, may all attain to that which is befitting. The essence of the world is seen speaking with one tongue, crying out at the highest pitch "The Lord of Heaven hath come!", yet none attaineth unto hearing save whom God willeth. Strange that one should himself speak yet himself be heedless. Glory be unto Him Who hath commanded me to silence and to veil His mighty and glorious Cause, even though revelation hath reached such a degree that tongues and pens are powerless to describe it. Again, glory be unto Him Who hath appeared and revealed what He desired, and spoken and caused all things to speak that He is the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The Sun of Truth is manifest in the utmost brilliance and the Divine Lamp shineth with perfect radiance, yet all remain veiled and deprived. This evanescent servant beseecheth, and do ye also beseech, that He may heal through the medicine of His grace the chronic diseases of the people which have afflicted them through ignorance. Verily He is the Healer, the Wise. Praise be to God, for He is the Omnipotent, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Concerning what you wrote about Aqa ʿAli-Muhammad, son of Haji Ahmad-i-Milani, upon them be the glory of God—what you had requested was specially granted for him and sent through his brothers. At this moment when this servant is engaged in writing this letter, the Most Great Branch—may my spirit, my being, and my essence be a sacrifice for the dust of His most pure footsteps—is not present, having gone to the outskirts of this city. God willing, after His return and when I attain His presence, this evanescent servant will show to His blessed sight the new writing which you had sent, and I will present whatever you had written.

Section 2: "As for your mention of Aqa Faraj Aqa…"

As for your mention of Aqa Faraj Aqa and his degrees of sincerity, God willing may he ever be assisted to serve the Beloved of all creation and be confirmed in His praise and glorification. Regarding what was inquired about the trust, it arrived complete and perfect. The servant beareth witness to this, and behind him He Who created him, fashioned him, and caused him to speak His beautiful praise. And since you mentioned him, and this servant also wished that mention of him be made in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, therefore these details were presented before His countenance on the seventh night of the month of Safar, and these manifest verses and perfect words were revealed from the heaven of grace. His word, exalted be His glory:

He is the Manifest, the Hidden

O Faraj! We have mentioned thee before with a mention that all the books of the world cannot equal. Verily thy Lord is He Who keepeth count, the All-Knowing. Rejoice in that thou hast been mentioned time after time, and the face of the Wronged One hath turned toward thee from this mighty Prison. Wert thou to discover what hath been ordained for thee from My Most Exalted Pen, thou wouldst soar upon the wings of joy and ecstasy in this atmosphere from whose rushing winds is heard what the Manifestation heard on Sinai. Verily thy Lord is the True One, the Trustworthy. Blessed art thou for having turned and heard the call of God when it was raised betwixt earth and heaven. By My life! All that eyes see and minds comprehend shall perish, but there shall endure for thee what hath been revealed from this Perspicuous

Pen. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast enabled me to turn to Thy horizon, caused me to hear Thy call, and adorned me with the ornament of certitude while the divines of the age were in grievous doubt. Be content with what hath been ordained for thee, and steadfast in this Cause which, when it appeared, caused the feet of the mature to slip.

We make mention of him who was named Muhammad, who traversed land and sea until he attained the Most Great Sea upon this shore wherefrom was raised the call of the Prophets and Messengers. He presented himself and stood before the Gate, heard the call of the Wronged One, and drank from the hand of His bounty the choice sealed wine. Thus have We made mention of him as a token of Our grace, for verily I am the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. The glory rest upon thee and upon him and upon whosoever hath inhaled this mighty, wondrous fragrance.

Indeed, His Excellency Haji Aqa Muhammad attained the presence and was honored with the glory of meeting, and time after time outside the prison land he was blessed with that which was intended, namely visiting the Beloved of the worlds.

And concerning what was written about His Excellency Haji Ali Asghar and his pupil, upon them be the glory of God, after being presented, the Sun of favor dawned and the Most Great, Most Holy Tablet was revealed. God willing, they shall be blessed with its honor. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

In My Name, the Hearing, the All-Seeing

O Ali before Asghar! The Lord of Eternity hath appeared, yet the peoples remain veiled from Him. The Sun of Truth hath risen, yet eyes are deprived of beholding it. The river of mercy floweth, yet the people are forbidden therefrom. The Most Exalted Pen moveth and speaketh, yet all are heedless of its sound save whom God willeth. Whosoever today hath attained the recognition of the Lord of existence is among those souls whose mention was recorded by the divine Pen in previous Books. Give thanks to the Beloved of the worlds that He enabled thee to accept His grace and bounty. All the peoples of the world, whether learned ones, mystics or rulers, eagerly longed for this most mighty, most luminous Day, yet when the Sun of Manifestation shone forth and the Call was raised, they failed to turn and hearken.

The greatest cause that held back the peoples were and are the divines of the age. The Messenger lamenteth on account of the oppression of those heedless souls, while those foolish ones remain absorbed in and delighted with their own vain imaginings. The heedlessness of these souls hath caused the heedlessness of the world, and their tyranny hath occasioned the tyranny of the nations. However, the Finger of Power shall rend asunder the veils, as indeed it hath done.

And We make mention of Muhammad before Husayn that he may rejoice in the remembrance of God, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. God willing, mayest thou be adorned with the ornament of trustworthiness and manifest divine qualities. Praiseworthy attributes are as lights for the horizon of the heaven of man. Whosoever attaineth unto them, his light shall shine and his relationship to God, exalted be His glory, shall become evident and manifest. God willing, may all attain to that which causeth the exaltation of the Cause. Verily, He ordaineth that whereby the station of man is exalted in the contingent world. To this testifieth every fair-minded, perceiving one.

Praise be to God that the fresh divine table and the enduring, eternal bounty descendeth and floweth continuously from the heaven of oneness. Should anyone reflect even slightly, he would become aware of the ocean of the compassion of God, exalted be His glory. Night and day the tongue of grandeur is occupied with the mention of His friends and speaketh to counsel His enemies. He hath invited all the peoples of the world to the most exalted horizon with utmost kindness and mercy. However, blessed is he who hath heard and turned, and woe unto the heedless. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

And concerning what thou didst mention about the son of his excellency who ascended unto God, who was named Rida, the Spirit in the Book of Names, it was presented and this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed for him from the heaven of the will of the Beloved of all creation. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

In My Name, the One Who Shineth from the Horizon of Utterance

This is a Remembrance revealed by the All-Merciful for one who has turned to His Face on a day when the world's unity was shattered and lamentation rose between the heavens and earth, that he may rejoice in My remembrance, which God has made the choice wine of life for all creation, the Most Great Spirit among the nations, and the supreme gift to humanity. Exalted is the Lord of Religions Who has come from the heaven of grace with manifest justice.

O Hadi! We sent forth the Qaim, but all the divines of the age denied Him, save those whom God, the Lord of the worlds, willed. When successive years had passed, We manifested Our Self with Our Name, the Self-Subsisting, yet the people turned away until they pronounced judgment against Us with such tyranny as caused the Faithful Spirit to lament. They seized Us time after time and imprisoned Us repeatedly—once in the land of Ta, again in Mim, yet again in Ta, and in the Land of Mystery, and in this Great Prison. In all these circumstances We give thanks to God and have accepted what befell Us at the hands of those who were heedless of God, the Almighty, the Powerful.

We make mention of thy father, through whom the lips of mystical knowledge smiled throughout all possibility and who attained the presence of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have remembered him in such wise as nothing on earth can equal, and We remember him throughout the everlasting dominion of the kingdom, for We are indeed the Compassionate, the Generous.

O Rida! Rejoice that the Lord of Names makes mention of thee from the prison with such remembrance as draws to it the Concourse on High, the dwellers of Paradise, and those who circle round the Throne at morn and eventide. Blessed is he who turns to thee and visits thee, as ordained by My Most Exalted Pen, and stands before thy noble resting place. Thou art he who turned to God's horizon and set thy face toward Him on a day when every heedless and remote soul turned away.

The first remembrance uttered by the tongue of the Ancient of Days among the nations is upon thee, O thou who speaks in remembrance of God and who has turned thy face to Him after the passing of all things. I bear witness that thou didst drink the sealed wine from the hand of His Name, the Self-Subsisting, cast vain imaginings behind thee, and took firm hold of certitude through the power proceeding from God, the Strong, the Mighty, the Glorious, the Praiseworthy. Blessed art thou, for thy head hath been adorned with the crown of acceptance and thy temple with the ornament of God's favor

in His wondrous Day. Glory and remembrance and spirit and peace and the fragrant breezes wafting from the garment of thy Lord's mercy be upon thee, O thou who hast attained the favor of thy Lord when He came with manifest sovereignty.

As to thy mention of the people of Saysan and the enkindled souls, God willing, may they all attain His grace. This prayer has now been answered. A most mighty and holy Tablet has been revealed specifically for those accepted and assured souls, who have previously also been blessed with divine Tablets. His word, exalted be His glory and majesty:

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

I announce to the beloved ones of Saysan glad tidings through the bounty of the All-Merciful. All are and have been beneath the gaze of His grace and have taken up their abode in the shadow of the lofty divine Tree. Reflect upon God's bounty: the divines of the world who counted themselves the most learned, knowledgeable, understanding and exalted among all peoples have not attained to a drop from the ocean of utterance nor been honored with mention before the All-Merciful. Yet those souls have, through God's grace—exalted be His glory—attained to such a station that the Supreme Pen in the Most Great Prison is engaged in their mention. Exalted be this most high and resplendent station, and exalted be this most great and sublime mention!

Who can fulfill the obligation of gratitude to God? By the Sun of Truth that shineth from the horizon of this Prison, if a soul possessed tongues numbering as the atoms and offered praise and thanksgiving from the beginning that hath no beginning to the end that hath no end, it would not equal a single "O My servant" issuing from the Dayspring of utterance. And now the tongue of the All-Merciful speaketh "O My loved ones in Saysan." God willing, may all regard this station as mighty and strive to become aware of its greatness. And if they truly attain to this station, they will find themselves detached from the world and all therein.

O friends! The Beloved of all creation maketh mention of you and hath designated for each one a station in the Kingdom of grace. Rejoice in what God announceth unto you. He is verily the Forgiving, the Merciful. We have mentioned you before in verses which none hath comprehended save God, the Numberer, the All-Knowing. We bid you observe wisdom and guide you to His straight path. Hold fast to the cord of wisdom and deal with the servants lest the clamor of those who are heedless of My mighty Cause be raised. The glory be upon you and upon My handmaidens there who have heard and responded to that which hath been raised from My luminous horizon.

That which was revealed aforetime specifically for the friends of God in Saysan is such that its fragrance shall never be cut off from the world. Praise be to God, the cloud of bounty is raised up in such wise that it encompasseth every atom, how much more those souls who have turned to God and are at peace, who have drunk from the chalice of certitude and attained the station of assurance. They have a station with their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. This servant, with the utmost humility and contrition, conveyeth his greetings to each one of them as an expression of his sincerity toward them and proclamation of his love for them.

As to what was written regarding the mention of the friends of God and their gathering in the house of Aqa Muhammad Hasan—upon them and upon him be the glory of God—these matters were presented before the Beloved of the worlds. This most mighty and holy Tablet hath risen and shone forth from the horizon of the will of the Lord of Oneness specifically for those souls and the owner of that house. God willing, may they be illumined by its lights and drink from the ocean of its meanings. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Generous. His word—exalted be His grandeur:

In My Name, the Expositor, the All-Knowing

The Tongue of Grandeur gives glad tidings to those who have gathered for the remembrance of God and have drunk, in His name, from the Kawthar of praise. These are sincere servants upon whom the denizens of the supreme Paradise pray, and behind whom stand the near-stationed angels. Blessed is the ear that has attained to the hearing of My verses and blessed the house wherein My forbidden remembrance is raised. We created the servants for My remembrance, My praise and the service of My Cause; yet when I manifested My Self, they turned away from Me, save whom God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting, willed. O loved ones of the All-Merciful! Arise for remembrance and praise in such wise that the world shall not withhold you. Thus doth the Lord of Names make mention of you. He, verily, is the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Loving. Rejoice in that ye have been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One and in that this irrevocable Book hath been sent down unto you. Glory be upon you and upon those whom the might of the divines hath not deterred from God, the Lord of all that was and that shall be.

The names of those assured souls whom you mentioned and who were present in that house for the remembrance of God were submitted, and each, by God's grace and favor, attained His true bounties. He giveth and withholdeth, and He is the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful. Moreover, praise and thanks be to God that mention hath been and is being made of J.B, upon him be the Glory of God. The gaze of favor is directed towards him. In these days, this evanescent one repeatedly heard mention of him from the Tongue of Grandeur. God willing, may he be assisted in accordance with the wisdom sent down. The servant beareth witness that he hath attained to turning unto God, to His love, His service, His remembrance and His praise, and assuredly they shall attain the recompense of these deeds. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Forgiving, the Generous, the Benevolent, the Merciful, the Bestower, the Compassionate, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Section 3: "And in another letter you mentioned the elevated…"

And in another letter you mentioned the elevated Jinab-i-Dhabih, upon him be the Glory of God and His mercy. A special Tablet was revealed for Aqa Mirza Ghulam-ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God, wherein mention of him who ascended flowed from the Supreme Pen. May he ever be and continue to be the recipient of God's favors. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

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

The inner meanings have soared for a thousand years to attain to the station of this Word which the Tongue of God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting, hath uttered. The Spirit hath soared through centuries

which none can reckon save God, to visit this Body that walketh in the Supreme Paradise which hath been named, by the Tongue of God, the Lord of the seen and unseen, as the Most Great Prison. God hath testified unto His own Self that He hath appeared in truth and speaketh in this Castle wherein all matters have been confined to the mention of this Most Great Remembrance through which the great terror hath appeared in the world and every heedless and veiled one hath lamented.

O servant! The Lord of all beings makes mention of thee and calls to thy remembrance the time when thou didst stand before His presence at the gate which was opened by the finger of might unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thus does the Ancient Beauty speak from this exalted station. Look thou and remember when thou didst hear the call of thy Lord, and He conversed with thee with loving-kindness and grace. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Loving. We make mention of thy father who attained the ornament of certitude and testified to that which God had testified, and uttered that which was inscribed in the Preserved Tablet. We bear witness that he hesitated not in this Cause, and when he heard the call from the direction of his Lord, the Lord of Names, he said:

> "Here am I, here am I, O God of the seen and unseen!"

He heard and responded and submitted when the Command came to him from the Dawning-Place of the revelation of his Lord, the Lord of existence. We have adorned the heaven of his heart with the luminary of My love, the Mighty, the Beloved. He attained the pure wine when Iraq was Our Greatest Scene. He took and drank in My Blessed Name, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Once he attained in Iraq and again when the heedless expelled Us from the Land of Mystery. Thus does the Ancient Beauty speak before the face of the world, but most of the people understand not.

O Dhabih! Thy Lord makes mention of thee and of what befell thee in this path wherein the Guide Himself was guided by what was attributed to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. I testify that thou didst believe in God when He appeared with the truth, and neither the veils of learning nor the imaginings of those who denied God, the Lord of the worlds, held thee back. Thou didst cast away what was with the people and took what was with God, thy Lord and the Lord of the glorious throne. Thou didst turn away from the people, turning unto My Self-Subsisting Name, and abandoned all else in thy longing for the presence of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Thou art he whom neither the howling of wolves frightened nor the barking of those who turned away from the truth, clinging to their vain imaginings—verily they are in manifest loss.

O Dhabih! The Goal of the world has turned toward thee and makes mention of thee with that which quickeneth every mouldering bone. He remembers thee and remembers thy days and what thou didst utter on this mighty, wondrous path. Thou art he who took hold of the Book with the power of thy Lord and cast aside the book of the wicked in the lowest depths of hell. Thou art he who acknowledged what God had acknowledged and drank the wine of steadfastness on a day wherein the limbs of all names trembled and all who dwell in the kingdom of creation were shaken. Verily thy Lord is the Rememberer, the Compassionate, the Generous. Thou didst hear for God's sake the taunts of every oppressor and didst bear from the aggressors that which caused every just and discerning one to weep.

Blessed art thou and blessed is he who draws nigh unto thee and makes mention of thee with that which the Most Great Remembrance hath uttered, through whose name the gate of heaven was opened and the sea of names surged and the fragrance of God, the Forgiving, the Merciful, was wafted. The peace that shone forth from the horizon of the Abode of Peace and the glory that dawned and gleamed from the horizon of eternity be upon thee and upon him who speaks in remembrance and praise of thee and visits thy grave, by the command of a mighty and powerful Ordainer.

Is there any tongue in the world worthy of thanksgiving or deserving of praise? Even if all the oceans with their waves, the whole world with its winds, the trees with their branches and leaves and fruits, the earth with its grass and all that is upon it of hills and mountains and thickets, and the heavens with all that is therein of suns and stars and moons, were to speak in praise of the Beloved of all horizons, they would surely confess their shortcoming and acknowledge their failure to attain. Not an atom's weight of deeds is lost or will be lost in the Most Holy Court.

O beloved of my heart! Reflect upon the oceans of mercy, compassion and bounty of God, exalted be His glory. If a soul has uttered or utters one word for the sake of God, its recompense has been and will be recorded by the Supreme Pen in the most excellent manner. There are many matters which this servant, due to lack of permission, has veiled. One of the mirrors of divine knowledge is the manifestation of the Name "Swift to Account." God is Most Great! The mention of this station is most mighty and great. That mirror, moment by moment, reflects the movements, stillness, utterances, gestures, signs and manifestations of the world.

At one time, out of pure grace, this evanescent servant was summoned to His presence, and by His command, less than that was revealed to this servant—I was nearly struck with thunderous awe. This word is not of suppositions and imaginings, but rather is the manifestation of the countenance of certitude. There is no power nor strength except through Him. What more can be said of the mirrors above that? All matters are in the grasp of His power and dependent upon His leave, His will and His desire. This evanescent servant beseeches God, exalted be His glory, not to leave him to himself in any condition and to keep him steadfast through His grace. Verily, He is my Protector in this world and the next.

Praise be to God! All that your honor sought from the Goal of the worlds was granted, one after another. This is attested by what was revealed concerning him whose mention you desired, from God, the Single, the All-Informed. That beloved one should convey to His Honor Aqa Mirza Ghulam-ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God, and to those who have ascended, what has been revealed. The mention of glorification from this evanescent one to them is dependent upon the grace of that beloved one. And concerning what you wrote about His Honor Aqa Muhammad-Rida, upon him be the Glory of God, son of him who circumambulated the Throne and attained the presence—the Kawthar of reunion in numbered months—blessed be he and may it be wholesome unto him! The Tongue of Grandeur has testified to his humility and submissiveness before God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. These details were presented in the presence of Him from Whose knowledge nothing is hidden, and these wondrous, sublime, decisive and comprehensive verses were revealed from the horizon of grace of the King of Oneness. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

In the name of the One, the Seeing God

The lights of the Manifestation have encompassed the world to such an extent that every stone of Sinai cries out with the same cry as did the Burning Bush, yet the people of the earth have not succeeded in hearing it, save for a few souls who have drunk of the wine of immortality in the name of Baha and have become purified and cleansed from the dust of the world. Every person of insight in the past has been occupied with the mention of this most exalted, most mighty, most holy Day, beseeching from God, exalted be His glory, the blessing of attaining His presence. But since the understanding of the people and their power of recognition were tainted with idle fancies and vain imaginings, they remained deprived of the Dawning Place of the hidden Mystery and the treasured Secret, and were forbidden from the lights of the Sun of certitude.

Give thanks to the Beloved of the world that He assisted thee to turn unto a Cause from which the learned of the age have turned away. Blessed are they whom the might of the Pharaohs—namely, the divines—did not prevent from the most pure wine, nor deprive of the most great prospect. Remember those days when the Exalted Name was circumambulating and engaged in service. Blessed be he and his days. Verily, he did not violate God's Covenant and His Testament. He was recorded by the Pen of Command as one of the faithful. Be not grieved by the world and its conflicts and conditions. That which endureth not is unworthy of mention and attention. God willing, strive after that which is worthy and befitting. Great is this Day and mighty His Cause. Not every blind one is capable of beholding, nor every deaf one worthy of hearing. Know thou the value of the station thou hast attained, and preserve it in the name of the Preserver. Blessed is he who remaineth steadfast in this mighty Cause. We have mentioned thee before, and thy father. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have preceded others in recognizing God, the Lord of this luminous Day.

Praise be to God! The Sun of loving-kindness hath risen, and He hath bestowed upon each of the friends and loved ones who are turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon a portion and share of His light. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Generous, the Bestower, the Munificent.

As to their request for permission to visit—in these days this land is somewhat disturbed, and this inner turmoil was previously revealed from the Most Exalted Pen and foretold. He is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Therefore, turning hither is not permitted. The Command is in His hands. He writeth for whomsoever He willeth the reward of attaining His presence. He is the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Wise. This evanescent one conveyeth greetings and salutations to the one mentioned, upon him be the glory of God, and beseecheth God that he may ever be found in the gathering of the people of Baha with a luminous countenance and an illumined heart, giving voice to the praise of the peerless Friend.

As regards what you wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa ʿAli-i-Milani, who attained permission and returned with permission—in truth he is enkindled with the fire of the love of God. A few days ago, this evanescent one heard mention of him from the blessed tongue of the Truth, exalted be His glory. The servant testifies that he attained the presence and drank the wine of immortality. Blessed is he for what he drank, and blessed am I for mentioning him out of love for God, our Lord and your Lord, our Beloved and your Beloved, and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and the earth. Some time ago, a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was specifically revealed and sent to him, that it might bring joy to the eyes of the people

in the cities of names who have held fast to the cord of the favor of their Lord, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious.

As for the aforementioned one's request for mention and favor from the Truth, exalted be His glory, on behalf of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Ja'far and Aqa Muhammad Husayn and his sister—this request was granted by the True Desired One, may the spirit of all in the kingdom of command and creation be sacrificed for Him. Verily He is the Answerer of every supplicant, the Giver to every seeker, the Helper of every weak one, the Haven of every stranger, and the Goal of every wayfarer.

This is what was sent down from the Kingdom of Utterance to him who was named Muhammad Ja'far. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

In My Most Holy, Most Glorious Name

This is a Book sent down by the All-Bountiful to him who answered his Lord when He came with the truth to guide all to His straight path. Verily He has appeared with grace and manifested with justice what He desired. He is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Those who have heard and responded, they are indeed of the people of this noble scene. The Concourse on High pray for them and those who circle round the will of their Lord, the All-Informed.

How many a servant has attained this most exalted station, and how many a servant has denied and turned away from God, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Blessed art thou, O Ja'far, for having desired to drink the most pure wine from the hand of the Lord of Destiny, Who speaks from His most great scene:

> "Verily there is no God but Me, the Manifest, the Speaking, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing."

Section 4: "When thou dost find My fragrance from My…"

When thou dost find My fragrance from My utterance and the wine of My verses intoxicates thee, turn thy face toward My prison and say:

> "I testify that Thou hast manifested what was hidden in the treasury of the Unseen, and made clear what was concealed in knowledge and inscribed in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds. My spirit be a sacrifice for Thy prison, O Thou Wronged One, the Stranger. My soul be a sacrifice for Thy sorrow, O Thou Who hast borne hardships in Thy straight path. I beseech Thee to assist me to be steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of the mystics have slipped. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds."

And this is what was sent down from the Heaven of Proof to him who was named Muhammad Husayn. His word, exalted be His majesty:

In My Name, the One Who Rules over all names

The Book hath been sent down by the Lord of the Throne and of earth unto him who hath turned unto the Dayspring of Revelation, that he may rejoice and be of them that are thankful. O Muhammad-Qabl-i-

Husayn! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, from Whom His servants have turned away and against Whom every remote scholar hath objected. He calleth at all times them that are in the contingent world unto the All-Merciful, yet most of the people are in manifest error. They have cast their God behind their backs, turning instead unto those who have followed without any clear proof from God, the Lord of all worlds. Grieve not at anything, place thy trust in all matters in the Strong, the Almighty. He is with those who have believed—He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Not a thing escapeth His knowledge, nor can the power of the mighty weaken Him. He is, verily, the Omnipotent, the Almighty.

O people of Baha! Abandon that which leadeth you to extinction. Take the cup of immortality in My Most Generous Name. Thus have We illumined the horizon of the Book with the mention of God, the Lord of all men, and have sent down that which delighteth the eyes of them that are nigh. Glory be upon the people of Baha, who have not broken God's Covenant and His Testament, and who have been so inebriated with the choice wine of their Lord's utterance that they have cast the world and its peoples behind their backs, turning unto the ocean of light in this Revelation, at whose appearance all faces prostrated themselves before God, the Lord of all worlds.

And this is what was sent down from the Kingdom of Grace to His sister:

In the name of the Beloved of all worlds

O handmaiden of God! If thou didst know the value of this blessed word, thou wouldst forsake the world out of joy and occupy thyself with the mention of the Peerless One. How many kings and queens of the world who, throughout the nights and days, beseeched God, exalted be His glory, to grant them the presence of the Dawning-Place of His verses, yet remained deprived of Him on the day of His appearance. They neither perceived the fragrance of His raiment nor hearkened unto His call, returning to their abodes in complete heedlessness.

O handmaiden of God! Thy mention hath been made in the Most Holy Court, and the Wronged One of the horizons hath remembered thee with these brilliant words. Know thou thy station and recognize the rank of this Cause, and beseech God, exalted be His glory, at all times to adorn thee with the ornament of steadfastness and to keep thee sanctified and pure from the doubts and allusions of the people. Verily thy Lord is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth, and in His grasp are the reins of all who are in the kingdoms of creation. He is, verily, the Overseer, the Omnipotent, the Almighty.

Furthermore, let that beloved one convey these Tablets in whatever manner he deemeth advisable, that they may become the cause of joy, tranquility and steadfastness. Verily, He guideth whom He willeth unto His presence, the Mighty, the Wondrous, and sendeth down for whomsoever He willeth that which draweth him nigh unto Him, and He is the Forgiving, the Generous. All the letters of that beloved one, adorned with supplications to God, glorified and exalted be He, reached the Most Holy and Most Glorious Court, and all that was requested was presented before the Presence of the Desired One of all worlds. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken, exalted be His majesty:

O Varqa! O you who speak in praise of the Lord of Names! Give praise to the Beloved of the worlds, in that you have attained to that which was the purpose of the world's existence. You have heard and

turned to God and won the presence of God, the Lord of the worlds. All existence is for this: that souls might attain to the word of acceptance from the Supreme Pen. With a hundred thousand tongues must thanks be rendered for your attainment to this station. Preserve this bounty and be of the thankful ones. The glances of God's favor have been and will ever be directed towards you.

God willing, you shall at all times achieve that which He loves and with which He is well-pleased. Convey My greetings to the friends of God in every land and place you visit, and make them aware of what befits this Most Holy and Most Luminous Day, that perchance the doubts and imaginings of the divines and the world's distractions may not withhold God's loved ones from the Most Pure Nectar. We enjoin upon all goodly deeds and spiritual qualities, that the fragrance of deeds may enlighten the world and reveal the purpose of the appearance of the True One, exalted be His glory, and likewise that the fragrance of virtues may gladden and bring joy to the Concourse on High.

Say: Today the Tree of Fire is ablaze, speaking, and manifest at the heart of the seas. Strive that you may not be deprived of the lights of His manifestation. Man must not be seen as inferior to dry kindling—a single flame can set alight a whole wilderness of wood, yet now an entire world of fire appears before all faces, and an ocean of light is manifest and visible from the light of His countenance. Hearken to the call of the Peerless Friend and with perfect steadfastness and certitude hold fast to His mention, praise, and the teaching of His Cause, which is the greatest of all deeds. In all circumstances you must be mindful of wisdom. O Warqa!

O you who circle round Me, who gaze upon My face and speak My praise! We, from this station, send Our greetings and peace upon you and upon those who hearken to your words concerning the Cause of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

In regard to what you had mentioned concerning the honored Aqa Mirza Mihdi and Aqa Mirza Sulayman, upon them be the glory of God, this is what God hath revealed for him who is named Mihdi, upon him be Baha'u'llah:

He it is who rideth upon the Clouds

Glorified be He Who hath manifested whatsoever He desired and made known unto all His clear and straight pathway, and guided His servants unto the Dayspring of knowledge, and sent down for them that whereby the fragrance of divine recognition hath been diffused throughout all creation. Verily, He is the Ancient Revealer, the Speaker of Sinai Who calleth and summoneth mankind unto that which He willeth. And I am the Ruler over whatsoever I desire.

O Mihdi! Glorify the Name of thy Lord, then make mention of Him with the supplications of the sincere ones. Blessed are they who have humbled themselves before the verses of their Lord, and well is it with thee for having quaffed from the Kawthar of My love, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Verily, We made mention of thee aforetime, and in this luminous Tablet. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and eloquent in this Most Great Name. Blessed art thou and thy father who sought the Object of his quest and ascended unto God, the Lord of all the worlds. We were present at the time of his ascension, and We are the Hearer, the Answerer. Beware lest the affairs of the people sadden thee. Place thy trust in all matters upon the True One, the Sovereign of this Impregnable Day. We shall confirm thee in the service of the

Cause and enable thee to achieve that which thou hast purposed in the days of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Upon thee be glory, and upon every sincere soul who turneth towards Him with uprightness. End.

And this is what the All-Merciful hath revealed for him who is named Sulayman—He speaketh, exalted be His grandeur:

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

O Sulayman! The days draw near to their end, and the people of the earth are seen to be in manifest heedlessness and evident error. The tongue of morn speaketh "The Truth hath come," and the Day proclaimeth "I am the Day of God," and all things declare "The Mother Book hath been sent down." Few are the ears that attain unto the call, and few the hearts that are adorned with the love of God, the Lord of Names. Morning and evening, the peoples of the earth, of diverse faiths, turn to mosques, temples, shrines and churches for the remembrance of God, yet remain heedless of Him Who is remembered. The One remembered standeth before their eyes, yet they remain veiled and recognize Him not.

They hear, yet comprehend not. All this heedlessness and error and ignorance that hath encompassed the world—its primary cause hath been and is the divines of the earth, for they have devised vain imaginings and through countless wiles and promptings have instilled these into the minds of the ignorant of the earth. So long as these imaginings persist, they remain deprived of the splendors of the Sun of certitude. Thus both they and their hapless followers are forbidden the outpouring grace and deprived of that which profiteth them. Were the rulers of the earth truly obedient to these heedless souls, the Truth and its evidences would not be found in the world save with those souls who are sanctified from the doubts, veils and imaginings of men.

They are honored in the name of Truth, yet in the abasement of Truth they cling to diverse means. Would that they were content with this! Nay, by My life! Every possessor of insight witnesseth the traces of the oppression of those heedless ones.

Blessed is the learned one who hath recognized Him Who is the Known. Strange that despite such deeds, they reject the divines of other lands and regions, counting themselves the saviors, guides, most learned and most God-fearing. Perdition betide them and those who follow them without proof, evidence, testimony or sign! O Sulayman! Praise the Beloved of all creation, Who aided thee to recognize this bounty the like of which heaven hath not witnessed nor earth borne. Rejoice thou and be of the thankful. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

These two most holy, most exalted Tablets were revealed from the heaven of favor for two brothers. God willing, may they attain His presence, perceive their fragrance, and arise to accomplish that which God hath willed.

At one time this exalted word shone forth from the Dayspring of the Kingdom of utterance—exalted be His glory:

The essence of knowledge hath appeared as a bird, singing between earth and heaven this most exalted word in the sweetest of melodies:

> "O people of the world! Set aside your wishes and desires, and take what God, your Beloved and your Goal, hath willed."

May God grant that all the friends, chosen ones and pure ones of God attain to this most exalted station.

Concerning what thou didst write about Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Taqi, upon him be the Glory of God, mention of him and his circumstances were submitted in the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Presence. A Tablet hath dawned from the horizon of grace. God willing, may he attain unto its presence and be sustained by the Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful. His words, exalted be His grandeur:

In the Name of the Peerless Friend

Today the teaching of God's Cause is the greatest of all deeds and ever shall be, but it must be done with such wisdom as has been decreed by the Most Exalted Pen. The Truth, exalted be His glory, hath appeared for the reformation of the world, that all upon earth may be seen as one soul. He hath commanded all to speak in one language and to adopt one script, that the whole earth may be regarded as one homeland. We have uttered this exalted Word so that the rays of the Sun of Justice may illumine all the differing parties and lead them to the station of unity. Glory is not to him who loveth his country, but to him who loveth the world. Should anyone hearken to the song of this Bird of Inner Meanings, which wingeth its flight in this luminous atmosphere, he will be adorned with the ornament of supreme detachment. This is the true meaning of liberty, but most people are unaware of it.

For the teaching of the Cause, conditions have been revealed in God's Book. The peoples of the earth are seen as children; therefore one must first speak to them with mild and gentle words which are like milk, that through education they may attain to maturity, which is the station of recognition of God. We have formerly said that one word is like milk and another like a sword. Blessed is he who acteth with wisdom and depositeth the Word of God in blessed and goodly soil.

Thy mention hath been made before the Wronged One, both before and after, and the glance of His favor is directed towards thee. God willing, thou shalt drink from the ocean of wisdom and knowledge and engage in that which is acceptable this day. As this land is somewhat in motion, We have therefore paused in giving permission. He verily ordaineth for whomsoever He willeth and prescribeth for whomsoever He desireth the reward of His presence, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Give thanks unto God for having made thee attain unto this Most Great, this Impregnable Tablet, and for having revealed for thee that which shall not change throughout the duration of the names of God, the Lord of all worlds. The end.

Section 5: "And as for what thou didst write concerning…"

And as for what thou didst write concerning his attaining the presence of His Holiness the King of Martyrs, may my spirit be a sacrifice for his sacred dust, and his companionship with him—how pleasing and delightful this is for him! Praise be to God that he hath been blessed with that which God desired and

hath attained the presence of him who loved God and whom God loved. This evanescent servant conveyeth his greetings to him and giveth him the glad tidings of the favor of God, exalted be His glory.

And concerning what thou didst write about His Honor Mirza Jalil, upon him be the Glory of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful King—some time ago a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed specially for him and was sent with the son of His Honor Haji Ahha, upon him be the Glory of God, and this is yet another bounty upon you both. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Compassionate, the Responsive. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

He is the One Who speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance

Today is the Day of mention and utterance, and today is the Day in which its proof and essence calls out between the worlds, saying: O people of earth! If you are thirsty, the Choice Wine has been unsealed and flows forth from the Finger of the Self-Subsisting—deprive not yourselves of it. If you seek the Manifestation, the Hidden and Treasured Lord is visible and evident. If you seek verses, the horizons are filled with them. If you seek proofs, they have appeared in such wise that none deny them save every sinful transgressor. Say: O friends! The Sun of Truth has risen from the horizon of the world and the Ocean of Knowledge is manifest before all faces. Deprive not yourselves and withhold not yourselves from God's infinite bounties.

Today is the Day of sight, for the Face of God is risen and manifest from the Most Exalted Horizon. It is the Day of hearing, for the Call of God, exalted be His glory, is raised. O people of Baha! The Crimson Ark awaits you in the midst of the Most Great Sea. Turn ye unto it, then embark upon it in the Name of God, the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven. O Jalil! God willing, thou shalt kindle cold souls with the fire of the Friend, and bestow upon the thirsty ones the Living Waters in the name of the True One. Arise with perfect steadfastness to serve the Cause of the Lord of all beings, and with His mention, conquer hearts and souls, that all may attain to that for which the worlds were created. Say:

Glory be to Thee, O my God, my Beloved, my Purpose, the Master of my destiny, and the Sovereign over my spirit, my soul, my essence and my frame! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy utterance and the lights of the Sun of Thy countenance to […] make my mention and my call effective in the hearts of Thy servants and a living water for the dead among the people of Thy realm. Move them, O my God, by the hands of Thy grace, then grant them the sweet flowing waters of Thy knowledge. O Lord! Thou art He Whose grace hath preceded all, Whose generosity hath encompassed all, and Whose mercy hath embraced all. Take the hands of Thy servants through Thy loving-kindness, then deliver them from the depths of self and passion. Verily Thou art the Lord of all creation and the Master of the hereafter and the former times. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

God willing, through this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet, the dead in the valley of heedlessness shall be quickened and attain unto new life. Whosoever speaks for God's sake with moderation this day, assuredly his utterance will be effective, his mention prevailing, and his will victorious. Every matter is difficult for us but not difficult for God. Convey my greetings to his honor and express my complete sincerity, and I beseech the Exalted Truth to manifest through him that which shall be eternally remembered and

preserved in the book of the world. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty. There is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Concerning what was written about the friends attaining the presence of his honor Aqa Mirza ʿA.B., upon him be the Glory of God, on Friday—blessed are the people of Baha whom the heat of the love of God has so seized that the near ones behold the radiance of the All-Merciful in their faces and hear His beautiful praise from their tongues. This matter was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, and these blessed, decisive words were sent down from the heaven of favor—His words, exalted be His grandeur:

They who in this day speak forth the praise of God and remain firm and steadfast in His Cause—upon them shall the Concourse on high send down their blessings both at eventide and at dawn. Blessed is the house that hath been illumined with the light of My remembrance, and wherein the voice of My loved ones hath been raised—they who have cast behind them all else save Me and followed that which was ordained in My perspicuous Book. His honour A.B., upon him be My glory, hath attained, praise be to God, unto the mention of the Truth, the grace of the Truth, and service to the Truth. This station is, in the sight of God, more exalted than what hath been witnessed. May he, God willing, ever remain steadfast therein, but with wisdom.

O Varqa! O thou who gazest toward the Most Sublime Horizon! In all circumstances hold fast to wisdom and cleave thereunto. The gatherings of friends, when they exceed the bounds of moderation, will become a cause of agitation among souls, for until this time the people of the earth, their divines, and their rulers have not been informed of the purpose of God, exalted be His glory. Through the instigation of certain ignorant ones who consider themselves learned men of the earth, they have regarded and continue to regard the Source of Divine Revelation and the Dawning-Place of inspiration as the cause and origin of sedition and the fountainhead of mischief. For this reason, they have considered the gatherings of the friends of God as a means of disrupting people and scattering what they possess. Therefore, in all matters one must observe moderation, owing to the weakness of heedless souls. I swear by the reality of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing that were they to gain awareness even less than a needle’s eye and become cognizant, all would soar on the wings of longing and yearning and hasten toward their Ultimate Goal, the Most Exalted Summit and the Supreme End.

Greed hath deprived the people of the world from the All-Possessing Lord. They know not what hath come to pass and what tidings have appeared, for they have neither sought nor do they seek enlightenment. In one of Our Tablets We have stated that the eyelid, thin as it is, can deprive the physical eye from beholding the world and all that is therein. Consider then what the veil of greed will do when it descends upon the heart. The fire of fancy hath consumed the world; conjectures and idle fancies have darkened man’s realm of perception. The rulers of the earth are not, in truth, opposed to anyone’s religion or faith today, but when they observe any gathering that might lead to the association and coming together of people, they exercise the utmost caution and restraint, for various forms of mischief and sedition have arisen from such matters in the past. Now, when they witness people’s inclination toward this Cause, they make comparisons with the past and arise to obstruct and prevent it.

Implore God to enable those souls to partake of a drop from the ocean of knowledge and to illumine them with a ray from the Sun of wisdom, that all may become sanctified from their own desires and arise to carry out the Divine Will, that they may not compare this Cause, which is the Source of life to the world and the Dawning-Place of its cultivation, with past events, and that they may distinguish between corruption and righteousness. God, exalted be His glory, is able to raise up one among the rulers who will become informed and enlighten others. The tongue of wisdom declareth: Grant unto each day that which befitteth it; observe the requirements of every hour. Verily, He doeth what is right and guideth to the straight path. The Command is God's, the Mighty, the Beauteous.

O Varqa! I have said before: "Believe not every speaker, nor trust every newcomer" and the like. Nevertheless, some of the friends accept anyone upon mere claim and consider him trustworthy. This hath been and will continue to be an error. Although, praise be to God, the gatherings, meetings, and assemblies of the loved ones are sanctified and free from sedition and mischief, yet knowledge of such gatherings and the coming and going of God's friends is a matter that stirreth up the hearts and thoughts of the heedless ones. Since they are unaware of the fundamental nature of the Cause, they become agitated by such matters.

Since those who are heedless are unaware of the essence of the Cause, they become disturbed by these matters and strive with all their might to extinguish the divine light, though they were and are powerless to do so. Thus have We cast upon thee that which telleth of My grace, My mercy, My loving-kindness, My tenderness and My bounties, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous.

God willing, through the attention of that beloved one, these matters in those lands shall be adorned with the ornament of rectification. Great care must be taken in preserving the divine Tablets, and supreme effort is obligatory. Likewise, in concealing the epistles and Tablets that are sent from the Most Holy Court to various regions, effort must be made to the utmost degree. For if some weakling or hypocrite should become aware and make mention of it, harm might come to the Most Holy Court or to the friends of God in various regions. In any case, the concealment and secrecy of these matters is necessary and is counted as prudence. God willing, that beloved one, through the loving-kindness of the Beloved of the worlds, is assisted and confirmed in service to the Cause. Verily, He is the Protector of the sincere ones.

As for thy question regarding the passage about interpretation [ta'wil] that was revealed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Kitab-i-Aqdas, it was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke:

The purpose of interpretation is that they should not deprive themselves of the outward meaning nor remain veiled from the intended meaning. For instance, if from the heaven of Divine Will it is revealed "wash your faces", they should not interpret it to mean that the intent of washing is to wash the inner face and that it must be cleansed with the water of knowledge, and similar interpretations. Often it happens that due to such interpretations, a person's face remains soiled and unclean while in their imagination they have fulfilled God's command, whereas in this instance it is clear and evident that it means washing the face with physical water.

Some divine words can be interpreted, that is, interpretations that do not cause doubts and delusions and do not deprive one of the divine purpose. Reflect on what the All-Merciful has revealed in the Qur'an, His exalted Word: "And whoever has been given wisdom has certainly been given much good." Some maintain that by wisdom is meant the divine laws revealed in the Book. Others hold that this wisdom refers to medical science, and whoever attains it has attained much good, as it pertains to humanity and knowledge of bodies, and this science is nobler than other sciences, as the tongue of wisdom has previously uttered this supreme word: "Knowledge is of two kinds: knowledge of bodies and knowledge of religions." Knowledge of bodies is given precedence in this blessed word, and in truth it is precedent, for the manifestation of truth and divine laws have all been and will be for the education of humanity, its advancement, and the preservation of the people of the world and the like. Therefore, whatever causes and leads to the preservation, health and well-being of human existence has been and will be precedent.

This point is clear and evident. Some believe that wisdom is the knowledge of the realities of things, and whoever attains this station will possess lofty stations. Some hold that wisdom is acting upon that which benefits humanity; whoever succeeds in this has much good. Many believe that wisdom is that which preserves man from what debases him and guides him to what exalts him. Some maintain that wisdom is the science of association with people and treating servants of God with moderation. Others have said that wisdom is theology according to the principles of previous philosophers. Likewise, they have said wisdom is the knowledge of substances and accidents, as well as astronomy and the like. Some have said wisdom is the knowledge of livelihood in this world.

Some assert that wisdom is the knowledge of principles. Some souls maintain that wisdom pertains to matters of justice, which is and will be giving each their due right. Some believe it is the knowledge of the elixir—whoever attains it has attained much good. Some hold it to be geometry and similar sciences. Each group, according to their understanding, has presented proofs and evidence for each of what has been mentioned, which if detailed would add to weariness. Glory be to Him Who spoke this supreme word: "The beginning of wisdom is the fear of God," for the fear and awe of God restraineth man from whatsoever causeth abasement and degradation of the human station, and aideth him in that which leadeth to elevation and glory.

The wise man avoideth shameful deeds, for he beholdeth punishment in their wake. The pavilion of world order is upheld upon two pillars: Reward and Punishment. Some time ago this blessed verse shone forth from the Dayspring of utterance: "Justice hath a mighty force. It is none other than reward and punishment for men's actions. By these two are the tent of order raised up in the world, and every transgressor restraineth his own self, through fear of retribution." Thus hath spoken the Lord of Names; He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Section 6: "In the past, certain souls have called themselves…"

In the past, certain souls have called themselves people of the Path, as evidenced by their traces that exist in the world today. Various groups have each adopted a path, whereby Islam became divided and channels branched off from the Most Great Ocean, until at length there befell the religion of God that which did befall it. Islam, with all its mighty power, was transformed through the deeds and actions of

those who claimed adherence to it into utter weakness, as all have observed and continue to observe. Some souls who call themselves dervishes have interpreted all divine laws and commandments. If it be said that prayer is among God's binding ordinances, they say "prayer means supplication and we came into being with supplication, thus we have performed the true prayer, while this poor one is deprived of the outer form, let alone its inner meaning." The vain imaginings of heedless souls have exceeded all reckoning.

In brief, through indolence and sloth they have interpreted all divine commandments which are as an impregnable fortress for the preservation and security of the world, and having secluded themselves in their convents, they have chosen no occupation save eating and sleeping. In matters of knowledge they affirm whatever is said, yet thus far no trace of the warmth of the love of God hath been witnessed from them, save for a very few who have tasted the sweetness of the Word and have to some extent become aware of the purpose of the Revelation. Some of these interpretations mentioned regarding wisdom are each correct in their proper place, as they do not conflict with the fundamental divine laws. The verses that pertain to divine commands and prohibitions, such as those concerning worship, indemnities, crimes and the like—their outward meaning was and is intended to be acted upon.

However, the divine verses that were revealed concerning the Resurrection and the Hour, both in previous Books and in the Qur'an, are mostly to be interpreted, "and none knoweth its interpretation save God." These matters are clearly and evidently set forth in the Book of Certitude. Whosoever pondereth thereon will become aware of that which hath been hidden from the eyes of all. Consider what the All-Bountiful hath revealed in the Book, these words of the Almighty: "It is not for the sun to overtake the moon, nor doth the night outstrip the day." This blessed verse has been interpreted and explained by the divines of the past and present, each finding its meaning according to their own understanding. But this station is beyond knowledge, and these are ranks of conjecture and fancy. One who is called the Sultan of Interpreters, namely Qadi Baydawi, said this verse was revealed to refute the sun-worshippers. Observe how far this is from the source of knowledge, despite his supposed erudition in the eyes of men. The reins of all knowledge are in the grasp of divine power—He bestows it upon whomsoever He willeth.

In the books of old, most of what flowed from the Supreme Pen concerning this Revelation is allegorical. For instance, it is said "The valleys shall melt like wax before the Lord," and likewise "His tent shall be raised upon the mountains" as indeed it has been, and in another place "His is a tent whose cords shall not be severed, whose stakes shall not be uprooted, and which shall not be moved from place to place." These passages are allegorical. The fair-minded person understands which station calls for interpretation and which for literal acceptance of the text.

In any case, that which today can purify mankind from defilement and lead them to true tranquility is the religion of God, the Faith of God, and the Cause of God. Thus have the rains of utterance poured down from the heaven of knowledge as a bounty upon thee. Give thanks and say:

> "Praise be to Thee, O Beloved of the mystics! Glory be to Thee, O Desire of the worlds! Thanks be to Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp lies the kingdom of the heavens and the earth!"

End.

From what hath been revealed from the Kingdom of the All-Merciful's utterance, it is clear and evident that certain divine verses concerning association, conduct, behavior, transactions, ordinances and the like—were their meaning to depart from the literal sense, God's Cause would be suspended and impeded. To this every discerning scholar beareth witness. Beseech ye God to adorn the people of the world with the ornament of fairness. They profess belief in minor matters, limited miracles, and counted verses, while turning away from their oceans. Man is bewildered. Glorified be He Who hath concealed from them and revealed to us!

As to thy question regarding pure water and the limit of what constitutes "used" water, it was submitted before the Throne. This is what God hath pronounced: A small amount of water, such as one, two or three cups, in which hands and face are washed, is considered "used." However, if it reaches the amount of a kurr, washing one or two faces does not change it, and there is and has been no objection to its use. If one of the three qualities appears therein—that is, if the color of the water changes even slightly—it is considered used. O thou who drinkest from the cup of My loving-kindness! The intention is cleanliness. Thou art aware of the pools [of Persia]—the more effort is expended on cleanliness, the more beloved it is in the sight of God. End.

Concerning what you wrote about the mention that some of the friends of God rise before sunrise and engage in the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory, while this remembrance pertains to the day, and the day during the Fast is defined from sunrise to sunset—this matter was presented before the Most Holy Presence of Him from Whose knowledge nothing escapes. This is what the Truth, exalted be His glory, has pronounced: The day is indeed defined from sunrise to sunset in the exposition, but for those souls who rise before sunrise out of love for God and engage in remembrance—this is beloved and acceptable before the Throne. No reiteration is necessary. Similarly, in the Mashriqu'l-Adhkar, the friends of God, adhering to what was revealed in the Kitab-i-Aqdas, turn to the Mashriqu'l-Adhkar at dawn and engage in the remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds.

For them too, if they engage in remembrance at sunrise and for an hour after sunrise, it is acceptable. The Truth has desired comfort for the servants in all conditions, and His remembrance, if it proceeds from one who remembers with complete joy and fragrance, has been and will always be beloved and acceptable. Blessed is the soul that breathes with love for its Lord, and blessed is the servant whom the fragrances of the love of God have awakened. End.

Regarding what you wrote mentioning Aqa Khalil-i-ʿAttar, upon him be the Glory of God, and the ascension of his brother, this is what God revealed for him. His words, exalted be His grandeur:

In My Name, the Most Ancient, the Most Great

This is a Book sent down in truth for him whom the attraction of the utterance of the All-Merciful seized and who answered his Lord when He came with a mighty command, and who calls out on the Day of God to all else. Blessed is he who hath heard and listened, and he whose heart hath turned to Him with evident joy. Verily, the Sun, despite its radiance, deriveth light from His light, yet most of the people are heedless. All that was hidden behind the veils of the Unseen hath been revealed, and all that was

recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds, hath appeared. Among the people are those who have found the fragrance of My garment and hastened to the ocean of My grace, and among them are those who turned away and objected to what was sent down from the kingdom of My wondrous utterance. How many a learned one hath violated God's Covenant and His testament, and how many a heedless one hath heard the call from the Supreme Horizon and turned with his heart to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Khalil! We have mentioned thee before and sent unto thee that which told of My manifestation, My power, My mercy, My compassion, and My grace that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Grieve not for what hath befallen thee. He who believed in God, the Lord of this luminous Day, hath attained unto the Supreme Companion. We make mention of him as a favor from Us unto thee and unto him, and I am verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Blessed is he for having attained unto acceptance while most of My servants whom We created for the service of My Cause, the Firm, the Impregnable, turned away from Me. Verily thy Lord forgave thy brother at the time of his ascension, purified him from sins, and admitted him to a station whose description hath exhausted the tongues of the knowing ones. We send from this station Our greetings unto My loved ones there who have drunk the choice wine of My utterance and have attained unto that which hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. The Glory from God, the Lord of Names, be upon thee and upon those whose names were sent down in My Preserved Tablet. End.

Praise be to God! The Sun of generosity has risen, the Ocean of favor is manifest, and the Euphrates of utterance flows unceasingly. This evanescent one beseeches the True One and hopes that He will not deprive any soul on earth of the fragrant breezes of this most holy and transcendent Day, and will aid all to achieve that which He loves and is pleased with. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Convey greetings on behalf of this evanescent one to all the friends and say: These days are unlike other days, and this time unlike times past and future. Strive that ye may receive your portion of the lights of the divine dawn. Verily, He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but He, the Mighty, the Great.

Blessings be upon you and upon those with you, and upon those who have turned with illumined hearts unto God, our Lord and your Lord, our Goal and your Goal, and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

After the completion of the letter and attendance in the Most Holy Court, the Tongue of the Beloved uttered these blessed supreme words:

> "O Varqa! Upon thee be My glory, My mercy and My favor!"

Some mention was made of wisdom and its meanings, but the wisdom of today consists in such conduct, deeds and words as will guide people to the highest horizon without raising any clamor or causing any mischief or corruption. Verily, the people are in a strange sleep and manifest doubt, worshipping suppositions while understanding not, and hastening toward vain imaginings while perceiving not. The heedless must be awakened with kindliness and compassion and guided to the ocean of grace. Some

ignorant ones who soar on the wings of passion and desire and are aflame with the fire of hatred lie in wait to find some pretext to object against the Truth, exalted be His glory, and His loved ones. End.

God willing, may all divine friends be adorned with the ornament of wisdom, and may there appear from each one that which betokens and indicates the exaltation of the Cause. May God grant fairness and the eye of grace to the divines of the age, that they may behold the lights of the Sun of Truth shining resplendent at its meridian and not remain deprived thereof. These souls have ever been and continue to be the cause of waywardness and error, save whom God willeth. The servant beseecheth his Lord to make them know and learn what they have ignored and draw them nigh unto Him through His grace. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Another matter concerns what you had written regarding the exalted departed, His Holiness the Father—he who attained unto the Divine Presence at the time of his ascension. During those days when the honored Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be Baha'u'llah, was present in the Most Holy Land, on one of the days when this servant and he were both in attendance before the Most Sacred Court in the Divine Presence, suddenly the Tongue of the Desire of the worlds spoke forth, and a Most Mighty and Sacred Tablet was revealed in mention of him, which was given to the aforementioned gentleman that he might convey it to that beloved one, so that they might be assured concerning His Holiness the Exalted One, upon him be all glory from Me.

In numerous instances mention of him hath been revealed in such wise as to cause the hearts of the mystic knowers to soar with joy. On several occasions his services and his steadfastness in the Cause of God were heard from the tongue of the Beloved of the worlds. He hath been mentioned with that which decay cannot touch, and He remembereth him with that toward which hearts and souls turn in adoration.

At the conclusion of this epistle, this evanescent one maketh this brief submission: through the bounty of the Beloved may you attain unto success, and this is glad-tidings from Me unto you.

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BH02078: Praise be to God alone, and blessings upon Him…

Praise be to God alone, and blessings upon Him after Whom there shall be no Prophet. Praise be to God! The Light of Batha attracted many souls to the Name of God, glorified be His majesty, and enabled them to make pilgrimage to the House. The lovers from all regions, intoxicated by the blessed words "And a proclamation from God and His Messenger to all people on the day of the Greater Pilgrimage", turned with their whole being toward the direction of the Beloved. They attained the circumambulation of the House, visitation of the Stone, the running between Safa and Marwa, and the rites which whisper in the pure ear "Forget not the people of God." Praise be to Him, again praise be to Him, to the number of leaves and grains of sand, and to a number which cannot be counted by those who count.

My spirit be a sacrifice for your honor. This evanescent servant attained the honor of seeing your noble handwriting, and whatever was written therein was presented before the Countenance. They said:

> “Today the manifest religion has been weakened by the assault of the ungodly and the heedlessness of its people. It is incumbent upon steadfast, firm, well-grounded and content souls who are detached from all save God and are gazing toward and turned to the Most Exalted Horizon to supplicate God, glorified be His majesty, at all times for the protection of the manifest religion and to beseech the elevation of its station. Verily He originates and causes return, and He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.”

Regarding what was written about Darvish Muhammad, permission has been granted. God willing, they may enter and after staying a few days return. And regarding what you wrote about the Prisoner (upon him be 9 66 [Baha’u’llah]), God willing may they be confirmed. Regarding what was written that they recite the Qur’an, I beseech God, glorified be His majesty, that all on earth may attain this most great bounty. Regarding what you wrote about Sa’id (upon him be 9 66 [Baha’u’llah]) and the request for a name for the newborn—may God bless—he has been named by the Beloved as Amanu’llah. Further, the two packets sent have arrived. God willing, it is hoped that an answer will be written later.

O beloved of my heart! Work is abundant and time is short. The Command is in the hand of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Convey greetings and salutations to the beloved friend Nasir (upon him be 9 [Baha] the Most Merciful). God willing may he be confirmed and assisted. Today which is Thursday morning that honored one Aqa Muhammad-Ibrahim (upon him be 9 66 [Baha’u’llah]) was present before the Countenance especially mentioning Nasir. Happy is he!

O apple of my heart’s eye! Convey greetings and salutations to Husayn Effendi (upon him be 9 66 [Baha’u’llah]) and those with him. This servant intended to go to Arab Iraq, that is, to submit a petition in eloquent language to that Beloved. At one point it was observed that he had emerged from Persian Iraq. The Command belongs to God, the Ancient. This too was due to lack of time and extreme haste. If the petition submitted to that honored one, the name of whose bounty is upon him from all the Most Glorious Splendor, is observed, it will become clear to what degree work is pressing and how little time there is. Again the Command belongs to God, the One, the Unconstrained.

The servant. 16 Safar 1299.

BH01748: Praise be to God Who hath raised His House…

He is God, exalted and mighty is He

Praise be to God Who hath raised His House to such a station that the Concourse on High and the denizens of the Kingdom of Names have circumambulated it, and hath made it the point of adoration for the world and the sanctuary round which the peoples circle. Glorified is He Who hath, through the Word of His command, so attracted His servants that they hastened from every region, district and land, and neither the yellow wind nor crimson death prevented them from reaching the Most Great House of God. These are servants who have remained faithful to God’s Covenant and His Testament, and have acted in accordance with what was enjoined upon them in His Book. And I pray and send greetings upon the Sovereign of existence and Lord of all that is seen, through Whom the horizon of the world was illumined

and knowledge and wisdom were made manifest, and upon His family and companions who moved not except by His command and His will, and spoke not until after His leave.

And furthermore, for some time this evanescent servant hath desired to make mention of you and send an expression of sincere regard, even if by pen, since no other messenger is now available. Therefore he hath troubled you with these few words. God willing, may you be ever speaking in remembrance of God and standing firm in your love for the Prophets, the chosen ones, and the pure ones. This evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to assist you and make you a recipient of His outpourings and blessings. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth.

His honor Aqa Muhammad-ʿAli always maketh mention of you. A few days ago what you had sent for the blessed garment arrived. Surely his honor himself will write the details to you. They have also written a letter to this evanescent one from the Green Land. God willing, a response will be sent next time for you to deliver. The purpose of what hath been and is mentioned is that through the key of utterance the doors of hearts may be unlocked and the life-giving breeze may waft from the direction of God's loving-kindness, exalted be His glory, that hearts and spirits may be refreshed by that sweet spiritual breath. God, exalted be His glory, hath made the pen a translator in such wise that it may express and convey the love that dwelleth in the hearts and souls of the friends.

In truth it is a great sign, if properly considered. The connection of the world dependeth upon it. It is the harbinger, the herald, the interpreter, and the one who maketh known. If they deny it not, it may be said that he who possesseth hearing perceiveth its lamentation and cry. It is the cup-bearer of the wine of love and the manifestation of affection and fellowship. The divine Books have appeared through it and their mysteries are inscribed by it. Exalted is He Who hath favored it with that which the writer and His creation are powerless to describe, and taught it and made known to it what He desired. Verily He is the One Who is sought in the beginning and in the end. There is none other God but Him, the Lord of all creation.

Praise be to God that mention of you hath been and is before the Friend, and this sufficeth you. And the Lord of humanity, the Lord of the throne and earth, and the Lord of the hereafter and this world requesteth that you convey greetings and praise from this evanescent one to the friends—may the Glory of God rest upon them. God willing, may they at all times drink from the fountain of remembrance and receive their portion from the ocean of utterance. This is that which profiteth and forsaketh not its companion. That which cometh after is different, and tomorrow is another day. The Friend saith:

Dead are they in this gathering on the path of the Friend, O Messiah of the age, breathe forth then a warming breath!

Peace, praise and glory be upon you and upon those whom this world hath not prevented from the remembrance of God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH06509: Praise be to the Sovereign All-Powerful Who is worthy…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great.

Praise be to the Sovereign All-Powerful Who is worthy and deserving, for in all His laws and commandments the purpose hath been the elevation of souls and their attainment unto their ultimate goal. Through His Most Exalted Word He hath adorned all things from sheer nothingness with the ornament of existence, and through another word He hath so attracted the hearts and minds of those who are ready that through the flame of their ardent longing the very essence of the lovers hath been set ablaze. Exalted, exalted is He Who hath manifested what He desired! Then He made it appear so that the station of nearness might become manifest and elevated, and His grace might be known and evident to all the peoples of the world. He bestowed thirst that the blessing of water might be made apparent. He granted illness that He might draw His loved ones unto Himself and they might know the value of health. He caused need that existence might be weighed in the balance of wisdom. In all conditions the friends of God are engaged in praise and thanksgiving and glorification, despite those who have turned away and objected without any proof or Book….

BH00140: Lawh-i-Maqsud

Section 1: "A praise which is exalted above every mention…"

He is God, exalted is He, the Lord of Majesty and Power

A praise which is exalted above every mention or description beseemeth the Adored One, the Possessor of all things visible and invisible, Who hath enabled the Primal Point to reveal countless Books and Epistles and Who, through the potency of His sublime Word, hath called into being the entire creation, whether of the former or more recent generations. Moreover He hath in every age and cycle, in conformity with His transcendent wisdom, sent forth a divine Messenger to revive the dispirited and despondent souls with the living waters of His utterance, One Who is indeed the Expounder, the true Interpreter, inasmuch as man is unable to comprehend that which hath streamed forth from the Pen of Glory and is recorded in His heavenly Books. Men at all times and under all conditions stand in need of one to exhort them, guide them and to instruct and teach them. Therefore He hath sent forth His Messengers, His Prophets and chosen ones that they might acquaint the people with the divine purpose underlying the revelation of Books and the raising up of Messengers, and that every- one may become aware of the trust of God which is latent in the reality of every soul.

Man is the supreme Talisman. Lack of a proper education hath, however, deprived him of that which he doth inherently possess. Through a word proceeding out of the mouth of God he was called into being; by one word more he was guided to recognize the Source of his education; by yet another word his station and destiny were safeguarded. The Great Being saith: Regard man as a mine rich in gems of inestimable value. Education can, alone, cause it to reveal its treasures, and enable mankind to benefit therefrom. If any man were to meditate on that which the Scriptures, sent down from the heaven of God's holy Will, have revealed, he would readily recognize that their purpose is that all men shall be regarded as one soul, so that the seal bearing the words The Kingdom shall be God's' may be stamped on every heart, and the light of Divine bounty, of grace, and mercy may envelop all mankind.

The One true God, exalted be His glory, hath wished nothing for Himself. The allegiance of mankind profiteth Him not, neither doth its perversity harm Him. The Bird of the Realm of Utterance voiceth

continually this call: All things have I willed for thee, and thee, too, for thine own sake'. If the learned and worldly-wise men of this age were to allow mankind to inhale the fragrance of fellowship and love, every understanding heart would apprehend the meaning of true liberty, and discover the secret of undisturbed peace and absolute composure. Were the earth to attain this station and be illumined with its light it could then be truly said of it: 'Thou shall see in it no hollows or rising hills.'

Blessing and peace be upon Him through Whose advent Batha is wreathed in smiles, and the sweet savours of Whose raiment have shed fragrance upon all mankind—He Who came to protect men from that which would harm them in the world below. Exalted, immensely exalted is His station above the glorification of all beings and sanctified from the praise of the entire creation. Through His advent the tabernacle of stability and order was raised throughout the world and the ensign of knowledge hoisted among the nations. May blessings rest also upon His kindred and His companions through whom the standard of the unity of God and His singleness was uplifted and the banners of celestial triumph were unfurled. Through them the religion of God was firmly established among His creatures and His Name magnified amidst His servants. I entreat Him—exalted is He—to shield His Faith from the mischief of His enemies who tore away the veils, rent them asunder and finally caused the banner of Islam to be reversed amongst all peoples.

Thy letter from which the fragrance of reunion was inhaled hath been received. Praised be God that following the firm decree of separation, the breeze of nearness and communion hath been stirred and the soil of the hearts is refreshed with the waters of joy and gladness. We offer thanksgiving unto God in all circumstances and cherish the hope that He—exalted be His glory—may through His gracious providence guide all who dwell on earth towards that which is acceptable and pleasing unto Him.

Behold the disturbances which, for many a long year, have afflicted the earth, and the perturbation that hath seized its peoples. It hath either been ravaged by war, or tormented by sudden and unforeseen calamities. Though the world is encompassed with misery and distress, yet no man hath paused to reflect what the cause or source of that may be. Whenever the True Counsellor uttered a word in admonishment, lo, they all denounced Him as a mover of mischief and rejected His claim. How bewildering, how confusing is such behaviour! No two men can be found who may be said to be outwardly and inwardly united. The evidences of discord and malice are apparent everywhere, though all were made for harmony and union.

The Great Being saith: O well-beloved ones! The tabernacle of unity hath been raised; regard ye not one another as strangers. Ye are the fruits of one tree, and the leaves of one branch. We cherish the hope that the light of justice may shine upon the world and sanctify it from tyranny. If the rulers and kings of the earth, the symbols of the power of God, exalted be His glory, arise and resolve to dedicate themselves to whatever will promote the highest interests of the whole of humanity, the reign of justice will assuredly be established amongst the children of men, and the effulgence of its light will envelop the whole earth. The Great Being saith: The structure of world stability and order hath been reared upon, and will continue to be sustained by, the twin pillars of reward and punishment.

And in another connection He hath uttered the following in the eloquent tongue: Justice hath a mighty force at its command. It is none other than reward and punishment for the deeds of men. By the power

of this force the tabernacle of order is established throughout the world, causing the wicked to restrain their natures for fear of punishment.

In another passage He hath written: Take heed, O concourse of the rulers of the world! There is no force on earth that can equal in its conquering power the force of justice and wisdom. I, verily, affirm that there is not, and hath never been, a host more mighty than that of justice and wisdom. Blessed is the king who marcheth with the ensign of wisdom unfurled before him, and the battalions of justice massed in his rear. He verily is the ornament that adorneth the brow of peace and the countenance of security. There can be no doubt whatever that if the day-star of justice, which the clouds of tyranny have obscured, were to shed its light upon men, the face of the earth would be completely transformed.

The Great Being, wishing to reveal the prerequisites of the peace and tranquillity of the world and the advancement of its peoples, hath written: The time must come when the imperative necessity for the holding of a vast, an all-embracing assemblage of men will be universally realized. The rulers and kings of the earth must needs attend it, and, participating in its deliberations, must consider such ways and means as will lay the foundations of the world's Great Peace amongst men. Such a peace demandeth that the Great Powers should resolve, for the sake of the tranquillity of the peoples of the earth, to be fully reconciled among themselves. Should any king take up arms against another, all should unitedly arise and prevent him. If this be done, the nations of the world will no longer require any armaments, except for the purpose of preserving the security of their realms and of maintaining internal order within their territories. This will ensure the peace and composure of every people, government and nation. We fain would hope that the kings and rulers of the earth, the mirrors of the gracious and almighty name of God, may attain unto this station, and shield mankind from the onslaught of tyranny.

Likewise He saith: Among the things which are conducive to unity and concord and will cause the whole earth to be regarded as one country is that the divers languages be reduced to one language and in like manner the scripts used in the world be confined to a single script. It is incumbent upon all nations to appoint some men of understanding and erudition to convene a gathering and through joint consultation choose one language from among the varied existing languages, or create a new one, to be taught to the children in all the schools of the world.

The day is approaching when all the peoples of the world will have adopted one universal language and one common script. When this is achieved, to whatsoever city a man may journey, it shall be as if he was entering his own home. These things are obligatory and absolutely essential. It is incumbent upon every man of insight and understanding to strive to translate that which hath been written into reality and action.

In these days the tabernacle of justice hath fallen into the clutches of tyranny and oppression. Beseech ye the One true God—exalted be His glory—not to deprive mankind of the ocean of true understanding, for were men but to take heed they would readily appreciate that whatever hath streamed from and is set down by the Pen of Glory is even as the sun for the whole world and that therein lie the welfare, security and true interests of all men; otherwise the earth will be tormented by a fresh calamity every day and unprecedented commotions will break out. God grant that the people of the world may be graciously

aided to preserve the light of His loving counsels within the globe of wisdom. We cherish the hope that everyone may be adorned with the vesture of true wisdom, the basis of the government of the world.

The Great Being saith: The heaven of statesmanship is made luminous and resplendent by the brightness of the light of these blessed words which hath dawned from the dayspring of the Will of God: It behoveth every ruler to weigh his own being every day in the balance of equity and justice and then to judge between men and counsel them to do that which would direct their steps unto the path of wisdom and understanding. This is the cornerstone of statesmanship and the essence thereof. From these words every enlightened man of wisdom will readily perceive that which will foster such aims as the welfare, security and protection of mankind and the safety of human lives. Were men of insight to quaff their fill from the ocean of inner meanings which lie enshrined in these words and become acquainted therewith, they would bear witness to the sublimity and the excellence of this utterance.

If this lowly one were to set forth that which he perceiveth, all would testify unto God's consummate wisdom. The secrets of statesmanship and that of which the people are in need lie enfolded within these words. This lowly servant earnestly entreateth the One true God—exalted be His glory—to illumine the eyes of the people of the world with the splendour of the light of wisdom that they, one and all, may recognize that which is indispensable in this day.

That one indeed is a man who, today, dedicateth himself to the service of the entire human race. The Great Being saith: Blessed and happy is he that ariseth to promote the best interests of the peoples and kindreds of the earth. In another passage He hath proclaimed: It is not for him to pride himself who loveth his own country, but rather for him who loveth the whole world. The earth is but one country, and mankind its citizens.

Such exhortations to union and concord as are inscribed in the Books of the Prophets by the Pen of the Most High bear reference unto specific matters; not a union that would lead to disunity or a concord which would create discord. This is the station where measures are set unto everything, a station where every deserving soul shall be given his due. Well is it with them that appreciate the meaning and grasp the intent of these words, and woe betide the heedless. Unto this all the evidences of nature, in their very essences, bear ample testimony. Every discerning man of wisdom is well acquainted with that which We have mentioned, but not those who have strayed far from the living fountain of fairmindedness and are roving distraught in the wilderness of ignorance and blind fanaticism.

The Great Being saith: O ye children of men! The fundamental purpose animating the Faith of God and His Religion is to safeguard the interests and promote the unity of the human race, and to foster the spirit of love and fellowship amongst men. Suffer it not to become a source of dissension and discord, of hate and enmity. This is the straight Path, the fixed and immovable foundation. Whatsoever is raised on this foundation, the changes and chances of the world can never impair its strength, nor will the revolution of countless centuries undermine its structure. Our hope is that the world's religious leaders and the rulers thereof will unitedly arise for the reformation of this age and the rehabilitation of its fortunes. Let them, after meditating on its needs, take counsel together and, through anxious and full deliberation, administer to a diseased and sorely-afflicted world the remedy it requireth.

The Great Being saith: The heaven of divine wisdom is illumined with the two luminaries of consultation and compassion. Take ye counsel together in all matters, inasmuch as consultation is the lamp of guidance which leadeth the way, and is the bestower of understanding.

At the outset of every endeavour, it is incumbent to look to the end of it. Of all the arts and sciences, set the children to studying those which will result in advantage to man, will ensure his progress and elevate his rank. Thus the noisome odours of lawlessness will be dispelled, and thus through the high endeavours of the nation's leaders, all will live cradled, secure and in peace.

The Great Being saith: The learned of the day must direct the people to acquire those branches of knowledge which are of use, that both the learned themselves and the generality of mankind may derive benefits therefrom. Such academic pursuits as begin and end in words alone have never been and will never be of any worth. The majority of Persia's learned doctors devote all their lives to the study of a philosophy the ultimate yield of which is nothing but words.

It is incumbent upon them who are in authority to exercise moderation in all things. Whatsoever passeth beyond the limits of moderation will cease to exert a beneficial influence. Consider for instance such things as liberty, civilization and the like. However much men of understanding may favourably regard them, they will, if carried to excess, exercise a pernicious influence upon men.

If this point were to be expounded an elaborate explanation would be required which, it is feared, might become tedious. It is the ardent hope of this lowly one that God—exalted be His glory—may grant all men that which is good. For he who is endowed therewith is the possessor of all things. The Great Being saith: The Tongue of Wisdom proclaimeth: He that hath Me not is bereft of all things. Turn ye away from all that is on earth and seek none else but Me. I am the Sun of Wisdom and the Ocean of Knowledge. I cheer the faint and revive the dead. I am the guiding Light that illumineth the way. I am the royal Falcon on the arm of the Almighty. I unfold the drooping wings of every broken bird and start it on its flight.

Section 2: "And likewise He saith: The heaven of true…"

And likewise He saith: The heaven of true understanding shineth resplendent with the light of two luminaries: tolerance and righteousness.

O my friend! Vast oceans lie enshrined within this brief saying. Blessed are they who appreciate its value, drink deep therefrom and grasp its meaning, and woe betide the heedless. This lowly one entreateth the people of the world to observe fairness, that their tender, their delicate and precious hearing which hath been created to hearken unto the words of wisdom may be freed from impediments and from such allusions, idle fancies or vain imaginings as 'cannot fatten nor appease the hunger', so that the true Counsellor may be graciously inclined to set forth that which is the source of blessing for mankind and of the highest good for all nations.

At present the light of reconciliation is dimmed in most countries and its radiance extinguished while the fire of strife and disorder hath been kindled and is blazing fiercely. Two great powers who regard themselves as the founders and leaders of civilization and the framers of constitutions have risen up against the followers of the Faith associated with Him Who conversed with God. Be ye warned, O men of

understanding. It ill beseemeth the station of man to commit tyranny; rather it behoveth him to observe equity and be attired with the raiment of justice under all conditions. Beseech ye the One true God that He may, through the power of the hand of loving kindness and spiritual education, purge and purify certain souls from the defilement of evil passions and corrupt desires, that they may arise and unloose their tongues for the sake of God, that perchance the evidences of injustice may be blotted out and the splendour of the light of justice may shed its radiance upon the whole world. The people are ignorant, and they stand in need of those who will expound the truth.

The Great Being saith: The man of consummate learning and the sage endowed with penetrating wisdom are the two eyes to the body of mankind. God willing, the earth shall never be deprived of these two greatest gifts. That which hath been set forth and will be revealed in the future is but a token of this Servant's ardent desire to dedicate Himself to the service of all the kindreds of the earth.

O my friend! In all circumstances one should seize upon every means which will promote security and tranquillity among the peoples of the world. The Great Being saith: In this glorious Day whatever will purge you from corruption and will lead you towards peace and composure, is indeed the Straight Path.

Please God, the peoples of the world may be led, as the result of the high endeavours exerted by their rulers and the wise and learned amongst men, to recognize their best interests. How long will humanity persist in its waywardness? How long will injustice continue? How long is chaos and confusion to reign amongst men? How long will discord agitate the face of society?

This humble servant is filled with wonder, inasmuch as all men are endowed with the capacity to see and hear, yet we find them deprived of the privilege of using these faculties. This servant hath been prompted to pen these lines by virtue of the tender love he cherisheth for thee. The winds of despair are, alas, blowing from every direction, and strife that divideth and afflicteth the human race is daily increasing. The signs of impending convulsions and chaos can now be discerned, inasmuch as the prevailing order appeareth to be lamentably defective. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, that He may graciously awaken the peoples of the earth, may grant that the end of their conduct may be profitable unto them, and aid them to accomplish that which beseemeth their station.

Were man to appreciate the greatness of his station and the loftiness of his destiny he would manifest naught save goodly character, pure deeds, and a seemly and praiseworthy conduct. If the learned and wise men of goodwill were to impart guidance unto the people, the whole earth would be regarded as one country. Verily this is the undoubted truth. This servant appealeth to every diligent and enterprising soul to exert his utmost endeavour and arise to rehabilitate the conditions in all regions and to quicken the dead with the living waters of wisdom and utterance, by virtue of the love he cherisheth for God, the One, the Peerless, the Almighty, the Beneficent.

No man of wisdom can demonstrate his knowledge save by means of words. This showeth the significance of the Word as is affirmed in all the Scriptures, whether of former times or more recently. For it is through its potency and animating spirit that the people of the world have attained so eminent a position. Moreover words and utterances should be both impressive and penetrating. However, no word

will be infused with these two qualities unless it be uttered wholly for the sake of God and with due regard unto the exigencies of the occasion and the people.

The Great Being saith: Human utterance is an essence which aspireth to exert its influence and needeth moderation. As to its influence, this is conditional upon refinement which in turn is dependent upon hearts which are detached and pure. As to its moderation, this hath to be combined with tact and wisdom as prescribed in the Holy Scriptures and Tablets.

Every word is endowed with a spirit, therefore the speaker or expounder should carefully deliver his words at the appropriate time and place, for the impression which each word maketh is clearly evident and perceptible. The Great Being saith: One word may be likened unto fire, another unto light, and the influence which both exert is manifest in the world. Therefore an enlightened man of wisdom should primarily speak with words as mild as milk, that the children of men may be nurtured and edified thereby and may attain the ultimate goal of human existence which is the station of true understanding and nobility. And likewise He saith: One word is like unto springtime causing the tender saplings of the rose-garden of knowledge to become verdant and flourishing, while another word is even as a deadly poison. It behoveth a prudent man of wisdom to speak with utmost leniency and forbearance so the the sweetness of his words may induce everyone to attain that which befitteth man's station.

O friend of mine! The Word of God is the king of words and its pervasive influence is incalculable. It hath ever dominated and will continue to dominate the realm of being. The Great Being saith: The Word is the master key for the whole world, inasmuch as through its potency the doors of the hearts of men, which in reality are the doors of heaven, are unlocked. No sooner had but a glimmer of its effulgent splendour shone forth upon the mirror of love than the blessed word 'I am the Best-Beloved' was reflected therein. It is an ocean inexhaustible in riches, comprehending all things. Every thing which can be perceived is but an emanation therefrom. High, immeasurably high is this sublime station, in whose shadow moveth the essence of loftiness and splendour, wrapt in praise and adoration.

Methinks people's sense of taste hath, alas, been sorely affected by the fever of negligence and folly, for they are found to be wholly unconscious and deprived of the sweetness of His utterance. How regrettable indeed that man should debar himself from the fruits of the tree of wisdom while his days and hours pass swiftly away. Please God, the hand of divine power may safeguard all mankind and direct their steps towards the horizon of true understanding.

Verily our Lord of Mercy is the Helper, the Knowing, the Wise.

I would like to add that thy second letter which had been sent from Jerusalem hath been received and that which thou hadst written and set forth therein was perused and read in His presence. He bade me write as follows:

O Maqsud! We have heard thy voice and perceived the sighing and lamentation thou didst raise in thy longing and eagerness. Praised be God! The sweet savours of love could be inhaled from every word thereof. Please God, this bounty may last for ever. The servant-in-attendance recited the verses thou hast composed. Thy name is often mentioned in the presence of this Wronged One and the glances of Our loving kindness and compassion are directed towards thee.

Great is the station of man. Great must also be his endeavours for the rehabilitation of the world and the well-being of nations. I beseech the One true God to graciously confirm thee in that which beseemeth man's station.

Be thou guided by wisdom under all conditions, inasmuch as persons who harbour evil motives have been and are still diligently engaged in intriguing. Gracious God! Unto that immeasurably exalted Being Who seeketh naught but to foster the spirit of love and fellowship amongst men, and to revive the world and ennoble its life, they have imputed such charges as the tongue and the pen are ashamed to recount.

We have remembered thee and make mention of thee now. We entreat Him—exalted is His glory—to protect thee with the hands of might and power and enable thee to recognize that which will serve thy best interests both in this world and in the next. He is the Lord of Mankind, the Possessor of the Throne on High and of the world below. No God is there besides Him, the Omnipotent, the Powerful. God grant that this Wronged One may observe fidelity. He hath not forgotten nor will He ever forget thee.

Thou hast mentioned thine intention to stay in Damascus until spring, then to proceed to Mosul, should the means be forthcoming. This lowly servant entreateth God—exalted is His glory—to provide such means as is deemed expedient, and to aid thee. He is Potent and Powerful.

Although all the inhabitants of this region have been treated with the utmost kindness, yet no evidence of fellowship can be discerned from them. Thou shouldst observe much tact and wisdom, for they seek at all times to cavil at and deny the Cause. May the One true God grant them equity.

Concerning thine own affairs, if thou wouldst content thyself with whatever might come to pass it would be praiseworthy. To engage in some profession is highly commendable, for when occupied with work one is less likely to dwell on the unpleasant aspects of life. God willing thou mayest experience joy and radiance, gladness and exultation in any city or land where thou mayest happen to sojourn. This lowly servant will never forget that distinguished and kind friend. He hath remembered and will continue to remember thee. The decree lieth with God, the Lord of all worlds. I fain would hope He may vouchsafe divine assistance and grant confirmation in that which is pleasing and acceptable unto Him.

Every word of thy poetry is indeed like unto a mirror in which the evidences of the devotion and love thou cherishest for God and His chosen ones are reflected. Well is it with thee who hast quaffed the choice wine of utterance and partaken of the soft flowing stream of true knowledge. Happy is he who hath drunk his fill and attained unto Him and woe betide the heedless. Its perusal hath truly proved highly impressive, for it was indicative of both the light of reunion and the fire of separation.

Far be it from us to despair at any time of the incalculable favours of God, for if it were His wish He could cause a mere atom to be transformed into a sun and a single drop into an ocean. He unlocketh thousands of doors, while man is incapable of conceiving even a single one.

So heedless is this servant that with words such as these he seeketh to vindicate the supreme power of God—exalted be His glory. I implore pardon of God, the Most Great, for these assertions and affirm that this servant at all times recognizeth his grievous trespasses and misdeeds. He entreateth remission of his sins from the ocean of the forgiveness of his Lord, the Most Exalted, and beggeth for that which will make

him wholly devoted to God and enable him to utter His praise, turn himself toward Him and to put his whole trust in Him. Verily He is the Potent, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Praised be God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing.

This lowly one hath read the descriptions of the dialogue with the traveller which thou hast recounted in thy letter to my Lord, may my life be offered up for His sake. The explanations which were set forth awaken the people from the slumber of heedlessness. Indeed the actions of man himself breed a profusion of satanic power. For were men to abide by and observe the divine teachings, every trace of evil would be banished from the face of the earth. However, the widespread differences that exist among mankind and the prevalence of sedition, contention, conflict and the like are the primary factors which provoke the appearance of the satanic spirit. Yet the Holy Spirit hath ever shunned such matters. A world in which naught can be perceived save strife, quarrels and corruption is bound to become the seat of the throne, the very metropolis, of Satan.

How vast the number of the loved and chosen ones of God who have lamented and moaned by day and by night that haply a sweet and fragrant breeze might blow from the court of His good-pleasure and dispel altogether the loathsome and foul-smelling odours from the world. However, this ultimate goal could not be attained, and men were deprived thereof by virtue of their evil deeds, which brought upon them the retribution of God, in accordance with the basic principles of His divine rule. Ours is the duty to remain patient in these circumstances until relief be forthcoming from God, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

Magnified be Thy Name, O Lord of all beings and Desire of all created things! I beseech Thee, by the Word which hath caused the Burning Bush to lift up its Voice and the Rock to cry out, whereby the well-favoured have hastened to attain the court of Thy presence and the pure in heart the dayspring of the light of Thy countenance, and by the sighing of Thy true lovers in their separation from Thy chosen ones and by the lamentation of them that long to behold Thy face before the dawning splendour of the light of Thy Revelation, to graciously enable Thy servants to recognize what Thou hast ordained for them by Thy bounty and Thy grace. Prescribe for them then through Thy Pen of Glory that which will direct their steps to the ocean of Thy generosity and will lead them unto the living waters of Thy heavenly reunion.

O Lord! Look not at the things they have wrought, rather look unto the loftiness of Thy celestial bounty which hath preceded all created things, visible and invisible. O Lord! Illumine their hearts with the effulgent light of Thy knowledge and brighten their eyes with the shining splendour of the day-star of Thy favours.

I entreat Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens, by the blood spilt in Thy Path, and by the heads carried aloft on spears for the sake of Thy love, and by the souls that have melted in their separation from Thy loved ones, and by the hearts broken for the exaltation of Thy Word, to grant that the dwellers of Thy realm may unite together in their allegiance to Thine incomparable Word so that they may all acknowledge Thy unity and Thy oneness. There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Most Exalted, the Knowing, the Wise.

I fain would hope that He Who is the All-Sufficing, the Inaccessible, may heed the solicitation of this lowly servant, may attire the people of the world with the raiment of goodly deeds and purge them from evil

inclinations. He is the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Wise, the All-Perceiving. He heareth and seeth; He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

BH04058: The Most Great Book declares: The world hath been…

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing

The Most Great Book declares: The world hath been and continues to be darkened by the breaths of the oppressors. The promised Truth is manifest and uttereth the most exalted call, yet all remain veiled and heedless save those souls whom the veils of idle fancies have not prevented from the dawnings of the lights of certitude. The source and origin of tyranny have been the divines. Through the sentences pronounced by these haughty and wayward souls the rulers of the earth have wrought that which ye have heard. The Jewish divines pronounced sentence for the crucifixion of the Spirit (Christ), and the divines of the idolaters, the Torah and the Gospel for the murder of the Lord of all beings in the land of Sad.

Consider how through the verdict of certain divines there befell the Twin Luminous Lights that which caused the Apostle to lament and the Chaste One to cry out. The reins of the heedless masses have been and are in the hands of the exponents of idle fancies and vain imaginings. These decree what they please. God, verily, is clear of them, and We, too, are clear of them, as are such as have testified unto that which the Pen of the Most High hath spoken in this glorious Station. Today steadfastness is accounted among the most meritorious of deeds. Hold ye fast unto it, O people of Baha, and be not of the heedless ones. Convey to the friends in that land the greetings of the Wronged One, and gladden them all with His remembrance, that haply they may attain unto and hold fast unto that which is everlasting and enduring.

Say: Verily He heareth what your tongues utter and seeth what ye do. The glory from Us be upon the friends of God and His loved ones who have cast the world behind their backs and held fast unto the Most Great Name, which proclaimeth: “There is none other God but Me, the All-Uttering, the All-Knowing.”

BH06009: He who is the Manifest, the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing

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The Day of God which was mentioned in the books, scriptures, psalms and tablets, and which was promised by the Supreme Pen, hath appeared with utmost brilliance, yet none hath recognized it save whom God hath willed. The Cause is mighty great. God willing, through the bounty of the True One, exalted be His glory, the people of that land shall not be deprived and shall receive their portion from the ocean of divine verses.

This is a provision that will forever accompany man—the passage of time will not alter it, nor will worldly events affect it. Blessed is he who hath gained in the days of God, and woe unto him who hath lost and was among the heedless. God willing, thou shalt ever be aflame with the fire of the love of God and illumined by the light of His knowledge. Verily, He is with those who love Him and whom He loveth—to this testifieth His perspicuous Book which is with Him.

We send from this spot Our greetings unto thee and unto those who have believed in that land, and We give them the glad-tidings of God's mercy, His grace, His bounty and His favors. Verily, He is the Protector of those who do good. The Glory be upon thee and upon God's sincere servants. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH07197: The hidden and treasured Mystery hath appeared before all…

In the Name of the Wronged One, the Stranger

The hidden and treasured Mystery hath appeared before all faces, calling aloud and saying: The Promised One hath come with such sovereignty that all the hosts of the earth combined cannot withstand Him. To this beareth witness every discerning soul. God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come with the Mother Book is verily the One mentioned by the tongues of the Messengers. O Ja'far! Hearken unto the Call from the direction of the Most Great Scene, wherein the Wronged One calleth and summoneth humanity unto the Lord of Destiny, through Whom every hidden matter hath been revealed and every wise remembrance hath come to light. Beware lest the affairs of the world hold thee back from the Lord of all mankind.

Take hold of the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him, then read it among the sincere ones. Thus hath the Cock of the Throne crowed forth in this Station which hath been named with the Most Beautiful Names by One Who is the Mighty, the Ancient. Glory be upon the people of glory who were not prevented by the might of the world from His Straight Path. Upon them pray the Concourse on High and those who circle round the Throne, by the command of One Who is the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

BH07791: He is the Speaker and I am the Hearer…

He is the Speaker and I am the Hearer. Say: O people! By God, the Torah hath testified to Him to Whom even the pebbles have borne witness, and the Gospel crieth out unto the Glorious Lord, and the Qur'an proclaimeth the advent of the All-Merciful, and the Bayan circleth round the Throne. Yet the people remain wrapped in a thick veil. Verily, they who have turned away have in truth turned away from God throughout all ages. To this testifieth he who hath been granted insight from his Lord, the Mighty, the Wise. We have manifested the Cause in such wise that the world hath acknowledged it, and whoso harboureth rancour from thy Lord is in manifest opposition. They make mention of God at morn and eventide, yet deny Him through Whom the fountains of wisdom have gushed forth amongst all creatures and the kingdom of names hath appeared to all who are in heaven and on earth. Say: Every name that hath turned away from God in this Revelation is assuredly among the perishing ones. We have sent down concerning every matter that which hath brought solace to the eyes of them that are nigh unto God. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH07726: In the Name of the Bayan! The Day…

In the Name of the Bayan! The Day of God hath come and the Calamity hath appeared at the Gate, and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Lord of Lords. They that have turned away and objected—these are the companions of the Fire, as recorded in the Books and Tablets. The countenance of the world hath

smiled at the appearance of the Most Great Name, yet the people remain in heedlessness and error. Among them are those who cling to vain imaginings, and those who circle round the fly, and those who say “He is mentioned in the Bayan.” Say: There is nothing fresh or withered but is recorded in a Book. By God! The Bayan hath been honored by My Name, and the horizon of the world hath been illumined by the Light that shineth from this Station. Every seeing one hath won the lights of the Countenance, and every hearing one this Call that hath been raised from God, the Lord of all beings. Say: O people! Arise from the slumber of passion and turn unto the Most Exalted Horizon—this is better for you, if ye be of the people of the Path. We have remembered thee that thou mayest thank God, thy Lord, the Cleaver of the Dawn.

BH07466: Praise be to God that through the grace…

He is the Truth, there is no God but Him.

Praise be to God that through the grace of the True One, exalted be His glory, thou hast attained. Today it is incumbent upon all to beseech God, exalted be His glory, that perchance He may grant strength to the followers of His manifest Religion and protect them from the evil of the deniers and the turning away of those who have turned aside.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven! I beseech Thee by the Word through which Thou didst create all contingent beings and brought forth all existing things, to assist me to be steadfast in Thy love. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning unto Thee and directing my face toward the horizon of Thy grace. Take hold of my hand through Thy power and might. O my Lord! I am the weak one who hath clung to the cord of Thy strength; preserve me through Thy bounty and sovereignty from whatsoever is unworthy of Thy presence. Then grant me, from the hands of Thy bestowal, the Kawthar of Thy good-pleasure. Verily Thou art the One with power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH07575: Blessed is He Who hath come with mighty sovereignty…

He is the One Who stands supreme over His Cause

Blessed is He Who hath come with mighty sovereignty, whereby the back of infidelity was broken and living waters gushed forth. He is the One through Whom the seas appeared and the rivers flowed and every lofty mountain was made manifest. There hath not been a day except that the verses of God, the Lord of the worlds, were sent down therein. How many months did We withhold the Pen, yet the tongue was speaking the verses of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. And how many days was I silent while the Pen moved between the fingers of thy Lord, the Omnipotent. And in all conditions there was sent down from Our presence that which brought joy to the Concourse on High and caused every distant idolator to lament. Verily the seeing one beholdeth what hath appeared in creation and the hearing one heareth My call, the Mighty, the Wondrous. We have turned from Our most exalted horizon toward those who have sought the ultimate goal, and We have mentioned them as a favor from Us, and I am verily the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

BH08344: My Most Exalted Pen hath testified that there…

He is the Manifest, the Speaker, the Witnessed One.

My Most Exalted Pen hath testified that there is none other God but Him, and the Tongue hath testified in its Most Glorious Station that the Promise hath been fulfilled and the Promised One hath come with manifest sovereignty. All things have testified to that which the Lord of Names hath testified, yet most of the people remain heedless. They hear the verses and deny them, and they behold the lights of the Countenance yet conceal them, having followed every doubting learned one. How many learned ones have veiled themselves, and how many ignorant ones have turned to God, the Lord of all worlds! Say: Glory be to Thee, O Thou through Whom the Dove of the Cause hath warbled upon the branches, and through Whose Name the religions have been raised up! I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that neither the doubts of the learned nor the allusions of the mystics shall keep me back. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

BH09010: A book sent down in truth, giving glad tidings…

In His Name that hath dominion over all names

A book sent down in truth, giving glad tidings to all of a Book that speaks in the world and calls the peoples to God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. We have observed your turning to Us and We have turned to you from this Station wherefrom the Tongue of Grandeur proclaims: “There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Loving.” Be thankful unto God that thou hast been mentioned by My Most Exalted Pen in this praiseworthy station. The clamor has been raised and the Tablets of Fire have appeared—this is what We had formerly announced to all, as attested by honored servants. Cast aside vain imaginings to their people, then turn with the name of thy Lord, the Possessor of existence, to the horizon of certitude. Thus has the Tongue spoken in the Kingdom of utterance. Blessed is he who has heard, and woe unto every heedless and veiled one.

BH09554: The Tongue of Grandeur speaketh, yet the people hear…

He is the One Who ariseth through My Name, the All-Powerful

The Tongue of Grandeur speaketh, yet the people hear not. Verily the Spirit giveth glad tidings to the servants, yet the people turn not unto it. They have taken their idols and cast aside the Truth. The Knower of the unseen remindeth them through the Book of God, yet they perceive not. My Most Exalted Pen maketh them aware, yet they turn away from it. We have sent down verses in such measure that every learned enumerator hath failed to reckon them. Every day We have called them unto God, and every night We have revealed unto them that which hath caused the hearts of the mystics to soar. We behold those who follow vain imaginings and those who have drawn nigh unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Each faction rejoiceth in that which it possesseth, yet God is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing, the Ordainer, the All-Wise. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH09527: This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent…

He is the One dawning from the horizon of utterance.

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down for all who are in the realm of possibility, that it may draw them to a station where they hear in the rustling of its trees what the Son of Imran heard on the Mount of Knowledge. Verily, those who have heard the Call and responded—upon them shall the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise send their blessings at eventide and at dawn. Beware lest the veils of names withhold you from their Owner and their Sovereign. Leave behind what ye possess and take what hath been given you from God, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Hearken unto My call: verily the Wronged One remembereth thee from the precincts of the Prison and summoneth thee to the Dayspring of verses. Hold fast to the cord of steadfastness, then drink the choice wine of inner meanings in the name of thy Lord, the Master of all beings.

BH00750: Praise be to God alone, and peace and blessings…

He is God, exalted be His Station, His Grandeur and His Power

Praise be to God alone, and peace and blessings be upon Him through Whom was the beginning and in Whom was the end, Who was the Manifestation of these words “He is the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden,” and upon His family and companions through whom was revealed the Path of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, and through whom the tongue of the All-Merciful uttered the words “Verily we are God’s and to Him shall we return.”

To continue: the letter of that spiritual beloved has arrived, indicating several matters which that honored one had in mind. When these were presented before His Holiness [the Master]—may the souls of all in the invisible and visible worlds be sacrificed for His sake—He commanded: Write to him: “O Ghulam! Some of what thou hast said is correct and some incorrect. We do not accept all of it. The praiseworthy attributes, praise be to God, have been and are manifold. Hearken, that We may tell thee: Thou didst hear the call of the Herald, and didst turn toward the Friend’s sanctuary, and wert favored with an answer, and didst circumambulate, and wert honored with the remembrance of the Friend. Yes, man is prone to forgetfulness and error, but every dust is and shall be cleansed by the water of sanctification, and every transgression has been and shall be effaced by the water of forgiveness, for God, exalted be His glory, is the All-Bountiful, the All-Merciful, the All-Kind, the All-Forgiving, the All-Seeing, the Answerer of Prayer.

God willing, from the boundless ocean of His generosity, He hath forgiven and will forgive thee and the friends. He is the All-Bountiful One before Whose generosity all the world and its treasures are mere nothingness and utter void. In any case, We have recorded as good deeds the two equal shortcomings which thou hadst written of. And as for morals, We beseech Him to adorn them with a spirit gentle, pure, holy, God-fearing and radiant. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth, and in His grasp are the reins of the heavens and the earth. Say:

“Glory be unto Thee, O my God and the God of all things, my Sovereign and the Sovereign of all who are in the kingdom of names! I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thou didst change fire into light,

and prison into paradise, and sorrow into joy, and grief into delight, and darkness into light, that Thou mayest ordain for me by Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will adorn me with the ornament of Thy will, O Lord of all names! Thou art He Who created me and sustained me and nurtured me by the hands of Thy tender mercy until I grew up in Thy kingdom and Thou didst cause me to know Thy straight path and Thy mighty and great highway. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, my Creator and my Provider, that Thou deprive me not of that which Thou lovest, nor withhold from me that which Thou hast chosen. Make me, then, in all conditions, content with Thy good-pleasure and clinging to the cord of Thy loving care. O Lord! I am the poor one, the lowly, the wretched, the abject, and Thou art the All-Sufficient, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful, the Almighty, the All-Potent." End.

Mention of the group was made, and favor was manifest towards each one. God willing, may all be joyous and cognizant of the worth of their day and station. On behalf of this evanescent one, convey mention and greetings to each one. God willing, may they attain to God's grace, God's mercy, God's good-pleasure and God's favor.

Praise be to God, your letter brought a smile to the Beloved's face and was the cause of joy. As commanded, say to Jinab-i-Aqa Lutfu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God:

> "Dear father, he attained to God's favor and at the time of his ascension and advancement, God's grace encompassed him. By My life, verily he is in the highest companionship and beholds at every moment the favor of God, the Lord of the worlds."

God, exalted be His glory, is great and generous—the world displays His bounty and the seas are a sign of His grace. We beseech Him to forgive you and remit your sins and adorn you with the ornament of His mercy which has preceded existence in both the unseen and visible realms. Be not grieved—this is the time for joy. Hold fast to the cord of His favor, be confident in His grace and stand firm in His love. These three became four—mention was multiplied but sanctified beyond number. Be grateful and among those who render thanks.

Praise befitteth and is worthy of the King of all worshipped beings Who, through a single revelation of the word "I am the Lord," made countless servants to appear. He bestowed favor, He created, He granted knowledge, He conferred understanding, and adorned all with the crown of wisdom that they might know Him and attain to His purpose. Blessed is the seeing, hearing one who saw and heard, and woe to the blind and deaf who were deprived and excluded. And blessings and peace be upon His chosen one and the best of His creation, the beginning of His Cause and the seal of His utterance, through whose Book books were ended and through whose presence messengers were concluded, and upon his family and companions whom God made lamps of guidance among creation and suns of justice in the kingdom—they through whom trembling seized the inhabitants of the realms of unbelief and earthquakes the people of misbelief and remoteness.

Further, some time ago your letter arrived and became the cause of countless sorrows. Details were submitted and He said:

O Rida! Has your ear not attained to the blessed word "Give glad tidings to the patient ones"? Have you not found and perceived the sweetness of patience and forbearance in the path of the Peerless Friend?

He says “and the patient in adversity and affliction and in time of conflict.” Hear the call of the Wronged One and be content with what He has ordained and give thanks for His consummate wisdom. None is aware—oftentimes from pain He brings forth a hundred thousand comforts, and from illness He produces health. Have you not seen how He transformed the prison into paradise? Have you not heard how He made poison sweeter and more pleasant than honey? Were it not that heedlessness encompassed some who are unaware of the ocean of knowledge and were occupied with their own doings, you would now behold all these regions illumined and honored with the light of glory, wealth, riches, comfort and grandeur. What was destined has come to pass, and command belongeth unto God, the Lord of all names. End.

Praise be unto God! Such bounty hath been observed and is being observed that it needeth not mention by this servant. If thou wert thirsty, thou hast attained unto the water of utterance; if thou wert hungry, thou hast gained access to the heavenly table; and if thou wert seeking, thou hast heard the call of the Sought One. God willing, thou shalt at all times gain access to the Kawthar of utterance and the table of the All-Merciful, and be freed and delivered from aught else but the Truth. The Glory be upon thee and upon Inayatu’llah and his mother and his sister, and upon all who seek to tread the Path. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Beautiful!

This evanescent one’s petition to your honour is this: that his honour Aqa ʿAli-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of Power, is present in that land. God willing, in whatsoever place or station he may be, may he be adorned with the ornament of health, certitude and tranquility. Convey my greetings to him and say that in these days, praise be to God, news of the well-being of the friends in your lands hath been received. All are joyous and occupied with the remembrance of God. Beseech God, exalted be His glory, that He may grant success unto all the peoples of the earth and bestow upon them a portion from the ocean of His generosity. In these days, observe justice like unto a sparrow and tyranny like unto a falcon. What power hath the sparrow to spread its wings and soar in his presence, let alone to learn and to teach? The Command is in the hand of God, the Lord of all worlds. Praise be to God, the Master of the Day of Judgment.

The letters arrived tonight, and in haste, in the first chamber of the building, they live. What the hand of destiny shall bring forth tomorrow, God alone knoweth. However, this much we submit: that it was accepted before His presence. Blessed art thou, and he, and I.

BH00090: Praise be unto Him Who hath illumined the world…

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 unto Him Who hath illumined the world with the lights of His Most Great Name, that He might make known unto the peoples that which draweth them nigh unto Him through His grace. Blessed is the eye that hath beheld the lights, the ear that hath heard the mysteries, the face that hath turned towards Him, the heart that hath accepted Him, the tongue that hath spoken, the hand that hath grasped, and the foot that hath arisen to serve the Cause on this Day wherein every hidden thing hath been revealed,

every treasured thing brought forth, every realm thrown into commotion, and every mighty foundation made to tremble. Glory and praise be upon those who have not broken the Covenant and who have traversed the horizons out of love for God, the Lord of the worlds. These are servants who have aided the Cause of God, who have spoken His praise and who have spread His firm and mighty Cause.

And further: it is submitted that thy letters dated the first of Dhi'l-Qa'dah, the fifth of Muharram, and the eighth of Muharram all arrived in one envelope. As they all testified to thy humility, submissiveness, steadfastness and service in the path of God, they brought the utmost joy and gladness. God willing, mayest thou ever remain occupied with the mention and praise of the Truth and steadfast in service. After being apprised of their contents, they were presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, and after permission was granted, the details were submitted. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

He is the Dawning-Place from the horizon of utterance

O Abu'l-Hasan! Thy petitions have attained the honor of being heard. God willing, mayest thou ever remain steadfast, firm and upright. The Supreme Pen beareth witness to thy acceptance, recognition, obedience and service, and this testimony sufficeth. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord, the All-Seeing, the All-Informed. O Abu'l-Hasan! The face of the world is changing. For the sake of the religion of God, hardly anything remaineth among the people. They worship the idols of vain imaginings and are heedless of the Truth, exalted be His glory. Whosoever in this day hath attained unto recognition and steadfastness is reckoned among the people of truth and is mentioned by the Concourse on High; all others are as non-existent and as naught. Each day strange and wondrous tribulations appear, yet none taketh notice. In truth, divine wrath hath encompassed all. We beseech the True One to assist all and make them aware.

We make mention of My loved ones in that place who have clung to the hem of thy Lord's mercy, the All-Bountiful. Say: O people of Baha! Strive ye and hold fast unto that which is befitting this Day. Guide the people through deeds and conduct, and give them to drink of the water of true knowledge. In the watches of the night and throughout the day, the Supreme Pen is occupied with the mention of souls who have accepted the Faith. The comprehension of this station is hidden, for were the loved ones of God to catch its fragrance and become aware of its loftiness and sublimity, they would all assuredly arise to do that which God loveth. From this station We send Our glorification upon their faces and We bid them to that which will exalt the Cause of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. We make mention of My handmaidens who have attained unto My sealed wine. Upon them, both men and women, be the glory of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Convey My glorification to the handmaidens of God who are related to thee, give them the glad-tidings of the favors of God, exalted be His glory, and make them joyous.

Praise be to God! Through the grace of the True One, Who hath no peer or equal, thou art blessed. Thou didst mention those friends of God who, praise be to God, are illumined by the rays of the Sun of Truth and are steadfast and firm in the Divine Cause. This brought boundless joy, and when it was presented before the Ancient Beauty, He was seen to smile. In truth, if at all times they hold fast to unity and harmony, assuredly the light of concord will illumine the horizons and the flame of unity will ignite the hearts. Praise be to God, the river of mercy flows from the right hand of the Throne. God willing, the trees

of existence have attained and will attain their portion. This is that water of which He saith, “And from water We made all things living.” A hundred thousand thanks that thy letter brought that which caused joy, gladness and delight. Some time ago, a detailed letter was written and sent to thee and also to Aqa Muhammad-Hasan, upon him be 96 [Baha’u’llah], who was bearing the blessed Tablets. God willing, it hath arrived and its lights have encompassed all hearts.

As to thy mention that Ibn-i-Ismu’llah-i-Asdaq, Aqa Mirza Asadu’llah, and Aqa Mirza Haydar-ʿAli, upon them be the Glory of God, are engaged in serving the Cause and specifically intend to travel to various regions for teaching—when this was presented, He said: “Excellent is what they have done.” May God, exalted be His glory, through His wondrous grace and bounty, make people ready to hearken unto the blessed Word, that they may hear from them and turn to the highest horizon. The Command is in His hands; He guideth whom He willeth through His grace, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

Regarding thy mention of Aqa Mirza Husayn from the people of Ta and Fa, upon him be the Glory of God, God willing, may he be assisted and enkindled. The servant beseecheth his Lord to strengthen him to remain steadfast in what he was, and to grant him in every moment the Kawthar of His bounty that he may drink thereof and be in such wise that neither the ranks of words nor their ornamentations prevent him from God, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Concerning Haji Mirza Zaynu’l-ʿAbidin B. R., upon him be the Glory of God, thou didst write that he watcheth over the affairs of the friends. Excellent is what he hath done in the path of God. God willing, may he be assisted and confirmed. If thou shouldst meet him later, convey greetings to him on behalf of this evanescent one.

Regarding what thou didst write about the Huqúqu’llah, the firm divine ordinance hath been revealed in the Book, and this matter dependeth upon the acceptance of the souls themselves, for God, exalted be His glory, looking to His previous mercy, hath informed all of what hath been prescribed in the Book. Blessed are they that act! Demanding it is not and hath never been beloved. Every matter should be accomplished with the utmost spirit and fragrance. From whomsoever accepteth with complete contentment and payeth it, accept it; otherwise, verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is independent of all worlds. Today one must hold fast to that which causeth the exaltation, elevation and glory of the Cause. Thus hath spoken the True One, the Knower of things unseen, aforetime, and the servant heard it with his own ear. O my beloved! If people were to perceive the sweetness of the divine commandments and their fruits, surely all would act upon them with the utmost eagerness and yearning. We beseech God to assist all to do what He loveth and is pleased with. Verily, He is the Helper, the Confirmer, the All-Wise.

Concerning what you mentioned about Aqa ʿAbdu’l-Karim, upon him be Baha’u’llah’s glory, his sincerity and devotion were presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. These decisive verses were revealed from the heaven of will—His word, exalted be His grandeur:

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing

Glorified be He Who hath appeared and hath manifested that which was recorded in the books of old by the Most Exalted Pen. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Mighty. We have mentioned those who have sought the ultimate goal and the highest summit, and We mention them as a token of Our grace. To this

testifieth every fair-minded and perceiving one. O ʿAbdu'l-Karim! Abu'l-Hasan hath mentioned thee in his letter. We have revealed for thee this wondrous Tablet. Blessed is the face that hath turned and the heart that hath advanced toward God, the Lord of the worlds. Be steadfast in the Path, firm in the Cause, and speak in praise of thy gracious Lord. Verily, He heareth the call and answereth, and He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Forgiving, the Merciful. Ask thou God to assist thee to remain steadfast in this mighty Cause and to aid thee to act in accordance with what He hath revealed in His wise Book—the Book at whose revelation the clouds have passed away, the breezes of revelation have wafted, the Bridge hath been set up, the Balance hath been established, and the nightingale hath warbled upon the branches. Dominion belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Praised One.

God willing, may they attain unto this Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablet and become fragrant with the sweet savors of its verses. Blessed is he who perceiveth the fragrance of his Lord's verses and is among the steadfast ones.

And concerning what you mentioned about Aqa ʿAli-Akbar Bey, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, it was presented before the Most Holy, Most Glorious, and Most Exalted Presence. This is what the Tongue of Unity hath spoken—His word, exalted be His grandeur: God willing, may they be blessed with divine favors. They have been mentioned before and after. Praise be to God, they have attained unto the mention of the Beloved of the worlds, and this is among God's greatest bounties. We, from this station, glorify him and give him glad tidings of mercy from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The honored Haji Siyyid ʿAli-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God and His favor, was mentioned in the Most Holy Presence, and what was given to them was mentioned, and praise be to God, it was accepted. Likewise regarding the mount that you have repeatedly written about, and that Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory, has also mentioned—it was written to them that you have explained the details. According to the command, whatever the friends of God give as a gift to be presented to the Presence, their wishes must be carried out so that the hearts of those who have turned to God and the minds of the sincere ones may not be clouded with grief. And whatever is given as Huquq, permission is granted for it to be sold. They commanded: Write to Abu'l-Hasan—in all matters, keep your gaze fixed on that which will exalt the Cause of God. This is the counsel of the Wronged One.

Therefore the aforementioned mount should reach the Most Holy Presence, and care should be taken that it not become impaired on the journey, as has happened before. On behalf of this evanescent one, convey greetings to the honorable Bey and other friends of God. God willing, may all remain firm as mountains, ablaze like fire, and luminous like light. Verily, bounty is in His hand—He giveth and withholdeth, and He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

As for what you wrote in your second letter, numbered 4 and dated the fifth of Muharram, concerning the details of the properties in the land of Kha, the decree regarding this had already been issued through divine grace, stating that gifts should be presented to the Most Holy Court, and whatever is in the name of Huquq, the honored Afnan—upon him be all the most glorious Baha—and your honor may arrange as deemed appropriate. Praise be to God, your gaze has been and continues to be fixed upon the Supreme Horizon, and you have attained unto the word of contentment, which is the greatest of all great matters.

Under all conditions, God willing, you have been and are seeking the exaltation of the Cause. Thus has spoken the Desired One, before and after. Verily, He is the Speaker, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Regarding what you wrote about the friends of God, that in every place and dwelling they have shown and continue to show you the utmost consideration—this detail was presented at the Most Holy Court, and each of these mentioned souls has been illumined by the lights of the Sun of Truth, and mention of them all has flowed from the tongue of Truth, exalted be His glory. Blessed are they, and theirs is a goodly return, and theirs is a goodly station, and theirs is the best in the Hereafter and in this world.

Concerning what you wrote about Muhammad-Qabli-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, praise be to God that he has been successful in serving the Cause. Previously, wondrous and exalted Tablets were revealed and sent specifically for him and his namesake, Ibn-i-Lat, whom you had mentioned. Likewise, this servant, according to his capacity and lowliness, sent him a letter. Additionally, divine, impregnable, and holy Tablets were sent specifically for some of the friends of Truth in their land. I beseech and hope from God, exalted be His glory, that He will assist them to preserve what has been bestowed upon them, that the conditions of creation will not render them idle, and that the coldness of the heedless souls will not cause them to become dispirited. That they appointed him as representative was acceptable, but in all cases they must observe the exaltation of the Cause. Demanding is not and has never been permissible. If any soul turns with the utmost spirit, fragrance and contentment to pay the Huquq, it should be accepted; otherwise, verily God is the Self-Sufficient, the Praiseworthy.

Section 2: "Consider what the All-Merciful has revealed…"

Consider what the All-Merciful has revealed in the Qur'an. His exalted Word states: "And among them he who wrongs his own soul, and among them he who follows a middle course, and among them he who outstrips others through good deeds." Whatever good becomes manifest, its benefit returns to the souls of those who act. Had they known, they would have hastened to good deeds. They have said: "Forsake the entire world, but forsake not even an atom of the exaltation of God's Cause." This is the divine counsel that has been inscribed by the Supreme Pen in the crimson scroll. Blessed are they who act accordingly.

Ask God to assist souls to do what befits the Day of God, that they may act with perfect contentment in accordance with what they have been commanded in God's Book. And regarding your mention of those souls who have been successful in paying the Huquq, this is from God's bounty to them and His favor upon them. Mention of each of them was presented at the Most Holy Court, and bounty was manifested and evident in relation to each one.

Concerning your mention of the honored Ali-Qabli-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of destiny; the honored Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be the glory of God; the honored Mahbubi, son of Ismu'llah-i-Asdaq, upon them both be all His most glorious glory; and the honored Aqa Mirza Haydar-ʿAli, upon him be the glory and favor of God—that they are all engaged in serving the Cause—this was presented. The sun of loving-kindness has ever been and continues to be shining upon them from the heaven of grace. Their letters have also been received. God willing, this servant shall succeed in responding to them, for now occupations have increased to such a degree that free time has become like

the legendary phoenix—spoken of but non-existent. May God, exalted be His glory, assist them and protect them from the burning fire of the heedless unbelievers. Verily, He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Regarding what you wrote about the honored Aqa Shaykh Sadiq, upon him be the glory of God, God willing may he be assisted in serving the Cause. Convey greetings from this servant to him and say: God willing, may you be successful in serving the Cause. Let not time slip away—this is the time for service, that is, teaching God's Cause with the wisdom which the All-Bestowing One hath revealed in the Book. God willing, may they succeed in that which shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Some time ago, a most mighty and holy Tablet was revealed specifically for him, and this servant, as commanded, made a copy from the original. Now it is being sent—deliver it to him. God willing, may they be gladdened by the fragrances of the verses and adorn the people with the ornament of life through the living waters. Convey greetings from this servant to the honored Mulla Husayn and say: Today is the day of steadfastness and the day of teaching. God willing, may they be assisted in that which He loveth and is pleased with.

Concerning your mention of the Land of Alif, those related to the honored Fath-i-A'zam, upon him be all the most glorious glory, have been and continue to be remembered before the Throne, and God's favor has been and continues to be directed towards them. This servant beseeches and hopes that God will assist them in preserving their stations. And regarding your mention of the honored Aqa Mirza Faraju'llah, this was presented before the Most Holy Court. This most mighty and exalted Tablet was revealed for him:

In the Name of the Forgiving, the Merciful

This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One while imprisoned in the hands of the heedless. Verily He came for the reformation of the world, yet the people opposed and objected until there befell Him that which caused the dwellers of the highest Paradise to lament. Thus did the Pen speak by the command of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. Give thanks unto God for having enabled thee to acknowledge that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in the world. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. We counsel thee and those who have believed to that whereby the Cause of God shall be uplifted amongst His creation. He is verily the Counselor, the Trustworthy. And We remember My loved ones there who were not held back by the intimations of the divines from this Great Announcement. When a crier crieth from among the criers, leave him behind you, turning unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Thus hath the Tongue spoken in the kingdom of utterance. Blessed is he who hath heard, and woe unto the heedless. O people of Baha! Upon you be the glory of God and upon those who have drunk the choice sealed wine from the cups of the words of their Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

And this is what was revealed for the honored Mulla Rida ʿAbabaf in Zavarih:

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

O loved ones of the All-Merciful in Za and Vav! Hearken to the call of the Wronged One. He summons you to God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, and gives you glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for you from the Supreme Pen, and reminds you of that which will assist you in this Cause from God, the Lord

of what was and what shall be. Blessed is the ear that hath attained unto the call of God, and the heart that hath turned to the praiseworthy station. Grieve not over the world and its hardships. By the life of God! The greatest joy hath been ordained for you, did ye but know it. The Day of Resurrection hath come, yet the people remain seated. The Day of Glory hath appeared, yet the people turn away from it.

O people of Baha! Ye were all created for goodly deeds, spiritual qualities, and the betterment of the world. God willing, through the grace of God, exalted be His glory, ye shall act in accordance with that which is befitting and meet in this day. Know ye your worth and preserve your stations through the name of the peerless Beloved. This blessed day hath no likeness or equal. God willing, may ye be assisted to perform such deeds as shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven.

Behold ye and remember when the Sacrifice proceeded to the place of offering and gave up his spirit by his own hand in the path of God, the Lord of Names. By the life of God! The Concourse on High welcomed him, and the tribes of the near ones descend upon his resting place at eventide and dawn. The glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon him and upon those whom the affairs of names prevented not from the Creator of heaven, who cast away the world and held fast to the Most Great Name, which proclaimeth that there is none other God but He, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O Rida! We have heard thy call and answered thee, and have witnessed thy turning and have turned unto thee from this noble station. Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having enabled me to turn unto Thee. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy Cause in all conditions. O Lord! Ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones, and decree for me that which shall profit me in the world to come and in this world. Verily Thou art the Lord of all beings. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

Praised be God that the souls mentioned in your letter have attained to matchless grace. God willing, may they drink from the hidden seas within the words of the Revealer of verses—such a draught that the affairs of the world shall not prevent them from the Lord of Eternity. May they ever be enkindled with the fire of love and illumined by the light of knowledge. The Command is in the hands of God, the Powerful, the Almighty.

As for what you wrote concerning Haji ʿAli-Akbar, there hath been revealed from the Kingdom of Utterance, specially for him and the other friends, that which cannot be equaled by heaven and earth. His word, exalted be His majesty:

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

O Most Exalted Pen! Thou hast mentioned My loved ones in Za and Vav, and now mention them once again. Verily, Thy grace encompasseth all created things, and Thou art the Generous, the Bountiful. Beware lest the affairs of the world stay thee. Move like lightning, nay with greater speed, by the leave of God, the Lord of all worlds. Blessed art thou, O Pen! I testify that thou hast not fallen short in any matter, having been remembering at all times. Thou hast been in constant motion, commemorating God and His loved ones at all times. The river of wisdom and utterance hath flowed from thee, and thy fragrance hath wafted between the heavens and the earth. Thou hast been with Me at all times and hast attained the presence in all conditions, and thou art the one who hath won My beautiful praise.

Say: O My loved ones! Rejoice in My remembrance, then remember the Wronged One Who hath been imprisoned in the land of exile through what the hands of the heedless have wrought. O ʿAli-Akbar! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee inasmuch as thou hast turned to God and held fast to His firm cord. Be steadfast in the Cause. Beware lest the clamor of the doubtful ones deter thee. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen spoken as a token of His grace, and He is the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

As for your mention of Aqa Siyyid Yusuf from the land of Husayn-Abad, upon him be the Glory of God, and his son Aqa Siyyid Husayn, it was presented before the Most Holy Court, and this blessed Tablet was revealed from the heaven of favor especially for them. His word, exalted be His majesty:

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

O Yusuf! The whole world hath awaited this Day, occupied with its remembrance throughout the nights and days. This is the Day that hath been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen as the Day of God in all divine Books, Tablets and Scriptures. Yet when the splendors of the dawn of God's Day appeared, all became heedless and arose in opposition and objection. The party that considered itself the best of all parties and would speak of hastening the advent of the Qa'im, ultimately pronounced the verdict for His death. O Yusuf! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and wholly purify and sanctify thine ears from former vain imaginings, that thou mayest attain to hearing the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and comprehend the cooing of the Dove of Eternity.

Great is the Day and great is the Cause. Strive, while time remaineth, to attain unto that which is everlasting and eternal. Blessed art thou and thy son who is named Husayn. We, from this station, send Our glorification upon thee and him, and We give you both glad tidings of My wondrous Tablet. The Glory be upon you both and upon those who have quaffed the choice wine of revelation from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Munificent, the Generous. We beseech for you both supreme steadfastness in this Cause, which when it appeared, every mighty pillar was shaken. End.

O My loved one! The verses, proofs, manifestations and signs have, by God besides Whom there is none other God, appeared in such wise that all tongues and pens are powerless to describe and express them. Now must ye supplicate with utmost humility and devotion to the Self-Sufficing Lord that He may not deprive the people, and that the crowing of the crows and the clamor of the deniers may not become a barrier. And as for the mention made of Aqa Siyyid Radi from Fath-Abad, it was presented before the most mighty and exalted Court, and this blessed Tablet was revealed especially for him. God willing, may he attain his goal and not remain deprived of the Kawthar of utterance.

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing.

Today every soul must ponder what hath been revealed and search with their own intellect and understanding, lest they be deprived of the effulgent rays of the Sun of Truth. The Truth hath ever been and shall forever remain distinct from aught else. The opposition of the opposers and denial of the deniers hath never mattered and never shall, for in every age and cycle when the Luminary of Truth appeared, the divines, mystics and princes rose up in opposition and exerted their utmost to extinguish the divine light. Consider the advent of Christ—what the Jewish divines inflicted upon Him was greater

than what any had suffered before. Likewise observe what the idolatrous priests and those learned in the Gospel wreaked upon the Seal of the Prophets.

I swear by the Sun of Truth that what was visited upon Him caused the Concourse on High to raise their lamentations. In light of this, the discerning soul should not cling to people's opposition and objections, thereby depriving themselves of the Truth. O Rady, God willing thou shalt observe with thine own eyes and ponder with utmost fairness upon what hath been manifested, that perchance the hand of bounty may take hold of thee, deliver thee from the depths of doubt and fancy, and guide thee to the dawn of certitude. Verily He guideth whom He willeth unto His straight path. All praise be to God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. End.

Section 3: "And likewise thy other letter dated the eighth…"

And likewise thy other letter dated the eighth of Muharram arrived like a rose. In truth, as it was adorned with the mention of God and His praise, the musk-like fragrance of inner meanings wafted from it. It was a flower that reminded the lovers of the springtime days of divine knowledge. God willing, may thou ever be occupied with the mention of Truth and attain His bounty.

Regarding the mention of Aqa Muhammad Ibrahim in the land of Qaf and Mim, the beloved Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], had mentioned him. A Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was specifically revealed and sent to him. God willing, may he drink cup after cup of recognition from the divine Tablet and strive to adorn the dead world with the ornament of life through the outpourings of the ocean of inner meanings. This is not difficult for God.

The mention of the honored cotton-carders, upon them be the Glory of God, has been made repeatedly. Praise be to God, they are recipients of the bounties of the All-Bountiful Lord. Their mention hath been and is before the Most Holy Court. And regarding what thou wrote about the funds that the aforementioned ones gave to the honored mother of the sanctuary, upon her be the Glory of God and His bounty, before and after—well done to them, then again well done to them. They themselves wrote the details from the land of K. If thou meetest the brothers, namely the honored cotton-carders, upon them be the Glory of God, convey greetings on behalf of this evanescent one.

And regarding what thou mentioned about Jasb and the loved ones of God in that land, it was presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court. These sublime utterances were revealed from the Dayspring of the bounty of the Lord of Names and Attributes. God willing, may they drink from the Kawthar of utterance and attain new life. He saith, exalted be His glory:

He is the Expositor in the Kingdom of Utterance

O loved ones of God in Jasb! Hearken unto what the Wronged One remindeth you from the direction of the Prison, and calleth you unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Beware lest the conditions of creation hold you back from the Truth. Leave what the people possess and take what ye have been commanded by God, the Lord of the worlds. Say:

Glorified art Thou, O God of Names, Creator of the heavens, Who art manifest in the kingdom of creation and Who gazest from the Most Exalted Horizon. We beseech Thee by the fire of the Sacred Tree, and the light of Oneness, and by the murmur of the water of life in the Most Exalted Paradise, and the rustling of the breezes of reunion in the Supreme Paradise, that Thou write down for us that which will draw us nigh unto Thee in all conditions. O Lord! Thou seest the dead hastening toward the ocean of life and the sinners turning unto Thee, O Forgiver of sins. We beseech Thee, O Lord of existence, by Thy Name, the Manifest, the Witnessed, and by the cry of the lovers in their separation from Thee, and the lamentation of the yearning ones in their remoteness from Thee, and by the breasts that have welcomed arrows in Thy love, that Thou assist us in serving Thee and in promoting Thy Cause, and enable us to achieve this matter whereby the feet of the learned and the mystics have slipped in Thy kingdom.

O Lord! We are servants who have turned toward the horizon of Thy grace. We beseech Thee not to deprive us of what lieth with Thee, then clothe us in the garments of bounty by the hands of Thy mercy. O Lord! Thou art the Generous, possessed of great bounty. Write down for us from Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all beings. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

The names of the loved ones of that land which that honored one had written were individually presented before the Most Holy Court, and this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet, together with special prayers for all, hath been revealed. God willing, they will attain unto the reading thereof. The honored Beloved, Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, hath also mentioned them. Perhaps separate tablets will also be sent for each one. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Bestower, the Munificent, the Giver, the Generous. On behalf of this ephemeral one, convey greetings to each one and say that, God willing, ye should be so steadfast in the Cause that when any barker entereth that land, he shall return therefrom disappointed and in loss, like frightened asses fleeing from a lion. Today is the day when the gems of human existence should appear in the realm through the polish of divine favor. Effort is needed. Blessed is the one who hath arisen with power to assist the Cause of his Lord with wisdom and utterance. He is indeed of the people of this noble station.

And regarding the mention that was made of Badiqan and the loved ones of the All-Merciful in that land, it was presented before the Throne, and this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed specifically for the honored Aqa Mirza Mahmud, upon him be the Glory of God, and the friends of that land. God willing, may they attain unto and drink from the Kawthar of divine utterance. His word, exalted be His majesty:

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing

A Book sent down by the Wronged One from this praiseworthy station to him who was named Mahmud, that he may rejoice and be among the thankful ones. O Mahmud! We heard thy call before and answered thee out of Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Blessed art thou for having turned to the Most Sublime Horizon when all people turned away from it save whom God, the Lord of the worlds, did please. How many a servant awaited My days, how many a learned one searched for My station, and how many a mystic lamented My separation. Yet when I manifested Myself, they turned away from Me and denied My signs, until they pronounced judgment against Me with manifest injustice.

O Mahmud! Take the Book with the strength granted by Us and grieve not because of those who cast the verses of God behind their backs, following vain imaginings and idle fancies. Arise to serve the Cause, then make mention of the Wronged One amidst myriads of those near unto God. From this glorious station, We send Our greetings upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this mighty Cause. Give them the glad tidings of God's loving-kindness and His mercy, and remind them of this Cause whereby the feet of the mystics have slipped. The glory shining forth from the horizon of eternity be upon thee and upon them from God, the One, the All-Informed.

O Mahmud! Hearken in the Persian tongue. Strive that perchance thou mayest revive the dispirited and withered ones, and lead those who thirst in the wilderness of error to the Salsabil of guidance. Today the sun of bounty is shining and the heaven of generosity is upraised. Blessed is the soul that hath recognized and attained. Woe unto the heedless ones! Under all conditions, occupy thyself with teaching the Cause in wisdom and utterance, in the name of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Verily, He is with His servants who teach. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

O My loved one! The words of God, exalted be His glory, are bestowed and granted as a cup-bearer of the Kawthar of life. Blessed are they who drink! The person of insight beholdeth in the hand of each one a cup of living water. He taketh it and drinketh in the name of the Friend, despite every deceitful opponent.

Thou didst mention the land of K and likewise the meeting with the honored and beloved Haji Mirza Juni, upon him be the glory of God. Mention of him hath been and will continue to be made in the Most Holy Court. He is among the early souls. This evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to ever assist him in that which is befitting. After the arrival of thy letter, a detailed account was presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. This is what was revealed for him from the Kingdom of our Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. His word, exalted be His glory:

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

O Letter Jim! Hearken unto what the Word of God uttereth from the Prison. He hath remembered thee before, through which the fragrance of the All-Merciful was wafted throughout all possibility, and remembereth thee at this hour, and giveth thee glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for thee by the Supreme Pen in the Crimson Book. Preserve this station through the name of thy Lord, the Powerful, the Mighty. Behold the world and its conditions, its changes, its passing, and its extinction, and cleave unto that whereby thy remembrance shall be exalted throughout the endurance of names and thy deeds shall remain throughout ages which none save God, the Lord of all worlds, hath knowledge of. Rejoice thou in this Most Great Remembrance, then recite it. Verily it shall draw thee to a station wherein thou shalt hear naught save the rushing of the winds of My loving-kindness, and the flowing of the Kawthar of Mine utterance, and the cooing of the Dove of My grace, the All-Encompassing over all who are in the heavens and the earth. Thus hath the Tongue spoken in the Kingdom of utterance that thou mayest hear and be of the thankful ones.

Remember My loved ones in whom thou findest the radiance of Baha, and give them glad tidings of the favors of their Lord, the Mighty, the Generous. Say: By God! This is the Day of remembrance and utterance. Arise with spirit and joy to proclaim this momentous News. Say: Beware lest earthly affairs

prevent you from the Lord of Heaven. Leave the people of idle fancies to their vain imaginings and take the Choice Wine sealed with My Self-Subsisting Name. This is what ye have been commanded in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. That which ye behold today shall perish, but there shall remain for you what hath been sent down from the Pen of your Lord, the All-Informed. Thus have We adorned the heaven of the Tablet with the sun of the remembrance of My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those women who have believed in God, the Single, the One, the Wise.

From the fragrances of the verses of the Desired One of the world, the station of grace and favor regarding them is evident and known. It hath not needed and doth not need mention by this evanescent one. If thou shouldst meet with them again, convey greetings from this servant. God, exalted be His glory, is witness and knoweth that they have not departed and will not depart from the sight of this evanescent one, and God sufficeth as a witness.

God willing, they shall, through wisdom and utterance, quicken dead hearts, that the effect of their service may endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. All that is visible shall, in the passing of today or tomorrow, perish and pass away. May God, exalted be His glory, assist steadfast souls and immortalize them through the mention of the Supreme Pen in the Paradise of Books. In the days when I was in their service, one day in the prayer hall of the mosque they said to this evanescent one:

> "Today is not the day for flight, for the Pole of the world is still."

And in truth it was a perfect word that appeared from the horizon of their utterance, for the Truth was concealed and none was aware of Him until this servant arrived in the Abode of Peace. After some time engaged in service, the veil was lifted and the reality of the Cause became clear. And for a time, though I was in His presence, I was utterly bewildered and amazed, for I observed that all were heedless. And after passing from extinction to consciousness, I remained silent and expectant until He appeared and manifested what He willed through His power, His might, and His sovereignty. But now I say to their presence: The Day hath come and the people perceive it not. Today is the day of flight, and today is the day of remembrance and utterance. One must soar with a hundred thousand wings and speak with a hundred thousand tongues in remembrance, praise, and teaching of the Cause. Yet wisdom is necessary in all stations, lest there arise that which would disturb minds and souls.

Section 4: "And regarding your mention once again of Jinab-i-Nabil-i-Qabla…"

And regarding your mention once again of Jinab-i-Nabil-i-Qabla Ha and Sin Nun and his namesake LT, upon them be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], and likewise their degrees of yearning and eagerness and their arising to serve the Cause—this was presented. He said:

> "May they attain, God willing, to a station worthy of this Most Holy and Most Exalted Day. The outward conditions of the world shall return to nothingness in less than a moment. The person of insight has been and shall be focused on that which endures. Blessed are they both and blessed is he who has turned to the horizon of God, the Lord of the worlds."

This evanescent servant beseeches God to cause them to attain to that which leads to the exaltation and elevation of their station.

And regarding what you wrote about the family of the departed and ascended Aqa Muhammad Ja'far, upon them be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah]—severance of relations is not permitted, but if they proceed with the knowledge of Jinab-i-Haji Mirza Juni, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], there is no harm. This much I submit: mention of them has been and continues to be made at the Divine Threshold, and they are recipients of divine favors. What station is greater than this? By the Sun of the heaven of inner meanings, whosoever today attains to but one word from God, it suffices him, and that word shall be with him in all the worlds. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Forgiving, the Generous. Every heart that has turned to Him is mentioned before God, and every tongue that has voiced His praise has had its reward recorded by the Supreme Pen. Not an atom's weight of the deeds of those who act shall be lost. Verily, He does not suffer the reward of the righteous to perish.

Give those honored ladies the glad tidings of divine favors, that they may occupy themselves with the praise of the Beloved of the worlds with their whole heart and tongue. How many souls who outwardly seem distant have had stations of nearness recorded for them by the Supreme Pen, and how many who are near are not mentioned among those who are nigh. This evanescent servant asks and hopes that God, exalted be His glory, will assist all to do what is beneficial and enable them to achieve that which leads to eternal life. Verily, He is the Protector of whoever loves Him, the Helper of whoever aids Him, the Hearer of whoever speaks His praise, and the Witness of whatever is done in His path. He is our Protector in this world and the next. There is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And regarding what you wrote about the Leaf who is the daughter of the paternal aunt and her sister, upon them both be Baha'u'llah—they have always been confirmed and in truth from the beginning of the Cause until now have been occupied with the mention of God and service to God. This evanescent servant asks and hopes that God will assist them and all the Leaves, upon them be Baha'u'llah, to remain steadfast in His Cause. Verily, He answers the prayers of those who ask. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

And regarding the passage you mentioned specifically for the days of Ridvan—God willing, it shall be acted upon. This matter was presented and was graced with permission. Blessed are they both. And regarding your renewed mention of the loved ones of the land of A and R, and likewise their gatherings and being set ablaze with the fire of divine love—all was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. This is what the tongue of the All-Merciful uttered in the Kingdom of Utterance—His word, magnificent is His sovereignty:

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

O friends of God in Alif and Ra! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He remembereth you with that which is better than all that hath been created on earth. Verily, your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Forgiving, the Generous. Ye have attained unto the recognition of God, the Dawning-Place of His Revelation, and the Source of His inspiration, and have drunk the choice wine sealed with His Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

O friends! Praise be to God that ye have been favored with His grace in days when hearts were trembling and foundations were shaken. Through the bounty of the Lord of Names, ye turned unto the Most Exalted Horizon and were adorned with the most glorious and resplendent ornament which is the knowledge of God, exalted be His glory. Blessed are ye and your dwellings wherein the mention of God hath been raised and over which the breezes of His grace, the Mighty, the Wondrous, have wafted.

Know ye the value of this exalted station and hold fast unto the cord of steadfastness, for the evil ones have been and are lying in wait. This is the Day in which the Divine Lote-Tree calleth aloud and guideth all to the most exalted Paradise. The ear is for this Day, for the call of God, exalted be His glory, is raised high and loud. And it is the Day of vision, for the lights of the Sun of Truth are manifest and brilliant from the horizon of Revelation.

O friends! Strive ye and call to mind the trials and tribulations which God Himself and His chosen ones have borne for your salvation. Many were the nights when the soul found no rest in the body and the eye knew no sleep. O friends! Ye have heard the taunts of the enemies in the path of God and have borne countless hardships and difficulties for His sake. Yet such stations have been inscribed for you by the Most Exalted Pen that all existence is as nothingness when compared with their mention. Today ye must preserve your stations through the Name of God, for there are many thieves who are utterly heedless of and veiled from the Truth. The Command is in God's hands, the Lord of all worlds. The Glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon you and upon those who have believed in God, the Peerless, the All-Informed.

And likewise, especially for Mirza R.F. and M.H., upon them be 966 [Baha'u'llah], wondrous and sublime Tablets have previously been revealed and sent. The relatives of His Holiness Fath-i-A'zam, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, have been and will continue to be mentioned. Blessed are they who recognize their station and act according to that which God loveth. It is hoped that these souls will all arise to teach the Cause. He will surely assist them as He assisted them before, and He is the Helper, the Mighty. If ye meet them, convey on behalf of this evanescent servant greetings and devotion to them and to all the friends in that land. Happy are they who have drunk the wine of recognition from the cups of the utterance of their Lord, the All-Merciful.

And concerning what you wrote about Ardakan, your honor should return once more to that land and give glad tidings of His grace and favor to the friends of God, and convey greetings from the True One to the steadfast, firm and resolute souls. As commanded, if you meet his honor Ra and Jim, upon them be the Glory of God, convey greetings and say: Ever remind the people of this blessed word which shines like the sun from the horizon of the divine Tablet: "Return to the Sacred Texts, O people of insight!" Today all must see with their own eyes and hear with their own ears. The ears of the world and the eyes of the nations will not suffice them.

They must stand firm in the Cause through the power of Truth. Today is the day of utterance—awaken the heedless people and guide them to the Most Exalted Horizon. Your mention has been and is before the Wronged One. God willing, may you be assisted to do what is befitting. Take hold of the reins of the people of that land lest they become heedless and slip from the path. The Supreme Pen has informed all of the appearance of deceivers and barkers, and whatever has been revealed from the Supreme Pen has

come to pass and will come to pass. Say: Consider what the All-Merciful has revealed before. He has informed you of what has appeared and will appear.

With Him is the knowledge of the heavens and earth in a mighty Book. Say: Look not to creation and what lies therein, but look to the Truth and His manifestation and sovereignty. He suffices you, and He is the Powerful, the Guardian, the Mighty, the Wise.

Whatever reaches those parts, your honor should take note. Say: The world and all within it have no permanence. Strive that you may attain to the station which God, exalted be His glory, has ordained for His loved ones. The earth and all upon it shall perish, but that which has been sent down from God, the Lord of the worlds, shall endure. The Glory be upon you and upon those who have attained to what God, the Mighty, the Great, has desired.

If you meet them, convey this servant's greetings and say that God willing, they should arise with complete dedication. Be not grieved by what has befallen your honor. Verily He does not allow the reward of the workers and doers of good to be lost. All matters are evident and manifest. God willing, may the sleeping ones arise at your mention and arise to serve the Cause, that is, succeed in teaching. This is the most important of all matters. Verily He assists whom He wishes by His command, and He is the Generous, the Powerful, the Mighty. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Praised.

Deliver one Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet revealed in the form of a prayer specifically for Haji Malik Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God. God willing, may they drink the Kawthar of steadfastness from the divine chalices of utterance and attain to what God loves. This ephemeral one also sends greetings to them. As commanded, some should recite the prayer. Verily He will assist them and draw them near to God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

Regarding the letters sent from the land of Kha that were mentioned again—whatever their owners have sent as gifts and intended to be sent to the Most Holy Court, send them; and whatever they send as Huquq, there is no objection to selling it.

And regarding the Mahall al-Barakat, whatever his honor Afnan, upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory, deems advisable is beloved. And this is a word that was heard before from the blessed tongue:

And this is the word that was formerly heard from the Blessed Tongue. And as to that which they had writtenâ€“whether permission might be granted them to turn their attention to certain mattersâ€”this was submitted, and this is what the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered. Exalted be His glory:

O Abu'l-Hasan! The Wronged One declares with the utmost joy and fragrance that if thou shouldst travel to certain lands, there is and hath been no harm in it. Under all conditions, keep thine eyes fixed upon the glory of the Cause and place thy trust in Him. When the soul becometh refined, that in itself is effective. Today thou must remind all the friends of God of pleasing conduct, goodly words and praiseworthy deeds, for the triumph of God's Cause hath been and shall ever be through such means. Time and again thy call hath been honored to reach Our ears, and thy reply hath flowed without cease from the Most Exalted Pen. Be thou thankful and numbered among those who praise. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Master ʿAli-Akbar-i-Banna, upon him be the Glory of God (9 66), sent a letter to this servant some time ago, and likewise to Haji Siyyid Javad, upon him be the Glory of God (9 66). Both were presented at the Most Holy Court. Blessed is he in that he hath been mentioned before the Throne and there hath been revealed for him that which beareth witness to God's grace, bounty, mercy and favors. God willing, henceforth a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet shall be revealed and sent specifically for him. Convey greetings on behalf of this evanescent servant to him. May God grant that he be aided in all conditions to remember and praise the Best-Beloved of the worlds. The most important of all matters today hath been and is the teaching of God's Cause. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto this most holy and most exalted station. His mention hath been and is before this evanescent one. It is hoped that something may be written to serve him as well. The Command is in God's hands. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

The Glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon thee and upon him and upon every servant who hath rent asunder the veils of idle fancy through the name of his Lord, the Self-Subsisting, and hath witnessed what God, the Lord of the worlds, hath witnessed. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

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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 the Beloved of all creation and the Goal of the peoples of the world, Who hath strengthened His loved ones to assist His Cause and exalt His Word, and enabled them to execute His commandments and ordinances which are the source of the world's order and the preservation of nations. They are the Hands of the Cause and the Letters of the Book. Through them power and dominion were made manifest and resplendent in the realm of earthly sovereignty. They are the stars in the heaven of Revelation and the standards of victory from God, the Lord of Resurrection. Through them the heaven hath rained, the sun hath shone forth, and the horizons have been illumined.

The letter of that noble soul was in truth a book that attracted the lovers of the Peerless Beauty, perfumed as it was with the mention of the Beloved of the world and illumined by the sun of His blessed Name. God knoweth that neither narcissus nor eglantine possesseth such fragrance, nor do ambergris and jasmine. Having inhaled its fragrance and learned of its contents, we turned toward the heaven of heavens and offered praise. Thus hath spoken the Tongue of Grandeur, glorified be His majesty:

O Asad! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Single, the One! Praise be to God that thou art occupied with the mention of the Truth and art steadfast in service to His Cause.

Say: O men! This is a matchless Day. Matchless must, likewise, be the tongue that celebrateth the praise of the Desire of all nations, and matchless the deed that aspireth to be acceptable in His sight. The whole

human race hath longed for this Day, that perchance it may fulfill that which well beseemeth its station, and is worthy of its destiny. Blessed is the man whom the affairs of the world have failed to deter from recognizing Him Who is the Lord of all things.

So blind hath become the human heart that neither the disruption of the city, nor the reduction of the mountain in dust, nor even the cleaving of the earth, can shake off its torpor. The allusions made in the Scriptures have been unfolded, and the signs recorded therein have been revealed, and the prophetic cry is continually being raised. And yet all, except such as God was pleased to guide, are bewildered in the drunkenness of their heedlessness!

Witness how the world is being afflicted with a fresh calamity every day. Its tribulation is continually deepening. From the moment the Súriy-i-Ra'ís (Tablet to Ra'ís) was revealed until the present day, neither hath the world been tranquillized, nor have the hearts of its peoples been at rest. At one time it hath been agitated by contentions and disputes, at another it hath been convulsed by wars, and fallen a victim to inveterate diseases. Its sickness is approaching the stage of utter hopelessness, inasmuch as the true Physician is debarred from administering the remedy, whilst unskilled practitioners are regarded with favor, and are accorded full freedom to act.

In these parts, in certain lands, signs of subsidence have appeared. Strange events have occurred and continue to occur, yet the heedless remain behind a manifest veil. Do they not reflect? Where is the Prime Minister of Iran, and his glory and wealth? Where is his power and might?

The dust of sedition hath clouded the hearts of men, and blinded their eyes. Erelong, they will perceive the consequences of what their hands have wrought in the Day of God. Thus warneth you He Who is the All-Informed, as bidden by One Who is the Most Powerful, the Almighty.

God willing, mayest thou ever be assisted in the mention of the Truth, the praise of the Truth, and service to the Cause of Truth, in such wise that its traces may become manifest from the horizons of the world and the horizons of the hearts of all peoples. Give the friends of God, exalted be His glory, to drink of the wine of immortality in the Most Great Name, and gladden all with the mention of God and His favor. Say: Strive that ye may attain unto a word from the Kingdom of utterance. End.

Praise be to God that the cup of reunion is at hand, arriving, as the Persians say, one after another. I beseech God that this cup may ever be in circulation, though it be mixed with the oppression of the Friend and renowned by the name of the Beloved. God willing, may this bounty never cease, nor may the hands of the aggressors alter it. May the servant drink thereof and hear "Well done!"

The two missives from your honor, dated the 9th and 24th of Dhi'l-Qa'dah, were like two brilliant suns illuminating this ephemeral heart. God willing, may such suns ever rise, dawn, shine and appear. This servant beseeches and hopes from God to be assisted in responding without delay, for from all directions there arrives that which renders one incapable of adequate reply. In all conditions, confirmation comes from God, exalted be His glory. He is verily the Confirmer, the Omnipotent.

Regarding what you wrote about his honor the Sahib, upon him be the Glory of God, the response was previously submitted in two letters. God willing, they will have arrived by now, and may you be assisted in

that which will endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Praise be to God that your honor is in all conditions confirmed in wisdom. Concerning what you wrote about arriving in Qum and association with the friends of God, exalted be His glory, this detail was submitted. Thus spoke the Tongue of the Desired One, exalted be His glory:

> "God willing, may they be ever engaged in serving the Cause and be assisted in guiding those who are heedless."

Regarding what you wrote about his honor Aqa Muhammad Ibrahim and likewise the cotton-carders, upon them be the Glory of God, and their enthusiasm—God willing, may they ever remain occupied thus. Blessed are they and theirs is a goodly return.

Concerning what you wrote about how beneficial it would be if someone were to occasionally visit those regions—this is a statement with which every informed scholar and wise mystic would agree. Ever has it been heard from the Blessed Tongue that certain souls, adorned with good character and mindful of the requirements of the time and wisdom, should journey to those parts and bestow the water of life. The breezes of the utterance of the All-Merciful should ever be wafting. This matter is, by command, necessary and obligatory. Blessed are they that act.

Regarding what you wrote about his honor Na'ib ʿAli-Akbar Beg, upon him be the Glory of God—his honor Haji Mirza Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God, in two letters sent to this ephemeral one, mentioned him and wrote of his expressions of love, and likewise wrote in detail about a mount. In these matters, they have thus far shown the utmost consideration, and whatever has reached them from anyone has been conveyed to the Most Holy Court. This is what the servant testifies to according to his station and rank, and knowledge is with God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Concerning what was written in the other letter mentioning the beloved of God in Qum, upon them be the Glory of God, those very passages were submitted to the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. Thus spoke the Tongue of Grandeur, exalted be His glory:

O Asad! Upon thee be My glory! The intoxication of heedlessness hath encompassed the world. A guide is needed. The true friends of God are like the gentle breezes of spring—in whatsoever land they pass, they render the trees of being verdant and cause them to yield wondrous and exalted fruits. Give thanks unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of all who dwell in the kingdom of creation and command, for having aided thee to serve His Cause and having acquainted thee with that which was hidden from the eyes of all save whom God willeth.

Convey my greetings to Ahmad, Ibrahim, and the carders, upon them be the Glory of God, and to the other friends in that land. God willing, may they attain such a station that the might and wrath of the oppressors shall not deter them from the Dayspring of Divine Unity. Say: O friends! This is the day of soaring, the day of mention and utterance. Ye must soar in the atmosphere of the love of the All-Merciful on the wings of certitude in the name of the True One. The breezes of mercy are wafting, and the cup of the choice wine is being offered by the hands of bounty before all faces. Drink ye thereof in the name of your Lord, the Possessor of the Seen and the Unseen.

Know ye the value of these days. Death is ordained for all; if it come in the path of God, it hath been and ever will be most beloved. The people of Baha must manifest themselves through goodly character and heavenly attributes, and must observe wisdom. In such case, whatsoever may befall them is, by the life of God, better than the life of the world. O friends! Let not the time slip away. With perfect dignity and composure, hold ye fast unto that which ye have been commanded in the Book. Verily, He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

And regarding what thou didst write about Aqa Muhammad-Ibrahim—upon him be the Glory of God—being aflame in that land, a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of grace especially for him. God willing, may he attain unto it. His word, exalted be His majesty:

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O Abraham! The Friend remembereth thee, who summoned all unto God, the Lord of all worlds. The Wronged One hath heard mention of thee and thy burning with the fire of the love of God, and remembereth thee in this luminous Tablet. We have entered into the Most Great Prison and have revealed that which God, the Mighty, the All-Wise, hath willed. Among the people are those who have cast away what they possessed and turned to the Supreme Horizon, believing in the One, the All-Informed, and drank the Kawthar of life from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the All-Merciful. And among them are those who turned away and showed pride before God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Blessed is the eye that hath beheld the evidences of its Lord, and the ear that hath heard His most great verses, and the tongue that hath spoken His beautiful remembrance. Take hold of the Book with the strength bestowed by Us in such wise that neither the veils of the divines prevent thee nor the conditions of the oppressors frighten thee.

Say: O concourse of the earth! By God, the gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of Names hath come with mighty sovereignty, desiring to quicken the earth after its death. Fear God and be not of the heedless. By their tyranny the Concourse on High hath lamented and the eyes of them that are nigh have wept. Soon shall the world and all that the people possess perish, and there shall endure unto thee what hath been sent down in this noble station. We make mention of Our loved ones there who have held fast unto that which they were commanded in the Book by the Ordainer, the All-Wise. Say: Should anyone come unto you with other than what God hath desired, leave him to himself, placing your trust in God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. O My loved ones! We make mention of you for the sake of God, that your names may thereby endure in His preserved Tablet. Thus hath the tongue of the Wronged One spoken while in the midst of the opposition. Rejoice in the days of your Lord! By God, the ocean of bounty hath surged and the horizon of Revelation hath been illumined by the sun of My holy, mighty and wondrous remembrance.

God willing, may they attain unto the visitation of this most mighty, most holy Tablet, be illumined by its light and enkindled by its heat, in such wise that its effects become manifest in the Concourse on High, let alone among the people of the earth. However, in all circumstances ye must observe wisdom, lest the croaking be raised and the divine wine remain concealed. Specifically for Aqa Siyyid Ahmad and the cotton-carders, upon them be the glory of God, exalted Tablets have previously been revealed. God willing, may they attain unto them and drink from the ocean of the utterance of the All-Merciful.

Regarding what was written about visiting the land of Jasb and meeting the loved ones of God, this evanescent servant wrote a letter in reply to the missive of Mulla Ghulam-Rida, and in that letter a most mighty, most holy Tablet was revealed from the heaven of favor specifically for him, and likewise for each of the souls mentioned in his letter a blessed Tablet was revealed. Exalted, exalted is the bounty of our Beloved, and the loving-kindness of our Goal, and His mercy that hath preceded all who exist. For each of the friends whose name was mentioned in His presence, whether living or dead, there was revealed that which testifieth and proveth and beareth witness to His favor, loving-kindness and mercy.

God willing, may the people of Baha recognize their stations and preserve them. How excellent is the deed of those who have acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken! A hundred thousand blessings upon the soul that hath arisen to teach the Cause of God and upon those souls who were blessed to hear and who arose with perfect steadfastness and firmness in the Cause. The servant beseecheth his Lord to assist all in the world and to make known unto them what hath escaped them in these days the like of which the eyes have never seen.

And as for your attention to the land of Badqan and mention of Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Mahmud, upon him be the glory of God, and his being set ablaze with the fire of the love of God—mention of him was made in the letter of Jinab-i-Haji Mirza Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be the glory of God, and this servant submitted this matter. A most mighty and holy Tablet was revealed from the heaven of grace specifically for him and the beloved ones of that land, and was sent to the aforementioned one to deliver. That beloved one should give them the glad-tidings of the blessed Tablet so they may engage in serving the Cause with divine confirmations more than before. And specifically for Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Ibrahim from Qum, upon him be the glory of God, a most mighty and holy Tablet was also revealed and sent to Jinab-i-Haji Mirza Abu'l-Hasan to deliver, as they had made mention of the aforementioned one, and since that beloved one has also made mention, another most mighty and honored Tablet was once again revealed and details thereof were submitted.

God willing that beloved one will deliver them. The aforementioned one has become the recipient of two Tablets. God willing these two Tablets will become two wings for his soaring in the atmosphere of the love of the All-Merciful.

Section 2: "And as for what you wrote regarding Naraq…"

And as for what you wrote regarding Naraq and the beloved ones of that land, it was submitted before His presence and mention of each of those souls issued from the blessed tongue, and He said:

> "Praise be to God that Jinab-i-Asad, upon him be My glory, has succeeded in serving the Truth and in His mention and praise—a matter which today is most important and is considered by God as the mightiest pillar of teaching, and he is engaged in it with utmost joy and fragrance. Blessed is he and blessed is he who heareth from him what God hath revealed in the Book. The beloved ones of the land of N and R have been under the glances of favor. God willing they will be assisted to achieve that which beseemeth the Day of God and be confirmed in that which is the cause and means of the perpetuation of mention. The river floweth and the ocean is manifest. Blessed are they that attain."

This evanescent servant conveyeth his greetings and praise to them. It is hoped from God's profound grace, exalted be His glory, that He will confirm all to unity and harmony and to that which today is the cause of the exaltation of God's Cause.

And as for what you wrote that at the time of writing, Jinab-i-Aqa Mir from Fath-Abad, upon him be the glory of God, also requested that mention be made of him—this matter was submitted. This is what the tongue of the Beloved uttered in reply, exalted be His grandeur:

> "O Mir! God willing may the lights of the Day of Manifestation illumine you at all times and keep you occupied with the mention of the Peerless Friend. Observe the people—a world wherein all acknowledge and confess their mortality, yet they have taken it as their object of worship and have remained deprived and forbidden from the true Object of Worship and the lights of the spiritual Sun. O Mir! Hearken unto the call of this Prisoner. Verily He will assist thee and draw thee nigh unto God, the One, the All-Informed. Mention of steadfast souls hath flowed and been revealed from the Supreme Pen. God willing may they hold fast unto what God hath willed and be detached and free from aught else. I convey greetings to all the friends of that land and other regions, and counsel them to that which is the cause of the loftiness and elevation of man's station. Blessed are they that act and woe unto the heedless. The glory shining forth from the horizon of thy Lord the All-Merciful's will be upon thee and upon them and upon every patient and grateful one. Praise be to God, the Kind, the Forgiving."

They had written making mention of the honored Haji Muhammad-Rida (upon him be the glory of God) from the land of Ṣad. His name was laid before Him from Whose knowledge nothing whatsoever is hidden; and these exalted words, sent down from the heaven of the Will of Him Who is the Revealer of verses, were revealed in particular for him. God willing, he shall attain thereunto, and shall drink deep of its oceans of meaning— a draught whose effect shall remain abiding and enduring in the realm. His word is this:

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

O Muhammad-Rida! Praise be to the Beloved of the world Who hath aided thee through the grace of His Most Great Name and guided thee unto that whereof most of the peoples of the earth remain heedless and veiled. The path of God is clear, His verses are revealed, and His evidences are manifest; yet all are heedless save whom God willeth. Know thou the value of these days and occupy thyself with the remembrance and praise of God, exalted be His glory. The might of the tyrants, the dominion of the Pharaohs, the power of the Chosroes, and the wealth of the Caesars—all were witnessed to be fleeting and non-existent, and that which is visible today will likewise return to nothingness. It behooveth man to cling unto that which is everlasting and enduring. Give thanks unto thy Lord for having caused thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of His Revelation, the Dayspring of His signs, and the Manifestation of His Self, and for having sent down unto thee that which all the kingdoms of the earth cannot equal. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Then beseech Him to aid thee in that which is meet for His days. Verily He is the All-Hearing, the Answering. Praise be to God, the Lord of this wondrous Day.

We earnestly hope that at all times thou wilt derive from the divine utterances that which conduceth to life and permanence. Verily, this servant loveth to make mention of him who hath turned unto God, attained unto His recognition, submitted to His sovereignty, and voiced His praise. As to what thou didst write about visiting on behalf of that loved one: for two hours on Tuesday night, the 25th of Rabi'u'l-Avval, I sought the presence of the Lord of all beings, and after attaining His presence and receiving permission, the visitation and circumambulation were performed and, praise be to God, were graced with acceptance. May it be well with thee!

Regarding thy mention of the Land of Kaf and the Navvab—upon him be the glory of God—and Haji Siyyid Muhammad and Aqa Siyyid Nasru'llah and Aqa Siyyid Hashim—upon them be the glory of God—these have attained unto the hearing of the Lord of Names, and the sun of grace hath shone and beamed forth upon each one. Some time ago this servant wrote and sent a detailed letter to the Navvab, and likewise a most holy and exalted Tablet was sent specifically for him, and similarly, exalted and glorious Tablets were sent specifically for Haji Siyyid Muhammad and the other friends through Shaykh S—upon him be the glory of God. This evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to aid them all in such wise that the transient things of this fleeting world may not withhold them from the Lord of Names, that they may be enabled to achieve that which is befitting and be confirmed in that which is adorned with the ornament of immortality. Similarly, that other letter from that loved one, dated the 27th of Dhi'l-Hijjih, was in truth a healing remedy for this ailing servant, for it was adorned and perfumed with the fragrance of that loved one's sincerity, for the sake of God, the Single, the Mighty, the Loving.

Regarding the mention of returning to the land of Qamsar and also meeting with Haji Siyyid Ibrahim, upon him be the Glory of God—mention of him was made in the Most Holy Presence and a special Tablet was revealed for him from the heaven of bounty. Likewise for my letter to Aqa Mir Abdul-Rahim, upon him be the Glory of God, and specifically for them in my letter a Most Holy Tablet was revealed. Similarly, for each of the individuals mentioned in their letter, wondrous, exalted and impregnable Tablets have dawned from the horizon of the heaven of grace. God willing, they will attain unto them. And likewise specifically for Mulla Ghulam-Rida, upon him be the Glory of God, from the land of Jasb, and the souls mentioned in his letter which he had written to this servant, and also specifically for Shaykh Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God, and the souls mentioned in his letter.

Praise be to God, regarding all the names mentioned in the packets of that beloved one, the manifestation of bounty and supreme favor from the Dawning-Place of the mercy of the Lord of Names is evident and clear. That beloved one should observe them and after making copies should send the originals to Haji Siyyid Ibrahim, upon him be the Glory of God, and he after reviewing should deliver them to their owners, namely the souls mentioned.

And regarding what was written about the Huquq, the sale of properties is not permitted according to the Command. Those souls upon whom Huquq has become incumbent should, if they are able, be blessed to pay it. They said: We have left the properties to those souls themselves—they may dispose of them as they wish. The benefit of good deeds returns to the souls performing them, especially for one who is enabled to pay the Huququ'llah. This is a matter that must be carried out with utmost honor. Whosoever

turns towards it and pays it with complete willingness and contentment, the Trustees should accept it from him, otherwise He verily is independent of all worlds.

This supreme word has issued from the Most Exalted Pen specifically for Abu'l-Hasan Ardikani: Forsake the entire world but forsake not an atom's weight of the honor of God's Cause. Blessed are those souls who have truly arisen today to render service and have been enabled to do what is befitting.

With regard to what was written concerning teachers of the Cause, this found acceptance in the Most Holy Court. In truth, every soul who arises to serve this most great and momentous Cause must be adorned with all virtues, both outward and inward, and must have sufficient means. In whatever land he enters, the fragrance of detachment must waft from him. Indeed, that beloved one has expressed a most pleasing statement on this matter. God willing, that beloved one shall be assisted and confirmed in all conditions to undertake whatsoever will exalt God's Cause. They stated that the provisions for teachers are of two kinds, both of which are necessary: First, reliance upon God, and second, they should be given a portion of what is collected from the Huqúqu'llah. End.

In previous years, sufficient guidance regarding the qualifications of teachers has been revealed from the Supreme Pen. Truly this is a most mighty matter. Blessed is he who attains unto it, for he is among those who have aided God, his Lord, to the utmost possible degree. God willing, the wealthy souls shall be enabled to pay the Huqúqu'llah so that these matters may be carried out in the utmost spirit and joy throughout the earth. Had they known, they would have spent their very souls and all they possess in the path of God. Furthermore, that beloved one is himself authorized to receive the Huqúqu'llah. Praise be to God, that honorable one has received the effulgences of the Sun of Providence. His is the praise in all conditions, and He is the Kind, the Generous.

That beloved one's arrangement regarding the Huqúqu'llah was indeed sound and firm. However, since this matter depends on the actions of many souls in cities and villages, it will inevitably become widely known, and its spread will cause commotion among the heedless and ignorant. Therefore, one must act according to what God has commanded. Regarding the two units of Huquq that were mentioned, by command they should be used by Haji Siyyid Ibrahim himself according to the number of the Greatest Name, to be spent during the festivals or given to the poor—both are acceptable in the sight of God. The remainder goes to that beloved one or to Haji Mirza Abu'l-Hasan, upon him be 95 [Baha'u'llah].

As for the mention of Aqa Muhammad Hashim and three others who attained to the wine of faith, this was presented before His presence. This is what was revealed in response from the Kingdom of God, the Lord of the Final End. Exalted be His glory:

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

O Hashim! He who has arisen to serve Me and dedicated his affairs to the triumph of My Cause has mentioned thee. We make mention of thee as a token of Our grace, for We are truly the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Blessed is the house wherein My remembrance is raised, and blessed is the servant who has been adorned with the ornament of My love, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Give thanks to God for having enabled thee to recognize Him and guided thee to His straight path. It behooveth thee to thank God at all times. Verily thy Lord is the Hearing, the Answering.

We make mention of Muhammad, who has turned toward the Supreme Horizon and attained to this Cause, from which all on earth have turned aside save whom God has willed, the Lord of all worlds. O Muhammad! Hearken unto the call from the precincts of the Prison and say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having made me know Thee and given me to drink from the Kawthar of utterance from the hands of bounty. I testify that Thy grace has preceded the world. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

We make mention of the handmaiden of God who has turned unto Him and desired to drink from the Kawthar of utterance in the days of her Lord, the Most Merciful. Blessed is every handmaiden who has attained unto this noble station. We make mention of another handmaiden and give her glad tidings of My grace and bounty, and We command her and My handmaidens to be steadfast in the Cause and to act in accordance with that which befitteth the days of God, the Single, the One, the All-Informed.

The petition of Aqa Muhammad Hashim was presented before His presence. The Tongue of Favor spoke these blessed words:

> "We beseech God, exalted be He, to ordain for her that which shall profit her in the hereafter and in this world. Verily He knoweth what is with Him, and He is the Witness, the Hearer, the All-Knowing."

And regarding what was written that Aqa Muhammad Hashim desired his household in (city of) S to attain unto the Name [of God] and become a place of passage for the loved ones of God, this was presented. Thus spoke the Tongue of our Purpose and the Purpose of all who are in the heavens and earth, exalted be His glory:

> "O Asad! Upon thee be My glory! We have accepted what thou hast written. Give glad tidings from Me to him who is named Muhammad-i-Hashim, that he may thank God, his Lord, for this great bounty."

Section 3: "Blessed are they who have recognized the station…"

Blessed are they who have recognized the station of this divine Day and have attained unto the outpourings of the All-Bountiful Lord. All the Prophets and Messengers beseeched God, exalted be His glory, for the attainment of this Day, and this matter is recorded and inscribed in all divine Books and Scriptures. Nevertheless, none attained save the people of the Crimson Ark, mention of which was revealed by the Supreme Pen in the Qayyumu'l-Asma'. God willing, through the confirmations of the Desired One, those souls who have not been contaminated by rancor and hatred will perceive the fragrances of revelation and attain unto that which is intended. Convey My greetings to My loved ones in the cities and regions, and give them glad tidings of God's grace, His bounty and His mercy that have encompassed the kingdom of earth and heaven.

O beloved of My heart! Those souls from whom emanate and diffuse the fragrances of the love of the Beloved of the worlds truly have no equal or likeness, and never will. This evanescent servant has always cherished and continues to cherish their mention, to such an extent that were all days and nights to be spent in their remembrance, it would still appear less than an atom. This evanescent servant beseeches

God, exalted be His glory, to ordain for them stations that have no equal. Verily, He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

And regarding the mention [you made] of Muhammad Husayn, son of the honored Aqa Muhammad Baqir, upon them both be the glory of God, this matter was presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. His word, exalted and mighty is He: He is the Witness, the Speaker, the All-Knowing.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Husayn! This is the day of acceptance, of turning to God, of mention and praise and service. God willing, may you be fresh and verdant through the spring breezes of the Divine Springtime and be vocal in praising the Best Beloved of the worlds. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of Revelation that one mention today is more glorious in the sight of God than the mention of a multitude occurring in other days. Hold fast to the cord of thy Lord's bounty and place thy trust in Him. Verily He aideth whomsoever He willeth through a command from His presence, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Beseech God, exalted be His glory, to protect thee and the people of that land from the croaking of the croakers and the clamor of the false ones and the deceivers. Verily He is the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We, from this spot, send Our greetings upon thee and upon My loved ones who responded when they heard My mighty, wondrous call.

Praise be to God that whosoever was mentioned by the pen of that Best Beloved attained the grace of God, exalted be His glory. God willing, may you recognize the value of this most glorious, most exalted station and preserve it in the name of the Best Beloved of creation. Most matters today are hidden. Would that I could find the fragrance of permission and mention to the friends of God what hath been ordained for them by God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earth.

Concerning what was written about Haji Mirza Haydar-ʿAli, upon him be Baha'u'llah, that through consultation it was decided that he should remain in the land of K and travel periodically to its surroundings to remind people of the Divine Cause—this matter was accepted before the Divine Presence. God willing, may he succeed in this most great service and act according to what God desires. In all circumstances, he must observe wisdom. Although praise be to God his services are clear as the sun and have no need of mention by this servant, this statement is made in view of the emphasis of the Ancient Beauty. One day this exalted word was revealed from the blessed tongue: It is contrary to wisdom for those who migrate for God's sake, specifically traveling to cities and regions to teach the Cause, to stay openly in the home of a well-known believer.

From this utterance of the Best Beloved of creation, the importance of wisdom becomes evident and clear. They also said that such persons should be allocated from the Huququ'llah according to their needs. And that he has now turned toward Mazandaran—this too is acceptable in the sight of God. God willing, may souls be specially raised up for this great service and turn toward cities and regions with perfect detachment, piety and fear of God, that perchance the decayed bones might be quickened by the outpourings of the ocean of Divine utterance, until all may be adorned with the words "Verily we are God's, and verily unto Him shall we return."

The fourth letter of His Holiness, which was written on the 6th of Muharram 1299, brought both sorrow and joy—praise be to God in all conditions. After its reading and review, I proceeded to the Most Exalted Station and presented it all in the Supreme Presence before His countenance. His words, exalted be His majesty:

> "O Asad! Upon thee be My Glory! The shrill voice of the Supreme Pen hath not ceased during the nights and days. God willing, may the people of the world attain unto the privilege of hearkening unto it. Today the Sun of Truth is observed at its zenith in all conditions. Eyes capable of beholding it are exceedingly rare. God willing, may your honor, through the collyrium of wisdom, remove the soreness from eyes, that they may not remain deprived in these days, which are the king of days. We repeatedly say: Convey greetings to the friends of God in every land thou meetest, on behalf of the Wronged One, that they may attain unto the divine fragrances of glorification and engage in that which exalteth the Cause."

Repeatedly in this letter of His Holiness, mention was made of the Huquq. Regarding this matter, whatsoever was heard from the blessed tongue was presented. May He assist all to discharge it whenever capacity and strength become manifest. Blessed are they that act, and blessed are they that attain!

As for what thou didst write concerning thy brother, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], and the degrees of his acceptance, sincerity, humility and submissiveness—this became the cause of renewed joy. In the divine Tablets, that which hath been revealed concerning him is that whose fruit hath appeared and shall continue to appear. And that which that beloved one wrote in this regard, this evanescent servant presented in detail one night in His presence. He smiled, and then uttered these blessed words—exalted be His grandeur:

> "God willing, may he be confirmed by divine confirmations. We have revealed for him that which nothing can equal. We, from this station, glorify him and give him glad tidings of what God, the Lord of the worlds, hath desired for him. Verily all affairs are in the grip of His power. He doeth what He willeth by His sovereignty. There is no God but He, the Mighty, the Powerful."

Praise be to God! The signs of grace, favor and mercy are manifest and evident concerning that honored one and his kindred. We beseech Him to confirm them in that which is lasting and enduring, and to ordain for them the good of this world and the next. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Wise. This evanescent one conveyeth greetings unto them. God willing, may they attain unto outward and inward good. They have not departed from this evanescent one's sight, nor shall they ever.

And concerning what was written in another letter about serving some and declining honors for the sake of God's Cause—this was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. These supreme words were uttered from the Dayspring of the Cause—exalted be He:

> "Blessed is he and blessed is he who heareth his words. What they have written is correct and complete."

As regards Mulla Ghulam-Rida, upon him be the Glory of God, from the people of Faran and the story of the horse which you wrote about—He said that his deed was for God's sake and surely its non-acceptance would have caused sadness. We make mention of him at this time, in this hour, on this night, in this prison, and in this station which tongues are powerless to describe and pens fail to praise. We give him glad tidings of the acceptance of what he did in My path, and We remember him as We remembered him before—and verily I am the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. May God willing, that beloved one attains to whatsoever is beloved at the Divine Threshold and acts in accordance with that which brings glory to the Cause.

Regarding what you wrote about intending to visit the lands of A, R, S, NJ and surroundings—all these matters were presented. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke: God willing, may they pass like the morning breeze over the divine regions and remind all, that perchance the trees in the spiritual garden may become adorned with wondrous and exalted fruits, namely, goodly and pleasing deeds.

This evanescent one submits that the people of Kha, namely Aqa Khudadad and Aqa Azizu'llah, upon them be the Glory of God, and other friends of God have made mention of you, just as you yourself have taken precedence in this regard and wrote in detail previously about mentioning the friends in the land of Kha. In these days some have requested that you journey to that direction, especially Aqa Azizu'llah. God willing, through divine confirmations, may you visit all the aforementioned lands and remind everyone.

This evanescent one's other submission to the beloved Mulla ʿAli-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, the Lord of Power—my expression of sincerity, self-effacement and nothingness depends on that beloved one's favor. His letter, praise be to God, was the cause of joy and delight. Likewise, the letter he had written to Aqa Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, was presented at the Most Holy Court. The utmost favor was shown and in truth it became the cause of remembrance for some. The word of truth is ever effective. Similarly, they had also sent a letter to Ism-i-Jud, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God—that too was presented at the Most Holy Court. This servant delayed sending a response this time, being assured that you were in the land of Ta. God willing, it is hoped that this evanescent one will be enabled to submit a response next time.

The petition of Aqa Mirza Sadiq, son of Aqa Mirza Mahmud, upon them both be the Glory of God, attained the Most Holy Court and was presented before the Throne. This is what was sent down from the Kingdom of Utterance of our Lord, the Most Merciful. His exalted Word:

He is the One Who speaks from His Most Glorious Horizon

O Sadiq! Your letter has arrived and We have heard your call and perceived the fragrance of your love. Blessed be your father and mother, and blessed is he whom God has granted righteous offspring who utters praise of the Beloved and arises to serve His wise and irrevocable Cause. Rejoice that We have answered you with that which will draw you closer to God, the Lord of all worlds. We previously mentioned your father and his sister in verses that nothing can equal. Verily your Lord is the All-Speaking, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We sent it with Salman who traveled through the lands with the tablets of his Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. Glory be upon you and upon him who wrote your letter (Kamal'd-

Din) and upon whosoever has turned to the Most Sublime Horizon, the Station wherein the Tongue of Grandeur proclaims: “The Kingdom belongs to God, the Possessor of this wondrous Day.”

We make mention of him who was named Nasru’llah, who remembered Me, and I am the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. Say: Beware lest the affairs of the world prevent you from the Ancient Lord. Abandon them and take what you have been commanded by the Mighty, the Wise. We have heard your call, answered you and turned toward you from this distant station. Glory be upon you and upon those whose names you mentioned in the letter of him who was named Sadiq, who turned his face toward his Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Rejoice, O My loved ones! He has come with the ocean of grace and forgiven those who sought forgiveness. He is verily the Forgiver, the Bountiful, the Kind, the Generous.

God willing, may the souls mentioned attain unto these wondrous verses. Praise be to God that their mention was raised to the station whereto nothing can be compared, and for each one the Sun of the bounty of God, exalted be His glory, has dawned.

This evanescent one further submits that the beloved of the heart, the son of His Name “The Most Truthful,” upon them both be the glory and favor of God, sent two letters to this servant. The response to the first letter was submitted, and it was intended to be sent this time. Then the second letter arrived. This evanescent servant wished to submit its response as well and send them together. The second letter arrived when the post was about to depart and there was no time. The expression of evanescence and nothingness in service to [them] depends on the mercy of that Beloved. God willing, may they be as lightning, moving and luminous in service to the Beloved of the worlds, and like arteries pulsating in the body of the world. The command belongs to God, the Mighty, the Most Generous.

Another letter arrived and brought sadness, for God is witness that when I am occupied with mention of the gentlemen, meaning those souls who are steadfast in the Cause of God, the warmth of love takes hold of my being. It is submitted with utmost eagerness, ardor and fondness, and near the end, grief takes hold. This servant beseeches God for joy, relief and delight for your honor and for those who have attained to serving the Cause in the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. The request is that in every land you enter, convey this evanescent one’s greetings and praise to the friends of God. God willing, may all be assisted to achieve perfect unity and harmony, which is truly the greatest elixir for the copper-like bodies of the world. Glory be upon your honor and upon the loved ones and friends of God in all regions. He is verily the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

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BH00220: Praise be befitting and worthy of that Imperishable Beloved…

Section 1: “Praise be befitting and worthy of that Imperishable…”

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

Praise be befitting and worthy of that Imperishable Beloved Who, from time immemorial and unto eternity, through the breezes of the Most Exalted Pen, hath guided the people of the Kingdom to the

ocean of knowledge and taught them that which beseemeth the station of man. Blessed are they who have attained unto the melody of the Most Exalted Pen and been illumined by the lights of the Most Glorious Horizon.

This is the Day wherein Sinai crieth out "The Manifestation hath appeared!" and the Mount exclaimeth "The Lord of Names hath come!" All things are ablaze with the fire of Divine love, yet the heedless souls remain veiled and deprived of the mysteries of this Day. All previous Books have spoken of this Day, as the All-Merciful hath foretold in the Qur'an: "The Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds." Likewise, the Point of the Bayan declareth: "He is the One Who proclaimeth in every state: 'Verily, I am God, there is none other God but Me, the Lord of all things, and all else beside Me is My creation. O My creation, worship ye Me!"'

In all the Books this Day hath been attributed to God, exalted be His glory. Nevertheless, some of the heedless ones, misled by their leader, have denied these stations and risen in opposition and protest. God hath forewarned of them in His Book, saying:

> "Yet are they in doubt as to the meeting with their Lord."

By the effulgences of the Sun of Truth! The leader whom they have followed is unworthy of mention, and the heedless souls neither knew him, nor do they know him, nor do they desire to know him. For when the Word of Truth is uttered, they put their fingers in their ears, even as did the people of old. They speak but comprehend not, and imagine themselves to be guided. Nay, by the Lord of earth and heaven! They are servants who perceive not. They have taken one who brayeth as their lord besides God. Thus have their evil souls seduced them.

One is astonished! Are the people deprived of sight, or are their ears forbidden to hear? How is it that they have forsaken the sweet and life-giving ocean, yet strive with utmost diligence in pursuit of a putrid drop?

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who causeth the rivers to flow, Who splitteth the dawn, and sendeth forth the winds! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy utterance, and the heaven of Thy knowledge, and by the Light that hath shone forth from the Most Exalted Horizon by Thy command and will, to rend asunder, with the finger of Thy power, the veils of Thy creation and the coverings of Thy creatures. Then send down upon them, O my God, from the clouds of Thy mercy, that which will purify them from the mention of any one save Thee, that they may turn with their hearts to the horizon whence the lights of the Sun of Thy countenance have shone forth, and may hear with their ears that which the Sadratu'l-Muntaha proclaimeth among Thy creatures.

O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy most great signs, and by the mercy that hath preceded all created things, to protect Thy loved ones from the oppressors among Thy creatures who have adorned their heads with turbans and have arisen to extinguish the fire of Thy Tree and quench the light of Thy Cause. O Lord! Thou art the Generous, possessed of great bounty. I beseech Thee to make known unto them that which Thou hast intended for them through Thy generosity and favor. Then cause Thy loved ones to drink from the chalice of steadfastness in such wise that nothing in the world shall prevent them from Thy Most

Great Name, which proclaimeth amongst the nations that there is none other God but He, the Manifest, the All-Seeing, the Witness, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing.

And then your letter arrived, and since it was adorned with the mention of the Peerless Friend, it brought the utmost joy and delight. God willing, may you be forever illumined by the effulgent rays of the Sun of inner meanings and drink of the sealed wine in the name of the True One, exalted be His glory. When knowledge was gained of your intention to visit the Abode of the Beloved of the worlds, after attaining presence and receiving permission, the entire letter was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. This is what the Tongue of the All-Merciful uttered in the Kingdom of Utterance—His word, exalted be His grandeur:

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

O Ghulam-i-Qabil-i-Rida! Your letter hath arrived and from it We have inhaled the fragrance of thy submissiveness and humility before God, and thy turning toward the Most Exalted Horizon in days wherein the learned and mystics have turned away, save those whom God, the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the throne and earth, hath willed. Thus hath the matter been decreed from God, the Lord of lords.

We have heard that which thou didst call unto God and have answered thee through this Tablet, whose fragrance shall never cease to persist through the eternity of His Most Beautiful Names and His Most Exalted Attributes. To this beareth witness the Mother Book which is with Him. Blessed is he who cometh unto you and heareth the call of the Wronged One, Who hath summoned all unto God, the Lord of all men, and blessed is he who hath heard His call and recognized His station and acknowledged that which the Speaker of Sinai hath uttered from this Spot which God hath made the point of adoration for the Concourse on High and the dwellers of Paradise at eventide and at dawn. By the life of God, O servant! The sincere ones inhale from thy Lord's Book the fragrance of inner meanings and utterance, and the people of Baha that which cannot be mentioned in words. Remember My loved ones in that land on My behalf and give them the glad tidings of the Sun of My loving-kindness which hath illumined the horizons.

Say: The Wronged One remembereth you for the sake of God and teacheth you that which will draw you nigh unto the Most Exalted Station, and We counsel you and those who have believed to show forth the Greater Steadfastness in this Cause, through which, when it was revealed, the earth shone with its light and the nightingale warbled upon the branches. Dominion belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Bountiful. Thus hath the horizon of the heaven of utterance become luminous and the sun of proof hath shone forth. Blessed is he who hath heard and seen, and woe unto every heedless doubter.

O Ghulam-i-Rida! Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the verses of God which were revealed in most eloquent Arabic. Now hearken unto the sweetest Persian, that perchance through the breezes of utterance thou mayest guide the lost unto the straight path and give the thirsty to drink from the Kawthar of inner meanings. Today the Sun of grace is risen and the ocean of loving-kindness is surging, yet most are found heedless and veiled. Some are deprived of the divine elixir because of a croaking, and others

are barred from the Most Exalted Pen's shrill voice and the rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing by the call of the lowliest of servants.

Say: O ye dead ones! The Water of Life hath appeared—hasten ye and count this time as precious. In this springtime of inner meanings, deprive not yourselves of God's grace and loving-kindness. Today the Book of the Exalted Ones is manifest, and likewise the Book of the Wicked ones is evident. The Tablets of Light have risen, and likewise the pages of fire are spread abroad. They must become so intoxicated with the Kawthar of the All-Merciful's utterance that they would regard all else as non-existent and null. Today is the day of steadfastness, and today is the day of service and the manifestation of man's station.

Convey My greetings to the friends in that land on behalf of the Wronged One and gladden them with that which hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen. Say: O friends! The world hath never had, nor will it ever have, any loyalty. The tongue of the world at all times announceth its own evanescence and proclaimeth, saying: "O people of the earth! Where are the bygone centuries and ages past? Where is the might of the Pharaohs, the glory of the Khosroes, and the ranks of the tyrants? Where are their armies and their standards, their treasures and their banners? Take ye warning and be not of the heedless ones!" One call of the world was Mirza Husayn Khan, the Iranian Minister, which all heard and became aware of his passing.

I remind you, O My loved ones, of that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an: "All that is thereon is passing away, and there endureth the face of thy Lord, the All-Glorious, the Most Bountiful." That Day is this Day, for the lights of His countenance have dawned from the horizon of manifestation, resplendent and evident, and all that is on earth shall be subject to annihilation, save those souls who, after the extinction of all things, have uttered the blessed words "I believe in Thee, O Lord of Names." Today the Hand of the Self-Subsisting proffereth the sealed wine, and the white hand bestoweth the water of immortality. Take ye thereof in His name and drink ye in remembrance of Him. Well is it with you, and again, well is it with you.

The aforementioned minister, Mirza Husayn Khan, in these latter years committed no act that would cause grief; rather, he dealt kindly with the loved ones in general. Therefore none should speak of him save with good words. The hearts of the loved ones must remain sanctified from the world's vexations. God willing, while time remaineth, the friends must acquire eternal stations, that their mention may endure in the Book of God. The Command is in His grasp—He withholdeth and He giveth, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Munificent, the Generous.

We make mention of him who is named Aqa Mir, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of the Wronged One and be of them that render thanks. O Mir! Hearken unto the call from the precincts of the Prison. He remembereth thee with that which will draw thee nigh unto God, the Most High, the Most Great. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made known unto me the Dayspring of Thy Cause and the Dawning-Place of Thy verses, and for having guided me to Thy straight path. Glory be upon thee, upon thy wife and her mother, and upon those women who have believed in God, the One, the All-Informed.

We make mention of him who was named Siyyid before Mihdi and give him glad tidings of the verses of God, the Lord of the worlds. Rejoice thou in the remembrance of the Wronged One of thee, and glorify thy Lord, the Possessor of this wondrous Day. This is the Day whereof the Apostle of God gave tidings in the Qur'an, and whose mention was revealed in the Torah and the Gospel. Beware lest anything withhold thee from this Cause, at whose appearance the foundations were shaken, the mountains were crushed, and the hearts of the heedless were agitated. Blessed art thou, and thy wife, and those whom the veils of glory hindered not from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who was named Siyyid Ali, that he may hear thy scratching and take unto God a way. O Ali! Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for having aided thee in this Cause and enabled thee to hear His most sweet call when it was raised betwixt earth and heaven. He is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Cast aside the world and whatsoever is with the peoples, and hold fast unto that which thou hast been commanded by God, the Lord of all mankind. The glory and splendor from Us be upon thee, upon thy wife, and upon every discerning believer.

We make mention in this station of him who was named Hasan before ʿAli, and We counsel him to remain steadfast in this Cause whereby necks have been laid low. Take thou the chalice of certitude in the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Verily it will draw thee nigh unto the most exalted station. Thus hath the tongue of the Wronged One spoken, while imprisoned in the hands of those who have cast behind their backs that which the All-Bestowing hath revealed in the Book. Glorify on My behalf the countenance of her who hath believed in her Lord and responded when she heard the call from God, the Revealer of verses.

Section 2: "O Pen! Make mention of him who hath…"

O Pen! Make mention of him who hath been named Zaynu'l-ʿAbidin, that the verses of his Lord may draw him to a station wherein the affairs of earth and the promptings of them that dwell thereon shall not withhold him from God, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Knowing. Take thou the chalice of immortality in the name of the Lord of Names, then drink therefrom through this remembrance whereby the gates have been opened. Forget not God's covenant and His testament. Act in accordance with that which thou hast been commanded in the Books and Tablets. This is a day wherein every speaker hath spoken, every witness hath testified, every hearer hath heard, and whatsoever was hidden in the treasuries of thy Lord's knowledge, the Lord of the Final End, hath been made manifest. Hold fast unto the cord of godliness, then make mention of thy Lord at morn and eventide. Glory be upon the people of Baha and upon those who have believed in God, the One, the Chosen One.

We make mention of him who hath been named Siyyid Ali, that he may praise his Lord on this Day whereon the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed." O Ali! Turn thy heart toward the Supreme Horizon, the station wherein the Lote-Tree of the Uttermost End proclaimeth: "Grandeur belongeth unto God, the Lord of the worlds." O ʿAli! The Wronged One calleth, and with Him all things call out in this darksome night, summoning thee unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and say: "O God of Names, Who gazeth from the Most Glorious Horizon! I beseech Thee by the fragrances of Thy garment and the rustling of the breezes of Thy Paradise to aid me in all conditions to remain steadfast in Thy love.

O Lord! Thou art the Generous One, and within Thy grasp lieth the kingdom of the heavens and of the earth. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful." Convey My greetings unto her who hath heard and responded to her Lord, the Speaking, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

O Abu'l-Qasim! Bear thou witness unto that whereunto God hath testified before the creation of the heavens and the earth: that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath come upon the clouds is indeed He Who was mentioned in My Books, inscribed by My Pen, and concealed in the treasure of My Will, which hath encompassed all things great and small. Blessed art thou for having turned unto God when every heedless and remote one turned away from Him, and every learned one of dubious mind pronounced judgment against Him. Beware lest the affairs of earth withhold thee from the Lord of Heaven. Cast aside what the peoples possess and take what thou hast been given from the presence of the Ancient King. This shall profit thee in every world of the worlds of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. Thus hath spoken the Tongue of the All-Merciful in the Kingdom of Utterance. Blessed is he who hath heard and said:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Glory of all who are in the heavens and on earth!"

The Glory shining from the horizon of thy Lord's will, the Lord of all mankind, be upon thee and upon every leaf who hath believed in God, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing.

O Javad! The Lord of creation maketh mention of thee from the prison quarter and calleth thee unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Rejoice thou in this Most Great Remembrance. By God! All the treasures of earth cannot equal it. Praise thy Lord, the Knower of the unseen and the seen. A letter from thy brother hath been received wherein My loved ones were mentioned. We have made mention of each one of them in such wise that its fragrance shall never cease to perfume the world. To this beareth witness the Ancient King Who hath come from the heaven of revelation with a perspicuous Book. Give thanks unto God for this supreme bounty, then make mention of Him at eventide and at dawn. Glory be upon thy brother and upon thee and upon thy wife. Convey My greetings unto her and give her the glad tidings of that which hath been revealed for her from the Most Exalted Pen in this glorious Script.

O ʿAli-Akbar! The Wronged One makes mention of thee from the Most Great Prison, with that which will draw thee closer to God, the Mighty, the Loving. Beware lest what the people possess prevent thee from that which the Lord of Destiny possesses. Leave behind what the people have and take what God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, hath given thee. We counsel thee and My loved ones to remain steadfast in this Cause whereby the tribes of the earth have lamented and every lofty mountain been leveled. Hold fast unto the Sure Handle and cling to the hem of thy Lord, the Master of the Promised Day. Give glad tidings from Me to her who hath turned towards God, the Mighty, the Beloved.

O My Pen! We hear thy scratching by night and by day in remembrance of God and His loved ones. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath attained unto thy adorning and heard thy scratching. He is indeed among those who are brought near in a clear Book. It is as though thou hast drunk from the Kawthar of life and been seized by the rapture of thy Lord's verses, such that the affairs of the world cannot prevent thee from the remembrance of the Lord of Eternity. Thou speakest at all times and callest out to all in the realm of possibility, giving them glad tidings of that which hath appeared and shone forth

from the horizon of God's will, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed art thou, O Pen, and joy be unto thee. I testify that thou hast not fallen short in that which thou wert commanded. It hath been proven with clear evidence that neither slumber nor sleep overtaketh Him. We behold thee adorned with the ornament of wakefulness in such wise that thy scratching hath never ceased from the ears of those who are nigh. We see thee standing in service to thy Lord and speaking His beauteous praise.

Make mention of him who was named Khalil and give him glad tidings of the verses of the Glorious One which have been sent down from the heaven of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the All-Forgiving, the Generous. Beware lest sorrows keep thee back from thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Leave the transgressors behind thee and cling to the hem of thy Lord's grace, the Merciful. From His prison He hath called all unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Among the people are those who have turned towards Him and those who have turned away. Verily thy Lord is independent of all worlds. Thus hath the Tongue spoken with most exalted utterance. Glory be unto him who hath heard, and woe unto the heedless.

O Pen! Make mention of him who was named Muhammad-Taqi that he may hear thy call in this Cause whereby souls have lamented and feet have slipped. By God! That which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of Lords, hath been made manifest. He is the One to Whom the Concourse on High and the denizens of Paradise, and those who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn, have borne witness. At His appearance the idol hath wailed, the foundations have quaked, and the graven images have been thunderstruck. Give thanks unto God for having remembered thee from this most exalted station with verses at whose revelation the pens have bowed down in submission. We send Our greetings upon thy face and upon My loved ones in thy region, and upon those who have, with the arm of certitude, shattered the idols of vain imaginings.

O Muhammad-Rida! My Most Exalted Pen hath turned towards thee and giveth thee and My loved ones glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for you in the kingdom of thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Be thou as a bird soaring in My atmosphere, speaking My praise, turning towards My horizon, and acting in accordance with that which thou hast been commanded in the Book. Thus speaketh the Wronged One when sorrows have encompassed Him from every direction. Cast aside vain fancy through the name of thy Lord, the Self-Subsisting, and take the choice wine that hath been sealed with this remembrance before which all remembrances have prostrated themselves. The world and its ornaments and bounties shall pass away, and there shall endure for My loved ones that which hath been sent down from the presence of a Mighty, Powerful, Munificent Lord.

Turn, O My Pen, towards My handmaiden who hath been named Fatimih in the Kingdom of Names, and give her the glad tidings of My mercy and loving-kindness which have preceded all created things. Blessed art thou and blessed is every handmaiden who hath turned towards and responded to the Lord of the Unseen and the Seen. How many a learned one hath been debarred from the Known One, while thou hast turned towards Him and drunk His choice sealed wine from the hand of His bounty.

And We make mention in this place of My servants whose names have not been mentioned. Verily their Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Forgiving, the Bountiful. We counsel you to manifest trustworthiness and fidelity, and whatsoever will exalt the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds. O people of Baha! By God, this is your Day, did ye but know it. Beware lest the oppressor's might deter you from this momentous News.

Rend asunder the veils of idle fancy in the name of your Lord, the Lord of all men, and glorify His praise at all times. The splendor shining forth from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon you and upon My handmaidens who have turned unto God and have hearkened to the voice of God, the Speaking, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Faithful. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

For each of the souls mentioned in your letter, wondrous and exalted divine verses have been revealed. God willing, may they recognize the value of this matchless blessing and arise with perfect steadfastness to serve the Cause. Today, whosoever speaks and acts with goodly words, righteous deeds, and praiseworthy character is and shall be a helper of God's Cause. May you be assisted to achieve that which befits this wondrous Day. All the names submitted before the Divine Presence, both living and deceased, have attained infinite divine favors, for all souls adorned with the ornament of recognition are alive and enduring in the presence of the Truth. Strive that perchance you may heal a sick one in the name of God, or guide a wanderer to the straight path. This station is most exalted and lofty. Should anyone be prevented by worldly obstacles, it would be better to appoint a deputy who might give life to one who is dead in the name of God, or guide a wanderer to his true homeland.

By God's life! The Word of Truth is living and animate, penetrating, flowing, pervading and ever-moving. Well is it with them that perceive. I beseech God to cleanse all eyes from the ophthalmia of self and desire, that they may witness that which is hidden from the eyes of the heedless. This evanescent servant conveys greetings and salutations to all the friends, and beseeches them: while time has not passed away, strive that you may attain to that for which you were created. The glory, the mercy and the glory be upon you, O people of Baha, and upon them who gaze toward the Most Sublime Horizon and drink from Its luminous Kawthar. And praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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BH00273: Praise be to God Who is single in majesty…

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

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

Praise be to God Who is single in majesty, unique in grandeur, sanctified above all that creation uttereth, and holy beyond the conditions of all created things—He Who hath spoken His most exalted Word, whereby the banner of Divine Unity was raised to the loftiest station in the kingdom of creation, and the standard of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth" was unfurled on the right hand of the most luminous Spot. Exalted is the Lord of Names, through Whom the stream of mercy flowed and the ocean of bounty surged, through Whom the Hidden Secret and the Treasured Mystery were revealed, through Whom the Lote Tree of the Extremity spoke forth in the Most Exalted Paradise, and the Call was raised between earth and heaven.

Exalted is the Manifestation of this Day, which was heralded by the Tongue of Grandeur in ancient times in His words "Lead forth the people from darkness into light and announce to them the days of God," and in His other words "The Kingdom on that day shall be God's," and again "The day when thy Lord shall come, or some of the signs of thy Lord," and yet again "And thy Lord shall come and the angels rank on

rank." Praise be to God Who sent down the heavenly table and perfected His favor, Who manifested in His Day what He had revealed to His Prophets and Messengers, through whom the proof was completed for all creation and the lights of manifestation shone forth throughout all lands, through whom hearts and souls were attracted, and through whom was revealed what God had purposed throughout all ages and centuries.

Glorified art Thou, O God of existence, Who hast appeared through Thy Name, the All-Loving, in this Promised Day! Thou seest Thy servants and Thy creation, who have turned away from the Dawning-Place of Thy Cause, the Manifestation of Thy Revelation, and the Dayspring of Thy inspiration, after Thou didst command them in Thy Scrolls, Thy Scriptures, and Thy Tablets to turn unto Thee, to arise to serve Thee, and to draw nigh unto the ocean of Thy knowledge. And when the Dawn of Manifestation appeared and the Speaker on Sinai spoke forth, they turned away from Thee, broke Thy Covenant, and rose in opposition, to such extent that those who reclined upon the cushions of glory by Thy Name pronounced judgment against Thee.

I beseech Thee by the revelations of the lights of Thy countenance after the extinction of all things, and by the manifestations of Thy power in the kingdom of creation, to aid Thy servants to recognize Him Whose advent and mention every Book hath proclaimed. O Lord! Rend asunder the greatest veil from before the faces of humanity with Thy finger, O Lord of destiny, that they may behold Thee with Thine own eye. Thou art He Who hath said—and Thy word is the truth—"Whosoever desireth to know Me must look with Mine eye, for without this he shall never know Me." O Lord! I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thou didst subdue the world, to assist Thy loved ones to such steadfastness that the books of the world shall not prevent them from turning to Thy most exalted horizon, and to grant them the Kawthar of assurance through the hands of bounty, O Lord of the Beginning and the End! There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And further: this servant attained to what thou didst send unto him. When he was attracted by what thy heart's tongue had uttered in remembrance and praise of God, he turned toward the Dayspring of the Most Great Sign, the Station which God hath sanctified from all attributes and names. When he was present before the Gate which was opened unto all who are in earth and heaven, he submitted, after obtaining permission, what was in thy letter. Thereupon the Ancient King turned toward me and spoke that which caused the ocean of knowledge to surge before the faces of the nations. His word, exalted be His majesty:

He is the Manifest, the Speaking, the Trustworthy

O Abdu'r-Rahim! The All-Merciful remembers thee from the precincts of His Most Great Prison. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. We have heard thy call and have answered thee with verses whereby the horizon of the heaven of utterance hath shone forth and the Dove of the Cause hath warbled upon the branches. The Promise hath appeared and the Promised One hath come with a sovereignty before which all who are in the heavens and on earth are powerless to resist. Be thou steadfast in the service of the Cause and eloquent in the praise of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, with wisdom and utterance. Thus wert thou commanded before and in this hour. Cast behind thee the mention of the

world and hold fast unto My Name, the Self-Subsisting, through which was revealed that which was sent down in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds.

He Who directs the world with His finger hath been imprisoned by the heedless in the Most Great Stronghold. Among the people are those who have said that He hath fabricated a lie against God. Say: Bring forth what ye possess, if ye be of the truthful. Say: By God! The proof circleth round the All-Merciful and the evidence standeth before the Throne, were ye but to perceive it. The vain life hath deluded them from turning to the gathering-place of the Concourse on High—the Station wherein the Tongue of the Wronged One speaketh and calleth all unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Say: O concourse of men! Fear God and follow not your idle fancies. By God! He Who was promised in the Books of God and mentioned in the hearts of the Messengers hath come.

Cast aside tyranny, then look with the eye of fairness at that which hath been sent down from God, the Ancient Revealer. Beware lest the conditions of names prevent you from the Creator of heaven. Cast away what ye possess and take what ye have been commanded by One All-Powerful, Ancient.

This is the Day wherein the Bridge hath been laid, the Balance set up, and all tribes seized with trembling, save whom God hath delivered by a sovereignty from Him. Verily, He is the Omnipotent over what He willeth and within His grasp is the dominion of the kingdom of the heavens and earth. This is the Day wherein every tongue hath spoken, every seated one hath arisen, every sightless one hath seen, and every lifeless bone hath stirred. Say: Know ye the value of these days wherein that which lay hidden in God's knowledge, the Mighty, the Praised, hath been manifested. Preserve ye your stations through this Name whereby the earth hath been shaken, the mountains moved, the heaven cleft asunder, and the hearts of the deniers thrown into turmoil. The glory be upon thee and upon thy children and thy wife and upon them that are with thee among the loved ones of God, the One, the Peerless, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

From the divine verses His grace and bounty are manifest and evident. God grant that the True One, exalted be His glory, may assist His servants to discover the fragrance of His robe and attain unto the breezes of His verses. I swear by the murmuring of the Kawthar of inner meanings that if those on earth would, with even less than that, gaze with the eye of fairness upon what hath been manifested and ponder what hath been revealed, all would turn toward the supreme horizon and would utter the blessed words "I turn unto Thee, O God of Names!"

However, the conditions of earth and its colors have rendered people heedless and preoccupied. From the beginning of creation until now, such a Cause hath never appeared. All events of the world that have since occurred or will occur have flowed with utmost clarity from the Supreme Pen and been recorded in the Tablets, and most of the servants have seen and heard them. Nevertheless, they remain veiled and heedless.

Glory be to God! Man is bewildered, and this servant, like one distracted and astonished, observes the world. The party that counted themselves the most mighty, exalted, learned and ancient of the world, and who day and night made mention of the Qa'im, ultimately all issued the death sentence against that Luminary of the heaven of inner meaning and martyred that Essence of being with the worst torment.

The curse of God be upon the wrongdoers! Even more veiled than that party of deniers are the people of the Bayan who follow exactly in the footsteps of those souls. They have not reflected, even less than that, what fruit was gained by that group. By the life of the Beloved! These souls are observed to be more veiled than those souls, nay more veiled than all the peoples of the world.

The King of existence, concerning Whom the Point of the Bayan, may the souls of all else be sacrificed for His sake, hath said "Be not veiled from Him by what is in the Bayan, and be not deprived of Him by its letters"—they have arisen in opposition to such an extent that pen and tongue are powerless to describe it, even though they were never and are not now aware of the origins of this Cause. May God grant sight and bestow fairness. Verses are flowing and being revealed like torrential rain, and evidences are manifest and dawning from all horizons. Nevertheless, they have said that which the people of the Torah and other religions have not said. Fie upon them and upon those who have led them astray and misguided them from the straight path of God, the manifest, the evident, the straight. Praise be to God, the Most High, the Most Great.

Regarding the mention of certain souls in your letter, those names were presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, and the sun of grace dawned specifically for each one. God willing, may they be illumined by the lights of the suns of utterance of the Beloved of all creation, and arise with complete steadfastness to serve the Cause. His mighty utterance states:

He is the Most Manifest, the Most Glorious

O Muhammad-Qabli! The Wronged One hath turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison and calleth thee to God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. He hath mentioned thy mention in this station and hath revealed for thee that which attracteth the hearts and minds. Take the verses of thy Lord with strength from Him, then make mention of Him by His command. He is the Commander, the Kind. Be thou observant of His supreme horizon and act according to what thou hast been commanded in the Book. He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Blessed is the servant who hath acknowledged what the Tongue of Grandeur hath uttered, and woe unto every heedless one who is veiled. The glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee from God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

Section 2: "That which was revealed for the handmaiden…"

That which was revealed for the handmaiden of God, Sahib:

In the Name of the One God

O my handmaiden! Hearken in the Persian tongue to the Word of God, that perchance through the grace of the Most Great Name thou mayest attain to such a station wherein no doubt or uncertainty can find entrance. The whole world hath been created for this wondrous Day. Blessed is the soul that hath recognized this Day and hath arisen to render that which beseemeth it. While time remaineth, strive thou that haply thou mayest be enriched through the outpourings of the true Bestower and shine forth even as the morning star. We convey Our greetings to all the handmaidens in that land and bid them observe that which God loveth. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath heard, turned unto Him, and attained unto that which God, the Lord of all worlds, hath desired.

That which was revealed for Siyyid Sadiq, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah]. He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Siyyid Sadiq! Fix thy gaze upon this blessed Word which is even as a spirit unto all books:

> "The beginning of all things is My knowledge, and the end thereof is steadfastness in My love."

God willing, through the grace of the Self-Subsisting Name thou shalt quaff the sealed wine and arise with complete steadfastness to serve the Cause of the Lord of all beings. This is the Sun of Days and its Lord. Beseech God that thou mayest be aided to accomplish that which shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Verily He speaketh the truth and guideth to the Way. Sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. The glory be upon thee, upon thy wife, and upon every handmaiden who hath believed in God, the Lord of all worlds.

That which was revealed for Nasru'llah, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah]. He is the True Witness.

O Nasru'llah! The people of Baha must ever ascend the heights of knowledge, seeking the Most Exalted Horizon. Today all things cry out and summon the people to the straight path of God. Blessed is he who hath truly heard; woe unto the heedless! God willing, thou shalt ever be illumined by the lights of the manifestation of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, and remain firm and steadfast in His Cause. This is the most great bounty and the most exalted station. Be thou grateful and numbered with the thankful ones.

That which was revealed for Ahmad, upon him be the glory of God.

In the Name of the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

O Ahmad! The Point of the Bayan hath declared: "He is the One Who speaketh in every condition, saying: 'Verily, I am God, there is none other God but Me, the Lord of all things, and all besides Me are My creation. O My creation! Worship ye Me."' Nevertheless, they remain veiled. The people of the Bayan have objected to the mention of Divinity. By the Sun of the horizon of inner meanings, they are regarded by God as more base than the followers of the Qur'an and the previous religions. Guard thyself in the name of Truth from the breath of the ungodly. He is verily the Counselor, the All-Knowing. Praise be to God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

That which was revealed for Ustad Ibrahim K.J., upon him be the glory of God.

In the Name of the Most Ancient, the Most Great

O Abraham! In the days when the fragrance of the garment of Revelation was wafted from Zawra, We informed all of the appearance of the croakers and the Book of Sijjin and the tablets of fire. Likewise in the Land of Mystery and the Most Great Prison. Blessed are they who hearkened unto the Word of Truth and acted upon it. This is the Day of vision, inasmuch as the Most Great Spectacle hath appeared. By the life of God! Ears were created for this Day, for the Most Sweet Call is raised from the supreme horizon. Take hold of the Truth, detached from all else. Although these wondrous and exalted verses from the Kingdom of Divine utterance were revealed specifically for the mentioned names, yet their purpose embraceth all the souls of the world—that is, those possessed of hearing and sight. Blessed is he who

hath found and recognized, and hath attained unto that which the Tongue hath uttered in the Kingdom of utterance, and hath testified to that which God testified before the creation of the heavens and earth. He is, verily, the Single One, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

That which was revealed for His Honour ʿAli-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God:

He Who is seated upon the Throne of Revelation

O ʿAli-Akbar! Hearken unto that which the Wronged One mentioneth unto thee from this Spot which hath been illumined by the lights of the Countenance, and which God hath made the Dawning-place of His verses, the Dayspring of His revelation and the Recipients of His knowledge, the Mighty, the Wondrous. This is the Day wherein the sincere ones have hastened unto the Euphrates of the mercy of their Lord, the Generous, and the near ones have spoken that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken. Blessed is the speaker who hath acknowledged that which the Tongue of the All-Merciful hath uttered in the Kingdom of utterance, and woe unto every proud and suspicious one. This is the Day wherein the Mount calleth aloud, and the Tree of Revelation calleth out, yet the people are in manifest remoteness. When thou perceivest the fragrance of My loving-kindness from the garment of My utterance, render thanks and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all who are on earth, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of them that know. Thus hath the Ark of Knowledge sailed upon the sea of wisdom. Blessed is he who hath recognized and is of them that render thanks.

The splendours of the Sun of bounty have encompassed all the mentioned names. God willing, may they recognize this most great station and preserve it, and may they be seen to be firm, steadfast and upright in the conclusive verses of the Manifestation of clear proofs. The evil ones have been and are lying in wait. The Command is in His hand—He doeth and decreeth as He pleaseth, and He is the Commander Whom the conditions of creation have not hindered. He hath appeared and made manifest what He willed through His sovereignty that overshadoweth all in the heavens and earth. Strange it is that some of the veiled ones have passed by the ocean of utterance and have lent their ears to the vain imaginings of every croaker.

Fie upon them and upon those who have led them astray and kept them back from the straight path of God. Some time ago this exalted Word was revealed from the Divine Kingdom of knowledge—exalted be His utterance: Fix your gaze upon this Word which shineth as the sun from the heaven of the Divine Tablet: “Return ye to the traces, O people of insight!” Let your honour, and likewise this servant and all the friends, beseech God, glorified be His majesty, that perchance the lights of the sun of justice may not remain concealed behind the clouds of oppression, and the shrill voice of the Supreme Pen may not be confused with croaking and cawing. Glorified be He Who hath unveiled unto us and unto you, and concealed from them.

Three glorious Tablets specifically intended for your children have been revealed and dispatched. May they attain unto them. All the names mentioned in your letter have been honored with mention by the Supreme Pen, and those unnamed souls who are adorned with divine love have likewise been recorded by the Supreme Pen. All servants and handmaidens must occupy themselves with the remembrance of

the Goal of all the worlds with perfect steadfastness and love, and act in accordance with what befits these days. God willing, may all be aided to perform goodly deeds. In numerous instances this blessed word was heard: The Truth, exalted be His glory, hath come for the reformation of the world. God willing, may all arise to aid the Cause through goodly character, pure words, and pleasing deeds. Corruption hath never been and shall never be the way of God and His loved ones. He desireth naught but the salvation of all who are in the world. To this testifieth every fair-minded and discerning one.

Furthermore, convey greetings on behalf of this evanescent one to each of the friends of God, exalted be His glory. God willing, may they all soar in the atmosphere of inner meanings on the wings of steadfastness and attain unto that which God hath desired. His honor the beloved, upon him be the glory of God and His mercy, namely his honor Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be God's grace and glory, wrote in detail about the friends of that land and their being set ablaze with the fire of divine love. God willing, all have been and are confirmed. And in this time when each hath attained innumerable favors, this evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to grant all a portion from His ocean of mercy and to deprive no one. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer, the Watchful, the Near One. Glory be upon you and upon your children and those with you and upon those who have drunk from the Kawthar of divine knowledge and have attained unto God's bounty, the Powerful, the Munificent, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

The servant 4 Rabi'u'th-Thani 1299

BH00557: The Kingdom of praise and the Dominion of glorification…

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

The Kingdom of praise and the Dominion of glorification beseemeth the sovereign Lord Who, neither by the might of the world nor by its pomp and power, was deterred from that which He purposed. Through one Word He gathered all together, and through another Word He distinguished truth from error. Through the blessed Word "I am the Beloved" He attracted the hearts and souls of them that are nigh unto Him and are sincere, in such wise that each one, detached from all else, turned unto the place of sacrifice. And through the Word "I am the Ever-Present" He preserved all, that they might drink from the ocean of reunion and attain unto the Kawthar of His presence. Exalted be His power and magnified His bounty! He is the Source and unto Him shall all return. The beginning of all things hath been from Him, and unto Him shall be the return of all. Well is it with them who, in this Day, are stirred by the breezes of God's Will, glorified be His majesty, and who submerge their own will in the Will of God, exalted be His glory. This station is and shall ever be the most exalted of all stations.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou in Whose grasp is the Kingdom of utterance and in Whose right hand is the Empire of knowledge! I beseech Thee by the rustling of the breezes of Thy springtime of bounty, and by the murmuring of the waters whereby Thou didst bestow life upon the people of Thy dominion, to ordain from Thy Most Exalted Pen for the people of Baha that which shall gladden their eyes, rejoice their hearts, and tranquilize their souls. And protect them from the arrows of allusions and the darts of doubts. O Lord! Illumine their hearts with the lights of Thy knowledge, then dilate their breasts in Thy days. O Lord! Thou art He Whom nothing whatsoever frustrateth and no affair hindereth. Take Thou, through Thy

grace, the hands of all created things, O Thou the Possessor of Names and Creator of heaven! There is none other God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Mighty.

Thereafter, thy letter was received and at one time was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Presence. This is what the Tongue of our Lord, the Bestower, spoke in reply, exalted be His glory:

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

O Hasan! The mention of all the friends hath flowed from the Pen of the All-Merciful's bounty, and all created things have testified and do testify to the grace, loving-kindness and mercy of God, exalted be His glory. He Who is the All-Knowing beareth witness that God's grace and mercy have at all times encompassed His loved ones. Strive ye now to preserve your stations through the Name of the Lord of Names. Be ye enkindled with the fire of His love and illumined by the light of His countenance. This is the Day of service and steadfastness. Blessed is he who hath sought your presence and attained unto your company. Today and always, teaching the Cause hath been and shall be the paramount duty, that perchance steadfast souls may become the cause of strength and power to those who are weak.

Likewise, service to the Cause hath been and is service to the friends of God. It behoveth you to honor their dwelling. God willing, may the loved ones of God and His chosen ones speak for His sake, arise for His sake, and fix their gaze upon Him. By the fragrant breezes of the All-Merciful's utterance! Were the station of but one steadfast and firm soul to be made manifest on earth, all would be thunderstruck by its greatness and the radiance of its effulgence, save whom God willeth. God willing, may ye spread the wings of detachment and soar in the atmosphere of inner meanings with the melody of the divine Bird.

Today, words that are as spirits for books have appeared from the Dayspring of God's Will; yet all remain heedless save those souls who have turned with the eye of fairness and attained His presence. We send Our greetings upon thee and upon those with thee, and upon My loved ones in those regions who have observed the rights of God and His Cause, and acted according to that which was revealed in His perspicuous and decisive Book. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The tokens of God's favor, exalted be His glory, are manifest and evident as the sun. Blessed are they who have not deprived themselves and have taken their portion from the ocean of utterance. Likewise, for each of the names mentioned in your letter, decisive verses of God have been revealed. God willing, may all drink from the ocean of knowledge and be illumined by the sun of wisdom. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

In His Name, the Manifest, the Hidden

O Muhammad-Qabli-Hasan! The Wronged One Who hath come from the heaven of command with the banners of verses remembereth thee, He Who hath called all to the Dayspring of Revelation Who hath appeared and manifested whatsoever He desired with power and sovereignty. Blessed is he who hath cast away idle fancy and followed that which was ordained by God, the Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust below. He is indeed of the people of Baha in the Scriptures and Tablets. How many who were standing have sat down in the fear of God, and how many who were seated have arisen in His Name, the

Protector of all horizons. This is a Day whereon the breeze of God hath wafted and the fragrance of His mercy hath been diffused amongst the peoples. Beware lest the croaking deter thee from the divine nectar. Leave thou the former and take the latter, through this remembrance before which all necks have bowed in submission.

He is the One dawning from the horizon of Manifestation

O Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli! The Countenance of the Ancient One hath turned toward thee from the precincts of His Most Great Prison and mentioneth thee in such wise as no mind hath comprehended nor eye hath witnessed. Hold fast unto the cord of God's Cause and take His Book with the strength that proceedeth from Him. Beware lest the company of the malicious hinder thee from God, the Almighty, the All-Loving. We have sent down the verses and manifested the evidences, yet the people do not understand. They have cast the Book of God behind their backs, following every heedless and veiled one. We have at all times called all men unto God; among them are those who turned away from Us, and those who objected and pronounced judgment against Us with such injustice as caused the dwellers of the highest Paradise to lament, yet most of the people know not. We call them to the Water of Life, while they hasten toward extinction; We send down for them the heavenly table, while they turn to every dead thing. Thus have their souls enticed them, and they are numbered among the dead in the Book of God, the Subduer, the Self-Subsisting. Glory be upon thee, upon thy spouse, and upon all who have turned toward God, the Lord of existence.

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

O Abu-Talib! The Desired One hath come for the salvation of the world, yet the peoples have turned away and disbelieved in God, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Known One hath appeared, yet every learned one hath denied Him, violated God's Covenant and His Testament, and cast aside His perspicuous Book. By God! The Recognized One hath come, yet every mystic hath turned away from Him, following vain imaginings and doubts like every immoral doubter. This is the Day wherein the Most Great Book speaketh and summoneth all unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. O people of Baha! Rejoice that the Lord of Names remembereth you with verses that surpass all that the kings and rulers possess. Cling to the hem of your Lord's loving-kindness and hold fast to His firm cord.

He is the Helper, the All-Knowing

O Zaynu'l-ʿAbidin! We counsel thee and My loved ones with that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds, may be exalted. We enjoin upon you trustworthiness, which God hath made the crown of all deeds. Verily, He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Through truthfulness shall your stations be made manifest among the peoples, as attested by Him Who possesseth a mighty Book. Blessed is he who hath cast away vain imaginings and attained unto that which was commanded by God, the One, the All-Seeing. O loved ones of the All-Merciful in all lands! Hearken unto the shrill voice of My Pen and that which My Tongue uttereth in My Kingdom. Verily, it will draw you nigh unto God, the Lord of this resplendent Day. Cast away what the people possess and take what is with God, thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Mulla Rida of Qamsar

He is the Proclaimer between Earth and Heaven

O Rida! The Wronged One hath heard thy call and hath turned toward thee, mentioning thee with that which shall immortalize thy name as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endure. Say: O peoples of the earth! Beware lest the breezes of chastisement prevent you from this sweet and flowing Water, this mighty and beloved Stream. Cast behind you the barkings of the dogs and take what ye are commanded by God, the Manifestation of what was and what shall be. O Rida! Convey to the people of Baha that which the Lord of Names hath uttered, that it may attract them to the praiseworthy station. We counsel them to manifest supreme steadfastness in this Cause, whereby the limbs of humanity have trembled, and We give them glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for them in My preserved Tablet. The Glory shining from the horizon of the will of the Creator of Heaven be upon thee and upon those whom the gestures of creation have not hindered from the Truth, who have cast aside what the people possess, hoping for that which is with their Lord, the Possessor of the Seen and Unseen.

He is the Expositor, the All-Wise

O Zaynu'l-Abidin! The Day of Judgment has come, yet the people have turned away from God, the True Sovereign, the Manifest, the Just. They have broken the Covenant and denied this Dawning Light—verily, they are among the lost in a mighty Book. We came for their salvation, yet they have pronounced judgment against Us with such tyranny as caused the sighs of the Prophets to ascend and the tears of those near unto God to fall. We make known to them that which profits them, yet they have risen to harm Us—to this testifies every discerning sage. Grieve not at anything, but put thy trust in God, the One, the All-Informed. Soon shall the world and all that is therein perish, and sovereignty shall remain with the Strong, the Mighty. Blessings be upon the people of Baha who have acted in accordance with that which they were bidden by the Ordainer, the Ancient of Days. We make mention of My maidservants who were not deterred by the clamor of the people—they heard and responded to the Lord of this mighty, exalted Cause. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The praise be to God that the friends of God have attained unto the sweet savors of the utterances of the All-Merciful. God willing, may they occupy themselves with the remembrance of God in perfect unity and harmony, and arise to that which will exalt His Cause. This evanescent servant conveys greetings and salutations to all, and gives them the glad-tidings of God's grace, exalted be His glory. No bounty is greater than this bounty—this is the heavenly feast which is reserved for steadfast and upright souls. Blessed is he who has attained on this Day of God, and woe unto him who has turned away from Him. Glory be upon you and upon them and upon every sincere and faithful seeker. Praise be to God, the Lord of this mighty Day.

BH00920: Praise, sanctified above all change and extinction, eternally was…

He is God, exalted be His glory and power!

Praise, sanctified above all change and extinction, eternally was and ever shall be befitting and worthy of that Imperishable Being, that Self-Sufficient Most High, Who through the fragrance of the garment of His grace guided the people of the Kingdom of Creation to the Most Exalted Horizon, and by the shrill voice

of His Pen drew the peoples of the world to the Kingdom of Eternity. He bestowed upon the atom the glory of the sun, and conferred upon the drop the effects of the ocean. By His Command-Word He subdued the world, and by a single letter from His Book He guided those endowed with understanding to the fountain of life. He is the Peerless Mighty One and the King Who doeth what He willeth. All the peoples of the world bear witness to His power. The might of oppressors, the tyranny of aggressors, the denial of deniers, and the turning away of the heedless did not and will never prevent Him from His purpose. His Will is operative and His Purpose all-pervasive. His blessed Name is the Most Great Healing Medicine for the health of the world, and His mention the companion of every stranger and wanderer. Exalted be His mercy and glorified be His grace. There is none other God but Him.

And peace and blessings be upon Him Who sat upon the Throne of the Seal, through Whom appeared the decree of the Beginning, whereby was broken the back of the wicked ones who worshipped idols and took them as lords besides God, the Lord of all mankind, and upon His family and companions who arose to serve His Cause and strove in God's path to exalt His Word—they are honored servants who speak not until He hath spoken, and who act by His command.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the Tree spoke forth on the Mount of Recognition and the lights of the Sun of Thy countenance shone forth from the horizon of creation! I beseech Thee by the dawning-places of Thy Most Beautiful Names and the day-springs of Thy most exalted attributes, and by Thy Greatest Signs, to send down upon Thy servants that which will draw them to Thine All-Highest Horizon and bring them near unto Thee, O Lord of all beings and King of the throne on high and of earth below. O Lord! The souls have been enveloped by the veils of idle fancies and been prevented from turning to the horizon of certitude. I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, by Thy Name the Self-Subsisting, to assist Thy loved ones to stand firm in Thy Cause and to write down for them from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit them in all the worlds of Thy worlds.

O Lord! Disappoint them not of what lies with Thee, and withhold not from them that which Thou hast ordained for such of Thy servants as are nigh unto Thee and such of Thy creatures as are sincere before Thee. O Lord! Thou seest them turning toward Thee, facing the lights of Thy countenance, and hastening toward the ocean of Thy bounty. Do Thou provide them, O my God, with the table Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy grace and the blessings Thou hast ordained in Thy Scrolls and Books and Tablets. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Ever-Forgiving, the Merciful.

And further: your letter was received, and the fragrance of acceptance and love emanated from it. Praise be to God, they are blessed with divine favors and honored by His name. This evanescent servant beseeches the Self-Sufficient Lord in all conditions to rend asunder the veils of all parties with the finger of power, so that all may arise, with illumined vision, truthful tongues, attentive ears, pure hearts, and expanded breasts, to that which befits the station of man.

Man has been and continues to be among the greatest signs of God, and has come from the realm of non-existence into the court of existence for the knowledge and betterment of the world. Should the leaders of government and nation manifest spiritual virtues, goodly deeds, and kindly words, the lights of justice will encompass all the earth, and all will dwell in perfect tranquility within the pavilion of security

and peace. The foundation of the security and welfare of nations rests upon two pillars: reward and punishment. Every sovereign must implement these two principles; indeed it is essential.

If man observes the divine verses with the eye of fairness and reflects, he will find each passage to be the dawning-place of laws. Reflect upon this blessed verse wherein He says: “Accept thou what is easy, and enjoin what is just, and turn away from the ignorant.” And likewise He says: “Be generous as God has been generous to thee.” All laws and principles that are the cause of the world’s order and the nations’ tranquility can be deduced and derived from these two blessed verses.

Most of the servants are seen to be heedless and veiled, and this servant, in view of the degrees of love and affection, is at all times engaged in prayer and clinging to the hem of divine generosity, that He might perchance not look upon the deeds of the servants, but rather, through His own bounty and grace, grant what has been beseeched. Verily He is the Forgiving, verily He is the Kind, verily He is the Generous, verily He is the Merciful. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Great.

And regarding the question about the blessed verse concerning the Trust—His exalted Word: “We offered the Trust”—a detailed response was bestowed, but sending it in an envelope was far from the requirements of wisdom, therefore it was not sent. God willing, in these days perhaps someone will journey in that direction and it will be sent with them. Now this servant has given the glad tidings of it and afterward you shall attain it.

You mentioned his honor Akhund Mulla Ahmad, upon him be the glory of God. God willing, may he be blessed in all conditions with the outpourings of the true Bestower and illumined by the lights of the Sun of inner meanings. The world has never had, nor has, any worth—soon it shall return to nothingness. I beseech and implore God to aid His loved ones in that which will cause their names and mention to endure. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth, and in His grasp is the Kingdom of Names. There is no God but Him, the Powerful, the Wise.

This evanescent servant sends greetings to his honor the aforementioned one. God willing, may he be assisted in the remembrance of God and in that which will exalt the station of man in the contingent world. Likewise convey greetings and praise from this servant to his honor Karbala’i Aqa Muhammad, upon him be the glory of God. I hope from God’s generosity, exalted be His glory, that He will protect him in all conditions through the hands of power and grant him that which befits His bounty. Verily He is the Generous, the Merciful.

Convey greetings and praise from this evanescent one to the other friends in that land. God willing, may all be aided and assisted in that which God loves and with which He is pleased. Peace and glory be upon you and upon those who have testified to that which God testified before the creation of the heavens and earth, that there is no God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. And peace and blessings be upon the Messengers, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH01407: O Thou Who by Thy mention hast drawn unto…

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

O Thou Who by Thy mention hast drawn unto Thee all names, and by Thy name hast subdued earth and heaven! I beseech Thee by the Crimson Scroll which hath been adorned by Thy Most Exalted Pen to assist Thy servants, Thy creation, Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones to remain steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that neither the horsemen in the arena of heedlessness and desire, nor the allusions of those who have turned away from Thee, O Lord of all creation, shall deter them. O Lord! Thou art He Whom the hosts of the world cannot frustrate, nor can the might of nations weaken. I beseech Thee to draw those who have turned towards Thee near unto the Dayspring of the lights of Thy countenance, and the believers unto the Dawning-Place of Thy signs. Then protect them, O my God, from the oppressors of Thy earth. Thou art He before Whose Name the kingdom of names hath bowed down and to Whose face the Concourse on High hath prostrated itself. Thou ordainest what Thou willest for whom Thou willest, and deniest what Thou willest to whom Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Single One, the All-Knowing.

Thereafter, thy letter was received. Praise be to God, it diminished grief and increased joy, for the fragrance of divine love was wafted from it. Today, every word that floweth from the pen of the friends in mention of God, exalted be His glory, is as a star in the heaven of existence. After reading and examining its contents, I approached the Most Exalted Station, and when I attained the presence, after permission was granted, I presented that which thy sincere tongue had uttered in the days of God, our Lord and your Lord, our Goal and your Goal, and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and the earth. This is what hath been sent down from the Kingdom of might and power from God, the Lord of the worlds. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

In My Name, the Wronged One, the Unique

O Ibrahim! Thou hast attained unto My mention and My favors aforetime, and We make mention of thee on this night with that which shall endure as long as the kingdom and the realm endure. Thou art he who hath testified to that which God hath testified and hast acknowledged that which hath been revealed from My Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is the one who hath arisen with strength to make mention of Me and hath spoken My praise. He is indeed of the people of My wondrous Kingdom. Read thou what We have revealed unto thee. It shall draw thee nigh unto a station that perisheth not. The Lord of the seen and the unseen beareth witness to this. We have heard thy call and have answered thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving.

O Ibrahim! By night and by day the Divine Pen is in motion, its call is raised, and its horizon is luminous, yet the people of the earth are heedless and remote, save whom God willeth. All have been waiting by their own admission, and at all times they have been uttering “Hasten, O God,” yet when the veil was rent asunder and the gate of heaven was opened and the Promised One appeared, all arose in opposition save the quantity of the letters of the Countenance. They reflected not for a moment what was the cause and reason that all sought deliverance for that Being, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake. By the life of God! The people are in manifest drunkenness and in strange slumber. Blessed art thou for having hearkened and answered thy Lord when He came with a wondrous Cause.

In all conditions, fix thy gaze upon the Truth and hold fast unto Him. Today it is incumbent upon all to engage in teaching the Cause with the utmost wisdom. The earth must first be made receptive through

the power of utterance, and then the word must be delivered. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath guided thee to the straight path of God. He hath attained unto My presence, My favors, and My mercy which have preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. From this station We send Our greetings upon him and upon thee and upon those who have cast away idle fancies on this glorious and wondrous Day.

God willing, may you ever drink from the cup of bounty and offer it to those who have turned to Him. This evanescent servant hath ever been occupied with the mention of God's loved ones; they have not been and shall not be forgotten.

As for the mention made of his honor ʿAzizu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, in these days they have sent a letter to his honor Marfu' of Qa'in, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious. In response, a most holy, most exalted Tablet was revealed and sent. Indeed, they have clung to the service of the Cause. God willing, may their love grow warmer at all times in such wise that its traces shall remain lasting and enduring in the world. Praise be to God, they are adorned with the ornament of love for the Beloved of the worlds and are assisted in serving the Cause. The Glory that is manifest, evident, and shining from the horizon of the bounty of our Lord, the Most Merciful, be upon you and upon those whom God hath enabled to turn to His bright and luminous horizon.

BH06879: O Mir! May the lights of the Day…

In the Name of the Powerful, the Omnipotent.

O Mir! May the lights of the Day of Manifestation ever illumine thee, and mayest thou be occupied with the remembrance of the Peerless Friend. Observe among the people how they have taken as their object of worship that world whose evanescence all acknowledge and confess, and how they remain debarred and shut out from the true Object of worship and from the rays of the Spiritual Sun. O Mir! Hearken unto the call of this Captive. He, verily, will assist thee and draw thee nigh unto God, the Single, the All-Informed. The Supreme Pen hath recorded mention of steadfast souls. God willing, may they hold fast unto that which God hath willed and be freed and detached from all else. We send greetings to all the friends in that land and other regions, and We counsel them unto that which leadeth to the exaltation and elevation of the station of man. Well is it with them that act, and woe unto the heedless. May the glory shining from the horizon of the will of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, be upon thee and upon them and upon every patient and grateful soul. Praise be to God, the Kind, the Forgiving.

BH07696: The Most Great Name beareth witness before all nations…

In the Name of Him Who is the Most Holy, the Most Great

The Most Great Name beareth witness before all nations that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Protecting, the All-Glorious, the Most Exalted. He hath in truth appeared and hath spoken forth that whereby the balance of justice hath been established between earth and heaven. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Unconstrained. He hath commanded all to observe that which will exalt the Cause of God above all else, yet the people have cast it behind their backs and have accepted instead that

which every sinful doubter hath ordained. Blessed is he who hath hearkened unto the call of his Lord and responded to his Master when He came with the kingdom of signs. Rejoice thou in the remembrance of God and His loving-kindness, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Sovereign of the world, Who hath appeared through Thy Most Great Name, for having remembered me in Thy prison and revealed unto me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which befitteth Thy generosity and grace. I beseech Thee to assist me under all conditions to serve Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Knowing.

BH07521: In My Name, the Witnesser and the Witnessed

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We make mention of those who turned to God when the ocean of utterance appeared with manifest waves, and We guide them to the Ark which We have fashioned with the hands of Our power that dominates all who are in the heavens and on earth. Hold fast unto it, O people of Baha, and follow not every heedless and remote one.

By the life of God! A single word from this Tablet is worth more than all the treasures of the earth—to this testifieth every insightful sage. O thou who soarest in My atmosphere! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My mighty prison. It will draw thee nigh unto God and guide thee to My straight path. Be thou grateful that the Countenance of the Ancient One hath turned toward thee and hath sent down for thee this noble Book. Should anyone come to you with tablets of fire, cast them behind you, turning instead to God, the One, the All-Informed. The glory be upon thee and upon thy father and thy mother and thy family, from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH08002: The Hidden Name hath appeared from the Horizon…

In the Name of the One God!

The Hidden Name hath appeared from the Horizon of Revelation and is manifest, yet the heedless servants remain debarred and deprived of Him. Blessed is the eye that no veils of names nor clouds cast by the people of creation prevented from beholding the Most Exalted Horizon. By God's life! Such a one is of the people of Baha who hath been inscribed by the Pen of the Ancient of Days in the Books of God. Well is it with him who hath attained unto this Day and hath done that which hath been commanded by God, the Lord of the worlds. We beseech God—exalted be His glory—to confirm all who have turned towards Him, that all may succeed in remembering Him, praising Him and serving His Cause. Verily, He is the Beneficent, the Generous. God willing, thou shalt take hold of the Book of God with the hand of might and drink from the choice wine of understanding that lieth concealed within its words. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

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BH00590: Immeasurable praise and glory befit the Lord of Names…

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

Immeasurable praise and glory befit the Lord of Names, Who hath quickened all created things with the waters of utterance. This indeed is that Water mentioned in all previous Books. Its source is the Supreme Pen, and its streams are the hearts and souls of them that are pure in spirit. The life of all being dependeth upon it. It is the wellspring of the life of the world and the cause of its continuance, and it is that Living Water which the chosen ones and loved ones of God strove to attain. In most excellent language hath it been mentioned by the All-Merciful in the Qur'an, where He saith, exalted be His utterance: "By means of water have We given life to everything." It sustaineth and nourisheth all the waters of the world. Were its sustenance to be withheld for less than a moment, all things would return to nothingness. Glory be unto Him Who hath adorned it, exalted it and made it manifest!

Whoso hath on this day attained unto this Water through the divine chalice of His words is accounted among the living, and whoso hath failed to attain unto it is reckoned among the dead. Should the true followers of the Bayan, from the beginning that hath no beginning unto the end that hath no end, seek to praise and glorify this most holy, most exalted, most resplendent, most pure, and most sanctified Water, they would surely find themselves powerless to do so. If the end of existence cannot be known, how then can the end of that which encompasseth all things be reckoned? Glorified be the Creator and glorified be He Who hath manifested and revealed His purpose. He, verily, is the One Who ruleth in truth and judgeth with justice in both the beginning and the end.

I offer salutations, peace, and glorification upon His loved ones and chosen ones, the Manifestations of His utterance, the Daysprings of His laws, the Sources of His Cause, and the Rising-places of the suns of His knowledge—they who have cast away the world in their haste to reach the Most Great Ocean, that station wherein the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth:

> "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the Peerless, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed!"

Glorified art Thou, O Thou before Whose remembrance and praise the very essence of knowledge standeth abashed, and the kingdom of utterance findeth itself ashamed to describe Thy station! For all besides Thee hath been created by Thy Will and through the movement of Thy Most Exalted Pen. How then can that which was created by a movement from Thee comprehend Thy manifestations, Thy attributes, and the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and wisdom?

Glorified art Thou, O Lord of Kings and the Merciful One to all who are possessed! I beseech Thee by the leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree and the Manifestations of Thy bounty in the Most Exalted Paradise to ordain for him who hath turned unto Thee that which beseemeth the heaven of Thy grace and the ocean of Thy generosity. Thou, verily, art the Almighty to do as Thou pleasest, and in Thy grasp are the kingdoms of all names. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

O Lord! Illumine all faces with the lights of Thy countenance and all hearts with the effulgences of the Sun of Thy knowledge. Thou art He at Whose most sweet call the Concourse on High hastened to Thy Most Glorious Horizon, and through Whose Most Great Name the world was set ablaze. I beseech Thee by Thy Command, Thy pervading influence, and Thy sovereignty, to draw nigh unto those who have desired Thy nearness and Thy presence. Then write down for them the reward of those who have attained unto Thy presence and have hearkened unto Thy verses.

O Lord! Thou art He Whose power and might every tongue hath testified to, and Whose sovereignty and authority every possessor of utterance hath acknowledged. There is none other God but Thee, the Expositor, the All-Wise.

To continue: Several of thy letters, arriving one after another, were received. Praise be to God! Each of them was as a garden adorned with the flowers of remembrance and praise, and was perfumed with the fragrance of love for the one Beloved. After they had been read and their purport apprehended, they attained unto the Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible Presence, and each, according to the requirements of the time, was laid before the Countenance. At every moment the Sun of loving-kindness shineth forth from the horizon of bounty; and on this day—which is reckoned among the latter part of the month of Rabi'u'th-Thani—these exalted words and these clear utterances have appeared from the horizon of the Will. Exalted be His glory:

In My Name which is sanctified above all words and mention

O Musafir! The Wronged One remembers thee and calls to mind the days when thou didst stand at the gate and sit in the presence of His countenance, hearkening unto that which the Speaker of Sinai uttered in the Land of Manifestation and beholding the face of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. Blessed be thine eye for what it hath beheld, thine ear for what it hath heard, and thy tongue for having uttered the praise of God, the Lord of the worlds. We bear witness, even as We bore witness before, that thou didst leave thy homeland, turning unto God, until thou didst arrive at the Prison and attain that which was recorded in the Books of the Messengers.

Thou didst attain My presence and drink the Kawthar of reunion from the hands of My bounty. Thou didst enter the Prison by leave of Him Who is the Source thereof and departed therefrom by His command. Verily, He recordeth the deeds of every steadfast believer. The servant in attendance hath presented thy letter before the Wronged One. He hath heard and answereth thee through this Tablet, the mighty, the wondrous. We have inhaled the fragrance of thy love, heard thy call, and witnessed thy devotion. We turn unto thee from the precincts of the Prison. Verily thy Lord is He Who ruleth as He pleaseth and ordaineth what He willeth.

From this spot We make mention of My loved ones in that place who have taken hold of the Book of God with the power granted by Him and have clung to His luminous hem. Convey My greetings unto them and remind them of My days, My verses and My clear proofs which have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. We also make mention of the children of the Friend and the heirs of Him Who conversed with God, whom the affairs of men have not prevented from the Most Great Vision. They heard, responded, and hastened with their hearts unto the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. These have testified to that which God testified before the creation of earth and heaven: that there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The world hath been illumined by the Most Great Light, yet the people do not comprehend. Blessed are ye, O children of the Friend, in that the Glorified One maketh mention of you, appearing resplendent in this hour while seated upon the Throne of Grandeur in this exalted Station. Beware lest the signs of the people prevent you from the Lord of this Day. Leave behind what is with the people, turning unto God, the Possessor of the visible and invisible.

O Nabil, O My Musafir! Give them the glad tidings of My mercy, My loving-kindness and My favor which have encompassed all created things. The Glory shining forth and dawning from the horizon of the Forehead be upon thee, upon those with thee, upon them, and upon those who have attained the recognition of God, the Mighty, the Loving.

Praise be to God that you have attained unto that which was recorded and inscribed in the divine Books of former and latter times. God willing, may the friends of God in that land who are adorned with the ornament of steadfastness engage in the mention and praise of the Beloved of the worlds with utmost joy and fragrance, with wisdom and utterance. Wisdom hath been beloved in all conditions. Blessed is he who holdeth fast unto it and acteth in accordance with what hath been ordained in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

This evanescent servant conveyeth his utter nothingness and greetings to each one, and declareth: Praise be to God that ye have attained unto the most great bounty and the supreme gift, and have recognized this mighty Day whose greatness hath been revealed by the Supreme Pen in former and latter scrolls. Now preserve this most great station in the name of the Lord of Eternity. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of inner meanings that all the treasures and riches and wealth and bounties of the world cannot equal the station of a single one of the friends of God. This evanescent servant hath heard such utterances from the Tongue of Grandeur concerning these stations that were they to be revealed, some might perish from joy and gladness. God willing, may all be aided to do what God loveth and be enabled to achieve the good-pleasure of the Peerless Friend.

Concerning what you wrote about His Holiness Ismu'llah Jamal, upon him be all the most glorious Glory of God, it was submitted to the Most Holy and Exalted Presence. He said:

> "For God's sake hath he chosen to travel. God willing, may he be successful in serving the Cause of God, that is, in teaching His Cause. We have mentioned him before and at this time, as a token of Our grace, for verily I am the All-Bountiful, the Generous."

And likewise concerning the son of Ismu'llah Asdaq, upon both of them be the Glory of God, and regarding Aqa Mirza Haydar-ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God, you wrote. In these days their letters have reached this evanescent one and I am engaged in preparing replies. Mention of them was also made in the Most Holy and Exalted Presence. His exalted Word:

> "They have moved by God's command, traveling in His name, speaking His praise, and known for His love. They have especially chosen to travel for the purpose of teaching according to the Command. God willing, may they attain unto that which is today beloved and acceptable."

Regarding what you wrote about Aqa Muhammad-ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God, one Most Holy and Exalted Tablet was specifically revealed for him and sent. God willing, may he attain unto it and receive his portion from the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful. The blessed fragment is also available and will be sent when appropriate.

Concerning your mention of meeting with Nabil, upon him be the Glory of God, in the land of Ta [Tehran], and likewise the mention of the honored beloved Mirza Varqa, upon him be the Glory of God and His

light—all were submitted before the Divine Throne of Grandeur and were blessed with the rays of the Sun of Providence. This evanescent servant in all conditions beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, for their confirmation, that all may drink successively from the ocean of divine bounty in this most mighty, most holy, most exalted Day. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Forgiving, the Generous. Praise be unto Him for He is the Goal of all the worlds. Glory be upon you and upon those with you and upon your family and upon those whom God hath related unto you and upon the friends of God, the steadfast, the firm, the well-assured, the unshakeable.

BH00546: Praise is befitting and worthy of my Beloved Who…

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

Praise is befitting and worthy of my Beloved Who hath unlocked the gate of union and meeting through the key of His Most Great Name, and with the most exalted call hath given glad-tidings unto all of the advent of the Most Great Distinction. All good belongeth unto the soul that hath hearkened unto His call and hath arisen to serve Him. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid whosoever hath turned towards Him and placed his trust in Him, and to ordain for him that which the world and all that is therein cannot equal. Verily, He is the Omnipotent, the Almighty.

This evanescent one maketh mention that after completing the response to your earlier letters, another letter dated the fourteenth of Rabi'u'l-Avval was received which brought to mind the days of attainment to His presence. After its perusal and review, it was presented in the Most Holy Court before His countenance. He said:

> "Praise be to God, again and again they have attained their goal. God willing, may they ever be adorned with the ornament of love for the Beloved of the worlds, be vocal in His praise, soar in His atmosphere, and arise to serve Him. The tongue of My favor calleth him, the glance of My loving-kindness beholdeth him, and My white hand hath written for him that which no earthly things can equal. He must rejoice in My bounty and make mention of Me by night and by day. The glory that hath shone forth from the kingdom of My mercy be upon him and upon his sons and upon My loved ones who have inhaled the fragrance of My luminous garment."

Concerning what you wrote about meeting with the friends one day of the week to recite the divine verses, God willing, may you ever be confirmed and assisted. However, by His command, in no matter should you depart from wisdom. In all conditions you must hold fast unto wisdom, for the manifestations of tyranny have ever been, and continue to be, in search of a pretext, whether out of sheer wickedness or specifically to gain advantage. By manifestations of tyranny is meant, in the first instance, those divines who are honored in the name of truth yet have turned away from it. The cawing of heedless divines hath been the cause of opposition against the people of truth in all ages and centuries. Thus hath it ever been.

Concerning what you wrote about Shaykh Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God, and his journey to Kermanshah—this was presented before His Presence. He said: Teaching the Cause is and has ever been beloved before God. God willing, may the entire world attain the bounties of the All-Bountiful Lord and drink from the ocean of His knowledge. The presence of teachers is necessary in that land and its

surroundings, but the teachers must conduct themselves with perfect wisdom, lest the fire of corruption be ignited and cause the extinguishing of the warmth in weak souls.

This evanescent one begs God, exalted be His glory, to raise up servants specifically for this service and adorn them with wisdom and utterance, that they may guide the diverse peoples of the world to the single point and give them to drink of the water of life. The command is in His hands, and He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

This evanescent servant conveys greetings to Shaykh [Muhammad], upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], and gives him the glad tidings of God's grace and bounty. At this moment, while engaged in writing this letter, being blessed with His presence, the tongue of grace spoke these blessed and decisive words—exalted be His glory:

> "We, from this station, send greetings to him who is named Muhammad, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones. We have mentioned him before and after, and We counsel him to wisdom in the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds. He is among those who have attained the presence of the Wronged One and heard what the Tongue of Utterance spoke in His mighty prison. The Glory be upon him and upon God's sincere servants."

God willing, may the earth be sanctified and purified through the endeavors of God's friends from the conditions of self and passion, from conflict and contention, from corruption and the doubts of the divines. And since Shaykh Muhammad has spent his days teaching God's Cause, we beseech God that he may be assisted in that which befits this divine Day. Today, the purification of souls through the water of wisdom and utterance is beloved, that all on earth may be cleansed by this holy water from unworthy deeds and displeasing character. Blessed are those souls who have recognized this water and been enabled to achieve the purification that comes from God. This is that water with which the son of Zacharias baptized, and which the Son commanded. This is that water which has ever been and shall ever be mentioned with God, and which has been recorded by the Supreme Pen in books, psalms, scrolls and tablets.

Whoever is enabled to teach today must be adorned with wisdom and blessed with patience, tranquility, submission and contentment, so that gradually the fragrance of recognition and acceptance may be diffused among the people.

Know that concerning the children of Khalil and the heirs of Kalim, upon whom be the glory of God, and their enkindlement in divine love and their steadfastness in the Cause, what you wrote was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, and the Sun of favor shone upon all. They stated:

> "This is the Day of which David gave tidings and Isaiah bore witness. All that hath been manifested concerning the prison, the seat of authority, the lands and dwellings of previous Prophets—of these they gave news and glad-tidings. Blessed is he who hath seen and recognized, who seeth and knoweth."

The Supreme Pen conveyeth greetings and counseleth that which today is the cause of the exaltation of God's Cause. Know, O loved ones of God, then hearken unto what the Speaker of Sinai uttereth: Know ye,

then be assured that weakness appeareth from discord and strength emergeth from unity. There is no human excellence save through fairness, and no power except through unity. God willing, be ye as lamps lit from a single flame—though the forms and vessels may differ, they are united in the diffusion of light. The Cause is in the grasp of God, the Single, the One. God willing, they must be united in word and find rest and repose beneath the Lote-Tree. From this station We send Our greetings to their faces and counsel them to unity and harmony and to that whereby God's Cause is exalted amongst His servants.

The favor of God, exalted be His glory, hath encompassed them. God willing, may they be aided to attain recognition and to that which hath streamed forth and been revealed from the Supreme Pen. This lowly one conveyeth greetings to them.

As to your mention of the friends in that land, their degrees of devotion, humility, submissiveness, unity and concord, and likewise your request for favor on their behalf—these matters attained the honor of being heard by the Lord of Names. This is what the Tongue of the Intended One uttered, exalted be His glory:

He is the Rememberer and the Remembered

O My loved ones in that place! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison. Verily We have remembered you once in My Kingdom, and again in My Dominion, and at another time in this exalted Station, and yet again in a station sanctified above names and remembrances. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed Rememberer. Rejoice in that We have caused you to hear, at one time the rustling of the Lote-Tree of My utterance, and at another the cooing of the Dove of My remembrance, and I am the Compassionate, the Generous. We have sent down to you from the heaven of Our Will that which the tongues of My servants are powerless to mention. Be thankful for this manifest grace. We counsel you to preserve your stations and that whereon ye stand in the love of God, your Lord and the Lord of your fathers of old. Thus crowed the Cock, and cooed the Dove of the Cause, and the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, as a favor from Him, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Glory be upon you and upon those who have quaffed the choice wine from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Generous, the Mighty, the Great.

This servant conveyeth greetings to all the friends. God is witness and testifier that he always presents mention of them at the Holy Court and seeks their success that the horizons of hearts may be illumined by the light of unity in such wise that its radiance may illumine the world of being.

And as to the mention made of the noble sons, upon them be the glory of God, all are recipients of God's favors and mention of them hath flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur. Special expressions of favor have appeared from the Dayspring of Grace for each one, and this evanescent servant also conveyeth greetings to each one and beseecheth God to keep them beneath the shadow of His favor and that, God willing, they may attain to service to the Divine Cause in their early youth.

As you wrote indicating your intention to send his honor Aqa Muhammad-Rida, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, to Daru's-Salam after the festival—this matter was presented before His presence. He said that he should proceed with the utmost wisdom, and stated that whatever was said during the days of his presence should be acted upon. God willing, may they be assisted and confirmed in all conditions and be

mindful of wisdom. His honor should conduct himself in that land in such a way as to cause the heedless souls to become calm and quiet. God willing, they have been and are successful in this matter, for the enemies are observed to be awaiting tumult and clamor. As the poet of old has said: “They drink wine in secret while denouncing others,” meaning that the wine of divine knowledge must be drunk in secret until the capacity and receptivity of the people of the earth becomes manifest for the recognition of this Most Holy, Most Exalted Station.

And regarding what you wrote about his honor your brother and nephews, may God assist them—kindness and expression of love is most fitting. They know not what news there is. The turbaned ones have deprived the people of the supreme bounty, for truly whoever becomes aware of the station would place his eye upon the path and turn to the greatest vista. Beseech God that He not deprive his honor your brother and nephews from the ocean of knowledge, nor prevent them from the highest horizon, and that He may assist them in such wise that the ornaments of the world and its various colors may not make them heedless of and veiled from the Truth, exalted be His glory. The glory shining forth from the horizon of eternity be upon you and those with you and upon the loved ones of God in those parts, and praise be to God, my Lord and your Lord.

BH00298: Praise be unto God Who hath appeared and manifested…

Section 1: “Praise be unto God Who hath appeared…”

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

Praise be unto God Who hath appeared and manifested His sovereignty and enforced His command in such wise as to subdue the world and cause all peoples to speak that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been and will ever be. He is the Single One, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou at Whose Name the Cockerel of the Throne crowed, and through Whose love they that are in the heavens and on earth were drawn! I beseech Thee by Thy Name which Thou hast made the Sun of the heaven of Thy utterance and the Lote-Tree of the paradise of Thy knowledge, and the Most Great Word in Thy Hidden Book and the Mystery of the Command in Thy Treasured Tablet, to protect Thy near servants from the oppression of those who have been heedless of Thy Cause, who have turned away from Thy sovereignty, who have disputed Thy signs and denied Thy proof. O Lord! Thou seest Thy chosen ones in the hands of Thine enemies.

I beseech Thee to ordain for them that which befitteth Thy power and might. Thou knowest, O my God, that this servant hath attained unto the letter of one of Thy friends and hath been seized by the wine of His love in such wise as to raise his hands in supplication to the heaven of Thy grace, seeking from the wonders of Thy bounty that which would assist him in Thy service with such confirmation as would cause the tongues of Thy creation to testify. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and within Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

May my spirit be a sacrifice for your exile! Its duration has passed, and this servant was not successful in expressing his longing and yearning in the presence of Your Holiness, as the whereabouts of that Beloved

One was unknown, until praise be to God, the spiritual herald brought the glad tidings of your well-being and settlement in the land of Hadba. After offering praise and thanksgiving to the Lord of the Seen and Unseen, and learning of that which was revealed from the treasure of divine knowledge, I approached the station and presented myself before His presence.

Then He spoke, and His sweetest utterance was: “O My Name, O Jamal! At the time when the gaze of God’s favor was directed toward thee, the servant in attendance arrived and mentioned thy letter in its entirety before the Face. God willing, mayest thou ever be illumined by the Sun of divine favor, gazing toward its horizon, speaking His praise, and arising in His service. The people of the world have been overtaken by the slumber of heedlessness to such extent that they have not been awakened by the cry, the call, and the trumpet blast. This is in consequence of the deeds they have previously committed. Should the True One, exalted be His glory, act according to the requirements of justice, all would return to the most wretched of abodes, save whom God willeth. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

The fire of corruption hath encompassed the world, yet none is aware of it and all are utterly heedless of its cause and reason. God willing, may that honored one drink at all times from the Kawthar of joy and hold fast in that land to silence and quietude, for the light of the All-Merciful is not visible on the foreheads of those people, and they seek to lay hold of some matter and rise up in rejection and opposition. The divine religion and community, namely the religion of Islam, has become exceedingly weak. The enemy, like unto a serpent, hath begun to move from every direction. Implore the Exalted True One to aid His religion through the hosts of the unseen. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

O My Name! As yet no ear hath been found into which a word might be cast. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist His servants to turn unto Him and to make known unto them that which profiteth them. Verily He is the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate. The light shining forth from the horizon of the Will be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, from God, the Lord of the worlds.” Thus ended His words. Praise be to God that the Sun of favor hath ever been and will continue to be shining and manifest in relation to Your Holiness.Retry

Two Most Holy Tablets were previously revealed and sent specifically for the Imprisoned Leaf, upon her be the Glory of God, and likewise specifically for his honor Buzurg, upon him be the Glory of God. They commanded: Write in My name to Jamal that they should be mindful of wisdom in all circumstances, for the ears of the mischief-makers are alert at their posts, appearing with a hundred thousand tricks and deceptions that perchance they may, in their imagination, find cause for corruption. Silence is best, and the Lord of creation, the Beloved of the world, hath said: “The most excellent of deeds is silence.” By God, silence is beloved in all circumstances, that is, in that land and its surroundings, and in this land and its surroundings. Regard the world as a child in need of education, both now and in the past, but the Educator is forbidden. In these days the secret movement of this land has somewhat come to light, therefore one must act according to the requirements of wisdom and hold fast to that which is befitting. Verily He is the Counselor, the Commander, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Given these manifest, evident and luminous bestowals, there remains and shall remain no station for the utterances of this evanescent servant. The silence that hath ever been and shall ever be beloved is the silence of this servant in this station. God willing, may they drink in all conditions from the ocean of grace

and be blessed with the bounty of remembrance and praise. I convey greetings and glory to the friends of God who dwell in that land. God willing, may all drink from the Kawthar of wisdom and be occupied with the mention of the Peerless Friend.

As for your mention of his honor Aqa ʿAbdu's-Samad, upon him be the Glory of God, from the people of Mim, it was presented before His presence. This is what the tongue of the Beloved spoke in reply:

In the Name of the One God

The whole world hath been created for the recognition of this blessed Day, and hath been brought from nothingness into being. This is the Day that cannot be compared to a single moment of past ages and centuries. How excellent is the state of the one who hath attained unto its recognition and been illumined by its lights. Today is the day of service and assistance, and assistance hath been and shall be through teaching His Cause. O ʿAbdu's-Samad! By My life! If thou attainest unto this most exalted station, thou shalt have attained unto all good. Strive that perchance thou mayest guide one who is lost by the fragrance of utterance to the horizon of the All-Merciful. This is among the greatest of deeds in the sight of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. All affairs have been and are in the grasp of God's power. With a single word He transformeth remoteness into nearness, separation into union, and the poison of absence into the honey of presence. He is the Supreme, He is the Powerful. If thou observest with the eye of truth, thou wouldst testify that nothing that is witnessed on earth can compare with this Tablet. Be thou grateful to thy Lord for this mighty grace. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

God willing, may they attain unto this Most Holy, Most Great Tablet and drink from its oceans of inner meanings. Today is the day of mention and utterance. They and the friends in that land must be aflame with the fire of God's love and, with perfect wisdom, be occupied with teaching the Cause of the All-Merciful. God willing, may they not be deprived of this greatest bounty. This is the most mighty deed that hath ever been acceptable in His presence. Blessed is he who achieveth it, and woe unto the heedless. If their journey towards pilgrimage is necessary, let them proceed as commanded, otherwise God shall record for them the reward of attaining His presence, the Mighty, the Beloved. This lowly one also conveyeth greetings and glory to them, and beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, for their success and confirmation.

Regarding what was written about whether it would be advisable to send a letter to His Majesty the Sultan or to the Viceroy—to His Majesty the Sultan it is not necessary, but if to His Excellency the Viceroy a letter were written indicating and demonstrating the absence of corruption and conflict—that is, drawing evidence from divine verses that in numerous Tablets all have been forbidden from reprehensible and displeasing acts—and if some relevant verses in Arabic and Persian were quoted exactly, there would be and is no harm. And it should be written that given these clear verses, how could those who have accepted the Faith transgress the aforementioned bounds. And they should write: I swear by the lights of His countenance that shall endure after all things have perished, this community has never been, even to the extent of a needle's point, willing to harm anyone.

This servant dwelt for years in the land of Ta [Tehran]. If its people speak with fairness, all would testify to the truthfulness, honesty and religiosity of this ephemeral one. I seek testimony from His Excellency

himself—did those who suddenly entered this ephemeral one's house and other houses during this period observe any trace of corruption, conflict or contention? No, by God! Through God's grace, the hearts of these servants are sanctified and purified from all that is unworthy of human station. The fruits of the divine tree of humanity have been kindness, grace and forbearance, and its root truthfulness, trustworthiness and religion. This blessed word is counted among the essence of books:

> "The heaven of understanding is illumined with two luminaries: tolerance and righteousness."

Section 2: "Praise be to God that despite the clamor…"

Praise be to God that despite the clamor of the calumniators, His Excellency has not turned a blind eye to the care of these poor ones. I swear by the Source of existence and the Educator of the seen and unseen, among all parties, this party has been and is the one showing perfect trustworthiness and truthfulness toward government and nation. God, exalted be His glory, is witness and testament that these words were submitted with perfect sincerity. God willing, the rays of His Excellency's sun of justice will encompass and surround all the inhabitants of the earth.

In any case, if something with such contents were written and sent directly through the post office, there would be and is no harm. These souls have been and are a hundred thousand times more distinguished, ancient and exalted than the ignorant ones of the earth who are known by the name of learned. If the rulers of the earth had acted according to the judgments of the divines, assuredly not one person of truth would remain on earth. The wickedness of those people has reached such a degree that pen and tongue are powerless to mention it.

One day this supreme utterance was heard from the Dayspring of utterance, the Lord of Names. He said:

> "The dog of princes is better than the knowledge of these ignorant ones, and their oppression is better than the justice of those calumnious, heedless and veiled souls."

In their own estimation, the death sentences they have issued against the gems of existence have been from justice. Nay! The curse of God be upon the wrongdoing people! Ask God, exalted be His glory, to free the sun of justice from the clouds of oppression. Verily He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

And regarding what you had written about the honorable and just lady, upon her be the glory of God, it was submitted before His presence. These exalted words appeared from the Dayspring of grace:

In the name of the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful

All the peoples of the earth, both men and women, were expectant and yearning for this glorious and wondrous Day. Yet when the effulgent rays of the Sun of Truth shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of revelation, all were found lifeless and veiled, save whom God willed. The affairs of the world have made the people of creation heedless of the Lord of Names. The most heedless among the servants have been and are the divines of the age, for the false utterances of those heedless souls have prevented the servants from the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness. Consider the lack of understanding of these souls—they themselves say that when the Qa'im appears, He will speak a word that will cause the nobles

of the earth to flee. Yet they have not reflected in the least what that word might be that would transform acceptance into rejection. Fie upon them and upon what their hands have wrought!

Praise be to the Beloved of the worlds Who has enabled thee to recognize the Cause whereof most upon earth remain heedless and veiled. Were thou to know the station of this Most Exalted, Most Holy Tablet which hath been revealed in thy name, thou wouldst be detached from the world and all who dwell therein, and wouldst be occupied with the remembrance of the Beloved of all creation in the night season and in the hours of day. Be not saddened by worldly affairs. Verily, He giveth and withholdeth, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Say:

> "Glory be to Thee, O Thou Who art the Object of worship of the worlds and the Desire of the nations! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name, through which the ocean of Thy bounty surged and the fragrance of Thy garment was wafted, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit me in the next world and in this one, and shall draw me nigh unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Lord of all beings and the King of the throne above and the dust beneath. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

As to what was written concerning being at the house of Aqa Muhammad-Taqi at the time of writing, and that Aqa Mirza Habibu'llah and Haji Muhammad, as well as Haji Muhammad, upon them be the Glory of God, were present and requested that mention of them be made in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence—these matters were presented, and the Sun of favor dawned upon each one:

O Muhammad-Qabli-Taqi! Blessed is the place that hath been honored with the mention of My Name, and the assembly wherein the call of My loved ones hath been raised, and the house wherein My verses have been recited. God willing, thou shalt be so enkindled with the fire of the love of the All-Merciful that the ungodly shall be powerless to quench it. Every word that proceedeth from the mouth of thy Lord's Will is verily a precious, mighty, and priceless jewel whose value no reckoner can reckon, no accountant compute, and no learned one eloquently express. Be thankful unto God for My remembrance of thee and My attention to thee from this exalted station.

O Habibu'llah! My Name "The Beauty" hath mentioned thee that thou mayest attain unto the remembrance of the Wronged One. However, at this time this lofty and most mighty station is hidden from all eyes. By the Essence of Being! The entire world cannot equal one blessed word that floweth from the Divine mouth. Rejoice thou in this bounty and be of the thankful ones.

O Muhammad! My Name hath mentioned thee. We make mention of thee in the Prison that thou mayest be mindful of God's favor and mercy which have preceded existence itself. Bear thou witness to that which God Himself hath testified: that there is none other God but He, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. He hath created all things by His command and brought the existences into being as a grace from His presence. He is powerful over what was and what will be. Glory be upon those who have cast away what the people possess and have taken what they were commanded by God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen.

O Muhammad! The Wronged One makes mention of thee. Verily He hath made mention of all who have believed in God, the Lord of all worlds. He beseecheth God to confirm His loved ones in steadfastness in

His Cause, the Unassailable, the All-Wise. Be thou vocal in the remembrance of thy Lord and grateful to thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. The Glory and Peace be upon thee and upon God's chosen ones and His loved ones who have shown patience in adversities, holding fast to the cord of their Lord's grace, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

This lowly one offers praise that, by God's grace, the friends of God have been and continue to be the recipients of divine favors. I convey greetings and salutations to all. God willing, may all be assisted to achieve that which leads to the exaltation of the Cause and the betterment of the world.

Concerning what was written about the steadfast leaf, upon her be the Glory of God, it was presented before the Most Holy Court. He said:

> "Blessed is she. We were with her and witnessed her deeds and heard what she uttered, and We have revealed for her that which every letter thereof testifieth to My loving-kindness, My mercy and My tenderness towards her. O My Name! She must in all conditions praise the Beloved of the worlds, for He hath enabled her to attain unto that which shall never be overtaken by extinction nor comprehended by annihilation. Convey to her My glad-tidings and greet her from thy Lord, the All-Informed. Every bounty in the world shall change, every glory shall be transformed, every wealth shall return to nothingness, and every existence shall be seized by non-existence. However, that which she heard and witnessed in the path of Truth, and that which hath been recorded concerning her in the Tablets, hath been and shall ever remain steadfast, mighty and everlasting. By the life of God! O My Name! She hath attained unto that which is mentioned with God and is adorned with the ornament of His acceptance."

This servant also conveys greetings to that leaf, upon her be the Glory of God, and offers true congratulations, for she hath attained the ornament of the grace and acceptance of God, exalted be His Glory. Well is it with her and may she rejoice. This evanescent servant beseecheth the Exalted Truth to confirm that leaf, in all conditions, in that which is beloved before His Presence.

BH00807: Praise be unto Him Who is sanctified above thought…

Praise be unto Him Who is sanctified above thought and utterance, the Beloved of the worlds, Who through one Word bestowed existence, through another Word caused return unto nothingness…

Glory be to Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the gates of mercy and success were opened! I beseech Thee by this morning wherein the hands of hope were raised toward the heaven of Thy grace, that Thou send down upon me and upon Thy servants that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and cause them to recognize what Thou hast willed for them through Thy bounty and sovereignty. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the rustling of the Lote-Trees of Paradise to inscribe for me by Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit me in the Hereafter and in this world. Thou knowest what is with me, and I know not what is with Thee. Verily, Thou art the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed….

Glory be to Thee, O Sovereign of existence, Who art manifest in Thy praised station! I beseech Thee by the Dawning-Place of Thy signs, the Dayspring of Thy clear tokens, the ocean of Thy knowledge and the

river of Thy wisdom, and by the yearning of the lovers in their separation from Thee, to strengthen me to remain steadfast in Thy Cause and to ordain for me that which will gladden mine eyes, rejoice my heart and dilate my breast. Thou art, verily, powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Forgiving. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thy most exalted horizon and clinging to the cord of Thy most sublime Word. I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge to send down upon me from the heaven of Thy mercy that which will draw me nigh unto Thee and purify me from all that Thy good-pleasure abhorreth. Then protect me and my family and those who are with me from every affliction and hardship and from every grief and sorrow. Thou art verily the Powerful, the Protector, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise….

O Zayn! On this day the Wronged One is observed to be sorrowful, for one of the steadfast, assured, content and well-pleasing souls has, on the previous day, ascended to the Supreme Companion. In truth, he was counted among the pillars of faith and certitude. He bore countless hardships in the path of divine love. He left his homeland and sought shelter in exile beneath the shade of the Divine Lote-Tree. The mention of grief was only to show My favor unto him. Praise be to God, all the friends and the four Branches were present at the funeral procession, and the Wronged One was occupied with his remembrance. At that very moment, the Pen was engaged for some time in praise and remembrance and in recording what he had manifested in the path of God. Blessed is he and joy be unto him! Blessed is the one who has ascended unto God, detached from all else save Him. Convey greetings once again from the Wronged One to all the friends in that land. Likewise, We repeatedly bid them to preserve their stations and ranks. The Glory be upon you and upon those with you and upon them.

It is submitted that Jinab-i-Mulla Muhammad-Ali-i-Qa'ini, upon him be the Glory of God, His mercy, His favor and His grace, ascended to the Supreme Companion at dawn on the twentieth of Rabi'u'l-Avval, attaining to that which was the hope of those near and sincere. At all times they are blessed with new mercy and fresh bounty. The Glory be upon him, and the Mercy be upon him, and the Light be upon him….

After completing this petition, another missive from that Beloved One dated the 17th of Rabi'ul-Avval illumined the horizon of longing. The servant drank therefrom the cups of union and meeting. When I read it, I presented it before His countenance, whereupon the Tongue of Utterance spoke that which all the pens and tongues in creation are powerless to recount. Your honor is well aware of the signs of the bounties of the All-Bountiful Lord.

"You yourself know what that pure water speaks to the flowers and saplings"….

I beseech Thee, O Thou through Whom the winds have been set in motion and the gates have been opened, I beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance which shall endure after all things have passed away, to strengthen me in steadfastness in Thy love and in acting according to what Thou hast sent down from the Supreme Pen in Thy Book. O my Lord! Thou art He to Whose might and power and greatness and all-encompassing sovereignty the tongues of all created things have testified. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. All things testify to my poverty and need, and to Thy loftiness and riches. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise….

Most strange it is, nay stranger than strange, nay stranger beyond all measure, for this evanescent one observeth that while all the peoples of the world await some pretext and long for some matter to appear from them, the people of Iran who are in truth possessed of consciousness and understanding remain heedless and veiled from this Most Great Cause, the like of which hath never been witnessed in the world. Wonder upon wonder ariseth from this tale! In any case, we implore God, exalted be His glory, to open their eyes and grant them new and attentive ears. He is the Powerful, the Mighty….

If thou hast attained unto the fragrances of the divine Tablet, arise and say:

O my God, my Lord, and my Hope! I beseech Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge not to deprive this evanescent one from the wine of immortality. O my Lord and the Desire of my heart! By Thy power, protect this weak one from the cawing of the crows. Illumine him with the light of recognition and keep him ablaze with the fire of Thy love, that all peoples may testify to this light and bear witness to this fire. Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful, the Able, the All-Knowing….

BH01081: Praise be worthy of the Lord of the unseen…

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

Praise be worthy of the Lord of the unseen and the visible, Who through His complete power created man and made him the manifestation of His names and attributes. Exalted is He Who made him the dawning-place of His signs, the manifestation of His evidences, the dayspring of His revelation and the source of His command. He is the Most Great Talisman in the world. The “man” who is here mentioned refers, in its primary degree, to the Seal of the Prophets—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake. He is the manifestation of the words “He is the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden.” He is the Primal Point from which all the books of the world have been derived and elaborated.

He is the true Most Great Sign and the spiritual Farthest Mosque. He is the Kaaba of God among creation and the Frequented Fane amidst His servants. Whosoever acknowledges His mission and grandeur and greatness—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake—his acknowledgment of all God’s Messengers is confirmed and established. Blessed are the people who turned to Him, who drank from the ocean of His bounty, and who acted according to His bidding. The claim of every pretender in this regard has not been and will not be accepted. The servant beseecheth His Lord to open the eyes of those who have turned away from His straight path and cast the Cause of God behind their backs, taking that which every ignorant doubter hath uttered. And prayers and peace be upon Him and His family and companions throughout the duration of the earthly and heavenly kingdoms.

Glory be to Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world and the Beloved of the nations! I beseech Thee by the treasuries of Thy knowledge and the repositories of Thy wisdom and that which was hidden in Thy Name, to acquaint Thy servants with that which they have neglected and draw them nigh unto a station wherein they will behold Thy manifestation, Thy power, Thy might and Thy sovereignty. O my Lord! Vain imaginings have kept them away from the ocean of Thy nearness, and idle fancies have withheld them from the heaven of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee by the steadfastness of Thy chosen ones and Thy pure ones, and by the tears of them that are in love with Thee and yearn for Thee, to assist all to achieve what

Thou hast willed through Thy sovereignty. Verily Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Thereafter, it is submitted that your letter, time and again, brought joy and recalled the days of reunion. It is a messenger sanctified from provisions and supplies and free from toil and hardship. In truth it is a spiritual courier and a luminous herald, especially when it proceeds from one who is adorned with the ornament of the love of God, glorified be His majesty, and whose heart is sanctified from the dust of the world. In any case, after being presented before His presence, He said:

> "God willing, may they be successful and assisted in all conditions in that which is loved by God."

Today is the day when all must hold fast to the cord of wisdom, for the false one appears in the guise of the truthful, and the treacherous in the name of the trustworthy. Beseech ye God to protect all from the evil of malicious, atheistic, false, and treacherous souls. Verily He is the Protector of those who place their hopes in Him. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. Peace, mercy and glory be upon thee and thy family and My loved ones in that place and upon every assured and steadfast believer.

Regarding what was mentioned about Abdullah Ansari, upon whom be God's mercy, and his words—this matter was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, and He said:

> "O Abdullah! From the mention of that word, it became evident that you perceived the sweetness of the Divine Call. Now reflect upon the stations of those souls who hear this word from the tongue of the Manifestation Himself, and beseech God that all may attain to the recognition of this Most Exalted and Most Glorious Station. Verily, He speaks that which guides the people to His mighty and impregnable Kingdom."

After delay and postponement, this evanescent servant was enabled to present this response and send it forth. This is naught but the result of the attention and prayers of the friends of God, exalted be His glory. This servant submits that mention has been and continues to be made of you and the friends of God in the Most Holy Court. God willing, may all succeed in preserving their stations. In truth, this response was greatly delayed, but this matter was due to wisdom.

Today, this evanescent servant and all friends are commanded to observe wisdom, lest the clamor of every heedless and remote one be raised. God willing, may you eternally partake of the choice wine of divine love and the Kawthar of the All-Merciful's utterance, and with utmost joy and fragrance remain occupied with the mention and praise of God, exalted be His glory. Verily, He is the Protector of those who remember Him, the Guardian of those who are steadfast, the Friend of those who are firm, the Helper of those who are patient, and the Supporter of those who act. Praise be to Him, for He is the Lord of all worlds. I request that you convey greetings and salutations on behalf of this ephemeral one to the friends in that land who have drunk of the sealed wine and who are gazing toward the Supreme Horizon. Praise be to God, mention of the friends of that land has been and continues to be made among the Concourse on High and the denizens of Paradise. Blessed is the soul who does not lose this station due to vain imaginings and the affairs of this transient world, and who, through the Name of God, exalted be His glory, succeeds in preserving it. Their call is continuously raised without interruption.

Many matters are now veiled due to the weakness of the servants, but God will reveal what He wishes. Verily, He does not allow the reward of the doers of good to be lost. There has befallen you in the path of God that which has been recorded in the Books, Tablets and Scriptures. Blessed are you, O friends of God, and joy and felicity be upon you. Glory be upon you, and the Spirit be upon you, and the mercy of God and His blessings.

The servant 9 Jamadiyu'l-Avval 1299

BH01352: God willing, through the grace of the Truthâ€"glorified be…

He is the Dayspring shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of Utterance.

In His Name, the All-Merciful.

God willing, through the grace of the Truthâ€"glorified be His majestyâ€"thou shalt drink of the choice Wine of divine knowledge, and shalt fix thine gaze upon the Most Exalted Horizon. Thy letter, conveyed through the present servant, was received; and whatsoever was written therein was mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. We beseech God to bestow upon thee a new ear and a piercing sight, for

Verily I say, this is the Day in which mankind can behold the Face, and hear the Voice, of the Promised One. The Call of God hath been raised, and the light of His countenance hath been lifted up upon men. It behooveth every man to blot out the trace of every idle word from the tablet of his heart, and to gaze, with an open and unbiased mind, on the signs of His Revelation, the proofs of His Mission, and the tokens of His glory.

Great indeed is this Day! The allusions made to it in all the sacred Scriptures as the Day of God attest its greatness. The soul of every Prophet of God, of every Divine Messenger, hath thirsted for this wondrous Day. All the divers kindreds of the earth have, likewise, yearned to attain it. No sooner, however, had the Daystar of His Revelation manifested itself in the heaven of God's Will, than all, except those whom the Almighty was pleased to guide, were found dumbfounded and heedless.

O thou that hast remembered Me! The most grievous veil hath shut out the peoples of the earth from His glory, and hindered them from hearkening to His call. God grant that the light of unity may envelop the whole earth, and that the seal "the Kingdom is God's" may be stamped upon the brow of all its peoples.

Thou didst inquire about the essential truth of Him Who shall be made manifest. Glory be to God! This station cannot be encompassed by words, nor can all the pens in the world enumerate its praise. All the Prophets and chosen ones acknowledge their powerlessness, and all the holy ones confess their shortcomings. This is an arena wherein the horsemen of mystic knowledge, expression, comprehension and intellect cannot venture. He cannot be known except through Himself, nor described save by His own Self. None hath ever encompassed this hidden secret and treasured mystery, nor ever shall. Whatever hath been mentioned is but as a shadow before the lights of the Sun of Truth. However, in view of the supreme benevolence and boundless grace, the Most Exalted Pen hath spoken this most exalted Word which shineth as the sun from the horizon of the divine Tablet:

> "Return ye to the evidences, O ye who are endowed with insight!"

Should anyone contemplate with the eye of fairness the evidences, manifestations and proofs that have appeared in this Most Holy, Most Exalted Revelation, he would surely proclaim: "I believe in Thee, O Thou the Desire of the worlds!" What hath been mentioned was but a drop from the ocean of truth. By the life of God! This ocean hath no bounds, and no expert diver hath ever reached its depths. If ye were to look to the Bayan, it declareth: "He it is Who speaketh in every condition, 'Verily I am God, there is none other God but Me."' All the names that have been heard were and are created by the Word of this Most Great Revelation. Ponder thou, that thou mayest know and be numbered among them that comprehend.

Nevertheless, the people of the Bayan have denied these stations and cling to their vain imaginings, like unto the rebellious and tyrannical faction who hasten unto fancy and conjecture, turning away from the light of certitude. This Wronged One arose to promote the Cause at a time when, from the tyranny of the oppressors, none dared speak, and guided all on earth to the Most Exalted Horizon. I swear by the Sun of the divine Word! We have accepted all the tribulations of the earth for the reformation and education of the world, and there befell Us in successive years that which caused the dwellers of the all-highest Paradise to weep and lament. Yet these withered and faded people were not moved by the divine breeze and the fragrance of His garment.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the kingdom of names and in Whose right hand is the dominion of all created things! I beseech Thee by the rushing of Thy winds in the Supreme Paradise and by the warbling of Thy Nightingale upon the branches of the Divine Lote-Tree, to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy Cause, speaking Thy praise, soaring in the atmosphere of Thy love, and acting in accordance with what Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. O my Lord! I am the poor and needy one, and Thou art the All-Possessing, the All-Bountiful. Thou seest me, O my God, standing before the door of Thy grace, which Thou hast opened by the finger of Thy power unto all in Thy earth and Thy heaven.

I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of what is with Thee, to make known unto me what Thou hast intended through the wonders of Thy bounty and favors, and to confirm me in steadfastness unto this Cause whereby the feet of most of Thy creatures who cast away Thy Covenant, turned away from Thy Beauty, disputed Thy verses, and denied what hath appeared from Thee have slipped. Thou art He Whom nothing whatsoever hath preceded and no command hath frustrated. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Thou art the Mighty, the Peerless, the One, the Triumphant, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH05108: Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One…

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Hearing, the Answerer

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and the attending servant hath read it. We have heard and answer thee through this perspicuous Tablet. Whosoever in this day hath attained unto the recognition of God is accounted among the most exalted of all creation in the sight of the Truth. This is that sovereignty which no decline shall overtake, and that precious pearl whose value the appraisers are powerless to estimate. By the life of God! The riches of the earth cannot equal it. Whosoever hath

attained this most exalted station is recorded in the Crimson Book as one of the denizens of the Kingdom of immortality.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the ocean of utterance hath surged and the horizon of knowledge hath been illumined! I beseech Thee by such of Thy servants as are nigh unto Thee and such of Thy creation as are sincere, who have spent all they possessed until they attained the waters of martyrdom in Thy days, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit me in the world to come and in this world. O my Lord! Thou seest the poor one hastening to the gate of Thy bounty and the weary one turning toward the kingdom of Thy utterance. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which lieth with Thee. O my God, my Lord, my Master and my Hope! I testify that I know not what profiteth me in Thy worlds. Thou knowest me better than I know myself. Deal with Thy servant as beseemeth the heaven of Thy generosity and the ocean of Thy grace. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH08279: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Ancient, the Most Glorious

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come upon the clouds is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Praise be to God! Thy letter was received and through the intermediary of him who is present it attained unto the hearing of the Wronged One. A hundred thousand blessings upon the one who hath in this Day arisen with supreme steadfastness to make mention and sing the praises of the Lord of all beings, and hath remembered the Wronged One of the horizons in the Most Great Prison. All matters have been and shall be held within the claws of extinction, save that which appeareth for the sake of God and is adorned with the ornament of His acceptance. Say: O people of the earth! Strive ye that ye may attain unto this most exalted station. The Supreme Pen doth make mention of the friends at morn and eventide, and doth summon them unto that which will draw them nigh unto God. Blessed is the soul that hath heard and turned unto Him and responded. Woe unto every heedless one who doubteth.

BH00152: It is submitted that the substance of the matters…

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 All-Glorious.

It is submitted that the substance of the matters set forth by the honored Haji Muhammad-ʿAli Valiyani (upon him be the glory of God)—which the dearly-loved and honored Jinab-i-Samandar (upon him be the glory of God and His loving-kindness) hath sent unto that Beloved One—was laid before the Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Exalted Presence.

As to that which they had written concerning Jinab-i-Ibn Khan Ílchi: after this was presented, these exalted words were sent down and made manifest from the Dawning-Place of the Utterance of the Lord of all that is seen and all that is unseen. Exalted be His glory:

We have heard that which he desired from God, the Lord of all that is seen and all that is unseen, and the Lord of the worlds; and We have answered him as a bounty from Our presence, that he may rejoice and be numbered among the thankful. Let him say:

O my Lord! Glory be to Thee, O Thou by Whose name the pearls of the seas of knowledge and understanding appeared, and the sun of wisdom shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of utterance! I beseech Thee to make me adorned with the ornament of Thy good-pleasure, which hath been the hope of Thy chosen ones and Thy trusted ones. This is a station which no station in Thy dominion can equal, and a deed which no deed in Thy lands can compare with. Then I beseech Thee, O God of the world Who hath appeared with the Most Great Name, to ordain for me by Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit me in the Hereafter and in this world. Verily, Thou art the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven. O my Lord! Grant me goodly offspring who shall inherit me in the Bayan. Verily, Thou art the One with power over what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

Though children are among God's great bounties and among the fruits of the human tree, none save God, exalted be His glory, knoweth their goodness and the duration of their lives. We inform thee of a fruit that is ever-ripe and everlasting, and it is in these days the commanding Word of God, which is dearer and more excellent than a hundred thousand children, for it is adorned with the ornament of perpetuity. Should one attain unto a single word from Him, one would attain unto all good. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto the fruits of the Most Exalted Pen.

Verily, this day is associated with God, exalted be His glory, and in all the Books it is designated as the Day of God. All who dwell on earth cannot equal a single mention from among His mentions and a single word from among the words that have shone forth from the horizon of the will of the Lord of Names. The exposition of this glorious and mighty station is treasured in the repository of the heart. By the life of God! Were but an intimation thereof to be revealed, all souls would be seen yearning and longing for it. God willing, may they be blessed through God's grace and be adorned with the ornament of steadfastness. This is the most excellent of all deeds in the sight of the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

O Muhammad! God willing, may you be blessed with divine grace. The whole world has been created for this Day, and in the heavenly Books all are promised the meeting with God and His manifestation. All tongues and pens fall short of describing this blessed Day. This is that Day of which He says: "Lead forth the people from darkness into light and announce to them the Days of God." Likewise He says: "The Kingdom on that Day shall be God's." Nevertheless, when the Sun of Revelation shone forth from the horizon of God's Will and the lights of His countenance illumined the world, all were found heedless and veiled save whom God willed. Those who turned away have utterly denied this most great bounty and this supreme grace, and God, exalted be His glory, has spoken of such souls in His words: "They are in doubt concerning the meeting with their Lord."

The references revealed in the divine Books in praise and glorification of this luminous blessed Day are clear and evident, yet all are so intoxicated with the wine of pride that they have not attained to a single drop from the ocean of inner meanings. Woe unto them for having cast fairness behind their backs and chosen oppression on a Day wherein the Interlocutor of Sinai spoke forth, the lights of Revelation

encompassed all things, and all things proclaimed: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Sovereign of the throne and of the dust, the Lord of the Hereafter and of this world.”

O Muhammad! The chosen ones seek, and He Who is imprisoned also seeks, but the hypocrites have become as veils. The lights of the Sun of Justice are hidden behind clouds of oppression. He has come for the reformation of the world and appeared specifically for the meeting, yet the veiled and heedless have become obstacles.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose manifestation the ocean of reunion surged and the decree of meeting was fulfilled and that which was recorded in the scriptures and tablets was revealed! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance, whereby earth and heaven were illumined, to make me steadfast in Thy love and to aid me in that which Thou lovest and approvest, O Thou in Whose grasp is the kingdom of names. O my Lord! I am he who has turned to the horizon of Thy grace and clung to the hem of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee not to deny me that which is with Thee. O my Lord! Thou seest me alone, and Thou art the Best of inheritors.

Ordain for me through Thy generosity and grace that which Thou hast willed and that which will profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the All-Compelling Whom the affairs of Thy creation cannot frustrate, and the All-Powerful Whom the might of Thy servants cannot weaken. There is no God but Thee, the Giving, the Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful. O my Lord! I beseech Thee to ordain for me the reward of one who sought the prison by Thy leave and turned toward Thy face until he attained Thy presence and stood before Thy gate and heard Thy verses. O my Lord! I am the needy and Thou art the All-Sufficient, the All-Conquering, the Almighty, the Powerful. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Praised be God! The effulgent rays of the Sun of bounty are not confined to limits requiring mention by this evanescent servant. At midday they shine forth and are manifest, and all the realities of things turn toward them, chanting the wondrous praise thereof. This servant’s regret is that not one ear, but rather a hundred thousand ears formed of the essence of understanding, would be needed to attain what is befitting. O friends! By the life of the Beloved, this is the Day of hearing and sight! This evanescent servant begs of God to bestow attentive ears, that none may be deprived of the sweetness of this call, and to grant penetrating vision, that none may be excluded from beholding the lights of His countenance. All things are within His grasp, and all bounty revolves around Him. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to make us among those who see, who hear, who are steadfast, who are firm, who are upright. This is the Day of mention and praise. God willing, may we not be disappointed nor remain deprived.

Likewise mention was made of Aqa Mirza Isma’il from the villages of Savijbulagh. This matter also attained the honor of being heard by the Lord of Names, and the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these firm words, exalted be His glory:

In My Name, the Manifest, the Concealed

O Isma’il! The world is illumined by the lights of His countenance, but very few eyes have there been and are. The call of the All-Merciful is raised at all times, yet all are heedless of it. The ancient centuries cannot equal a single moment of these days, for this precious Day is truly attributed in all the Books and is

mentioned as the Day of God. Blessed are they who today have drunk from the Living Waters and have not been deprived of the outpourings of the true Bestower of bounty. Every deed that appeareth today for God's sake is the lord of deeds. He with Whom is the Mother Book beareth witness to this. Strive that perchance thou mayest attain to that which beseemeth this Most Great Cause. The servants of the heaven of this Cause have been and shall be as suns. Reflect upon His greatness and His sovereignty, and be of the thankful ones.

And likewise mention was made of Mashhadi Muhammad-Taqi Ishtihardi, who had recently become illumined with the lights of certitude. After this was presented, this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed especially for him. Exalted be His grandeur:

He is the Present, the All-Seeing

God beareth witness that there is no God but Him, and He Who hath appeared with the truth, He verily is the Most Great Ocean, the heaven of grace, the Dayspring of the lights of justice, the Source of revelation and the Dawning-Place of inspiration unto all in the world. Blessed is he who hath heard and hastened and held fast unto His strong cord and clung to His luminous hem.

O Muhammad-Taqi! We have heard thy call and have answered thee that thou mayest find in thy Lord the All-Merciful's utterance that which will make thee steadfast in this Most Great, Most Mighty Cause. Blessed is the face that hath turned, and the heart that hath sought the Most Exalted Goal, and the hand that hath clung to the Most Firm Handle—He Who speaketh between earth and heaven and giveth all the glad-tidings of this Revelation, whereupon, when it appeared, the Tree of Sinai proclaimed:

> "He Who is the Lord of Resurrection is come, through Whom the Trump was blown and all who are in earth and heaven were thunderstruck, save whom God pleased, the Almighty, the Powerful."

When thou hearest My call and attainest unto My utterance, say:

O Thou Who holdest my destiny! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Self to protect me from the arrows of the enemies who have broken Thy Covenant and Testament and have denied Thy signs. O Lord! I was heedless; the hand of Thy bounty stirred me. I was asleep; the breezes of Thy grace awakened me. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy love. Thou art God. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

And likewise, the name of the honored Aqa Mirza ʿAbdu'r-Rahim, of Kahrizak, was included in the list; and after it was submitted in the Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Exalted Presence, the Sun of Utterance shone forth from the horizon of the divine Kingdom in the form of these exalted words:

His word—glorified be His majesty—is this:

He is the Sustainer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

O ʿAbdu'r-Rahim! The All-Merciful remembers thee from the prison, and summons thee to God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Beware lest the affairs of the world prevent thee from this mighty grace. Leave

behind what the people possess and take hold of the Book of God with the strength that proceedeth from Him, and say:

Praise be to Thee, O God of all worlds! I was drowning in the ocean of heedlessness and desire when the hand of Thy grace rescued me, O Lord of all names! I beseech Thee by the suns of Thy verses and the oceans of Thy utterance, and by those meanings which none but Thy knowledge hath comprehended, to make me in all conditions one who gazeth upon Thee, who turneth toward Thy countenance, who speaketh Thy praise, who prostrateth at the manifestation of Thy grandeur, and who boweth before the revelation of Thy sovereignty. O my Lord! I am he who hath sought the highest goal, the ultimate end, and the loftiest summit at the dawning of the lights of the Sun of Thy Will.

I beseech Thee to draw me nigh unto Thee and enable me to remember Thee, to praise Thee, and to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. O my Lord! I have come before Thee with a mountain of disobedience, which by its very essence beseecheth Thy forgiveness. O Thou by Whose Name, the All-Merciful, all creation hath been adorned! I beseech Thee not to disappoint the servant who hath hastened to the ocean of Thy grace and turned toward the horizon of Thy bounty. I call upon Thee, O Lord of the world, Who hath appeared through the Most Great Name, to make my end in all conditions a goodly one, through Thy generosity and favor. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. Thou doest and decreest as Thou pleasest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Praise be to God that the aforementioned person hath been honored with the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory. God willing, may he be occupied with His remembrance in all conditions and speak His praise. Today the water of life hath appeared and the true spirit existeth. Strive that ye may receive your portion from this infinite bounty and attain unto the grace of the Lord of Names. This blessed Day hath had no peer or likeness, nor shall it ever have one. That which is lost cannot be regained. This evanescent servant beseeches night and day that God, exalted be His glory, may strengthen all. Verily, He is the Generous, the Bountiful. There is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Wise.

In the Name of the Forgiving, the All-Generous!

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down for all who dwell in the realm of possibility, that He may draw them nigh unto Him. Verily, He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. O Muhammad-ʿAli! Bear thou witness unto that whereunto God Himself hath testified: that there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is the stranger who hath sought the highest homeland, and the poor one who hath turned toward the ocean of wealth, and the seeker who hath been illumined by the lights of the Desired One. Cast away the world through My Most Great Name and take hold of My Book which hath been sent down from the heaven of the will of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving.

We have manifested the Cause and revealed the verses, yet the people do not understand. They have taken their own principles and cast the principles of God behind their backs. Verily, they are unaware. Take thou the chalice of mystical knowledge in the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Beware lest the allusions of the divines prevent thee from this forbidden cup. Drink thou therefrom despite those who

have disbelieved in God, the Lord of existence. Beseech thou God to strengthen thee in this Cause and draw thee nigh unto Him. Verily, [thy Lord] is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Beloved. Thus hath the cock crowed and the tongue of revelation spoken. Blessed is he who hath heard, and woe unto every heedless one who is rejected.

Section 2: "In like manner, mention was made of Mashhadi…"

In like manner, mention was made of Mashhadi ʿAli, resident of Taliqan, who attained the honor of being heard by the Best-Beloved of the worlds. The Ancient Tongue speaks concerning him in these exalted words:

O Ali! Your mention in the Most Great Prison has attained unto the hearing of the Wronged One. Praise the Peerless Beloved Who enabled you to recognize the Hidden Treasure and the Concealed Mystery, from which sight has been prevented from beholding, tongues from mentioning, hearts from comprehending, and ears from hearing its verses. Selfish desires and transient riches have prevented all from the Dawning Place of the Light of Oneness, save whom God willeth. O Ali! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and shatter the idols of fancy through the Most Self-Subsisting Name—that is, transform doubts and imaginings through the lights of certitude. This Most Great Revelation hath appeared for the reformation of the world. Corruption and conflict are forbidden. The accepted souls must associate with all the peoples of the world with the utmost joy and fragrance. The Command is in God's hands. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

The bounty, favor and grace of God—exalted be His Glory—hath reached such a degree that were all the peoples of the world to sacrifice themselves in His path, it would still be little, now and forever. This is attested by that which hath been sent down from the heaven of His bounty to His loved ones. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto the heedless. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

These manifest verses were specifically revealed for Haji Muhammad-ʿAli-i-Valyani, upon him be the Glory of God, who had sent the names of the aforementioned souls. God willing, may they drink from the cup of recognition and attain unto that which God hath willed. His exalted Word:

He is the All-Knowing Speaker

O Muhammad-Ali! Specifically for each of the souls mentioned in the letter, wondrous and sublime verses were revealed from the heaven of divine Will and were sent. God willing, may they behold them with eyes sanctified from the dust of idle fancies and the rheum of vain imaginings, recite them with truthful, unfettered tongues, and hear them with attentive ears. If a soul truly succeeds in hearing but one verse of the divine verses, it will surely attract him and guide him to a station sanctified above the attributes of the peoples of the world. Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and occupy thyself with His remembrance with the utmost joy and fragrance, that perchance the heedless people might become mindful and discover the ultimate purpose and cause of creation. Verily, He guideth whom He willeth unto His straight path. All parties have exerted such efforts in arranging means that man is powerless to mention them, even though at every moment the world proclaims:

> “O son of Adam! Soon shall thou return to dust, and neither riches, ornaments, nor glory shall prove faithful to thee, even as they proved faithful to none before thee.”

Blessed art thou, O Muhammad-Ali, in that thou hast attained unto the verses of thy Lord, which the treasures of the world cannot equal. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. Beseech God to ordain for thee the reward of attaining His presence, and of them who circled round Him and were present at His gate, which was opened unto all who are in the heavens and the earth. The Glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this Most Great Cause and have arisen to serve God, the Lord of the worlds.

At the end of the letter, mention was made of Nayib Rida from the land of Ash. After it was presented before the Most Holy Presence, these manifest verses were revealed specifically for him. God willing, may he attain unto the fragrance of the divine words and act as befitteth. His exalted Word:

He is the Caller between Earth and Heaven

O Rida! The Wronged One makes mention of thee from the prison precincts, as a token of His grace, that He may draw thee nigh unto God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. We have sent down verses in such wise that proofs and evidences circle round them, yet the people remain in doubt and dissension. The Promise hath come, and the Promised One hath appeared. Blessed is he who hath heard the Call and responded to his Lord, and woe betide every heedless doubter. How many a servant lamented separation from this Day, yet when the horizon of the world was illumined by the lights of the Most Great Name, he broke God’s Covenant and His Testament by following every contemptible imposter.

We have heard thy call and what thou didst seek from the ocean of grace. Thy Lord is verily the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. He giveth and withholdeth, and He is the Mighty, the Bountiful. God hath forgiven thee as a token of His grace, and hath forgiven thy father. He is verily the Bestower, the Forgiving. Through His Name the ocean of forgiveness surged in the realm of existence, and every seeker hath sought the station which God hath made the most exalted of stations. Beware lest the doubts of the world withhold thee from the Lord of all beings. Leave the clay to those who fashion clay, turning unto God, the Lord of all men. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to ordain for thee from His Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit thee and solace thine eyes. He is verily the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Knowing.

The True One, glorified be His majesty, hath ever answered and will continue to answer the hopes of those who hope and act. If at times there be delay, this hath been and shall be due to His consummate wisdom. Blessed is the soul whom no circumstance hath withheld from the Truth. He hath heard thy call and ordained for thee what He desired. He is verily the Forgiving, the Generous. Rejoice thou in this Most Great Remembrance and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast remembered me in Thy Great Prison.

From this station We send greetings to God’s chosen ones and His loved ones, and We give them the glad-tidings of His mercy that hath preceded all created things. This evanescent servant offereth his nothingness before all the friends of God. May they, God willing, be illumined with the light of steadfastness in such wise that they may regard the people of tyranny and wickedness as non-existent.

Today in the market of wisdom, the jewel of steadfastness is of great price; the precious gems of the world cannot equal it. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto it and hath preserved it from the treacherous and the thieves. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Helper, the Teacher, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

That beloved one hath taken the trouble to send this leaf to the honored beloved, Jinab-i-Samandar, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of destiny, that he may send it to the aforementioned Haji, that all may partake of and receive their portion from the ocean of bounty. The end belongeth to the God-fearing, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

Likewise, their other letter dated the 29th of Safar, number 39, which they sent to that beloved one, was as water that increased the flame of the fire of longing. What water it was that had hidden within it the power of true combustion! If it was water, it was such water as the alchemists have termed the divine water, for it brought burnt bodies to a golden state. And if it was oil, it was such oil as bestowed equilibrium upon bodies. In any case, after seeing and perusing it, it was brought to the presence of the Lord of Creation, and each portion was presented before His face. This is what the Tongue of Utterance spoke in the Kingdom of Knowledge. His word, exalted and sanctified is He: God is Most Glorious.

O Samandar! The letter thou didst send in the name of Jud was presented before the Face by this servant. Convey greetings to the friends on behalf of the Wronged One. His honor Nabil, upon him be the Glory of God, is mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. God willing, may they act with utmost strength and steadfastness in accordance with that which they are commanded by the Truth—that is, to speak the divine word and direct their efforts toward that which exalteth the Cause of God. Likewise, his honor ʿAndalib and the other friends in Rasht and its surroundings—give them all the glad-tidings of God's favor. The glances of His grace have been and will continue to be directed toward them.

Convey my sincere greetings to the honored Nabil the Great, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God. Praise be to God, they have attained the grace and favors of the Desired One of all worlds. And to the spiritual beloved, his honor ʿAndalib, upon him be the Glory of God and His grace, I offer sacred greetings beyond limit. Several letters from them have arrived and all were presented. The Sun of Grace hath risen and shineth upon them, but this servant is greatly embarrassed before them, as I have not yet been enabled to reply to what they have sent. This is because time, like the phoenix, is rare and scarce in all corners of the world. Nevertheless, through the grace and favor of the Desired One, I hope to be enabled to offer a reply.

I send greetings and salutations to them and all the friends who are present in that region and its surroundings. The petitions from that land which were with his honor Nazir, upon him be the Glory of God, arrived and the response hath been revealed from the heaven of divine will—God willing, it shall be sent. Regarding what was written about his honor Mulla Sadiq, upon him be the Glory of God, his letter arrived via Istanbul. God willing, a reply will be sent. According to the command, if a wise person who is eloquent and knows the Turkish language would proceed to Maraghih and Urmiyyih and their surroundings for the purpose of teaching, it would be most beloved. Whenever such a soul is found, they should turn to what was mentioned, for the work of teaching is most important and great. Blessed is he whom God aids in this. However, one must proceed with perfect wisdom, feed the children according to

their capacity, and not be heedless of the requirements of the time and the souls. He is the Helper, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Regarding what was written about the honored Sadat Khamsih, upon them be the Glory of God, it was presented in the Most Holy Court. According to the command, it was written to his honor Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin, upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory, that if the books are available they should be sent quickly, otherwise they should be written and sent. The details about sending the funds were also written to them, and his honor Nazir, upon him be the Glory of God, also gave some funds to this servant to send, but thus far no one has proceeded to that direction so it could be sent. Regarding the books, it was written to them and they will send them as they have been commanded. Please convey my greetings to them as well. I beseech God to enable all to achieve that which diffuseth the fragrance of eternity.

Regarding what was written that "Today we gathered in the home of his honor Mashhadi ʿAli-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, with a group"—blessed are they and joy be unto them. God willing, may the people of that gathering be considered among the people of the Kingdom in the presence of God.

Mention was also made of Kadkhuda, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah]. His remembrance was present before the Most Holy Court, especially after the ascension of Sadr of Iran, when a word was revealed concerning him—if one were to voice its praise for the duration of the kingdom and the heavenly realm, it would indeed be and forever remain insufficient. The details of the gathering in the aforementioned house were presented before the Most Holy Court. His exalted Word states:

> "Blessed are they who have held fast to that which exalteth the Cause of God and His remembrance. These are numbered among the people of the Most Exalted Paradise in a perspicuous Book. We make mention of them and of those who have believed in God, the Lord of the worlds. O loved ones of God! Cleave ye unto wisdom, truthfulness, and trustworthiness, and to the fear of God, the Desire of the worlds. Give thanks unto God for this Most Great Remembrance. He hath indeed preferred you and caused you to know His straight Path. The glory from Us be upon you and upon him who hath attained unto this noble station."
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> "We make mention of the Kaf before Dal who was mentioned in the Book. We glorify him from this station and counsel him with that which beseemeth the days of God, the Lord of all men. We have remembered him and revealed for him that which cooleth the eyes, and We send him a promise from Our presence, and We are the Mighty, the All-Knowing."

O friends! Through divine bounty ye have attained unto a mighty Cause. Know ye its worth and recognize your stations. I counsel you to preserve your stations. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Counsellor, the All-Informed. The glance of favor is directed towards you, the stream of mercy floweth, and the verses of grace are being sent down. With perfect unity and harmony, be ye engaged in offering praise and thanksgiving to the Peerless Friend. The glory be upon you, and the mercy be upon you, and the bounty be unto you.

With this Most Great Remembrance, before which all other remembrances are as nothing, what can this evanescent non-entity say? In truth, none hath the capacity to make mention, were they to judge fairly in the Cause of God, the Lord of the heavens and the earth. Glory be upon your honor, and upon him who

sent the letter, and upon him who was named with your name, and upon Nabil son of Nabil, and upon those who have attained unto the recognition of God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH01396: God is He, exalted be His station in grandeur…

God is He, exalted be His station in grandeur and power!

All things testify to their impotence to mention and describe Him, and the Kingdom of Names bears witness to its inadequacy to know Him. In a station where the Kingdom of Utterance stands powerless and wanting to describe Him, how can the limping steed of this evanescent servant gallop in that vast arena? My outward and inward tongue, and the inward of the inward confess that His chosen ones cannot be described by my descriptions nor mentioned by my mentions—how much more so He Who created them, raised them up, and sent them forth! God is the Most Great! This is a station wherein every tongue of utterance falls short of His mention, and the Kingdom of Knowledge of His praise. This servant testifies that there is none other God but Him, acknowledging His oneness and confessing His sovereignty, His transcendence, His exaltation and His power—a testimony that neither the might of them that are in the world can prevent, nor the chains of those who have turned away from God, the Lord of all nations.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name and Will the four rivers did flow, and by Whose tongues the world hath spoken of Thy unity and oneness! I beseech Thee by the fruits of the Tree of Thy oneness and the mysteries of the Manifestations of Thy uniqueness, to aid Thy chosen ones in their love and praise of Thee. O Lord! Thou beholdest them turning to Thee, clinging to the cord of Thy favors, and holding fast to the hem of the robe of Thy bounty and grace. Send down upon them from the heaven of Thy loving-kindness that which will preserve them from the oppression of the transgressors among Thy servants and the deniers among Thy creation. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Dominant, the Powerful, the All-Knowing.

And I invoke blessings and peace upon Him before Whom the necks of the nations have bowed, and through Whose might the worshipers of idols have been brought low; He through Whom the Dove of Utterance hath raised her voice upon the boughs, proclaiming: There is none other God but Him. He it is through Whom the standards of idolatry have been cast down and the banners of unity have been uplifted; through Whom the foundations of those who have turned away from proof and evidence, and have clung to the hems of phantoms and images, have been shaken. And blessings and peace be upon His kindred and His companions, through whom the Cause of the All-Merciful was spread abroad in the lands, and the ordinance of the Furqan made manifest amongst the religions; through whom the Straight Path was revealed, and every firm and unassailable matter established.

Thereafter the blessed handwriting of that dearly-loved and honored one, fresh and verdant as the springtime rain, bestowed the water of joy upon the sapling of existence. Praise be to God! It was adorned and embellished with thy remembrance and praiseâ€“fruits of the Lote-Tree of fidelity. God, the All-Knowing, beareth witness that this lowly servant hath ever held, and doth hold, that the remembrance of the loved ones of God is unto the body as the spirit. From the Inaccessible and Mighty God I supplicate and hope that He may prepare and confirm all bodies in the world to receive the spirit of the All-

Mercifulâ€™s utterance, that all may be enabled to acknowledge and confess that which hath been sent down in the Book.

The world hath been encompassed by the winds of discord and oppression, and though appearing to ascend, is in constant descent. Countless trials have become manifest and evident, all stemming from the heedlessness of the people. Strange indeed that the great ones of state and nation have not arisen to discover the cause and reason thereof. What they possess hath deluded them from what is with God, the One, the Munificent, the Bountiful, and their affairs, manifestations, appearances and ornaments have occupied them—their words and deeds bear witness to this, as doth every person of insight. At all times we beseech God, exalted be His glory, to protect His Faith through the hosts of the seen and unseen, and to guard it from the oppression of the various factions. He verily hath power over all things.

In regards to what you had written about proceeding to Egypt, your attention to that direction is in accordance with the wisdom with which all are charged. God willing, you shall be divinely assisted in all matters. Concerning what you wrote about the trees and flowers and their arrangements, God willing, may their fruits be eternally remembered by the names of those beloved ones and masters, even as His Most Beautiful Names endure. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Prayer from this evanescent servant and its acceptance from the Eternal Truth is assured. The glances of His loving-kindness shall turn toward you and make manifest the fruits of the Tree of humanity. Verily, He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful, and He is the Kind, the Merciful. To the beloved of heart and soul, Aqa Siyyid ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God—since a petition was previously submitted to his presence, this time I shall not add to the burden. His letter brought strength to heart and sight. God willing, may he ever abide beneath the shade of the favor of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, dwelling in peace, speaking, remembering and praising.

BH01647: Praise that is sanctified above the comprehension of created…

In the Name of the Peerless Lord God

Praise that is sanctified above the comprehension of created things and the understanding of contingent beings befitteth the most luminous, most holy court of that Desired One Who created the entire world through a single word, and through its fragrance guided detached souls to the supreme horizon. He is the One with power Whom neither the opposition of the aggressive nor the objections of the heedless have prevented or will prevent from His purpose. He hath commanded all the peoples of the earth to observe what is right and forbidden what is wrong, that in all hearts the lamp of unity may be lit and all tongues may proclaim “We are God’s.” Blessed is the soul whom these fleeting two days have not deprived of eternal life, and whom transient conditions have not barred from the Dayspring of the light of oneness. This evanescent one testifieth that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been and will forever be sanctified above any peer or likeness, and exalted above all that is subject to decline. And I bear witness that He hath ever been one in His essence and attributes, hath been and will forever be as He hath always been. There is none other God but Him, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

To continue: your letter dated the 28th of Safar was received, bringing glad tidings of that honored friend’s well-being. God willing, may this herald not be barred from bearing glad tidings, and may this messenger not be deprived of the ultimate goal and highest purpose, which is the place where the light of

truth is made manifest. This evanescent servant beseecheth and imploreth the Desired One of the world and the Beloved of the nations to assist you in that which shall endure in both the earthly and heavenly kingdoms. We are powerless before the manifestations of His might and weak before the expressions of His power. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid us in serving and obeying Him and to assist us in preserving what He hath graciously bestowed through His generosity and bounty. Verily, He is the Protector of whosoever turneth unto Him, holdeth fast to His cord, and cleaveth to His robe. There is none other God but Him, the All-Forgiving, the All-Generous.

Praise be to God that you have attained to that which is acceptable in God's sight. In truth, your letter was a cause of joy and gladness, for the fragrance of love wafted from it. Praise be to God in all conditions. Verily, He is the Desired One in both beginning and end.

As to what you wrote regarding the sum sent by Aqa Muhammad-Husayn, brother of him who circumambulated the House—upon them both be the glory of God—the aforementioned person (may God's loving-kindness and grace be upon him) sent word from the great city and wrote that after the bill's term expires it will be sent. Whatever reaches them, they will forward. The servant beseecheth God, exalted be He, to send down from the heaven of His bounty a blessing from His presence upon him and upon you and upon him whom He aided to discharge His rights. Verily, He is the Protector of those who act and are sincere.

Convey on behalf of this evanescent one greetings to Muhammad-Qabli-Husayn. God willing, may he ever be assisted in what is befitting and drink without pause or delay from the cup of recognition of the Beloved of all creation. You mentioned Haji Muhammad-Rahim who intended the House and attained his desire. Praise be to God, he hath been and is in our thoughts, and his mention hath not been and will not be erased.

Convey greetings on behalf of this evanescent one, and likewise to the friends—that is, those souls who with complete detachment drink of the Kawthar of the love of the All-Merciful. Deprived is the one who hath not attained the outpourings of the true Bestower of abundance and hath not arisen to make good what was lost. God willing, in this luminous dawn may all the peoples of the earth be awakened by this sweet spiritual breeze and attain to the ocean of awareness. Verily, He is the Lord of the mystics and the Desired One of all the worlds. Peace and mercy be upon you and upon God's assured servants. Praise be to God, Lord of the worlds.

BH02030: Praise be to God Who hath sent down…

He is God, exalted be His glory—Greatness and Power

Praise be to God Who hath sent down the water of existence from the heaven of His Name, the All-Loving. Verily it is that water of which He hath ordained in His perspicuous Book, and whereby He hath distinguished between truth and falsehood until the Day of Judgment. He hath said, and His word is the truth: "And of water We have made every living thing." Verily it is that water whose praise hath left the people of hearts and minds bewildered. In its primary station it is the knowledge of God—exalted be His glory, abundant be His favors, and mighty be His sovereignty. Whoso hath attained unto it is reckoned

among the living before God, the Revealer of verses; and whoso hath been deprived thereof is accounted among the dead in a Book All-Wise. And peace and blessings be upon the First Light through which the world was illumined and the hearts of nations were enlightened—they who cast away vain imaginings and held fast to the Sure Handle—and upon His family and companions through whom the Word of God, that must be obeyed amongst all creation, was exalted, and that which lay hidden in the presence of God's knowledge, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, was made manifest.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all created things! I beseech Thee by Thy chosen ones and trusted ones who have fulfilled Thy Covenant and have arisen to serve Thee in such wise that the ornaments of earth prevented them not from drawing nigh unto Thee, and from placing their trust in Thee, and from turning toward Thy court, that Thou aid Thy servants to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee. O my Lord! Thy grace hath encompassed all, Thy mercy hath preceded all, and Thy bounty hath been perfected. I beseech Thee by Thy Self to send down from the heaven of Thy loving-kindness that which shall preserve them from the promptings of self and passion, and from whatsoever shall harm them in the kingdom of creation. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful.

To continue: your letter was received. Praise be to God, it was adorned with mention of the Truth and glad tidings of your health. This servant beseecheth and imploreth God—exalted be His glory—to make you appear as a standard raised upon the hills among His servants, and to increase your knowledge, wealth and honor at all times. Verily He is the One Whom nothing can frustrate and no affair can render powerless. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

Some time ago this evanescent one wrote and sent a letter to you. God willing, it will have reached you by now. Likewise a letter was sent to H.S. of M.Y., and another letter to Aqa Muhammad-ʿAli of S. God willing all have been received and delivered. This evanescent one hopeth that those holy souls who have drunk of the sealed wine in the name of the Self-Subsisting will appear in such wise in the Cause that the radiance of the All-Merciful may be witnessed in their faces. I have beseeched and do beseech the True One—exalted be His glory—at most times that He may enable His loved ones to attain unto this station, that all the world may follow their example, and that the whole earth may be seen as one country and its people as one soul. This is not difficult for God. Peace and mercy and blessings be upon you and upon those who have acknowledged the unity of God—exalted be His glory—who have aided His Faith and who have acted according to that which they were commanded in His perspicuous Book.

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BH00044: Praise be to the Lord of the worlds 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 to the Lord of the worlds Who summoned all peoples as one through His Most Great Name, in such wise that neither piercing weapons, nor marshalled hosts, nor the clamor of the ignorant who are known as the learned, could deter Him from His holy purpose. Through a single effulgence from the Sun of Will and Purpose He appeared, and from Him a Word was made manifest in the realm of creation, and from that Word infinite worlds were brought into being. At times He called it the Trumpet, at others the Bugle, now the Straight Path, then the Balance. And all the signs of the Day of Resurrection and the tokens of the Hour appeared through this wondrous and mighty Word by the command of the Lord of Oneness. Exalted be His might, glorified His power, and magnified His sovereignty! He is the One Who is sanctified above all numbers, and the Manifest One Who is holy beyond all witnessing, appearance and utterance. All the Messengers on the mount of understanding cry out "Show me!", while this servant standeth bewildered and astonished in His presence.

Glory be unto Thee, O God of Names, sanctified above all that hath been created in earth and heaven! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance after the extinction of all things, and by the manifestations of Thy power in the kingdom of creation, to assist Thy servants who were prevented from hearkening when Thy most sweet call was raised, and who turned away from Thy most exalted horizon when the ocean of Thy bounty surged and the gate of reunion was opened unto all who are in Thy earth and heaven. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy power that hath encompassed all names, to acquaint them with that which they have neglected and to strengthen them to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy Self, the Dayspring of Thy signs, the Source of Thy knowledge and the Manifestation of Thy Being. I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy divine attributes, Thy manifestations, Thy signs and Thy evidences, to adorn Thy servants with the vesture of truthfulness and fairness that they may meditate upon Thy Cause and be just concerning that which hath appeared from Thee in Thy days.

This is a day, O my God, in which Thou didst command all, through the tongue of the Herald of Thy Cause and the Speaker of Thy Name, to behold Thee with Thine eyes and not with what is in the Bayan. Yet when He Who was hidden in the eternity of eternities appeared, Thy servants and creatures who clung to the cords of idle fancies turned away from Him. O Lord! Aid Thy servants to recognize Thee, then give them to drink of the choice wine of Thy revelation that it may draw them to the heaven of Thy knowledge and illumine them with the lights of the Sun of Certitude which hath shone forth by Thy leave and will.

O Lord! Thou seest them speaking as spoke the followers of the Qur'an throughout ages and centuries, yet when the test came, spite and hatred appeared from them in such wise that they pronounced judgment against Him Whom they had mentioned during nights and days. O Lord! Take the hands of Thy servants with the arms of Thy might and power, then deliver them from the depths of doubts and fancies that they may abandon what they possess and turn unto the Dawning-Place of Thy revelation through which appeared what was hidden in the treasuries of Thy Books and stored in the repositories of Thy knowledge. O Lord! Thou art the Generous, the Lord of great bounty. Thou givest and withholdest, and Thou art the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the Mighty, the Wise.

May the prayer that hath dawned from the most exalted horizon and the peace that hath descended from the heaven of Thy bounty, O Lord of Names, rest upon those who arose to mention and proclaim Thy Cause and to exalt it among the religions, and upon him who arose in Thy earliest days to celebrate

Thy praise and glorification among Thy creatures, to whom the Supreme Pen hath testified regarding his devotion, humility and lowliness before Thy countenance. He is the one who heard the derision of the enemies and who suffered in Thy path that which caused Thy chosen ones to lament. O Lord! Ordain for him through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will exalt his mention in Thy kingdom. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

O beloved of my heart! Thy pen's mark hath gladdened me and that which flowed from it in remembrance of our Beloved and thy Beloved hath attracted me. By the life of the Beloved! I was seized with longing and yearning from thy utterances which spoke of naught but the Manifestation of God and His sovereignty, and guided to none but His path. From each letter thereof I drank the Kawthar of love and affection. When the sweet wine of thy utterances in remembrance of God, the Lord of all beings, intoxicated me, I directed myself to the Most Exalted Horizon and attained the presence before the Throne, and laid before Him that wherewith thou didst call upon God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which the tongues of creation are powerless to mention. His word, exalted be His glory:

Blessed art thou, O Ali, and blessed art thou, O Akbar! How felicitous art thou, O thou who rememberest Me, and My mercy be upon thee, O thou who hast turned thyself unto Mine horizon! Ponder thou upon the veils of the people. Although they have testified and continue to testify to the Manifestation of Truth, exalted be His glory, they pass their days in expectation while remaining deprived and forbidden from the Sovereign of Revelation. They measure with their own idle fancies that Truth which is sanctified and exalted above the hints, intimations and utterances of all who dwell on earth, and they rise up in opposition. They have clung to a single word and have deprived themselves of countless books.

What hath been mentioned is the condition of previous peoples. Consider the people of the Bayan, whose state is truly a cause for wonderment. No people have ever been seen to be veiled as these people are. The Sun of Truth hath risen and is manifest, and the Most Great Luminary hath dawned and is evident, yet they remain heedless—and would that they had contented themselves with heedlessness! They have uttered that which the Concourse on High did not utter at the appearance of the Seal of the Prophets, and that which the Jews did not speak at the advent of Christ. And this, notwithstanding that the Point of the Bayan proclaimed with the most exalted call and cut off all paths, saying that if prayer is mentioned, let not prayer veil you on that Most Great Day, and if fasting is mentioned, saying beware, beware lest thou be veiled thereby, and if signs and tokens are mentioned, declaring with utmost clarity that He shall not be known by any token nor by that which is mentioned in the Bayan.

O Ali, this Word is the sovereign of words. In the Bayan He saith that all the Bayan is but a leaf from His gardens. If it be accepted—O Ali—He hath made all worship, expressions, words, verses and proofs contingent upon the will of the Sovereign of Oneness. No person of insight hath had or hath any cause for hesitation. Glory be to God! Nevertheless, consider what hath come to pass. Would that the spurious, imaginary souls had been aware of the Cause! By the life of God, none save two souls have been aware of it, even as hath previously flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. These utterances which flow from the Most Exalted Pen are made in the hope that perchance certain souls who possess a breath of life might become aware of that which they are heedless. This is from the bounty of thy Lord, the Munificent, the

Generous. Were it not for My mention, the Bayan would not have been revealed. To this do all things testify, but the people are in evident denial.

Convey My greetings to the friends in that land who have quaffed the choice wine of divine knowledge and who are adorned with the ornament of certitude. Say: Know ye your stations, then preserve them through the name of your Lord, the Most Merciful. Each one hath borne afflictions and tribulations in the path of God, hath heard what no one hath heard, and hath witnessed what no soul hath witnessed. Now must they know their worth and preserve their stations. Ere long shall the trees of being yield their fruits, and they shall behold this. Blessed are they and felicitous are they! God willing, the diverse conditions of the world shall not withhold the people of truth from that which beseemeth this most holy and transcendent Day. The world at every moment testifieth to its own evanescence and extinction. He who possesseth hearing and sight heareth its cry, remaineth detached therefrom, and is ever mindful of and holdeth fast unto that which is with God.

As to what was written regarding the arrival of the divine Tablets and their recitation in various gatherings, and likewise concerning the enkindlement of the loved ones of God in that land, it brought the utmost joy and delight. Praise be to God that your honor stands firm in service to the Cause of God and strives diligently to exalt the Word. If one considers that upon first arrival in the Most Great Prison, God, exalted be His glory, commanded your honor to protect and safeguard the House of the Cause—praise be to God, you have been and continue to be successful therein. You have ever been speaking in praise of God and holding fast to the guidance of mankind. This is a station of which this servant is incapable of describing. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Seeing Witness.

As to what was mentioned regarding the heedless, deluded, whispering souls—God is the witness and testament that they all soar on the wings of idle fancies and speak with tongues of vain imaginings. They never had and have not any awareness. They speak according to their desires and reckon they are among the doers of good. The most holy and exalted Station of which the Primal Point—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him—says “Be not veiled from Him, and hesitate not in His Cause through the Bayan and its letters,” and says “Whenever He appears, I am the first of them that worship”—despite this, these shameless and witless people have done that which even the people of the tomb did not manifest.

God willing, may you be like an unshakeable mountain, an intervening barrier through divine strength and power, that the rebellious and oppressive ones may not transgress. Verily He has power over whatsoever He willeth.

As to what was written regarding the intention to move toward the land of S, but after consultation it was decided to remain in the land of T for the protection of the weak souls—in truth this matter was the very essence of wisdom and propriety. Assuredly in such times the presence of that beloved one in that land is necessary. God willing, may you be vigilant and watchful throughout all nights and days and in all conditions. In most Tablets this exalted word hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen: The treacherous ones are prepared and the satans lie in wait.

The people of God must protect souls from the hosts of self and passion through the Name of the Lord of all humanity. Verily He is the Protector, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

As to what you wrote regarding the two youths who remained protected through God's grace and turned toward the Most Great Ocean—blessed are they, again blessed are they. This evanescent servant conveys greetings to them and beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to aid them to be steadfast in this Most Holy, Most Great Cause and to set them ablaze with the heat of His love in such wise that the veils of idle fancies and vain imaginings may not withhold them from the Lord of all beings. The call of the All-Merciful is raised, and likewise the croaking of Satan. Would that the embodiments of delusion were aware! By God's life! All are observed to be immersed in the ocean of heedlessness and ignorance.

Concerning what you wrote about the family of Mishkin-Qalam, upon him be the Glory of God, praise be to God, the Truth, exalted be His glory, has enabled some of His friends to execute that which was His will. In truth, Aqa Abu'l-Qasim, upon him be the Glory of God, has labored greatly and brought the mother and son to the Land of Purpose with utmost joy and fragrance, and they expressed complete satisfaction with him. Your reward is with God. In view of your intercession, Aqa Abu'l-Qasim was honored with true permission, and they gave your letter to this servant, which was presented in the Most Holy Court. Smiling, He said:

> "The deed of ʿAli-Akbar, upon him be My glory, is righteous and accepted. God willing, may he act befittingly in all conditions and remain engaged in promoting the Cause as God desires, for he has ever been and continues to be confirmed in guiding the heedless and executing divine commandments. His reward is with Him Who created him in truth."

End quote.

Mention was also made of Aqa Muhammad Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, from the Tongue of Grandeur, and He expressed His favor. Praise be to God that he was enabled to execute the will of the Beloved of the worlds. Give him the glad tidings of the acceptance of what he has done in God's path. Regarding what you wrote about Mirza Muhammad Husayn Kh-A, upon him be the Glory of God, details about him were written from the land of Q some time ago and presented in the Most Holy Court. A special Tablet was revealed and sent to him. God willing, may he attain to the lofty station of steadfastness through the fragrant breezes of the Most Merciful's utterance. "Blessed is he whose likeness appears before Him Who has no likeness." He said: "Blessed is the one who arises to serve the Cause of the Lord of the beginning and the end in the prime of youth, and is adorned with His love. The appearance of this greatest bounty is greater than the creation of the heavens and earth. Blessed are the firm ones and joy be to the steadfast." End quote.

Section 2: "And concerning what was written about Aqa Shaykh…"

And concerning what was written about Aqa Shaykh ʿAbdu'l-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, it was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, and a special Tablet was revealed for him from the heaven of grace. God willing, may he comprehend the hidden oceans of meaning from the Divine Word and drink from the cup of God's love—a drink that neither the objections of the divines nor the insinuations of the hateful ones can prevent. May he arise with utmost power, might and steadfastness to serve this Most Great Cause. The pleasure of the world has been and is in this matter, and were its fruits to appear on earth, all would be amazed, nay, thunderstruck. This evanescent servant beseeches and

hopes from God, exalted be His glory, that He will set him ablaze with the call of the Burning Tree—an ablaze whose effect will appear in the trees of existence.

This is not difficult for God. And regarding the mention you made of his petition, it was not in the envelope. The very act of turning to God is a great book and an extensive petition. Whoever turns to Him, the fragrance of his heart at that moment attains the presence of the Most Holy Court and is honored with God's special favors. This is among the distinctive features of this Most Great Revelation. Praise be to God, they have attained to this station.

You have recalled mention of Amir Khan. A Most Holy Tablet was specifically revealed and sent for him. God willing, he will attain unto it. Likewise, a Most Holy and Wondrous Tablet was revealed and sent specifically for Mirza Mihdi. This evanescent one's hope is that all may drink from the living waters and receive their portion from the ocean of grace. It is most regrettable that in these days when the world is illumined by the light of the Manifestation and the heaven of bounty is adorned with the Most Great Luminary, the people of the earth should be witnessed as heedless. Today is the day of the manifestation of divine favors and gifts. Blessed a hundred-thousandfold is the soul who let not the opportunity slip away and arose to make amends for what had passed him by.

In truth, should a soul turn with a true ear, from every atom among atoms and from every thing among things he would hear this word: "O people of the earth! This Day is God's Day!" A call is raised the like of which none has ever heard nor will ever hear, and lights are shining from the horizon of the Countenance the like of which shall never be seen. In such circumstances, that beloved one and this evanescent one and other loved ones of God must raise our hands in prayer that perchance none may be deprived of this most great bounty and supreme grace. Lamentations and sighs are concealed in the heart, and their expression is forbidden. His is the command, He alone, there is no God but Him.

Regarding what you wrote about Hezekiel (upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah]) and his presence, it was presented at the station of "God was, and there was nothing else besides Him." This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke:

In His Name, the Single, the Independent, the Mighty, the All-Knowing

O Hezekiel, O son of Khalil! Hearken unto the call of the Glorious One Who makes mention of thee from this noble station and summons thee to God, the Single, the All-Informed. The Mount has been adorned with the lights of the Manifestation, and the Tree calls out: "Verily, there is no God but Me, the Witness, the All-Hearing." Give thanks unto God for having made thee attain unto that which Moses attained when He heard the call of God, the Mighty, the Wise. The world hath been illumined by the lights of the Countenance, yet eyes remain behind a thick veil. This is a Day wherein Moses calls out, saying: "O people of the Torah! He Who revealed the verses hath come, through Whom what was hidden from all eternity hath been manifested, if ye be of them that know.

Cast away what ye possess and take hold of that which ye have been commanded by God, the Lord of this wondrous Day." We make mention of thee and of them who have believed in this perspicuous Book, Which speaks in the Most Great Prison with a sovereignty that none in the heavens and earth can resist. God counsels you to show forth love, trustworthiness and unity, and commands you to that through

which the essence of man may be made manifest in the contingent world. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who does what He wills and ordains what He pleases. Thus has the Most Exalted Pen raised its shrill voice. Blessed is he who has attained unto hearing it, and woe unto the heedless.

By the Sun of Truth! Any soul in whom the slightest capacity is found will surely be set ablaze by the fire of the Divine Word. The people are heedless, and this servant is bewildered and amazed. God willing, may all be illumined by the lights of God's Day and turn with heart and soul to the most exalted horizon. It is hoped that the divers in the ocean of truth will, with perfect wisdom, present the pearls of knowledge before the eyes of the world.

A single spark from the Fire has struck all souls; A hundred thousand Sinais have been kindled in hearts

What cruelty has seized the hearts of the world that they remain deprived of this true spiritual warmth? What ailment has encompassed their vision that they are bereft of beholding these lights? Were this evanescent servant to present what he has been privileged to hear, the earth would appear transformed. How can this tongueless one move in the arena of utterance, and how can this sightless one be worthy to step into the realm of revelation and vision? In any case, holding fast to the cord of grace and clinging to the hem of bounty, the door of hope is, praise be to God, open. God willing, may all attain to what is befitting, and may the rays of the Sun of Justice dispel the darkness of the world. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Mention was made of Nasrullah Khan, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah]. Praise be to God, he has been and God willing will continue to be remembered before the Presence. Let him not be saddened by the dispersion of affairs. After separation, the light will shine forth in gathering. These matters were presented at the court of grandeur. Thus has spoken the Tongue of Revelation, exalted be His glory:

O ʿAli-Akbar! O thou who gazest upon My face and dwellest within the pavilions of My loving-kindness! Hearken unto My call from around My shrine. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Convey My glorification to him who was named Nasrullah in the Kingdom of Names, and give him glad tidings of what God, the Self-Subsisting, the Sovereign Protector, has ordained for him. Say: O my God and the God of the world, my Goal and the Goal of the nations! I beseech Thee by the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge, O Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens, to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will cause me to be, under all conditions, turned toward Thee, content with what descends from the heaven of Thy Command, and speaking Thy praise among Thy creatures.

O Lord! Aid me in that by which my remembrance will endure in Thy Book. I know not what is with Thee, and Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Then I beseech Thee, O my God, by the Manifestation of Thy Self through Whom the horizon of the heaven of Thy Revelation was illumined, to ordain for me that which will profit me in the Hereafter and in this world. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful over what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

Likewise, two Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablets were sent specifically to Aqa Mirza Muhammad-Taqi and his companion Shaykh ʿAbdu'l-Husayn, upon them be the glory of God, that their eyes might be consoled.

I beseech and hope for their confirmation from the True One, exalted be His glory. The ocean of bounty has not been and will never be fully reckoned, and the Sun of grace is not bound by any limits. However, those who can expound and remind are rare. God willing, through the endeavors of your honor and the friends of God, souls will be specifically appointed to serve the Cause, that they might guide all who dwell on earth to the path of God. This matter is most momentous. Blessed is he who attains.

And regarding what you wrote about the honored lady of Ahl, upon her be the Glory of God, it was presented before His Presence, and a Tablet adorned with the ornament of the grace of the True One, glorified be His Glory, was revealed specifically for her. God willing, may she attain to the fragrances of the verses of the Manifestation of evident signs. Likewise, specifically for your honored sister, upon her be the Glory of God, a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed. God willing, may she attain to the visitation of the Divine Tablet.

And regarding the mention made of Aqa Siyyid Abu'l-Qasim from the people of S, upon him be the Glory of God, the mention of the loved ones of the land of S and the emigrants has ever been made in the Most Holy Court, and this servant testifies that the gaze of favor has been and is directed toward those souls who have drunk from the Kawthar of steadfastness. Nevertheless, their degrees of sincerity were presented in the Most Holy Court. This is what was revealed for him from the Supreme Pen, His words, exalted be His majesty:

In My Name, the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed

O Abu'l-Qasim! Thou hast heard what was inflicted upon the Twin Luminous Lights by the oppression of the ignorant ones of the earth who are known as divines. Now reflect upon what hath been inflicted upon this Wronged One. In the days when darkness had encompassed the world and the people of the Bayan were disturbed and concealed due to the might of the oppressors, this Wronged One arose alone to promote the Cause of God. To this bear witness the stars of My heaven and the sun of the horizon of My power, and most of the people of the earth have heard what was inflicted. Then when some measure of assurance was attained, the buzzing arose and the leaves of fire were spread by the hands of the wicked ones.

Reflect upon Hadi of Dawlat-Abad. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of utterance that he was and is heedless of the root of the Cause, and moreover his understanding is observed to be less than that of an animal. Now he is occupied with clay like unto earthworms. Fie upon him and those who follow him! Say: O friends! Hold fast to the cord of patience. Soon the falsehood of those fabricated souls will become evident and manifest. Grieve thou not at anything. We have mentioned thee before and after. Convey My greetings to the friends of that land. They should appear with such power and might in the name of the True One that they would regard the world as non-existent and null, let alone the buzzing of flies. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, then thank thy Lord, the Evident, the All-Knowing.

And regarding the mention made of Aqa Mirza Zaynu'l-ʿAbidin, upon him be the Glory of God, I beseech the True One, glorified be His Glory, that he may be assisted in transcribing the verses of God, and this is accounted as one of the great bounties. God willing, may he be assisted and confirmed in that which is the cause and means of permanence. His work that was sent previously was accepted with favor and is

present with this ephemeral one. Today, which is the twenty-fifth of Jamadiyu'l-Avval, these exalted words were sent down from the heaven of grace, verses were revealed specifically for him, His words, glorified be His Glory: He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Knowing:

This is a Book sent down by the All-Merciful from the heaven of grace to draw His servants nigh unto Him and to give them glad tidings of that which His Most Exalted Pen hath ordained for them. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Bountiful. The conditions of the world cannot frustrate Him, nor can the clamor of the heedless prevent Him. He calleth out at all times with the most exalted call and guideth mankind unto the straight path of God. Blessed is the ear that hath not been debarred by the clamor of every denier, and the eye that hath not been veiled by the veils of the heedless. This is the Day which Muhammad, the Apostle of God, had formerly announced, and to which the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds, have borne witness. Those who are intoxicated by the wine of vain imaginings have turned away from the Lord of all being and clung to their idle fancies and vain images.

Section 3: "O Zayn! Hearken unto the call…"

O Zayn! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One from the precincts of the Prison. He remembereth thee as a token of His grace and counseleth thee with that which shall exalt the Cause of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Beware lest the manifestations of the world prevent thee from the Lord of eternity. Preserve thy station through the Name of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. Reflect upon that which hath appeared from God and ponder His signs. Thus doth command thee He from Whom is revealed a perspicuous Book. We have mentioned thee before and mention thee now from this glorious station. Be thou steadfast in serving the Cause and be vocal in praising God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Thus have We revealed the verses and sent them unto thee that thou mayest inhale from them the fragrance of thy Lord's loving-kindness and be of the thankful ones.

This evanescent servant conveyeth his greetings to him and to Aqa Mirza Abu'l-Qasim, upon them be the Glory of God, and declareth: Today is the day when all the friends of God must exert their utmost endeavor that perchance those who have strayed in the valley of self and passion might find their way to the most exalted homeland, and those who thirst in the desert of separation and remoteness might drink from the Salsabil of reunion. It is hoped that each soul may engage in teaching the Cause of the Beloved of the worlds with the utmost joy and fragrance. O Beloved of my heart! If souls of integrity would truly adorn themselves with that which hath been revealed in the divine Tablets concerning piety, righteousness, goodly character and praiseworthy deeds, and would hold fast to teaching the Cause, ere long the attraction of their sincerity and its effect would seize most souls. In such case, all would be observed free, liberated and at rest upon the thrones of glory and elevation. As commanded, one must hold fast to wisdom in all matters and not exceed moderation.

Concerning the mention made of ʿAli-Akbar Big, upon him be the Glory of God, praise be to God, the glances of favor have been directed towards him. Detailed mention of him hath been made in the letter sent to the beloved Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be all the most glorious Glory. God willing, they will observe it and become informed. And now again, mention of him and of Mashhadi Haydar, upon them both be the Glory of God, whose names were at the end of your letter, was made before the Throne. The Sun of grace hath risen and shone upon each one. His exalted Word: We have witnessed their turning

unto Us and have heard their call. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge, and He shall manifest unto them that which God hath ordained. Verily, He doth not suffer the reward of the doers of good to be lost.

Concerning what you wrote about the minimum amount subject to Huquq, it was submitted to the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in reply:

> "This matter was revealed in the Kitab-i-Aqdas as the Bayan hath spoken, and later the minimum amount was fixed before the Face at nineteen units, a wisdom from Our presence."

The purpose of this decree was the future enrichment of the general treasury, and perhaps its details will be submitted later. Up to this point, the answer to your letter dated the seventh of Dhi'l-Qa'dah was submitted one by one, and your other letter, beloved one, which was adorned with the mention and praise of the Beloved of the worlds and dated the twenty-seventh of Dhi'l-Hijjah, illumined and enlightened both heart and sight. And concerning what you wrote about your intention to present in every city the degrees of your servitude, humility and submissiveness, and that you beseech the All-Powerful Lord to enable you to serve the Cause—these matters were submitted before the Face. His word, exalted be His glory:

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

We have aided thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of My verses, the Dayspring of My revelation and the Manifestation of My Cause, the All-Wise. We have caused thee to hear My call from the Mount of knowledge, and shown thee My luminous and radiant Beauty, and established thee in the service of My Cause as a bounty from My presence, for I am the Ancient Bestower. O thou who soarest in the atmosphere of My love! Hearken unto that which the idolaters say, who have taken for themselves a station behind the veil. When We manifest the Cause with power from Our presence, they emerge with the buzzing of flies and object to God, the Lord of all worlds. By God's life!

The one whom the idolaters have taken as an idol for themselves apart from God is powerless to speak before the Face. To this testifieth every fair-minded and perceiving one. Thou didst stand firm in the Cause on a day wherein the limbs of the mighty and powerful trembled. Thou didst appear and manifest that whereof all things spoke. By God! The hidden and treasured mystery hath appeared through a command before which the hosts of earth and heaven cannot stand. Thus hath the Speaker of Sinai spoken from the Sinai of utterance. Blessed is he who hath heard, and woe unto the heedless.

Convey My glorification to the faces of My loved ones, and give them the glad-tidings of My grace, My bounty and My mercy which have preceded all in the heavens and the earth. We have mentioned them time and again. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Generous. Say: This is He of Whom the Point of the Bayan gave tidings, saying "He is the One Who speaketh in every condition, 'Verily I am God, there is none other God but Me, the Lord of all worlds."' Say: This is a Day wherein the Bayan profiteth you not except through believing in that which hath been sent down regarding this Wise Remembrance. Leave what ye possess and take what ye have been commanded by God, the Strong, the Powerful. Thus hath the horizon of proof been illumined by the Sun of thy Lord, the All-Merciful's utterance. He is verily the Expositor, the All-Knowing. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have migrated in My path,

endured hardships for My Name, and acted according to what they were commanded in My perspicuous Book. End.

And the petitions of the handmaid of God, Hudhud (upon her be the glory of God), were laid before the Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Exalted Presence. His Word is this:

O handmaid of God and leaf of the divine Tree of Love! The Manifestation of Truth, glorified be His majesty, hath appeared so that all who dwell on earth might attain unto His recognition and drink from the Kawthar of His presence and reunion. All divine Books bear witness to this truth. Though all days are associated with God, in the Holy Scriptures this Day hath been specifically designated and become known as the Day of God. The chosen ones have ever beseeched the True One, exalted be His glory, for His presence, and God hath ever loved and continues to love meeting His loved ones. However, the conditions created by the heedless and the oppression of the wrongdoers have become an intervening barrier.

That handmaid must be content in all conditions and be focused on and oriented towards the will of God, exalted be He. Thy aspiration is most lofty and thy request acceptable, but the Supreme Pen hath enjoined wisdom upon His servants and handmaidens. Therefore, attention to this direction is not advisable in these days. God willing, thou shalt be assisted to accomplish deeds that will cause the handmaids of God to be mindful. For any handmaid who attaineth unto this exalted and most sublime station, the reward of meeting Him hath been recorded by the Supreme Pen in the Crimson Book. Recognize thou this most great favor and then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Generous. O ʿAli-Before-Akbar! Convey unto her that which hath been sent down from the heaven of My Will, and glorify her on My behalf, and give her the glad tidings of that which hath flowed from the chalice of My bounty.

Speak with her on behalf of her Creator that which will gladden her eyes and rejoice her heart. The glory be upon thee and upon her and upon the handmaids of God, the Lord of the worlds. End.

Praise be to God that they have been blessed with divine mention. The verses themselves testify to the favors of the True One, glorified be His majesty. Previously also, she had attained the presence of the Greatest Holy Leaf, His sister—upon her be all the most glorious glory—and their love. Whenever a letter would arrive from them, they would mention her. The honored Mahbubi, son of the Most Truthful, upon them both be the glory of God, has also repeatedly mentioned her, and she has been blessed with the favors of the True One, glorified be His majesty. Should the veils of idle fancy be rent asunder and the station of a single mention flowing from the Supreme Pen be made manifest to the peoples of the world, then would the value of the favors, mentions and words of the Goal of all mankind become somewhat known and evident. Exalted is His bounty, glorified His grandeur, and lofty His favor. There is no God but Him.

Regarding what you wrote about the sale of property and the Huqúqu'llah, when this matter was submitted, He smiled and then these exalted words were revealed from the Dawning Place of utterance, the Lord of Names. His grandeur be glorified:

> "Blessed is he, again blessed is he, for he hath desired to act according to what was commanded in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

In truth, he and those like him have been and are worthy of this pure and accepted deed. We have accepted from him what he intended for God's sake, and We have forgiven him as a bounty from Our presence and a gift from Our court, for verily We are the Bestower, the Bountiful, the Helper, the Generous. End.

How wonderful for you, that the Ancient Beauty was observed to smile at this matter. This was a great accomplishment that resulted from your honor's submission of intention, and furthermore that the intention was accepted and was then adorned with the forgiveness of God, exalted be His glory. The supreme bounty was that which was uttered from the tongue of grandeur in this station. God willing, may you ever be blessed with such bestowals. And in truth, this is that intention of which they had given tidings beforehand, saying "The intention of the believer is better than his deed." This word claimed its station in this instance. This is from the bounty of our Lord, the Most Merciful.

And in one instance He said:

> "O servant present, write to the aforementioned one, upon him be My glory: The All-Bountiful sayeth: Through the bounty thou didst intend, thou hast attained, and art reckoned among those holy souls who have rendered the Huququ'llah. Be thou thankful and among those who give thanks."

Concerning what you wrote about Jinab Aqa Siyyid Abu-Talib, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors—praise be to God they have been freed, although true freedom has been and will always be for those souls who are immersed in the ocean of divine love, and they, through the grace of the Beloved of the worlds, have attained and continue to attain this station. This servant repeatedly heard mention of them from the Divine Tongue. Once these blessed words were heard from the All-Merciful, exalted be His utterance: "Verily he was imprisoned in the path of God and We found him patient in what befell him…" And another time these supreme words were heard, He said: "Abu-Talib has followed his Lord in prison."

Also, a sublime Tablet was revealed especially for them from the heaven of grace some time ago which will be sent, God willing. At this moment while this evanescent one was occupied with writing, he was summoned to the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. After attaining the presence, He said: Write to Abu-Talib, upon him be My Glory:

"O Abu-Talib! We have heard thy lamentations and thy cries have reached the ears of the Lord of Names. Give thanks to the Beloved of the world that He has aided thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of Revelation and the Source of verses. Reflect on the tribulations that befell the Self of God, exalted be His glory. For nearly four months We were in the prison of Ta under chains and fetters. Repeatedly did We enter prison, yet with utmost joy and delight We continued to mention and utter the most excellent remembrances. After Our release We went into exile until this Most Great Prison became the seat of the Throne. Be thou joyful in what hath befallen thee, but in all conditions hold fast unto wisdom. Teaching is beloved only when a receptive place is found, otherwise it becomes the cause of mischief. Speak with wisdom, observe with wisdom, and act with wisdom.

> "O Abu-Talib! We have mentioned thee before with that which nothing in all creation can equal, and We mention thee at this time as a token of grace from thy Lord, the Generous. And

We make mention of thy father, to whom the All-Merciful hath testified in His perspicuous Book. He was among those who attained the presence of God when all on earth were prevented save whom thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, did will. He stood faithfully at the gate and acted according to what was commanded by the Ordainer, the All-Wise. Blessed is he who remembereth him as revealed by the Supreme Pen of God, and blessed is he who hath loved him for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds. O Abu-Talib! We counsel thee once again to hold fast unto the Most Great Wisdom. Cleave unto it and go not beyond its bounds. Verily thy Lord hath chosen wisdom and He is the Unconstrained, the All-Knowing. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy family and upon every assured and discerning one."

Section 4: "This evanescent one conveys greetings and salutations…"

This evanescent one conveys greetings and salutations to them. God the All-Knowing bears witness that they have always been in mind, and the reason this perishable servant delayed in writing to them was out of wisdom. And concerning their question about their duties, this matter was presented before His presence. He said the Divine Cause must be concealed from those who are not worthy of it. The precious pearl before the blind, and the melodies of the nightingale before those deprived of hearing, have not and will never bear fruit. Therefore mention of the Cause before the government is not and has never been permitted. In all cases, the seeds of wisdom must be deposited in receptive soil. Verily He commands what is best for you if ye act accordingly.

Therefore, mention of the Cause to the government is not and has never been permissible. In any case, the seeds of wisdom must be deposited in receptive soil. Verily, He commands what is best for you—act upon it and be among those who are firm.

It is submitted that certain mentions before the government or weak souls are not and have never been permissible, including mention of sending petitions to the Most Holy Court and receiving answers from the heaven of divine will, which is strictly forbidden before the authorities, as such mention may cause harm. The teaching work is contingent upon several conditions which all must observe, that it may cause acceptance rather than rejection, and extinguish the fire of corruption rather than ignite it. The beloved ones should convey these matters to some, that all may arise to do what is acceptable in God's sight.

For nearly thirty years, God, exalted be His glory, has forbidden all from engaging in corruption, contention and conflict. How many afflictions have befallen His loved ones, yet none has protested. Nevertheless, they have not yet desisted and are constantly engaged in oppression. The source of this oppression has been and will be the clergy. Despite the compassion, mercy, grace and favors of the Truth, the government has not yet grasped the main purpose. For if they knew God, glorified be He, to be truthful, they would surely testify that this Cause is sanctified from conflict, contention and corruption. The deeds of some in the past who were contaminated by selfish desires caused certain ones to doubt. If the government were to truly understand what is intended, they would surely arise to make amends for what has passed. But the effects of truthfulness must needs appear in the visible world, for its fragrance is evident and any possessor of smell can perceive it. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid the rulers in executing justice. If they would adorn themselves with fairness and justice and turn to the Tablets, they

would testify that this Cause has never been and is not opposed to government, but rather supports it in executing justice.

O beloved of my heart! This servant is perplexed and knows not what to submit. Most of the servants have fallen into the sea of vain imaginings and are stupefied. In view of the trials of this servant, permission to reveal matters has not been and is not granted. Otherwise, by God besides Whom there is none other God, if they were to hear but one melody from the Bird of the Cause, all would utter the blessed words "Verily we are God's, and verily unto Him shall we return." In truth, until now no one has truly uttered these blessed words, though all outwardly pronounce them, for this station requires absolute effacement of self, will and desire, and return to God, recognition of Him and arising for His sake.

Some time ago this exalted word was heard from the mouth of the Will of the Lord of Names, exalted and glorified be His utterance:

> "O servant in attendance! We have revealed two words about the meaning of 'There is no God but God.' It was observed that some of the mystics expressed inability to comprehend it. They are heard uttering this word night and day while remaining veiled from its meaning."

God willing, may all on earth be adorned with the ornament of fairness and ascend to the kingdom of truthfulness.

Concerning what you wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Mihdi (upon him be the Glory of God—9 66), son of the late and elevated Vazir (upon him be all My Most Glorious Glory), it was presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Threshold. This is what the Tongue of the Intended One spoke:

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

M.H. We have mentioned thee before and guided thee to God's path and His Balance. He, verily, is the Expounding One, the All-Wise. We make mention of thee at this hour and counsel thee to remain steadfast in the Cause of God, the Lord of all beings, and We give thee glad tidings of His great favor. The whole world hath been created for the recognition of this wondrous and exalted Day, for the Dawning-Place of Revelation, the Dayspring of Light, and He Who conversed on Sinai hath appeared and been made manifest. Today the rustling of the Lote-Tree of the Far Boundary is raised high and the flow of the Kawthar of life is crystal clear, and every possessor of hearing doth hear it.

God willing, thou shalt attain unto His special favors and become detached and free from the world and all who dwell therein. Today the call of the All-Merciful is raised, and likewise the shrieking of Satan. Those souls who today attribute themselves falsely to God have not been and are not aware of this Cause. They speak according to their desires and imagine themselves to be speaking the truth. Fie upon them and upon those who have denied God's signs, His proof, His evidence and His authority. Thou shouldst arise to serve the Cause with the utmost diligence and effort, to such extent that thou regardest the manifestations of idle fancies and vain imaginings as non-existent and count them as nothing.

O Mihdi! Be thou as an impenetrable barrier lest the Gog of self and Magog of passion transgress. Thus doth command thee He in Whose possession is the Perspicuous Book. God willing, mayest thou succeed in performing such deeds that thy mention shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Verily, He guideth whom He willeth unto His straight path. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Great.

In all conditions that honored one must be vigilant and engaged in protection, even as he hath been commanded to this great service both before and after.

And concerning thy mention of the brethren (upon them be the Glory of God), after it was presented at the Most Holy Court, He manifested His favor, saying, exalted be His utterance:

> "Verily they are under the glances of My favor and are mentioned in the Kingdom of My utterance. Upon them be My Glory, My mercy, My compassion and My favors."

And concerning what was written about Jinab-i-Aqa Hasan-ʿAli (upon him be the Glory of God), who is among thy kindred, after presentation these sublime words were revealed and made manifest from the Source of verses. He, exalted be His majesty, saith:

In My Name, the Wronged One, the Unique

O Hasan! The rebellious faction waited for years for the appearance of Husayn. After the Qa'im, thou didst witness what the abominable Shi'ihs inflicted upon that Kingdom of the Spirit. In the books of that faction this great announcement is recorded and inscribed, and they have said that after the Qa'im the appearance of Husayn would illumine the world and all the Prophets and Messengers, even the Qa'im, would gather under the banner of His Cause. Yet when the world was illumined by the lights of His Revelation, all were thunderstruck, bewildered and heedless. That souls who failed to recognize the Qa'im should deny is not strange; what is strange is that the deniers of the Bayan who claim to have recognized the Qa'im are seen to be veiled and heedless of this most great Revelation which is evident and manifest as the sun, nay, have risen in such denial as no eye hath seen nor ear heard the like thereof. Blessed art thou, O Hasan-i-ʿAli, in that the Wronged One remembereth thee and commandeth thee to that which will exalt the Cause of God, the Lord of the exalted Throne. Glory be upon thee and upon all who are steadfast, firm and upright.

The request is that on behalf of this evanescent servant, greetings and salutations be conveyed to all the kindred. I beseech God that He may aid them all to do that which beseemeth this blessed Day.

As to thy mention at the end of thy letter concerning the handmaiden of God, the wife of Haji Mirza Hasan-i-Kirmani, upon them both be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], what that beloved one wrote in this regard was presented before the Throne. This is what the Most Holy, Most Glorious, Most Exalted Tongue of our Lord spoke, exalted be His grandeur:

In My Name, the Warbler upon the Branches

O My handmaiden, My handmaiden! Rejoice thou in that he who hath arisen to serve Me and who speaketh My praise hath mentioned thee, and there hath befallen him in My path that which caused the dwellers of the highest Paradise to lament. O My leaf, O My leaf! The Divine Lote-Tree remembereth thee

and calleth thee with that which hath enraptured the hearts of the Maids of Heaven in their chambers. O handmaiden of God! Today the queen of the world hath not attained unto that which thou hast attained. Thou didst hear the divine call and turn to the Most Exalted Horizon, and didst speak His praise on a day when the divines of the earth are heedless and veiled therefrom.

Wert thou to voice praise and thanksgiving to the Peerless Beloved to the number of the sands and leaves, it would appear as naught compared to this supreme bounty and mighty favor. Well is it with thee for having quaffed the wine of My love, and happy art thou for having attained unto the favor of My Cause. God willing, thou shalt ever be aided to remain firm, steadfast and resolute. We make mention of all the handmaidens in that land, that all may, with utmost eagerness, longing, attraction and rapture, gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon and voice the praise of the Divine Lote-Tree.

O ʿAli-Qabli-Akbar! Upon thee be My Glory and My Loving-kindness! Convey that which thou hast been commanded, and remind My loved ones of that which hath been sent down from the Kingdom of My grace and the Heaven of My loving-kindness, and give them the glad-tidings of My turning towards them and My remembrance of them from this far-distant station.

What else can this evanescent servant say? From the horizon of the revealed utterances, the dawning-place of verses, the effulgences of the Sun of grace, mercy and loving-kindness are of such magnitude that no one is left with the capacity to make mention thereof. Can any soul adequately render thanks for this? Nay, by Thy life! All the world standeth powerless and wanting. However, being enkindled with the fire of love in one's heart impelleth man to utterance and expression. In any case, despite my powerlessness and inadequacy, I beseech thee to convey greetings, mention and praise on behalf of this servant to that aforementioned leaf, upon her be the Glory of God. In truth, all that that Beloved One wrote concerning that leaf stirred up a warmth in the heart. I beseech the Exalted Truth to aid her and to raise up others like her in the earth. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Powerful. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Most Praiseworthy. Glory be upon you and upon those whom God hath related unto you and upon those who have rent asunder the veils and shattered the idols in the name of the Lord of all men and the Sovereign of all days.

This evanescent one submitteth that the penknife which thou didst write that Aqa Muhammad and Aqa ʿAli-Asghar, upon them be the Glory of God, had given and requested be sent to the presence of the Branch of God—may my spirit and being be sacrificed for the dust of His footsteps—was received. May they, through God's grace and loving-kindness, exalted be His glory, attain and be illumined with the lights of divine love. Likewise, all that which the daughter of the one named Ismu'llah-i-Asdaq and his cousin's daughter, upon them be the Glory of the All-Merciful, had sent specifically for the people of the pavilion of chastity and greatness was received, and one piece of expensive fabric about which details were previously written was received. May these leaves be aided in the divine days to such deeds as would cause their mention to become the cause of remembrance for all the women of the world. Verily, He is the Helper, the Hearer, the Answerer.

The servant, 29 Jamadiyu'l-Avval 1299

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Section 1: "Let the honored Shahid, son of Ismu'llah al-Asdaq…"

Let the honored Shahid, son of Ismu'llah al-Asdaq, the beloved and esteemed Nabil-i-Akbar, upon him be all the most glorious Glory, take note:

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

A praise sanctified above all beginnings and endings befitteth the threshold of nearness to the holy presence of the Beloved Eternal One, Who hath illumined the horizon of the heaven of man with the Luminary of knowledge. What regret and sorrow that while the company of the cherubim and those nigh unto God are singing praise, and the houris of the chambers of Paradise are chanting melodies, and the divine Cup-bearer standeth ready with the everlasting wine in His hand, yet there is no ear to partake of the first, nor any lip to attain unto the second. Glorified be He Who hath manifested Himself unto the believers among His servants and concealed Himself from the idolaters among His creatures.

He is that sanctified Being Whom the tongues of the world are powerless to praise and the hearts of nations fall short of knowing. Through His complete power He hath made water appear from fire, and from fire He hath manifested light. The hand of His power hath seized the reins of the world, yet eyes are heedless of Him. His sovereign Will hath encompassed all things, yet the understanding of His servants falleth short. Blessed are they who have attained unto penetrating vision and have been adorned with new and hearing ears. These have drunk from the ocean of knowledge and have tasted of the fruits of the tree of insight. Such hearing and sight have ever been and shall ever be pure, transformed and illumined. Blessed are they who have become the object of that sight and the place of that hearing. Unto God belongeth all authority, from the past unto the future.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou at Whose separation the lamentations of those near unto Thee and the sincere ones have been raised, and at Whose remoteness the sighs of the believers and the successful ones have ascended, and the tears of the longing ones have fallen. I beseech Thee by the fire of Thy Sacred Tree, the lights of Thy countenance, the pearls of the ocean of Thy utterance, and the mysteries of Thy Kingdom and Dominion, to aid Thy chosen ones to arise to serve Thee and to turn unto Thy realms. O my Lord! Thou seest those who have detached themselves from all else but Thee and have arisen to serve Thy Cause, and have chosen the hardships of exile in Thy love and pleasure, and the adversities of the world in hope of what lieth with Thee.

I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy generosity and the heaven of Thy grace to protect them from those who have striven to extinguish Thy light and have violated Thy covenant and Testament. Thou art He, O my God, before Whose manifestations of power the very essence of might hath bowed down, and the very embodiment of strength hath prostrated itself before the revelations of Thy strength. O Lord! Therefore send down upon him who hath arisen to serve Thee that which shall cause him to speak in such wise that silence shall not overtake him through what the hands of the wicked have wrought in Thy realm.

I beseech Thee, O Beloved of hearts and Goal of all existence, to ordain for him from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall manifest him through Thy Name amongst Thy servants and shall exalt him through Thy favors amidst Thy creation. There is none other God but Thee, the Protector, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. I pray, O my God, and offer peace upon him and upon those who have circled round for the exaltation of Thy Word and the revelation of Thy Cause. O Lord! Make them the lamps of Thy guidance and the standards of Thy victory. Verily Thou art He Whom nothing whatsoever can frustrate from His purpose. Thou hast ever been mighty to do what Thou willest and shalt ever continue to be even as Thou hast been from all eternity. There is none other God but Thee, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

And then, O well-beloved of my heart! I had been slumbering when I was awakened by the breezes of your love that wafted from the traces of your pen and spread abroad from the realm of love that which my pen and tongue are powerless to describe. When I became aware and perceived this, I sought to ascend to that station whereon was established the throne of the King of Names. I attained unto His presence and presented myself, whereupon the Tongue of the Intended One spoke that whereby the realities of all things were attracted. He spoke, and His sweetest utterance is this:

He is the Preserver, the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O thou who soarest in My atmosphere, who turneth toward My Kingdom, who gazeth upon My horizon, who uttereth My praise in My days, and who standeth in service to My Cause! The servant here present hath received thy letter and laid it before the Wronged One as He walked in the place which God hath made the Most Great Scene of Vision. Verily thy Lord is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. We have heard thy call and answered thee, and having perceived the fragrance of thy sincerity, We have sent thee that from which the perfume of My luminous robe is diffused. Blessed is the servant who hath been stirred by the raptures of thy words in remembrance of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds.

We have been with thee in all conditions and have revealed unto thee from My Most Exalted Pen that which shall endure as long as My most beautiful names endure. Rejoice thou in this manifest grace. God willing, My confirmations and the glances of My loving-kindness have been and shall ever be with thee. Convey My greetings to the loved ones of God and give them all the glad-tidings of God's grace and favor, exalted be His glory. God willing, may they be enabled to achieve that which befitteth this glorious and mighty Day. Blessed is he who hath arisen today to serve the Cause.

Those who are endowed with utterance must occupy themselves with teaching. This is the imperative command of God which hath been revealed and sent down from the Most Exalted Pen in the Books and Tablets. This matter is most great. Beseech ye God, exalted be His glory, that He deprive not any soul of this lofty station. If from the beginning of the Cause, enkindled and assured souls had adhered to teaching, the world would now be illumined by the Most Great Light. It is hoped that the friends of God will all arise to teach the Cause with such arising as shall cause the people of the world to arise, with such utterance as shall cause the nations to speak.

In the early dawn the gentle breezes of the All-Merciful's loving-kindness waft over all, and the mysteries of union and meeting are revealed unto all things. Some attain unto hearing, while others are deprived. Each acteth according to his own way. By the Sun of utterance! Should any soul become aware of the

greatness of this Day, neither the world of vanities, nor the world of all things, nor the world of books would hinder or deprive him. We have enjoined unity upon all. God willing, may all attain unto this station through the endeavors of His loved ones. O ʿAli! Say: There is no human being except through fairness, and no power except through unity, and no good or well-being except through consultation.

O Muhammad! The Most Exalted Pen is occupied at all times. Beseech God that those who thirst in the wilderness of love be not deprived of this flowing Euphrates. Throughout the world this Remembrance hath been spread and its lights are manifest and evident; nevertheless the people of the earth remain veiled and heedless. Each of the various groups among this mighty community in the great cities holdeth fast to some matter and exerteth mighty efforts to promote it, to such extent that they withhold neither life nor wealth; yet the people of Persia remain heedless and veiled from this Most Great Cause which shineth like the sun at its meridian. Leave them to their vain imaginings. God willing, may the souls who are today associated with the Truth and remembered by His Name recognize and preserve their stations. Their station with God is great. Beseech ye God that He may strengthen all to preserve their stations in such wise that no matter among matters and no thing among things may hinder them or render them heedless.

O My beloved! The peoples of the earth are heedless of this most great bounty and supreme gift. With their own hands they carve out idols, and with the utmost diligence do they strengthen them, only to later lament their tyranny. The idol that hath been and is mentioned referreth to the ignorant one who, being known by the name of learning, hath in every age and dispensation been the cause and means of preventing the servants from attaining unto the outpourings of the Lord of creation, both in their beginning and their end. Should one possessed of insight ponder and examine the divine Books of former and latter times, he would testify to that which hath been mentioned.

As to what was written concerning your proceeding, together with the beloved Haji Mirza Haydar-ʿAli, upon whom be 966 [Baha'u'llah], to the land of H.M. for the exaltation of God's Word—this matter was presented before His presence. Thus did the Tongue of Revelation speak in this station. His exalted Word: God willing, may the saplings of the divine garden be adorned with fresh vestments through the water of His chosen ones' utterance, and through the warmth of their love attain their ultimate growth and fruition. Verily, He is the Helper, the All-Wise, and the Bestower of success, the All-Knowing.

Assuredly, from directing oneself toward various regions for the manifestation of the Cause and the exaltation of the Word, purely for the sake of God, universal fruits have appeared and will continue to appear. Utterance in the path of the All-Merciful hath been and ever shall be effective.

Concerning what was written about the intention to proceed to the land of S. and its surroundings, in accordance with the previous directive—this matter is most praiseworthy. The duty of teaching is incumbent today upon such as that beloved one. According to the command, whosoever they deem suitable—that is, possessed of eloquence and a detached heart—should be sent to the divine cities and regions to purify souls with the Kawthar flowing from the Supreme Pen. This is beloved and acceptable in the presence of God.

All souls have been created for this Day. The beloved ones must strive their utmost in this matter. It is praiseworthy, nay obligatory, if souls would turn to the tribes—for instance, toward Kermanshah and likewise to the Bakhtiari regions around Fars and elsewhere—provided these souls are adorned with the ornament of revealed wisdom. Wherever they go, they must become the cause of the purification of souls, the reformation of the people, good deeds and virtuous conduct. It is hoped that through the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree, such a company will be found in the world who will illuminate the world with the light of wisdom. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Forgiving, the Compassionate, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

This is the Day of which Isaiah the Prophet gave tidings. The news of this Day hath dawned from the horizon of the divine Scriptures like the Greatest Luminary. All the Prophets have given the people of the world the glad-tidings of this Most Great Day, and all divine Books bear witness to this. But ignorance hath become a barrier and deprived people from the ocean of knowledge to such extent that they know not what is beneficial and what is harmful. The world hath been encompassed by calamity and darkness, yet none is aware. True indeed is our Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious!

If anyone were to observe with the eye of fairness and ponder upon the Tablets and Scriptures revealed in the past, he would testify to that which hath been made manifest. Word by word, it hath been sent down from the Kingdom of divine knowledge with perfect clarity. The people imagine that the learned ones, men of knowledge, wisdom, asceticism and piety are the divines of the earth, unaware that in the sight of God they are accounted among the ignorant. These heedless souls have been and continue to be the cause of the people's heedlessness and their being barred from the Supreme Horizon. He saith:

> "The true scholar is he who hath guided the people to My path and taught them My straight way."

The scholar who attaineth unto this station is as the sight for the body of the world. His word, exalted be His glory: The wise and knowing one and the seeing scholar are as two eyes for the body of the world. God willing, may the earth not be deprived or forbidden these two supreme gifts.

As regards what you wrote concerning the infernal pages and their dissemination, God is my witness that the same Mirza Hadi who is now engaged in misleading souls in the Land of Ta has never been and is not now aware of the Cause of the One to whom he claims allegiance. Would that the veil were rent asunder and he would, for God's sake, attain in but a few moments to the hearing of words which, were they to be cast upon the hardest rock, would cause it to flow like running water. O company of the heedless! It is as though a blind man were to guide another blind man, or one heedless soul cleave to another. They speak according to their vain imaginings and perceive not.

Would that they might succeed in at least turning to the holy writings. This evanescent servant is bewildered and amazed—to what do they cling and what do they say? Divine verses have encompassed the world to such extent that the horizons are filled with them. By God, besides Whom there is none other God, this servant and his like are powerless to reckon them, and all devoted souls bear witness to this. Nevertheless, the chief of calumniators has written that they take two words from here and two words from there and send them abroad. Observe how confident he is in the heedlessness, lack of

understanding and blindness of his followers. Were he not confident, he would not utter such delirious statements whose falsity is clear as the sun.

If one were to reflect even briefly for God's sake upon the manifest conditions, he would become aware of how the first stirrings and origin of this Cause came to be. I beseech God to adorn the heedless with the ornament of awareness and to crown them with the diadem of fairness. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

Section 2: "As for what you wrote concerning Muhammad-Taqi, let…"

As for what you wrote concerning Muhammad-Taqi, let him be asked what he was told at the time of his departure—perchance he may remember or fear. For transient ornaments he turned away from the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness and exchanged the Divine Joseph for paltry coins. In demonstrating his baseness, it suffices that Husayn-i-Sukhti prevented him from the truth and took him to the known island. How strange, how passing strange! And that person in Tehran who gave him the cloak—I swear by the Beauty of God that he too, like him, had absolutely no knowledge of the essence of this Cause. He and his two brothers were outside from the beginning and were unaware of the Cause of the Primal Point—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him—nay, they would repudiate it. Their house was in one quarter and the house of the Desired One in another, and due to their turning away there was separation between them for years, and most bear witness to this fact.

Regarding what you mentioned about Haji Mirza H.S.—upon him be the glory of God—and the minister's intention, these matters were presented before His presence. He said that what is necessary today is to hold fast to the work of teaching. If the exaltation of God's Cause becomes somewhat manifest, all ministers will arise to assist, and whatever today becomes the cause and means of comfort and freedom is beloved. End quote.

This evanescent one submits that consultation is necessary in all matters. That beloved one should greatly emphasize this point so that the practice of consultation may be established among all. Whatever has flowed and continues to flow from the Supreme Pen regarding this matter is intended to establish consultation among the friends, for it has been and will continue to be the cause and means of awareness, vigilance, welfare and safety.

As to what you wrote concerning the friends of God in every locality, God willing, may they be occupied at all times with their own betterment and that of the world, and be illumined and successful through the lights of His countenance. In truth, those souls who today have grasped the Most Great Law and are gazing toward the Most Exalted Horizon are as commanders in the world. God willing, may they strive in these divine days to manifest that which shall never be erased from the ledger of the world, throughout the duration of the Kingdom of earth and heaven. Should they become aware of their stations, by the life of the Beloved, they would attain unto the most great joy. They have borne in the path of God that which none before them had ever borne. I beseech God to assist His loved ones to preserve their stations. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

That which hath been lauded from the lands of Kh, K, Q—blessed be they all! God willing, may they remain steadfast, firm and unwavering in this Most Great Cause with utmost dedication. Mention of them was made in the Most Holy Court. The Sun of loving-kindness hath dawned upon each one. I beseech God to increase, at every moment, the fire of their love and the light of their knowledge, in such wise that the circumstances of the oppressors shall not deter them from that which they are called upon to achieve. The tyrants and pharaohs, and their like, that have been mentioned in the past and present are, in the first instance, those ignorant ones who are known as divines among the common rabble. By God's life! These are they who have barred the way of God, these are the veils that have intervened, and these are the false books. In truth, the divines of Persia are most heedless. That which hath been in the hands of that erring and misleading group hath largely been their own calumnies, which they have uttered in the past and present and recorded in their books. These are the scrolls of vain imaginings, the registers of idle fancies, and the proclamations which they have falsely attributed to the Sacred Precinct.

On a certain occasion this evanescent one sought the most exalted goal and the loftiest summit. After attaining the most holy and glorious presence, He said: "O servant who standeth here! Tell Me, from what mine did the bullet come, and of what substance was it made, that martyred the Primal Point, the Herald of the Most Great Beauty? And of what metal and from what mine came the swords that cut the bodies of the loved ones to pieces? O servant who standeth before the Countenance! Ponder the words of the Wronged One of the horizons, that perchance through thy pondering there might appear in the peoples of the earth such power that all may reflect, with complete understanding, upon that which hath come to pass."

At that moment, the rays of the light of the All-Merciful's utterance so overwhelmed this evanescent one that he was, and shall ever be, powerless to describe it. For some time this servant remained standing while the Ancient Beauty remained silent. At last He said: "O servant! That iron and that bullet which caused the lamentation of those near unto God and the crying out of the sincere ones—these were the words of the heedless souls who had been raised up in the mines of ignorance and falsehood, and which ultimately issued from the mouths of the divines and martyred that Essence of being and His loved ones. O servant! Reflect carefully—were it not for the mention of Jabulqa and Jabulsa, and the Sacred Precinct, and the existence of the Qa'im with his described attributes, that which came to pass would not have occurred, and that which the pen and tongue tremble to recount would not have been witnessed."

He said: "O servant who standeth here! If a person were to observe with justice, that very word which issued from the mine of falsehood stating that His Holiness existed and claiming His birth from unbelievers was as the bullet that struck the body of that Lord of the worlds. And now the deniers of the Bayan follow the same path and are occupied with arranging the same vain imaginings." End.

May God protect us and all mankind from their deceit and calumnies and from that which issueth from their mouths. Verily He is the Protector, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Can no ear be found? Hath the faculty of sight been obliterated? To what realm hath justice journeyed, or hath truthfulness expired? This inadequate ignorant one knoweth not what to say. These matters transcend mention and utterance. Sighs ascend and tears fall, and the matter is in God's hands, the Lord of the one who remembereth and speaketh.

The honorable amah (handmaiden) of God who had petitioned the True One, glorified be His majesty, seeking grace for her husband—this matter was presented before the Presence of the Lord of all creation. These are the words that the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in response, exalted be His glory:

"O Ali, O thou who standest to serve Me! O Muhammad, O thou who gazest toward My horizon and hast turned thy face unto My countenance! Hearken unto My call and give her these glad-tidings from Me—that she should read what hath been revealed by My Most Exalted Pen in this noble station:

'Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose name the ocean of generosity hath surged and the fragrance of grace hath wafted amidst the peoples! I beseech Thee by Thy most sweet call and by the rustling of the Sadratu'l-Muntaha to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit me in this world and the world to come. Then write down for Thy servant that which shall draw him nigh unto Thee, shall make him recognize Thy Manifestation, Thy Revelation and Thy sovereignty, and shall teach him that of which he was heedless in Thy days. O Lord! Thy grace hath preceded and Thy mercy hath encompassed all things. I beseech Thee by the sovereignty of the Names not to deny him and me access to the ocean of Thy bounty, the heaven of Thy grace and the sun of Thy bestowals. O Lord! We know not what profiteth us—Thou art more knowing of us than we are of ourselves. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.'"

Observe how the grace of God, exalted be His glory, hath reached such heights that every fair-minded soul hath acknowledged and confessed that it hath no likeness or peer. God willing, may all who dwell on earth be assisted to turn toward the gate of His bounty and may they never be disappointed. Let that which hath been revealed in this station be conveyed to the handmaiden of God, upon her be the glory of God.

As for the mention that was made of the relatives of the departed and elevated Ismu'llah al-Asdaq, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God—this was presented in the Most Holy and Exalted Court. He said that the gaze of His grace had been and would continue to be fixed upon them. Convey to all of them greetings from God. Their mention hath been revealed in God's Book both before and after, and holy Tablets were previously sent to them. Remember them all with wondrous and sublime remembrances from God that shall cause joy and delight. Verily We hear and see them. God willing, that which hath been ordained for them shall be made manifest. Verily He unfoldeth a matter from His presence and He is the Powerful, the Munificent, the Bountiful.

Regarding what you wrote about the honored nobleman Haji Munshi Haqiqi, upon him be the glory and might of God—truly it is exactly as that beloved one hath written. This evanescent servant beseecheth the Exalted True One to increase his enthusiasm, joy and love at all times. His mention hath been and continueth to be made in the Most Holy Court, and this evanescent one shall compose and send a letter in response to his missive.

And again in another letter you mentioned His Excellency the Minister. He and his party have striven and continue to strive for prosperity and complete freedom. When the rays of the Light of Revelation were manifest from the horizon of Zowra (Baghdad), the Consul who was in Iraq came with utmost love into His presence, and whatever matter was mentioned to him, he would immediately arise to execute it. The

Blessed Beauty also went to his home one day, and that was indeed a memorable day. He received and accompanied Him with such warmth that it caused astonishment to some. And at the time of departure from that land, they sent Jinab-i-Mirza Mihdi Huzur, who was the Embassy secretary, and after attaining the Most Holy Presence, he conveyed:

> "His Excellency sends his greetings and says if you would turn towards our direction, transport is ready, and if there is any matter, write it down and I will send it to Her Majesty the Queen and will quickly bring back the response."

He (Baha'u'llah) said:

> "Truly, We derive the utmost joy from the love of His Excellency and his government. However, now, in response to the request of the Governor and ministers of the Sublime State, We are proceeding in that direction. The Command is in God's hands. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. On Our behalf, convey Our greetings to His Excellency and say We are most grateful for your kindnesses, and We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to bestow upon your illustrious government the reward for this righteous deed."

This deed of his has been and will remain foremost among all deeds that have been manifested from the beginning of the emergence of that illustrious government until now, for the mention of this episode will endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endure. God willing, may they be assisted today to accomplish that which will cause their exaltation, elevation, and remembrance to endure as long as God's names and attributes endure.

Likewise, mention was made of Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Ibrahim, upon him be the Glory of God. It was presented before His countenance, and this is what the Kingdom of Utterance spoke forth, exalted be His grandeur:

> "O Ibrahim! Great is this Day and mighty this Cause. Whosoever today has drunk from the ocean of certitude and found his way to the Supreme Horizon is reckoned among the most distinguished of souls in the presence of God. Blessed is the eye that has been illumined by the lights of His countenance, and blessed is the ear that has hearkened to the call of the Wronged One. Today, after recognizing the Dawning Place of God's Cause and the Source of His Revelation, steadfastness is the greatest of all deeds. Whosoever attains unto it has attained unto the most exalted summit. God willing, through His grace you shall attain this most great station and preserve it through the Name of Truth. Blessed is he who gave you to drink and taught you that which was hidden from all save whom God, the Lord of all worlds, willed."

Section 3: "For those souls whose mention has flowed…"

For those souls whose mention has flowed from the pen of that beloved one, the infinite bounties of God, exalted be His glory, are manifest and evident. God willing, may all drink from the cup of grace and be thankful, praising, joyous, and glad through His favor and mercy. Verily, this servant prays for them in all conditions, and our Lord, the All-Merciful, is indeed the Hearer, the Answerer.

Let another Tablet of that Exalted One which thou didst send dated the 20th of Safar, and from which the fragrance of the soul was diffused, for it was adorned with the ornament of the love of the Beloved of the worlds. Praise be to God that the glad-tidings of the spiritual herald arrive continuously—His is the praise, the gratitude and the glory morning and evening. And when this evanescent servant was warmed by the heat of love and became intoxicated from the cup of remembrance and utterance, he aimed for the supreme height and ultimate goal and presented the levels before His face. This is what the tongue of our Purpose and your Purpose and the Purpose of all who are in the heavens and earth hath spoken, His word, exalted be His glory:

"O thou who rememberest Me and gazeth upon Me and circleth around My Cause! By My life, should the breeze from the rose-garden of the utterance of the All-Merciful pass over decayed bones, verily from its rustling they would attain unto the station of then We clothed the bones with flesh, so blessed be God, the best of creators.' Yet it hath passed over heedless souls and no trace appeared from it, for they have drunk from the breast of idle fancies and are deprived and forbidden from the ocean of certitude. They never possessed sight or hearing in any way. A few ignorant ones have seized the reins of those souls and lead them wherever they desire. Their vain imaginations move them—verily they are in manifest loss. But ere long they shall witness the fruits of their deeds and shall utter Would that we were dust!'

> "Convey My greetings to the friends of God who have drunk from the wine of unity and are enkindled with the fire of love, that perchance from the fragrance of that greeting they may attain unto a new life and may be observed steadfast and firm and upright in the Cause of the Lord of creation with perfect unity. The glory be upon thee and upon those whom God hath related to My Most Truthful Name. Upon him be My glory and My loving-kindness and My mercy and My tenderness. Say: Be not grieved by the conditions of the world and its hardships. God willing, that which is the cause and reason for the joy and gladness of those who are near, the believers, and the sincere ones shall appear."

The effulgences of the Sun of bounty are of such magnitude that a hundred thousand like this servant are powerless to describe them. That honored one himself hath attained His presence and witnessed the waves of the Most Great Ocean, therefore he hath no need of mention by this evanescent one.

And regarding what thou didst write about the honored mother and sister, upon them be the glory of God, who reside in Ta, loving-kindness hath been and is being shown to them, and this evanescent one beareth witness to this matter. Nevertheless, details were submitted and attained the honor of being heard by the Beloved of the worlds. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

> "O handmaiden of God! Thy mention hath flowed from the Pen of the Divine Unity repeatedly in various times, and that which thou hast attained unto, the queens of the earth have not attained. Thou hearest from the tongue of Truth, exalted be His glory, the word 'O My handmaiden.' By Him Who hath subjected the heavens and earth by a word from His presence, the pearls and precious gems of the earth cannot equal this word. Rejoice thou in My remembrance and be assured by My loving-kindness. The assured, steadfast, firm handmaidens are accounted as leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree and are mentioned in the Book as handmaidens and are related to the Truth. What station is greater than this? God willing,

may ye hold fast unto that which God loveth and gaze toward the direction of the Prison. We convey greetings to all the handmaidens of that land and give them the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness, tenderness and generosity. The glory be upon thee and upon thy daughter and upon them."

As to your mention of the honored Aqa Mirza Muhammad, the scribe (upon him be glory and honor): this is what hath been sent down for him from the heaven of the will of our Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. Exalted be His glory:

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

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath turned unto My most exalted horizon, who hath heard the Call when it was raised betwixt earth and heaven, and who hath answered the Lord of Names, Who came with a sovereignty that encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth, and by Whose command all necks were humbled. O Muhammad! Dost thou know Who maketh mention of thee in the prison? By the life of God! He Who conversed with God on Sinai maketh mention of thee, and the Lord of all being hath turned toward thee—He through Whom the Trump was sounded and the path of God, the Lord of Lords, was established. Wert thou to become aware of My loving-kindness and to discover the fragrance of My raiment, thou wouldst arise to make mention of Me and to praise Me in such wise that the affairs of earth and its colors would not hinder thee.

Thy Lord is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Blessed is the eye that hath beheld My most great signs, the ear that hath heard My sweetest call, the face that hath turned toward My most exalted horizon, and the hand that hath been occupied in transcribing that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the bounty of its Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

We have heard thy call and have answered thee, and having witnessed thy turning unto Us, We make mention of thee in this Tablet which shall endure as long as My names endure in My Kingdom. Verily thy Lord is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. He giveth and withholdeth, and He is the Mighty, the Bountiful. We entered the Prison and summoned all unto the Most Great Ocean. Among men are those who have broken the Covenant of God and His pledge, and among them are those who have said: "Here am I, here am I, O Revealer of verses!" We have made mention of everyone who hath turned unto the Countenance. My Pen and My Tongue bear witness to this, and beyond them My knowledge which encompasseth the horizons.

When thou art favored with this Tablet and hearest what hath been sent down from the heaven of thy Lord's will, turn thy face toward My direction and say: "I testify that through Thee the verses have been sent down, the signs have appeared, and that which was hidden and treasured from time immemorial hath been revealed. I beseech Thee not to deprive me of the wonders of Thy bounty, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all created things!" Thus have We sent down unto thee from the river of My mercy that which God hath made the cause of life for all who are in the earth and the heavens. We have forgiven her whose forgiveness thou didst seek.

Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. The Glory rest upon thee and upon her and upon those who have cast away the world and turned unto the Most Great Name, Which uttereth in every condition that there is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

God willing, may they be illumined by the effulgent splendors of the Sun of the Divine Word, and drink with joy and gladness from the oceans deposited therein in the name of the One Beloved.

Likewise, the petition which was enclosed within that packet from the beloved one—its answer hath been sent down from the heaven of divine bounty. God willing, may it reach its destination, and may they partake and be made recipients of the utterances revealed from the heaven of the Will of the True One—glorified be His glory—and become invested with that which befitteth this Day.

As to the inquiry made concerning the movement from the Most Great Prison, which hath flowed from the Supreme Pen in the Tablets, it was submitted, and He declared:

> "Verily, it shall be made manifest, and the matter resteth in the hands of God, the Sovereign of mankind."

Thus it endeth.

Regarding what was inscribed concerning martyrdom in the path of God, it was presented, and He of exalted majesty proclaimed:

> "Verily, We have ordained for him this Most Exalted Station and this Most Glorious Remembrance. Blessed is he for that wherewith he hath been favored ere its manifestation. We have accepted from him that which he desired in God, the One, the Incomparable, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

End.

Concerning what you wrote about Jinab-i-Mulla Muhammad Qadi, a Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablet specifically for him has been revealed from the heaven of God's will and sent. God willing, he will attain unto it and drink from the ocean of inner meanings. Likewise, nine exalted Tablets without names—corresponding to the Greatest Name—were sent to be delivered to the individuals listed in the sheet of names. Their names were not written, in wisdom for the Cause. The unnamed Holy Tablets should be distributed thus: that beloved one should first engage in divine remembrance to the number of the Greatest Name, then perform ablutions, then again engage in the first remembrance, and place the Tablets in an elevated location covered with a fine cloth. Then, intending any name, reach in and withdraw one Tablet, write that name on it and give it. God willing, Holy Tablets will continue to be sent in this manner hereafter. Sending them all at once is not permitted. This evanescent servant beseeches God—exalted be His glory—that through that beloved one's being, the unconscious temples may become conscious and arise to serve God.

Mention was made of turning toward the land of Kha. Convey greetings to all the friends in that land as commanded. In these days, specifically for those whose petitions reached the Most Holy Court, and likewise some correspondence that was sent to His Eminence the Elevated One of the people of Qa'in—

upon him be all the most glorious Glory of God—replies to some have been revealed and sent, that their eyes may be gladdened, their faces illumined, and tranquility may come to the hearts of those who hastened to God's path, the Lord of all worlds.

An event that has occurred in these days in the Most Great Prison is the ascension of His Eminence Nabil-i-Qabli-ʿAli from the people of Qa'in—upon him be all the most glorious Glory of God and all His most luminous Light. He ascended to the Supreme Companion at dawn on Wednesday the 20th of Rabi'u'l-Avval. By command, the Most Great Branch of God—may my spirit and being be sacrificed for the dust of His footsteps—as well as the two most luminous Branches—may my spirit be sacrificed for them both—who were present in the palace were ordered to accompany the funeral procession and went on foot. The Most Great Branch of God—may my spirit, being and essence be sacrificed for the dust of His footsteps—was present in the prison land and was present that night and morning with him who ascended to God. This servant also sought permission to attend the funeral procession but was told:

> "Your attendance is not permitted as the weather is cold and signs of weakness are observed in you."

Afterwards this evanescent one was present before the Most Holy Presence with papers, pen and ink. That same day there was revealed from the heaven of grace specifically for that elevated deceased one that whose fragrance will endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endure and whose mention will flow from the tongues of the people of the world. The bounty, favor, kindness and mercy of God are at such a degree that all the world is incapable and falls short of comprehending it as it should be. Convey greetings from this evanescent one to the friends of God. God willing, may they attain to that which is loved by God and inscribed in the Book. The Glory be upon your honor and upon them and upon those who have drunk the Kawthar of recognition from the hands of their Lord's bounty, the Generous. Praise be to God, the Most High, the Most Great.

The servant, 29 Jamadi'u'l-Avval 1299

BH00360: Praise befitteth the most holy and most glorious court…

Section 1: "Praise befitteth the most holy and most glorious…"

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

Praise befitteth the most holy and most glorious court of the Beloved, Who hath, through a single point of knowledge, in truth guided this evanescent one to the ocean of knowledge and freed him from idle fancies and vain imaginings. And this point is that He hath declared that none but Him is capable of His praise. Therefore, whatsoever this evanescent servant might utter would be unworthy and shall ever be unworthy. With a hundred thousand tongues must one at every moment voice a hundred thousand thanks and praises that He hath reckoned the confession of powerlessness as true knowledge. Exalted be His bounty and magnificent His favors. There is no God but Him.

Glorified art Thou, O my God, my Purpose, and my Hope! Thou seest my powerlessness, my poverty, and my need before the manifestations of Thy might, Thy power, and Thy riches. I am he who, O my God,

doth confess, even as Thou hast testified, to my inability to attain unto the pavilion of glory of any one of Thy chosen ones, how much less unto the revelations of the lights of Thy countenance. I beseech Thee by the glory which Thou hast made the adorning of Thy chosen ones, and by Thy Name whereby Thou hast subdued Thy servants and Thy creation, to aid me to be steadfast in Thy Cause. O my Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, directing myself to the horizon of Thy good-pleasure, and awaiting the wonders of Thy mercy.

I beseech Thee to ordain for me that which beseemeth the heaven of Thy grace. O my Lord! I implore Thee by the Most Great Name, through which the limbs of the world have quaked, to strengthen him who hath mentioned Thy servant to be steadfast in Thy Cause, and to make known unto him the manifestations of Thy grace and the revelations of Thy mercy. Verily, Thou art He Whom nothing whatsoever escapeth and from Whose knowledge nothing is hidden. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

Furthermore, this evanescent one presents that the letter of that honored one, which bore a whole world of joy since it was adorned with the mention of the Beloved of the worlds and was redolent with the fragrance of His love, was received. After perusing its contents, having directed myself toward the most exalted summit and the highest horizon, its details were presented at the most holy and most glorious court. His blessed and exalted Word: “O Ali! Thou hast previously been blessed with the mention of the Truth and the effects of the Most Exalted Pen. God willing, thou shalt drink of the choice sealed wine and share it with those who are ready. This is the Day of mention and praise. Blessed is the soul that hath not let slip its opportunity and hath arisen to that which beseemeth the Days of God.

Say: O friends! Be not saddened by the conditions of the world. By the life of God! All that ye behold is in the grip of extinction. Hold fast unto that which is lasting and enduring. Today, the teaching of God’s Cause is binding upon every soul and is accounted as the most meritorious of all deeds in the sight of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. It is quite evident that had all the friends, from the beginning of the Cause, held fast to this most exalted station with the utmost joy and fragrance, with kindness and forbearance, the lights of the Sun of Truth would have captured most souls. Blessed is he who hath confined his affairs to the service of God and the teaching of His Cause. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto that which the sincere ones have attained.” God willing, may you ever drink from the cup of grace of the Lord of Justice and be blessed with the bounty of the Truth, exalted be His glory.

O Ali! Thou hast attained unto that which nothing can equal. Rejoice thou and be of them that render thanks. Conclude. All praise be unto God that ye are mentioned in His Most Holy Court and have attained unto His bounty. This is a station whereof tongues and pens are powerless to make mention. Under all conditions remain mindful of wisdom, for this mighty commandment hath been revealed and sent down in diverse Tablets from the Supreme Pen. God willing, may all cleave unto it and attain thereunto.

As to thy request to attain the presence, and thy desire to enter the Most Great Prison: this matter was laid before the Countenance of the Lord of Eternity. Exalted be His glory. He saith:

Verily He loveth to behold His loved ones standing at the door of His bounty; yet have the heedless come between Us and them. Moreover, this word hath been sent down and made manifest from the Most

Exalted Pen: The outward of the land of the Prison is still, but its inward is disturbed. Ere long its inward shall take the place of its outward; and even now it is not devoid of motion. The knowledge is with God, and power is His. If He willeth, He will adorn it with rest and tranquillity. Verily He is the Single, the One, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

They who have turned unto Him must, in this day, be occupied with service. The station of meeting, and its reward—which in truth hath been, and ever shall be, the very purpose of the creation of the world—dependeth upon the movement of the Most Exalted Pen. He writeth, for whomsoever He willeth, the recompense of them that have emigrated in His path, and have bestirred themselves at His command, and have drunk of the Kawthar of His presence, and have arisen at His door, and have heard His call. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Powerful. O ʻAli! Thou hast attained unto that wherewith nothing can compare. Rejoice thou, and be of the thankful. End.

Praise be to God! Ye are remembered in the Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible Court, and have attained through His grace. This is a station whereof tongues and pens are powerless to speak. In all circumstances keep your gaze fixed upon wisdom, for this irresistible command hath, in divers Tablets, flowed forth and been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen. God willing, may all hold fast unto it and attain.

As to the souls who have turned towards the Most Great Ocean, which thou didst mention, this was presented at the Most Holy Court, and for each one a wondrous and glorious Tablet was revealed, as a bounty from His presence upon thee and upon them. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

This is what was revealed for his honor Aqa Siyyid Mihdi, upon him be the Glory of God. His words, exalted be His majesty:

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing

O Mihdi! The Self-Subsisting hath come and calleth aloud in the Most Great Prison, while the peoples remain veiled by a thick veil. Their desires have prevented them from turning unto the Countenance, and their idle fancies from setting their faces toward the Supreme Horizon. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in this exalted and glorious station. Behold thou the power and sovereignty of God! He hath transformed the prison into the Most Exalted Paradise and made it the Seat of His mighty Throne.

Say: O peoples of the earth! By God, the river of the mercy of your Lord, the All-Merciful, hath flowed, and the ocean of bounty hath surged at the center of all possibilities. Draw ye nigh and be not of the heedless. Say: Come ye, come ye, that I may show you His most exalted horizon and cause you to hear His sweetest call from this wondrous and glorious Tablet. Say: By God, the All-Merciful hath come, and the Kingdom of utterance circleth round Him. Open your eyes and be not of them that slumber. Every seated one hath risen at this Call, and every sleeping one hath been awakened by this Cry which hath been raised in truth between the heavens and the earth. O Mihdi! The Cause is mighty, mighty indeed. Be thou steadfast in such wise that what is with the parties shall not deter thee. Verily thy Lord, the Bestower, is the Expositor, the All-Knowing. We make mention of thy family from Our presence, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the All-Informed.

That which was revealed for his honor Mirza ʿAli-Rida, upon him be the Glory of God.

In My Name, through which hearts have melted

O Ali-Qabli-Rida! Fix thy gaze upon this Most Exalted Word which is as the sun in the heaven of inner meanings and as a ship upon the ocean of wisdom. O people of the earth! Purify your souls from rancor and hatred, then inscribe upon them with the pen of truthfulness the verses of kindliness, love and fidelity. The world today is seen to be deprived of the recognition of the Most Great Name, save whom God willeth. Say: Strive that ye may not be deprived of the bounties of the True One, the All-Bountiful. This is a Day before which all days past and future bow in humility. Bereft indeed is he who hath not found it and hath not recognized its Lord. O friends! Know ye the value of your stations, and waste not your rank through the cawing and croaking of the misguided ones, nor let your deeds in God's path come to naught. Verily He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the All-Knowing Witness, the All-Seeing Witness.

Section 2: "That which was revealed for his honor Mirza…"

That which was revealed for his honor Mirza Abu'l-Qasim, upon him be the glory of God:

In the Name of the Compassionate, the Merciful

Verily the Wronged One remembereth thee and giveth thee glad tidings of God's grace and His mercy which hath preceded existence itself. Bear thou witness to that which God hath testified, that there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Every soul that hath turned unto the Most Great Name hath attained, and every seeing one hath beheld that which hath shone forth and appeared from this Horizon, from which the suns have risen. We make mention of thee and of My loved ones who have cast away idle fancies and have held fast unto this Extended Cord. Arise ye to remember and praise your Lord in His days, the Lord of all names. Then make peace among yourselves through this Name that dominateth over all that was and that shall be. This is a day wherein the heaven of divine knowledge hath been adorned with the stars of wisdom and utterance. Blessed is he who hath witnessed and seen, and woe unto every heedless and veiled one. Glory be upon those who have fulfilled their covenants in the days of God and have followed that which they were bidden in a preserved Tablet.

Thanks and praise be unto Him. At no time have They ceased to make mention of the chosen ones, the loved ones and Their friends, and night and day hath the Supreme Pen been in motion. Nevertheless have the ignorant divines forbidden the people from this supreme bounty and mighty favor. They cling to the Book while turning away from its Revealer. They have made God's religion a means for fulfilling their selfish desires and His Book an instrument for their unworthy purposes. By a single word are they deprived of the kingdom of utterance, and by a croak are they barred from the warbling of the Nightingale. We beseech God to open their eyes and show them the way. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Mention was made of his honor, My brother, upon him be the glory of God. This is what was sent down for him from the heaven of the will of our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all worlds:

He is the Most Great, the Most Mighty

O Ali-Qabli-Akbar! Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to turn unto Him and for having mentioned thee in this perspicuous Tablet. Verily He mentioneth him who maketh mention of Him, and draweth nigh unto him who draweth nigh unto Him. Verily He is the Gracious, the Generous. Mention of thee was made before the Wronged One, and there was revealed for thee that which the treasures of the world and the ornaments of the nations cannot equal. Give thanks and be of the grateful ones. Look not unto the creatures and what they possess. By the life of God! That which they desired hath passed them by, and the matter hath been decreed from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and speak forth in praise of thy Lord Who hath turned toward thee from His glorious station. Say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world, for having caused me to hear Thy call and recognize Thy Cause, from which the learned and mystics of the age have remained veiled, save him whom the hand of Thy power hath delivered. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful. O my Lord! Write down for me by Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit me in the Hereafter and in this world. Verily Thou art He to Whose power and grandeur all created things have testified, and to Whose might and sovereignty all beings have borne witness. Take my hand with the hand of Thy bounty, then grant me that which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy generosity. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

God willing, may they drink from the choice wine of divine meanings from the chalice of God's words and become engaged in His mention and praise. As for what you wrote concerning Aqa Muhammad-Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, his reward is with God. God willing, may he act according to God's will in all conditions and remain oriented toward His horizon. His desire was presented, and the Sun of Grace shone forth and was manifest toward him. And as for his supplication to God, exalted be His glory, seeking forgiveness for his parents, this was presented, and the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these words:

> "Upon them be the Glory of God. God hath forgiven them both as a favor from His presence unto thee, O Ali. This is naught but a great bounty. Be thou grateful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds."

This evanescent one conveys greetings and glorification to all the friends, and beseeches the Exalted True One for assistance and grace for all. God willing, may they attain unto that which God loveth and hold fast unto that which He hath revealed in the Book. Likewise, I convey greetings and glorification to the honored friend Jinab-i-Habibu'llah Kh-A, upon him be the Glory of God. God willing, may he be steadfast, speaking, remembering, watchful, successful and confirmed.

Another glad tidings is that this evanescent servant attained to pilgrimage on behalf of your honor, and it was adorned with the ornament of acceptance. This bounty has no equal, past or present. Praise be to God that this servant and your honor have been blessed with this.

And concerning what was mentioned about the friends and their gathering with wisdom, this was presented before the Divine Presence, and He said:

> "Excellent is the reward of those who act. Blessed is the tongue that is honored by the mention of God, and the limbs that have attained to the service of His Cause, and the soul that

> hath associated with His loved ones, and the ear that hath attained to the hearing of His verses, and the house that is illumined by the light of the faces of His friends."

In all matters, let them observe the utmost wisdom, lest the clamor of those who have turned away from God be raised.

Mention was made of his honor Aqa Siyyid ʿAbdu'l-Hadi, upon him be the glory of God and His favors. He is among the early believers and has borne grievous trials in this Most Great, Most Holy Cause. For each atom of what befell him, a hundred thousand thanksgivings must be rendered, inasmuch as it was endured in the path of God. That which hath come to pass would bring extinction to all the world, save for what God hath specially ordained for His loved ones or what hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen in their remembrance. His honor hath been and is mentioned in the presence of the Countenance. He attained the presence repeatedly, and his family too have partaken of this cup. Mention of his passing was made in the Most Holy Court. Thus did the Tongue of the Intended One speak forth in the Kingdom of Utterance:

> "She did emigrate in My path and attained My presence. We have forgiven her at the time of her ascension, purified her, and remitted her misdeeds. Verily her Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Ever-Forgiving, the Pardoner, the Generous."

Every soul that ascendeth with love for God, glorified be His majesty, is numbered with the people of Paradise in the sight of God. Blessed is she and joy be unto her, and the glory of God rest upon her. She recognized that which the divines of the earth remained veiled from. Joy be unto her and woe unto them! Glory be unto her and regret unto them!

The glory shining forth from the horizon of eternity be upon you and upon the loved ones of God in that place and upon all who are steadfast and victorious.

The servant, 29 Jamadi 1299

BH00480: Praise befitteth the Sovereign of existence and the King…

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

Praise befitteth the Sovereign of existence and the King of the seen and unseen, Who illumined the hearts of them who are nigh and sincere with the light of His blessed Word, and kindled them with the fire of His blessed Tree—a kindling such that neither the clamor of the servants, nor the tumult of the people, nor the might of the divines, nor the turning away of the mystics could deter them; nay rather, it increased their ardor. Exalted be their stations, lofty their ranks, and mighty their steadfastness! Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whom the eyes are illumined and the tongues of the righteous are loosed! I beseech Thee to aid Thy servants to gaze toward Thy Most Exalted Horizon—the Station which hath been illumined by the lights of Thy countenance, O Lord of all being! Then send down upon those who have arisen to serve Thy Cause the rain of Thy mercy, and protect them from those who have turned away from Thy Beauty and have arisen to extinguish Thy light. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou

willest, and in Thy grasp are the kingdoms of creation. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thereafter, that beloved one sent to this evanescent one the letter which he had dispatched to Hadrat-i-Ism-i-Jud, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, and all of it was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

O ʿAli-Qabli-Akbar! We have made mention of thee once in the evening and again in the morning, and yet again at this moment when the servant in attendance hath brought another letter which thou didst send to Ism-i-Jud, who circumambulateth the House and the Most Great Throne of God at eventide and at dawn. Ponder that which hath been sent down from the heaven of God's Will and that which every sinful doubter hath uttered. Blessed is the soul that hath cast away what the people possess and taken what it hath been commanded by God, the Lord of Lords. Say: O people of the earth! Fear God and follow not those who follow fancy and vain imaginings. Arise to redeem what hath passed you by, then turn unto Him. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Oft-Forgiving. We remind you for the sake of God—to this testify the atoms of creation and beyond them those who possess the secrets of the Book. Thus hath shone forth the Sun of Knowledge from the horizon of the heaven of thy Lord's utterance, the Master of all mankind.

Thus ended. Praise be to God, that beloved one hath repeatedly been honored with mention by the True One, exalted be His glory, at this time. Though there was delay in responding to the letters, yet by God's grace each word received its answer.

As for what you wrote concerning His Honor Aqa Siyyid Muhammad-i-Sahhaf, upon him be the Glory of God, it was presented in the Most Holy Court. His word, exalted be His station:

In My Name, the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing

O Muhammad! Thou hast been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. By the life of God, thy sighs and lamentations in separation from the Wronged One have been heard. God, exalted be His glory, beareth witness to thy sighs and tears. Thy cry is moving and thy purpose well-pleasing, but due to the darkness of the oppressors, restrain thyself, being content with My good-pleasure, patient under My decree, and vocal in My beautiful praise. We have been with thee and have witnessed thy state in thy love for thy Wronged Lord, Who hath been imprisoned in the most desolate of lands for having summoned all unto God, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting.

O thou who art enkindled with the fire of My love! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison. Verily, it calleth thee and maketh mention of thee in such wise that thou mayest find therefrom the fragrance of My love and My grace. Beware, and I am the Forgiving, the Merciful. We behold thee standing at the door. Be thou assured and be of the thankful. He exalteth whom He willeth through a word from His presence and abaseth whom He desireth. He is, in truth, the Almighty, the Powerful. Consider the leaders of the earth and reflect on what the Most Exalted Pen hath moved against them. Know thou this, then conceal it from every remote oppressor.

O Muhammad! Whatsoever hath appeared and will appear in the world hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen aforetime. Should anyone read the divine verses and ponder with insight, he would testify

with absolute certainty that His knowledge encompasseth all things, His power prevaileth over all, and His Cause penetrateth all things. These words flow from the tongue of grandeur that thou mayest be assured that He hath not been and is not heedless of thee. Verily, He is with those who love Him and desire Him, and He is the Truthful, the All-Informed. The Glory be upon thee and upon every discerning believer.

His is the grace, His is the bounty, and His is the bestowal. Were the glances of His favor to be withheld for a moment, these servants would be seen as decayed bones. We have believed in Him, have placed our trust in Him, and we beseech from Him that which will draw us nigh unto Him, for He is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

And concerning what thou didst write about Master Muhammad-Quli, the Tailor, upon him be the glory of God, mention of him too was made in the Most Great Presence and was submitted before the countenance of the Lord of existence. This is what the Desired One hath spoken in reply, exalted be His grandeur:

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

O Muhammad-Quli! The Wronged One of the horizons hath turned toward thee and maketh mention of thee with verses from whose fragrance the people of the graves have arisen. God, exalted be His glory, hath regarded and continueth to regard His loved ones, but the veils of heedless souls and thick coverings have become an obstacle. Verily, He desireth whomsoever hath desired Him and turneth unto whomsoever hath turned unto Him. He, verily, is the Compassionate, the Generous. Be thou not grieved, and lament not at separation. The Cause is in His hands. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

O ʿAli-Akbar! Deliver that which hath been specifically sent down from the heaven of divine will for these two souls, and give them the glad-tidings of God's grace and favor. God willing, may they drink from the ocean of joy and be vocal in the remembrance of the Friend. This land is observed to be somewhat disturbed. The populace hath exceeded the bounds of moderation and, beyond all else, no dwelling, residence or locality is to be found.

From the lamentations of these two friends it was observed that their effect reached, in some measure, the hem of the garment of the Beloved of the worlds. His compassion and loving-kindness are of such magnitude as to leave man bewildered at their mention, for whatever might be said falls short. This evanescent one beseeches the ocean of His generosity to grant solace through the light of attainment unto the enkindled souls. In these days, due to a gathering that took place in this land, certain matters were discussed. Notwithstanding all this, it is hoped that the prayers of the friends may be answered. God willing, may some soul be assisted to establish a Mashriqu'l-Adhkar in this land, and beside it a place for the righteous, for no suitable location can be found in this land. From all directions people of every description have turned to this land specifically for commerce.

And concerning what you wrote about Aqa Muhammad and Aqa ʿAli-Asghar, upon them be the glory of God, it was presented before His presence. His blessed and exalted Word:

O Muhammad! He Who maketh mention of thee hath made mention of thee. We have mentioned thee through verses that have set the world ablaze. Verily thy Lord maketh mention of him who hath loved Him, and He is the Mighty, the Bountiful. The Truth hath come and the Balance hath appeared, yet most of the people are in doubt and discord. Rejoice thou in that thou hast been mentioned before the Wronged One, and there hath been revealed for thee that before which verses bow down. The servant in attendance brought thy likeness. Blessed is he for having attained the presence of the Countenance and for having been the object of God's glance from the most exalted station. O Muhammad! Dost thou know Who mentioneth thee—He through Whose mention the Books of God, the Lord of lords, have been adorned? Give thanks unto God for this most great favor and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Master of all necks! I beseech Thee not to disappoint me in Thy days, but to send down upon me from the heaven of Thy bounty that which befitteth Thy generosity, O Lord of all mankind.

And We make mention of him who was named ʻAli-Asghar from this Most Great Scene and give him the glad-tidings of My mercy that hath preceded all created things. Thy likeness was presented before the Wronged One, Whom God hath made sanctified from all likenesses. We have beheld thee and have revealed for thee that whereby thy mention shall endure throughout the kingdom's duration. He with Whom is the Mother Book beareth witness to this. Grieve not because of the people and their doings. Rather, rejoice in My mention, which cannot be equaled by all created things. When thou didst discover the fragrance of My utterance and didst attain unto My verses, turn thy face toward the Prison and say: Unto Thee be praise, O Lord of all names! I testify that through Thee the Lote-Tree of the Extremity spoke, the Most Exalted Paradise was stirred, and the Tongue of Grandeur spoke forth in the Most High Paradise that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Praise be to God that both were blessed with His supreme bounty, for after this servant had perused the letter of Hadrat-i-Ism-i-Jud, upon him be all the most glorious Glory of God, and presented the likenesses of both names before the Throne, these decisive verses were revealed especially for them from the heaven of bounty. God willing, may they attain to their reading and become cognizant of that which is befitting. There is no power nor strength save in God. This evanescent one conveys his greetings unto them and begs from God their success.

And as to that which ye had once again written concerning the handmaid of God, the wife of the honored Haji Mirza Hasan (upon them be the glory of God): it was submitted anew, and anew did the Sun of loving-kindness arise. He saith, glorified and exalted is He:

O My handmaiden! The recompense of no soul hath ever been, nor shall ever be, lost in the sight of God. Thy love and devotion are two mighty causes for the manifestation of thy remembrance from the horizon of the Divine Will, even as He now maketh mention of thee from within the Most Great Prison. Rejoice thou in the bounty of thy Lord and say: May my spirit be a sacrifice unto Thy remembrance, O Thou Who art not mentioned by names! We make mention of thy daughter, who turned unto God and believed when she heard of this Revelation which hath appeared with mighty sovereignty. We make mention, too, of thy sons and give them the glad-tidings of My mercy and My loving-kindness. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. Blessed is he who hath, on this Day, set his face towards the Ultimate Goal,

and blessed is the handmaiden who hath believed in God, the One, the All-Informed. The glory which proceedeth from Us rest upon thee and upon them, and upon everyone who is steadfast and firm.

On this occasion that handmaiden and her kindred have been honored with the remembrance of the Best-Beloved of the worlds. I beseech God that all may be enabled to hearken with true hearing. The women who have today attained unto recognition and confession and service of the friends of God are, in the sight of God, accounted among men, nay rather among the heroes, inasmuch as neither the censure of the critic, nor the scorn of the scorner, nor the clamor of the heedless hath deterred them or shall ever deter them. Their hearts are strong and their feet are firm. I swear by the Day-Star of the horizon of utterance that the mere nail-paring of one of the believing handmaidens of today is, in the sight of God, more preferred than the divines of Persia who, after thirteen hundred years of expectation, have perpetrated what the Jews have not perpetrated during the Revelation of Him Who is the Spirit [Christ]. I beseech God to bestow justice and to guide unto the straight path.

Although those hapless ones are unaware and consider what they hear of the Revelation of God and His signs and evidences to be baseless, yet I swear by the life of God that were they to be present for but an hour at the time of revelation before the Throne, the utterance of the All-Merciful would of a certainty so attract them that they would prostrate themselves involuntarily. The colors of the world and its ornaments, and the delusion of vain learning, have debarred them from the straight path of the One True God. One must pray—the grace of God, exalted be His glory, is abundant—that perchance at some time His loving-kindness may be directed towards those heedless souls and may make them aware. Verily, He is powerful over all things and worthy to answer prayers.

BH01371: In My Name, through which the Ocean of Utterance…

In My Name, through which the Ocean of Utterance hath surged throughout all creation.

Praise be to God, thou hast drunk from the ocean of divine bounty and turned thy face to the Most Exalted Horizon.

Behold, how the divers peoples and kindreds of the earth have been waiting for the coming of the Promised One. No sooner had He, Who is the Sun of Truth, been made manifest, than, lo, all turned away from Him, except them whom God was pleased to guide. We dare not, in this Day, lift the veil that concealeth the exalted station which every true believer can attain, for the joy which such a revelation must provoke might well cause a few to faint away and die.

He Who is the Heart and Center of the Bayán hath written: “The germ that holdeth within itself the potentialities of the Revelation that is to come is endowed with a potency superior to the combined forces of all those who follow Me.” And, again, He saith: “Of all the tributes I have paid to Him Who is to come after Me, the greatest is this, My written confession, that no words of Mine can adequately describe Him, nor can any reference to Him in My Book, the Bayán, do justice to His Cause.”

Whoso hath searched the depths of the oceans that lie hid within these exalted words, and fathomed their import, can be said to have discovered a glimmer of the unspeakable glory with which this mighty, this sublime, and most holy Revelation hath been endowed. From the excellence of so great a Revelation

the honor with which its faithful followers must needs be invested can be well imagined. By the righteousness of the one true God! The very breath of these souls is in itself richer than all the treasures of the earth. Happy is the man that hath attained thereunto, and woe betide the heedless.

Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto this station. God willing, thou art confirmed in preserving it. The servant in attendance read thy letter. Blessed art thou for having acknowledged that which God hath acknowledged and that which was inscribed in His Books, His Scriptures and His Tablets. Concerning the gathering of souls which thou didst mention, verily We make mention of each one of them as a token of Our grace. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great

O son of My Name! My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness that thou didst migrate for the sake of God until thou didst attain the presence at the Gate and didst hear His sweetest call and didst drink the choice wine of His bounty, detached from all else but Him, and didst traverse the lands to exalt His Word and elevate His remembrance among the concourse of creation. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath heard thy words concerning this Cause, through which, when it was manifested, the foundations of them that disbelieved in God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen, were shaken.

He is the Manifest, the Hidden

O Asad! The Wronged One Who hath appeared through His Name, the Self-Subsisting, maketh mention of thee and calleth all to the Most Exalted Horizon, the Station from which the lights of the Countenance have shone forth after the passing away of all things. I testify that thou hast attained unto that which most of the servants have not attained. Thou hast journeyed in My path, aided My Cause, and chosen exile for love of My Beauty and desire to exalt My Word. We testify that thou art beneath the glances of the tender mercy of the Lord of all beings and art guarded by the eye of God that slumbereth not.

In My Name, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

O Friend! We have made mention of thee before and make mention of thee at this time, that the attraction of thy Lord's verses may so seize thee that neither the affairs of the world nor the veils of the peoples shall hold thee back. Blessed art thou and blessed is the house wherein My remembrance hath been raised and wherein My chosen ones who have turned to My horizon, spoken My praise, and arisen to serve My Cause, the Mighty, the Wondrous, have gathered.

He is the Witness, the Enduring, the All-Knowing

O Hasan! The Lord of the hidden and the manifest maketh mention of thee and counseleth thee with that whereby the Cause of God may be exalted amongst His servants and His creation. Hold fast unto that which thou hast been commanded and say:

O my God! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the signs of Thy grandeur to aid me in all conditions to remember Thee, to praise Thee and to serve Thy loved ones. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful.

He is the One Who speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance

May the Lord of all created things remember thee with that which quickeneth the dead unto everlasting sovereignty, and proclaim unto thee the glad tidings of that which the Pen of the Will hath ordained for theeâ€“whereby the eyes of the denizens of the Kingdom of Names may be rejoicedâ€”and may He enjoin upon thee that which behoveth this Day, a Day that was treasured in the hearts of the pure in spirit, and inscribed in the Books of God, the Lord of all men.

In My Name, the All-Speaking, the All-Wise

O Nasru'llah! By My life, he who hath known Me hath, from time immemorial, helped God, and this is the true meaning of help, as attested by the Tongue of Grandeur and confirmed by the realities of all things. Yet most men remain behind a mighty veil.

Praise be to God that souls who were mentioned in the Book—souls who were sincere, assured and content—have each become the recipients of His special favors. Be thou thankful to God for this manifest grace and say:

Glorified art Thou, O my God and the God of all things, my Beloved and the Beloved of the hearts of the chosen ones! I beseech Thee by the hearts that have melted in their love and ardor for Thee, and by the hearts that have been consumed in their separation from Thee, to ordain for me that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. O Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and clinging to the cord of Thy bounty. I entreat Thee not to deny me the wonders of Thy generosity and the evidences of Thy grace. Thou art He before Whose Name the necks of them that are nigh unto Thee have bowed down, and before Whom the voices of them that have recognized Thy unity have been humbled. There is none other God but Thee, the Beloved of them that know Thee and the Desire of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

BH01793: In the Name of Him Who prevaileth over all…

In the Name of Him Who prevaileth over all who are in the heavens and on earth! O peoples of the earth! The Mother Book calleth out in the return, how is it ye hear not? We have sent forth the Criterion in the form of man. Verily He standeth before the Face, crying out and calling: "By God! The Truth hath come, yet the people understand not!" This is the Day which God's Books have attested from aforetime, yet most among mankind perceive it not. The Hidden Treasure and the Stored Secret have appeared, and the world hath been adorned with the ornament of what God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, had promised. Where are the learned ones and the mystics, and where are they who turned away from the Truth, the Knower of things unseen? Today every learned one hath clung to vain imaginings, turning away from Him Who is Known, Who hath appeared through His Name, the Self-Subsisting.

O concourse of rulers! The Lord of Names hath come, and desireth to draw you nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Loving. He hath appeared for the reformation of the world, and counseleth all with that which will manifest man's station in creation. Exalted be the All-Merciful Who speaketh, and continueth to speak, in the Most Great Prison:

"Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Truth, the Lord of all existence!"

O Muhammad! Thy remembrance hath been mentioned at the Most Great Scene, and the Lord of Power hath remembered thee in such wise as nothing in the unseen or visible realms can equal. Blessed be the face that hath turned unto the Face, and joy be to him who hath advanced toward the Most Exalted Horizon, and delight be to him who hath drunk of My Sealed Wine.

We make mention in this station of the learned ones of the earth and its mystics, and remind them of that which hath been sent down from God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Fear God and follow not your desires. Look unto the horizon of justice, then speak with fairness concerning this Cause whereby the standard "There is none other God but Me" hath been raised in this praiseworthy station. If ye deny Him Who hath come unto you, by what proof can ye establish that which ye claim? Bring it forth, and be not of the unjust. Set aside oppression and take hold of justice—such is the way of man, did ye but know it. We desire not what ye possess, nor do We seek your might and power. We remind you for the sake of God, would that ye might know. We have desired your life and your drawing nigh and your attainment and your ascension to the most exalted summit, yet ye have pronounced against Us an injustice at which the Messengers have lamented.

Say: Turn your ears toward the Prison that ye may hear the rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, which speaketh in every state that which hath been inscribed in My Preserved Tablet. Were We to mention one verse of that which hath been traced therein by My manifest and renowned Pen, those who stood at the Mount would swoon away and every mighty edifice would be shaken. Thus hath the Nightingale warbled and the Cock crowed at this exalted Point. The Prison hath been named with the Most Beautiful Names—your Lord, the Most Glorious, Who speaketh in the Most Exalted Horizon with His supreme verses and calleth all unto the path of God, the Mighty, the Loving, doth testify to this.

O Muhammad! We have found thy turning unto Him and known thy submissiveness before God. We have mentioned thee in this Most Great Tablet that it might draw thee to the station of holy nearness and beauty, and strengthen thee to stand firm in this Cause whereby souls have been agitated. Place thy trust in this Cause in God and say: "In the Name of God and by God." Then take the cup of eternity in the name of Baha and drink therefrom the Kawthar of certitude through the remembrance of thy Lord, the All-Merciful.

Say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast strengthened me and guided me to a station from which every misbeliever and rejected one hath turned away. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy generosity to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, and to make me one of those who have bowed down at the appearance of Thy signs and the manifestation of Thy clear tokens. O my Lord! Thou seest me advancing toward Thee and turning to the horizon of Thy favor. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which is with Thee. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of the unseen and the visible. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Loving, the All-Forgiving."

BH02322: The essence of praise, the quintessence of glorification…

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

The essence of praise, the quintessence of glorification, and the pure crystal of thanksgiving befitteth the most holy and most mighty court of that Beloved One Who hath given His loved ones to drink of the most pure water of life and established them in service to His Cause, that they might, with the utmost joy and fragrance and with supreme steadfastness, perfume the world with the sweet savors of the utterance of the All-Merciful. These are servants whose praise and glorification God hath sent down in His Books, His Scriptures, His Scrolls and His Tablets. These are they whom the concerns of creation have not prevented from turning unto Him and arising to serve Him. The Concourse on High, the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise, and they that circle round the Throne at morn and eventide send their blessings upon them.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God, my Beloved, and my Heart's Desire! Aid Thy loved ones to celebrate Thy praise and glorify Thee in such wise as to raise thereby the standards of Thy Cause. O Lord! Enable them to serve Thee, then assist them with the hosts of the unseen. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power to do what He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful.

This evanescent one submits to that honored beloved that two packets were sent, one addressed to his honor the beloved Mulla ʿAli-Akbar, upon him be 69, and the other addressed to his honor the son of the Most Truthful, upon both of them be the Glory of God. God willing that beloved one will exert the utmost effort to ensure their arrival—the sooner they arrive the better. I beseech God to confirm that honored one in service to His Cause. Praise be to God, you have been and are confirmed, and ere long its effects shall become manifest. Verily, He doth not suffer the reward of the doers of good to be lost.

As previously mentioned, this evanescent servant is sending a letter in reply to your honored missive. Its delay until now has been a cause of embarrassment, and it has happened again that while this servant was occupied outside the prison with sending replies to the correspondence of the two aforementioned persons, the reply to that beloved one had been written earlier and remained in the city, and there was no opportunity for this servant to arrange and send it. Hope for pardon has been and is present. God willing it will be sent on another occasion. A missive from His Holiness the Most Great Branch—may my spirit, my being, and my essence be a sacrifice for the dust of His most pure footsteps—was penned specifically for that beloved one and has been sent.

To all the loved ones and friends in that land who have drunk from the cup of steadfastness and are gazing toward the horizon of the Cause, I convey greetings, and for all I beseech from God, exalted be His glory, divine confirmations and assistance. Verily, He is the Confirmer, the Enabler, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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BH02464: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

He is the Speaker, the Hearer, the All-Knowing, the Answerer

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come with the truth is the Dawning-Place of My Revelation, the Dayspring of My inspiration, the Manifestation of My Self, and the Source of My mighty and irrevocable Command. Through Him was raised the Standard of Divine Unity and the Banner of Singleness was unfurled, and the Dove of Knowledge warbled upon the branches. Yet the people are in manifest doubt, having cast certainty behind their backs, turning instead to the sources of conjecture—they who have violated God's Covenant and His Testament, and turned away from Him Who came with clear sovereignty. All things have been stirred by the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is the ear that hath heard, and woe unto the heedless ones!

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! We have detected the fragrance of thy love and have sent down for thee that which cannot be equaled by all thou dost witness and behold. The Lord of all beings in this mighty stronghold doth testify to this. Arise by My leave to serve My Cause, and take My Book with My strength and say: By God! He hath come, through Whose manifestation the Kingdom of God, the Lord of all worlds, hath been adorned. He is indeed the One Whose mention the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an, and before it in the Torah and the Gospel. He hath not entered any school, and speaketh by His innate knowledge, if ye be of them that understand. Take once My Book with My strength, and again the Cup of Immortality in My Name, the Self-Subsisting, then drink therefrom My choice sealed wine, despite those who have disbelieved in God when He appeared in truth. Thus doth the Pen of Knowledge recount unto thee. Blessed are they that hear!

Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, then give thanks to thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. We have heard thy call and answered thee, and have seen thy turning toward Us and have turned toward thee out of Our grace. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Look not upon creation and its conditions—soon all thou seest shall perish, while sovereignty and the Kingdom shall remain with God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Thus hath the ocean of utterance surged and the fragrances of the All-Merciful wafted. Blessed is he who hath found and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the mystics!"

I testify, O my God, with my outer and inner tongue, that Thou hast manifested Thy Cause and Thy sovereignty. I bear witness, and every seeing one beareth witness, to Thy proof and Thy bounty and Thy evidence. Blessed is he who hath inhaled the fragrance of Thy manifestation, and he who hath heard Thy call, and he who hath beheld the effulgences of the lights of Thy countenance.

I beseech Thee to assist me in serving Thee and in aiding Thy Cause. O Lord! Thou seest me turning toward the horizon of Thy grace, detached from all else besides Thee. I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thou hast subdued the world, that Thou write down for me from the Pen of Thy bounty the reward of meeting Thee and the reward of those who have soared in Thy atmosphere, and who have spoken Thy praise and conveyed Thy Cause. O Lord! Thou art the Bountiful and I am the poor one. Ordain

for me that which befitteth Thy Name, the All-Giving, and Thy Name, the All-Bountiful, O God of the worlds! There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

BH04808: This is a Book which the Wronged One hath…

He is the One dawning from the horizon of the Kingdom

This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down in His praiseworthy station, and which summoneth all unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Say: O people of the Bayan! By God, the All-Merciful hath come, and He cannot be indicated by the indications in the books of earth, nor by what the Daysprings of existence have uttered. He cannot be known except through Him, nor can He be described by what hath been sent down to the Sources of knowledge. Verily, He is the Book which the Tongue of Grandeur hath described and named the Preserved Tablet, wherein have been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen the mysteries of what hath been and what shall be. Blessed is every one who hath turned towards Him, whom the veils of creation have not withheld, and every assured believer who hath heard and responded to the Lord of the Invisible and the Visible.

We have sent down the verses and expounded therein all things, yet the people understand not. They have cast the Book behind their backs and have taken the books of fancy from the daysprings of idle imaginings. Say: Be fair, O people of the earth, concerning this Cause at whose appearance bodies and souls were made to tremble. Blessed is the fair-minded one who hath cast away tyranny and spoken the truth when the Speaker of Sinai came. Thus have We illumined the horizon of the heaven of hearts with the light of wisdom and utterance. Blessed is he who hath recognized and said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Lords!” Glory be upon those who have cast the world behind their backs, turning unto the Most Great Name, Who came with the truth and proclaimed: “Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.”

BH05414: The All-Merciful testifieth that there is none other God…

He is the Dawning Place from the Horizon of Proof!

The All-Merciful testifieth that there is none other God but He. Verily He Who hath come with the truth cannot be known through remembrances nor described through attributes. Every possessor of insight hath testified that He hath been sanctified above all similitudes and hallowed above all else from time immemorial. Through Him was revealed all that was concealed, brought forth all that was treasured, manifested all that was hidden, dawned all that was setting, and spoke all that was mute. There is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Be thou grateful for this most great favor and hold fast unto the cord of God, the Lord of all worlds. Beware lest names veil thee from their Sovereign, their Creator and their Originator. Turn thy face toward the Prison and say:

O God of the worlds! I beseech Thee by the myriads of them that are nigh unto Thee and by the lights of the countenances of the sincere ones who have cast away all else save Thee and have taken Thy Book with hands of submission and contentment, to ordain for Thy loved ones that which will draw them nigh

unto Thee in all conditions and will strengthen them to stand firm in this Cause whereby the feet of men have slipped.

O my Lord! I am the one whom the fragrances of Thy garment have stirred and the wondrous tokens of Thy grace and favors have drawn near, such that my heart hastened to the seat of Thy throne and the dawning-place of the light of Thy countenance. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me from the door of Thy bounty and bestowal. There is none other God but Thee, the Witness, the Speaker, the Hearer, the Answerer.

BH05834: The Qayyum hath appeared after the Qa'im and hath…

He is the Silent, the Speaking, the All-Knowing!

The Qayyum hath appeared after the Qa'im and hath arisen to the Cause with a sovereignty before which all who are in the heavens and on earth shall bow down, as attesteth the Book of God, the Mighty, the Wise. O peoples of the earth! The Promised One hath appeared and made manifest that which lay concealed in the Books of God and treasured within His all-encompassing knowledge. Cast away what ye possess and take hold of that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the will of your Lord, the All-Knowing. By God! What ye possess shall profit you not, nor shall all the treasures of the earth avail you. Cast aside idle fancies and vain imaginings, turning unto God, the Lord of all worlds.

This is the Day wherein the ocean of divine knowledge hath surged and the nightingale hath warbled upon the branches. The dominion is God's, Who hath come with the truth. Blessed is he who hath heard and turned unto Him, and woe betide every heedless one that is far removed. When thou hearest the call of the Wronged One, arise to serve this mighty, this glorious Cause, through which the Resurrection was struck motionless with fear of the Command, and the Hour cried out, and the edifice of those who took the idol as their lord instead of God was shaken to its foundations. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen spoken forth in this luminous station. Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and place thy trust in all things. Verily He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed.

BH06042: Verily the Torah cries out saying: "He Who revealed…

He is the All-Knowing Witness.

Verily the Torah cries out saying: "He Who revealed Me has come with His mighty signs. Turn unto Him, O concourse of Jews!" The Gospel exclaims: "He has come from heaven, He through Whose mention God, the Lord of the seen and unseen, adorned His Book." And the Qur'an calls humanity unto the Truth Who was promised by the Most Exalted Pen in a preserved tablet.

O peoples! The Lord of Destiny has come to draw you nigh unto a station which God has sanctified from the dawning-places of idle fancies.

O People of the Book! Judge fairly concerning that which has appeared in truth, and follow not the desires of those who denied God's proof and His evidence, and violated their covenant in the presence of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

Will your riches profit you? No, by the Lord of the Final End! Will what you possess protect you? No, by My Name, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the All-Loving! Cast aside what the people possess and take what you are commanded by God, the Lord of existence.

Thus have We caused thee to hear the flowing waters of divine knowledge. When thou hast heard and understood, say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose Name those in their graves arose!"

BH06233: Your mention hath been made in the presence…

He is the One manifest from the horizon of power

Your mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and He hath revealed for thee this perspicuous Tablet, every letter of which beareth witness that the Day is come and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. God hath heard thy call and answered thee through His grace, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Speaking One, the All-Hearing. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee. By God! He will be with thee in every world among the worlds. Thy Lord is verily the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed. How many a servant hath heard and responded to his Lord, and how many a servant hath turned away from God, the Lord of all worlds. Beware lest all that is on earth prevent thee from this firm and mighty Cause.

Hold thou fast in all conditions unto the cord of thy Lord's remembrance, the All-Merciful, with wisdom and utterance. Thus doth command thee He Who hath summoned all unto the straight path of God. Take thou the Book with a strength from Us, then read it unto those multitudes whom the affairs of the world have not kept back from the Ancient of Days, and whom the hosts of those who were heedless of this mighty Cause have not frightened. Thus hath surged the ocean of utterance when the All-Merciful was established upon the throne of His name, the Most Merciful. The splendor shining from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have held fast to this mighty cord.

BH06733: This is a Book sent down in truth…

He is the Witness, the Rememberer, the Answerer

This is a Book sent down in truth from the Wronged One to him whom the breeze of revelation hath awakened in the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. Verily it draweth him nigh unto the Most Sublime Horizon and guideth him unto My Straight Path. Hearken unto the Call from the precincts of the Prison—there is no God but Me, the Forgiving, the Merciful. This is a station wherein was raised the call of the Prophets and Messengers. We heard and answered them as a token of Our grace, and We are verily the Answerer, the All-Knowing. The servant who was present hath presented thy letter and read it before Our face, and We are verily the Hearer, the All-Informed.

We found it purified from vain imaginings and adorned with the embroidery of certitude. Preserve thou this most exalted station—thus doth counsel thee He Who speaketh in every condition that there is no God but Him, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The ocean of grace surged when thou didst seek

forgiveness from thy Lord, the Most Merciful. He is indeed the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. He hath forgiven thee as a token of His grace and hath written down for thee, by His Most Exalted Pen, the reward of attaining His presence, that thou mayest rejoice and be among the thankful ones. Glory be upon thee and upon thy family and upon those who have attained unto this mighty Cause.

BH06706: The Book of God is wide open, and His…

In the name of the Sun of Reality

The Book of God is wide open, and His Word is summoning mankind unto Him. No more than a mere handful, however, hath been found willing to cleave to His Cause, or to become the instruments for its promotion. These few have been endued with the Divine Elixir that can, alone, transmute into purest gold the dross of the world, and have been empowered to administer the infallible remedy for all the ills that afflict the children of men. No man can obtain everlasting life, unless he embraceth the truth of this inestimable, this wondrous, and sublime Revelation.

Incline your ears, O friends of God, to the voice of Him Whom the world hath wronged, and hold fast unto whatsoever will exalt His Cause. He, verily, guideth whomsoever He pleaseth unto His straight Path.

This is a Revelation that infuseth strength into the feeble, and crowneth with wealth the destitute.

With the utmost friendliness and in a spirit of perfect fellowship take ye counsel together, and dedicate the precious days of your lives to the betterment of the world and the promotion of the Cause of Him Who is the Ancient and Sovereign Lord of all. He, verily, enjoineth upon all men what is right, and forbiddeth whatsoever degradeth their station.

I render thanks unto God for that He hath aided thee in His Cause, and hath made known unto thee that from which most of His servants have been veiled. He hath heard thy cry and answered thee, that thou mayest rejoice and be numbered among the grateful. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH07149: Blessed is the leaf who heard the call…

He is the All-Manifest, the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing

Blessed is the leaf who heard the call of the Divine Lote-Tree and held fast unto it. This is a Day wherein the divine Lote-Tree calleth out with Its most exalted voice unto Its servants and handmaidens, while likewise the Tree of Zaqqum is occupied with leading the people astray. Blessed are they who were not prevented by the clamor of the world from turning to the Lord of Eternity, who advanced with utmost steadfastness and partook of the most pure wine. Verily, He guideth whom He willeth unto His straight path. Praise be to God that thou didst attain unto the presence of One upon whom the glance of divine favor hath ever been focused. Know thou this bounty, then render thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. The entire world cannot equal a single mention from among the mentions of God. Be thou assured of God’s grace and mercy. Verily He remembered thee before and remembereth thee at this time. We send Our greetings from this spot upon thee and upon My handmaidens who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

BH08148: In the Name of the Beloved of the worlds!…

In the Name of the Beloved of the worlds! He is called by the name of the Beloved, yet the Named One is observed to be in the prison of the heedless—sometimes in the prison of enemies and at times in the hands of the wicked. They have done what they desired, to this every just and discerning one bears witness.

In the midst of tribulations and afflictions We summoned the servants to the most exalted horizon, and when the Light of God's Cause shed some of its radiance, certain flies began to buzz from behind the veil and prevented the people of unity from the wine of detachment.

However, by God's grace, neither the conditions nor the doubts nor the allusions of the world can prevent those souls that are strong and possessed of penetrating vision. They are as ensigns in the days of their Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Today is the day of steadfastness. Blessed is the soul that has attained unto it. Verily the Truth speaks and guides the way. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

BH08429: In the name of the one unrivaled God!…

In the name of the one unrivaled God! The tongue of grandeur hath at all times been occupied with the mention of the friends from among both men and women, whereunto every possessor of ears and every possessor of illumined sight beareth witness. Today the ocean of grace is surging and the sun of bounty is shining. Blessed is the one who hath heard the divine call and recognized Him in the garment of His manifestation. This is the day of the rejoicing of the leaves, for the Tree hath appeared, and the Day of Resurrection, for the Self-Subsisting One hath arisen. God willing, may that leaf dwell beneath the shade of the Tree's loving-kindness and be occupied with His remembrance. Blessed art thou for having chosen to serve thy brother whom We chose for the service of Our Cause, the Mighty, the Great. We, from this station, send Our greetings upon thee and upon thy sisters who have turned unto God, the Lord of the worlds. The glory be upon you all from the presence of One powerful and ancient.

BH09161: O people of creation! He Who was mentioned…

He is the One Who rules over all who are in earth and heaven

O people of creation! He Who was mentioned in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds, the Sovereign of heaven, hath come. The Day is come, but the people are in manifest darkness. They have cast away My Sealed Wine and turned away from My Self-Subsisting Name, following every doubting learned one who hath denied the meeting with God and His Manifestation and turned away from Him Who hath spoken and speaketh "Verily there is no God but Me, the All-Powerful, the Almighty." We have witnessed thy being stirred by the breezes of My loving-kindness, and have thus remembered thee in this Clear Book. Leave aside the books of the people—a command from Us—and take hold of this Mighty Tablet. They have authored them according to their desires and attributed them to the religion of God and His path. Nay, they are among the abject ones. Thus have We set forth the verses and sent them unto thee that thou mayest be of those who render thanks.

BH09453: In the Name of the All-Powerful, the Almighty!…

In the Name of the All-Powerful, the Almighty! The Hidden hath appeared and the Concealed hath been revealed. The Speaker of the Mount hath spoken, yet the people hear not. They have followed their own desires and turned away from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Heedlessness hath so seized them that they see yet recognize not. They have lost who followed every idle clamourer, who hath debarred them from God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. O loved ones of the All-Merciful in all lands! Leave the world behind you and hold fast to the cord of steadfastness in such wise that the pillars of them who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Kingdom and of the realm above, shall shake. This is the Day of certitude, did ye but know it, and this is the Day of arising, did ye but understand. Cast behind you idle fancies, turning unto the Mighty, the Well-Beloved.

BH09477: The atoms have testified to that which My tongue…

He is the Manifest, the Concealed

The atoms have testified to that which My tongue hath testified in My prison—that there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing Speaker. We have accepted tribulations for the salvation of the world, yet the peoples remain wrapped in a thick veil. They have denied the Most Great Book and have disputed with the sovereignty of the verses when it appeared with a manifest light. They have cast the Beloved behind their backs and followed every remote scholar. Cast aside the divines—by God's life, they are the worshippers of vain imaginings. To this hath testified the Supreme Pen of God in His wondrous Paradise. Turn ye towards the supreme horizon—by God, from it hath shone forth the Sun of Knowledge with a light that hath illumined all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thus hath sung the tongue of the All-Merciful upon the branches of divine knowledge. Blessed are they that hearken, and woe unto them that turn away.

BH10013: In the Name of the Beloved of the worlds!…

In the Name of the Beloved of the worlds! The Call is raised, yet few are they that hearken unto it. The horizon of the world is illumined with the splendors of the Most Great Name, yet rare indeed are they who possess true vision. I swear by the Ocean of divine knowledge that those who are endowed with insight are seen to be rarer than the philosopher's stone. God, exalted be His glory, doth Himself bestow the choice wine of utterance, yet none are found to seek it. O friends! Hearken unto the divine Call, and act in accordance with that which He hath commanded and doth command. Verily He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Every doer of deeds is this Day beneath the glance of the favor of God, and shall continue to be so. Blessed is he who hath hearkened unto My most sweet Call, and woe betide the heedless. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH00024: Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name…

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

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name the seekers of unity have hastened to the Dawning-Place of the lights of Thy countenance, and those who are nigh have drawn close to the Day-Spring of the signs of Thy oneness. Thou art He Who hath ever been seated upon the throne of Thy Will, ruling in Thy dominion according to that which Thy purpose hath ordained. The things of creation cannot frustrate what Thou willest, nor can the might of any in the kingdoms of creation render Thee powerless. I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy grace to assist Thy loved ones in that which Thou hast willed in Thy days. Then protect them, O God of the world and Lord of eternity, from those who dispute Thy signs and rise up to extinguish Thy light.

I implore Thee by Thy mercy which hath preceded all existence to enable Thy servants to turn unto Thee, then cause them to hear Thy call which hath been raised betwixt Thy heaven and earth. O Lord! Thou knowest and seest what hath befallen Thy chosen ones at the hands of the oppressors among Thy creatures. Subdue them, O my God, through Thy Name whereby Thou hast subdued the tyrants of Thy earth and the Pharaohs in Thy lands. Then send down upon Thy loved ones that which shall adorn them with the ornament of Thy favors, and exalt them to such a station that their might and power in Thy Cause shall become manifest to all who are on earth. Thou art He Who doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. Within Thy grasp is the dominion of the kingdom of the heavens and the earth.

Thou knowest and seest, O my God, how my heart hath melted in the fire of love for Thy chosen ones, and how the tongue of my inner being standeth ready to praise them before Thee and to mention them in the court of Thy glory. Thou knowest, O my God, that the tribulations and adversities of the earth have not prevented me from turning toward the faces of those whom no affair can distract from Thy remembrance and praise, to such extent that after this servant had presented the reply to one of Thy loved ones, another letter from him reached me. When I read it and learned of his devotion and his arising to serve Thee, I took up the pen once again at that very moment and began writing in reply, seized neither by lassitude nor weariness.

I testify that this could only have come from the wonders of Thy generosity and the manifestations of Thy grace, and from what Thou hast deposited in my heart—a fire from whose sighing can be heard the mention of Thy loved ones. Then He toward whom Thou seest my gaze directed, and for whose mention before Thee the blood boils in my veins with longing—I beseech Thee, O God of the world, by the power of Thy Most Great Name, to assist him in all conditions to serve Thee and to arise amidst Thy creation to exalt Thy Most Great Word in such wise that nothing may hinder him. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest, and Thou art the Hearing, the Near, the Generous, the Answering One.

O beloved of my heart! The one true God is witness that from the fire of love for the friends of God, exalted be His glory, which is kindled within my being, I am continuously occupied with remembrance and

praise, in such wise that no lassitude hath overtaken me. Most often am I engaged in verbal praise and written expression, and this bounty is naught but the result of the attention of His loved ones. For when this ephemeral one had finished mentioning all the letters of that beloved one, one after another, at that very moment when they were sent, another letter from that beloved one dated the third of Rabi'u'l-Avval passed like a morning breeze over my heart and brought awareness.

In truth, the joy and delight of this ephemeral one comes at times when mention is made of God, exalted be His glory, and of the services rendered to His Cause by the sincere ones and those who are nigh. Therefore, whenever a missive arrives from them and their services to the Cause are heard, it is verily a key unlocking the door of joy and delight. I beseech and implore God that this key may ever be at hand and this breeze may perpetually waft. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

After being apprised thereof, it was presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Threshold. His blessed and exalted Word:

In My Name, the Hearer, the Beholder, the Answerer

Rejoice, O Ali, that the shrill voice of My Most Exalted Pen hath been raised time and again in thy remembrance. By the life of the Beloved! Nothing that is witnessed or beheld can equal it. Verily thy Lord hath encompassed thee with His grace. He is indeed the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Wert thou to gather all that We have revealed for thee from My Most Glorious Station, thou wouldst behold a book of great magnitude, each letter of which is more precious in the sight of God than all things. To this testifieth every discerning knower. Be thou steadfast in My Cause, vocal in My praise, firm in holding fast to My cord, and soaring in this atmosphere wherein can be heard that which Moses heard on Sinai and the Beloved heard in His ascension. Verily thy Lord is the Explainer, the All-Wise. Thus have We caused thee to hear the warbling of the Bird of Inner Meanings from this wondrous and glorious atmosphere.

O Akbar! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee from the precincts of His Most Great Prison, and gladdeneth thee with the glad-tidings of God's mercy and His loving-kindness, and commandeth thee that which beseemeth this Day which hath been mentioned in the Books of the Prophets and Messengers. Remind My servants of that which hath been sent down from the heaven of My bounty. By My life! Through it are attracted the hearts of the nations and are gladdened the breasts of them that have turned towards God. Say: O concourse of the earth! Be fair in your judgment concerning that which hath appeared from Him, and follow not the imaginings of such as have uttered that which was the greatest cause for the martyrdom of the Beloved of the world—He Who came with the truth and gave the glad-tidings of the appearance of the Hidden Treasure, at Whose manifestation all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck, save whom God willed, the Lord of all worlds.

O Akbar! The scratching of the Most Exalted Pen hath been raised between earth and heaven, while the buzzing of flies is heard from behind the veil. By God's life! The people are in manifest error. Behold those who claim to be of the Bayan—they have carved with hands of falsehood an idol and taken it for themselves as lord besides God. Thus have their souls enticed them, and they are today among the idolaters. Say: If ye deny what the Dawning-Place of Names hath brought, by what proof do ye uphold

that which ye possess? Be fair in your judgment and be not of those through whom the fire of hatred hath been kindled in the dominion of creation.

Fear God and be not of the wrongdoers. He concealed not Himself for less than a moment—to this testifieth every fair-minded and discerning one. He stood amongst His enemies with such steadfastness as was not shaken by the power of anyone on earth, nor was He deterred by the clamor of any mighty and powerful one. He arose amidst the world and called out with His loudest voice, summoning all to the supreme horizon. Among the people are those who have been fair, who have heard and responded, and those who have turned away and disbelieved in God Who created them by His command. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee, that thou mayest recite them amidst those who have been so inebriated by the wine of inner meanings that they have cast the world behind their backs, turning unto God, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Blessed is he whose strength hath not been weakened by the conditions of the divines, and blessed is he whose vision hath not been obscured by the veils of those who have disbelieved in the Day of Judgment. The glory shining from the horizon of the brow be upon thee and upon those who are fair in God's Cause and hearken to the melodies of the Bird of Utterance upon the branches, and upon every one steadfast and firm. Praise be to God, the Most High, the Most Great.

Concerning what you wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Sadiq (upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah] and His favors) being appointed to the land of Ta for the purpose of teaching, this matter was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. His exalted Word:

"O Sad! We have verily sent down verses unto thee before and have sent them to thee. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Generous. Blessed art thou for having cast aside what the people possess and taken what thou wert commanded by God, the Lord of the worlds.

> "Give thanks unto God for having made thee to attain imprisonment in His path and given thee to drink from the cups of tribulation in His love. Verily thy Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Compassionate, the Merciful. There hath befallen thee what befell My chosen ones before thee and what befell Mine own Self time and again. To this testify all things and beyond them the Tongue of God, the King, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Reflect upon the former ages and what befell the Messengers of God at the hands of the oppressors. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God and the God of all who are in earth and heaven, for having made known unto me Thy Cause and given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy love and shown me Thine all-highest horizon from which the people have turned away and made me to hear the warbling of the birds of Thy throne and the melody of the Nightingale upon the branches. I beseech Thee by Thy greatest signs and by the table sent down from the heaven of Thy bounty, O Lord of the Throne and of the earth, that Thou write down for me by Thy Most Exalted Pen the reward of those who have taught Thy Cause with wisdom and utterance and who have associated with Thy servants in days wherein the limbs of all names trembled with fear. O Lord! Thou seest the stranger desiring the most exalted homeland in Thy presence, and the poor one turning toward the ocean of Thy riches, and the lowly one clinging to the hem of the robe of Thy glory. O Lord! Disappoint him not of what he desireth from the wonders of Thy grace and bounty,

then enable him to serve Thy Cause among Thy servants. Thou art verily the Powerful, the Strong, the Triumphant, the Mighty."

Praise be to God that the Most Exalted Pen hath testified concerning him to that which befell him in the path of God. Can the treasures of earth equal this testimony? Can whatsoever is in the treasuries of kings compare with it? Nay, by His own true Self! All that hath been created hath come into being through one Word from non-existence into existence. Blessed is the one with vision whom the conditions of creation have not prevented from the Truth, and whom the croaking of the raven hath not held back from the cooing of the Dove of the Cause. This is a Day the like of which hath not been seen. The steadfast souls who are firm and upright, who have drunk from the ocean of steadfastness and who are gazing toward the Dayspring of verses, must exert their utmost endeavor in teaching the Cause of God.

This evanescent servant beseecheth the Exalted True One to assist His loved ones in that which is the cause and means of the remembrance of His servants. God willing, may they offer the wine of immortality in the name of the Lord of Names to the people of the Kingdom, that perchance they may not remain deprived of the ocean of the All-Merciful's mercy and be not heedless of that which is intended.

This servant conveyeth his greetings and salutations to him and seeketh divine confirmation in all conditions.

Concerning what thou didst write about Aqa Abdu'l-Karim and his association with one of the imaginary persons, this explanation was submitted, and He said: "O Abdu'l-Karim! Reflect upon the cause and reason for all the tribulations and afflictions that befell the Primal Point and the friends of truth. By the life of God! If one were to reflect, he would soar on wings of detachment in this subtle and gentle atmosphere. The cause and reason were the fabricated words of imaginary persons. A person who did not exist—they fashioned a form through their vain imaginings, assigned him a locality, and gave him residence in cities of fancy. These vain imaginings caused that Essence of being to be martyred by bullets of hatred. The curse of God be upon the wrongdoing people!

"Reflect upon the Shi'ih sect. For nearly thirteen hundred years they counted themselves the most exalted, most God-fearing, most excellent and most learned among all peoples. Yet when the divine test came, they pronounced their verdict against the Sovereign of existence for Whose appearance they had been lamenting night and day, and they shed His most pure blood. Thus it became clear that the Shi'ih sect was lower and more ignorant than all other sects in the world, save for a few souls who attained to this station through other means.

Section 2: "God is My witness that the people who…"

"God is My witness that the people who have arisen today in complete opposition to this Wronged One have never had, nor do they now have, any knowledge of the essence of the Cause. They fabricate lies against God yet perceive it not, they say that which they know not, and they imagine themselves to be guided. Nay, by the Self of God, the Self-Subsisting! Now the worms of the earth are following the example of previous imaginary persons and are occupied in contriving the same vain imaginings. God protect us and thee from their evil and their scheming.

“God willing, thou wilt arise to promote the Cause of God in such wise that no one on earth will find occasion to oppose or object. Behold with thine eye His most exalted horizon, then hearken with thine ear to His most sweet call. This is what thou hast been bidden by God, the Lord of all beings and the Master of the Last and the First.

> “Pray for the opposers and the veiled ones. Beseech the peerless God to guide all to the straight path and deny none His supreme bounty. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayer.”

This evanescent servant conveyeth greetings to him and submitteth that one is astounded by these ignorant masses. This servant, as all the people of the Bayan can testify, spent twelve years, by the command of the Ancient Beauty, with that imaginary person. Not one of the opposers ever questioned this servant so that details could be given and they could become informed. Now it is observed that souls who have never seen and who are utterly unaware of God’s Cause, both past and present, have arisen and are occupied with leading pure souls astray. They have newly determined to organize another Shi’ih sect. Then afterward, who will they condemn to death and whose blood will they declare lawful to shed?

Sighs ascend and tears descend for what hath come to pass and what will come to pass against God’s chosen ones and His loved ones at the hands of these people. How many truthful souls did they condemn to death and arise to martyr! They shed the blood of anyone who drank from the ocean of knowledge and declared that the Promised One would appear from among the descendants, yet they shed His blood and plundered His possessions. And all this oppression came from those whom the Shi’ites have regarded and continue to regard as their leaders after the Imams, and whose obedience they consider essential to their religion. Away with them and with those who follow them without any clear proof or enlightening Book!

Even more veiled, more erring, more rebellious, more astray, and more remote than these people were and are those who turned away from the Bayan. In truth, your honor has spoken an eloquent word in mentioning that no community has ever been witnessed to be so negligent and unjust. This evanescent servant beseeches the Truth to confirm your honor and to make you manifest with such ardor that the hearts of the friends may be set ablaze with the warmth of love for Him, and the hearts of the enemies may melt. Verily, He is the Helper in the hereafter and in this world. There is no God but He, the Most Exalted, the Most High.

O beloved of my heart! At one time in these stations, a divine utterance was revealed from the True One, glorified be His majesty, and was written and sent to the beloved son of the Most Truthful One of God, upon them both be all the most glorious glory. Surely a copy of it will reach you and you will observe it. Such sublime utterances that have been revealed from the Supreme Pen are most beneficial, for souls are still veiled and deprived by the vain imaginings of the past from the subsequent Luminary.

For instance, one of the friends of God from the land of Kha wrote to one of those residing in the desired land, mentioning that a certain Siyyid, who was among the renowned people of piety, after the proof was completed for him, said:

> "This person of whom you speak—even if he should turn heaven into earth and give life to decayed bones, we would not believe, for his parents are known."

Now observe how the vain imaginings of the past have prevented souls from ascending to the highest heights and have deprived them of the Euphrates of divine mercy. The very statement they made before, that the Qa'im resides in Jabulqa and Jabulsa, became the cause and reason for the shedding of pure blood, as all have witnessed. Now too the veiled ones of the Bayan are occupied with the same utterances and have been and are striving day and night to build the region. Woe unto them and unto whoever turns to them, hearkens to their words, and clings to what they possess!

Glory be to God! The divine verses are flowing and descending like torrential rain by night and day, to such extent that they have encompassed all horizons. Surely by now many times the equivalent of the Bayan has been revealed. Nevertheless, the unjust leader has written to his followers that "they take two words from the Qur'an and two words from the Bayan, compose verses, and send them to different regions"—and the heedless, deluded souls have accepted these ravings. Say: O people, where has fairness gone? What has become of understanding? For God's sake, reflect for a moment on the wondrous, sublime verses, that perchance the hidden mysteries may be unveiled and you may behold the horizon of the proof of the All-Merciful with His eye. In no way have the verses of this Most Great Revelation been similar to previous verses, nor are they now.

This lowly one submits to those souls: Is there no possibility that you might be in error? Is it not possible? Reflect with fairness somewhat on past events and judge for yourselves with insight. For thirteen hundred years all your divines, with the utmost effort and endeavor, through what they deemed to be conclusive proofs, arguments, solid evidence, and successive traditions, established that the Qa'im exists on earth and dwells in Jabulqa and Jabulsa. And any knowledgeable divine who denied these ravings and said that the Promised One would be born from physical loins, they counted among the infidels and issued a decree for his death. Thus they killed all by the decree of those wrongdoing souls who considered themselves the leaders of mankind. All these matters are clear and evident.

After one thousand two hundred and sixty years that Essence of being appeared in Shiraz in a known place from the womb of His mother, and it became clear and evident that all the divines and their followers had been in error for one thousand two hundred and sixty years, and not a single one of these souls had become aware of the truth. And if any soul did become aware, he dared not reveal it, for at such time the cry of "O for the Law!" and "O for the Faith!" would be raised, as indeed it was raised. In such circumstances, one must not remain heedless but must view all matters with the eye of justice. After it was established that a vast multitude in many generations were all heedless, erring, and rebellious, it is possible these few souls may also be in error.

This servant submits this with humility, for his Lord loved and loves humility. Otherwise, by Him Who caused the Tongue of Dawn to speak His praise and glory, they have indeed denied God and turned away from Him Whose Covenant was taken from all the Prophets of the past and those who came after them—the Point of the Bayan, Who came from the presence of the All-Merciful and gave the glad-tidings to all of this Revelation, through which, when it appeared, the ocean of divine knowledge surged and the fragrance of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting, was diffused. O Beloved of my heart! Where is

fairness, where is vision, where is hearing? In truth, what has happened that these people have so quickly turned away from that Intended One concerning Whom the Point of the Bayan hath said: “He cannot be indicated by any indication, nor by what is mentioned in the Bayan. The Cause is in the hand of God, our Lord and the Lord of all religions.”

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou hearest the sighing of my heart in this station, the cry of my inner being, and the lamentation of my heart. Thou art He Who gave glad-tidings unto all of Thy manifestation, Thy appearance, and Thy seat upon the throne of Thy grandeur, and made the entire Bayan as but a leaf from its Paradise, and took its Covenant from those who claimed belief in Thy Self. Yet when the horizon of manifestation was illumined and He Who conversed on Sinai came, they arose in opposition and objected to Him in such wise that the dwellers of the highest Paradise and the inhabitants of the cities of names bewailed their tyranny.

O Lord! I beseech Thee by the Mother Book which none save Thyself hath comprehended and which none save Thy knowledge hath encompassed, to aid those who have been heedless of meditation upon Thy verses and of turning to Thy clear proofs. O Lord! Thou seest them in the ignorance of the Days of Ignorance and in the breaking of Thy Covenant. O Lord of all creation! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy power and the heaven of Thy grace to make known to them what Thou hast intended through Thy Will and what Thou hast decreed through Thy Purpose. There is no God but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Almighty.

I swear by the Sun of the horizon of truth that whatsoever this evanescent servant hath mentioned was solely for God’s sake. Every fair-minded soul can detect from it the fragrance of truthfulness. He had and hath no purpose save the deliverance of those heedless souls who are drowning in the sea of vain imaginings. Were they to reflect even slightly on what hath been mentioned, all would be struck with such wonder that they would find themselves powerless to describe it.

O people of the world! Hearken unto the plaintive cry of this evanescent servant, and turn from the left hand of idle fancies to the right hand of certitude. It would be a pity if in such days as these, wherein all have awaited His presence, ye should be debarred and deprived of Him. Behold with your own eyes the Most Great Scene, and with attentive ears hearken unto the divine verses. That which hath been manifested of verses, clear proofs, testimonies and evidences throughout successive years defieth enumeration by man. Reflect upon the first year of the Revelation until it reached the Point of the Bayan, and upon the proofs, testimonies and evidence that have been presented before diverse parties and scattered peoples from beginning to end.

Today each soul must imagine himself standing in the divine presence, positioned before the Lord of the seen and unseen, that he may speak and hear with true sincerity. Assuredly at that moment he will find his way to the highest horizon and attain recognition of the Most Great Luminary. Any fair-minded person will, in less than a moment, attain unto the living waters of utterance. Two wings are needed: one is fairness and the other is seeking. With these two one can soar to the highest horizon and wing one’s flight in that atmosphere wherein “God was, and there was nothing else besides Him.”

This mortal's heart is aflame seeing how the trees of being have been stripped of leaves and fruits through the tyranny of the ignorant ones of the earth who are known as learned. Now that but a few leaves and fruits remain, burn them not with poisonous winds. Waste not what ye have experienced of tribulations and afflictions in the path of the Beloved, but preserve them in the name of God, exalted be His glory. Both the Beloved and this mortal must, with utmost humility and supplication, beseech from God, glorified be His majesty, confirmation for the ignorant ones who are unconscious from the wine of heedlessness, that perchance through the divine fragrances they may rise from the graves of self and passion and turn toward the highest horizon.

However, alas, alas, such deeds and words have issued from those souls as to entirely prevent this blessing. God willing, that beloved one will arise with perfect power and might to promote the divine Cause and speak that which is as spirit to the seekers and as fire to the deniers and rejectors. Through God's grace, for years that beloved one hath attained unto this most exalted, most glorious station. Blessed are ye and happy are ye. Glory be upon your eminence and upon whoever hath heard your mention and utterance concerning this Cause whereby hath been manifested what God intended from before and after. Blessed is he who hath heard and turned, and woe unto the heedless and the hostile.

And concerning what you wrote about Mulla Muhammad-ʿAli, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], that praise be to God he hath turned toward the horizon of the Cause and hath drunk from the incomparable living waters—this was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. This is what was sent down from the Kingdom of might and power. His exalted Word:

Section 3: "O Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli! Hearken unto the voice…"

O Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli! Hearken unto the voice of the True One, the Trustworthy, Who hath appeared for the reformation of the world and the education of its peoples, and Who hath borne all manner of tribulations and calamities that perchance the people of the earth might attain unto the imperishable fountain and find their way to the most exalted horizon. The Truth, exalted be His glory, hath appeared with proof and evidence before all who dwell within the realm of possibility, and yet most of the people on earth remain deprived and bereft of beholding the lights of the dawn of inner meanings, veiled by the coverings of idle fancies.

Say: O people of the world! The Most Great Luminary hath risen and shineth forth, and declareth: Whatsoever proofs, testimonies and evidences ye hold in your hands, whereby ye seek to validate your diverse religions, all these must ye seek from the Dayspring of the Divine Command, the Source of Revelation, and the Manifestation of God's Own Self. Should ye attain unto this, ye would not soil the hem of the near ones with the dust of vain imaginings, and would transform oppression into justice. Every atom beareth witness that until now there hath been revealed that which the eye of the world hath never seen the like thereof. Say: Fear ye God, and follow not your idle fancies. Follow ye Him Who speaketh amongst you that He may draw you nigh unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. God willing, may ye at all times hold fast unto the cord of His bounty and cling to the hem of His mercy. Glory be unto him who hath turned unto Him and attained, and woe betide them that have turned away.

This servant conveyeth greetings to him and beseecheth the Exalted Truth to make him steadfast with supreme steadfastness. He is indeed near and responsive. Concerning what was mentioned about blind imitation and the vain imaginings of the generality of the world's peoples, it is hoped that the Hand of Divine Power may rend asunder all veils. Verily, He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. And that beloved one is, praise be to God, assisted in rending asunder the veils and is confirmed through wisdom and utterance.

Concerning what you wrote about my brother Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Sadiq, upon him be the Glory of God, this servant submits that they should agree to what the Divine Tongue has previously uttered. Let them take from this servant several proofs equal to those held by the various parties on earth, and turn to the Supreme Horizon.

If one holds fast to the cord of justice, one will not remain veiled from any matter. Today the followers of the Qur'an cling to the Qur'an which was sent down from God, using it to prove their truth. And yet there exist several times as many revealed Books now present and at hand. The Seal of the Prophets, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him, was from among the Arabs and appeared among the Arabs, while now the Dawning-Place of Revelation and the Manifestation of the Unseen is from Persia and has appeared in Persia. Arabic and Persian verses have been revealed to such a degree that scribes are powerless to reckon them. Moreover, let them observe and reflect upon the evidences. That which has appeared in this Most Great Revelation has appeared in no other age, and He has clearly foretold future events beforehand. All fair-minded ones bear witness to what has been mentioned. If they would reflect upon the conclusive proof, the conquering power and the penetrating might of God, it would suffice them all and they would utter the words "I believe in Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world!"

God willing, may all attain to this station which is more evident than the sun and not deprive themselves of God's eternal bounty.

When the Most Great Luminary dawned from the horizon of the Land of Mystery, one of the people of Qaf expressed bewilderment and hesitated concerning the truth of this Most Holy, Most Exalted Cause. A Tablet was revealed from the heaven of God's Will—O what a Tablet! In each letter of it surged the ocean of utterance and wafted the fragrance of the All-Merciful. The end of that Tablet flowed from the Most Exalted Pen in these words, exalted be His glory:

> "And if thou fearest for thy faith, take this Tablet and preserve it in the pocket of thy trust, and when thou enterest the place of gathering and God asks thee by what proof thou hast believed in this Revelation, then bring forth the Tablet and say: 'By this Book, the revealed, the blessed, the ancient.' Then read what hath been revealed therein before the face of thy Lord, the Resting-Place wherein thou beholdest the Prophets and Messengers. Then will all stretch forth their hands toward thee and take the Tablet and place it upon their eyes out of their longing to meet Me and their ardent love for Me, and they will find from it My hallowed, mighty fragrance."

If all on earth would attain to fairness even less than the eye of a needle and reflect upon what hath been revealed from God's Kingdom, all would utter the words "Would that I had not taken so and so as a

friend!" Glory be to God! With these manifest evidences, revealed verses, radiant conditions and dawning manifestations, how can one remain veiled and be observed as heedless? On one occasion this exalted word was revealed from the Tongue of the Dayspring of Names: "The example of previous peoples who are now deprived of the splendors of the Sun of Truth is like one who clings to a drop and objects to the ocean."

In truth, the followers of religions are most heedless. They must either completely deny the Truth or hold fast to this Most Great Revelation. There is no other choice, there has been none and there will be none.

And as to that which ye had written concerning the loved ones of that land: it was submitted. His Word—blessed and exalted is He:

Praised be God for that which hath appeared and brought forth what He intended through His command "Be!" and it is. O My loved ones in that land! A letter from one who loveth God hath arrived wherein mention was made of you. We have remembered you with a remembrance whereby the dead have risen. Blessed are ye for having attained, and woe unto every heedless doubter. Ye are they who have quaffed the wine of inner meaning from the hands of the bounty of your Lord, the Lord of the Final End. Know ye your stations, then preserve them through this Name at Whose appearance the Sacred Books have bowed down and the servants were thunderstruck. Beware lest the whisperings of those who have turned away from God, the Lord of Lords, prevent you. Leave them to themselves, turning with illumined hearts to the Supreme Horizon. Thus doth the Mother Book command you.

Say: O people of the earth! Come ye and observe justice concerning that which hath appeared from the horizon of God's Will. Fear God and follow not every oppressive deceiver. By God! The ocean of inner meanings hath surged before the countenance of the All-Merciful, the path of justice hath been raised up, and from the right hand of the Throne hath flowed the Euphrates of thy Lord's mercy, the Sovereign of all horizons. Say: Leave ye the pond behind you and turn ye to the Most Great Ocean, as bidden by God, the Lord of all men. Verily We have appeared and summoned all to the Hidden Mystery Which hath come from the heaven of Command with the banners of verses.

We sent unto the King of Paris that whereby the fragrance of God was diffused throughout all possibility. He received it but answered not his Lord, the Self-Subsisting, the Most High. Whereupon We revealed unto him another Tablet wherein We mentioned what befell him. The servants who circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn bear witness to this. We counsel you to manifest supreme steadfastness and give you glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for you in the Kingdom by God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Glory be upon you and upon those who love you and make mention of you through that which hath been sent down from the Supreme Pen by God, the Lord of all men. End.

Praise be to God! The loved ones of Truth have ever been and shall ever be the recipients of His favors. God willing, may they recognize the value of this bounty and exert their utmost to preserve it.

The mention of the emigrants in the Land of Sad hath ever been and shall continue to be made in the Most Holy Presence and Most Great Scene. God willing, may they remain firm on the straight path and drink at all times from the Kawthar of bounty. All those who are related to that beloved one are illumined by the rays of the Sun of favor. This servant beseecheth his Lord to aid them in that which He loveth and

pleaseth, and to grant them success in teaching His Most Holy, Mighty and Wondrous Cause. The conveyance of greetings and sincere regard from this servant to them and all the gentlemen and friends is dependent upon your grace.

Concerning what you wrote about Ibn Jinab Rida-Quli Khan, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], this servant was greatly pleased, for he was very saddened by his lack of recognition. We beseech God that He may assist him to recognize His sacred Being and decree for him that which contains the good of this world and the next. These details were presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. His words, exalted be His grandeur:

> "O ʿAli-Qabl-i-Akbar and O thou who gazest upon God, the Lord of Destiny! The Wronged One makes mention of thee from the prison-ward, and mentions him whom thou didst mention, as a token of His grace. He is verily the All-Knowing Rememberer. Make mention of him on My behalf and give him the glad tidings of his Lord's loving-kindness, the Almighty."

God willing, may they remain steadfast and firm in the Cause with utmost joy and delight, and conduct themselves with wisdom. The grace of God, exalted be His grandeur, encompasses all. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Generous. All must hold fast to some means, and this binding decree hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen in various tablets. He hath verily revealed that which benefiteth His loved ones. He is the Guardian of those who have turned unto Him and the Helper of those who act.

As for the mention made of the late and forgiven Jinab-i-Dhabih, upon him be Baha'u'llah, mention of him has previously been made in detail by the Supreme Pen. God willing, that beloved one will attain to its perusal. Likewise, mention has been made of his relatives. We beseech God and hope that He will cause each one to attain unto that which hath been specifically revealed for him. The Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed in the name of Jinab Aqa Mirza Ghulam-ʿAli, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], and in that blessed Tablet mention was made of the late and elevated one, upon him be Baha'u'llah and His grace, by the Pen of Bounty. There hath been revealed for him that whose fragrance shall never be cut off from the worlds. Likewise, the Most Great Favor hath embraced his nephew, for since his father is deprived of the Kawthar of recognition and barred from the supreme horizon, therefore in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet his relationship to the martyred one of the land of K, upon him be Baha'u'llah, was recorded by the Supreme Pen in the Tablets, for when mention of him was made at one time in the Most Holy Presence, He said:

> "O servant who art present! He is the son of him who was martyred in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. We have attributed him to that one as a token of Our grace, that he may be of the thankful."

This is a bounty for which, were they to render thanks throughout their lives, it would still be little, and this blessed passage hath been revealed time and again. Blessed is he, and upon him be glory.

The petition of Jinab Haji Mirza Hasan-i-Harati, upon him be Baha'u'llah, which was included within thy letter, was presented before the Presence of the Goal of the worlds. This is what the Desired One hath spoken in reply:

In His Name, the Mighty, the Great

O Hasan! The Wronged One hath turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison, and hath heard thy call and thy lamentation, and recognized what thou didst desire in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. He hath come with the truth to give life to all who are on earth and to manifest that which was inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books of the Messengers. He hath appeared to reveal the decree of the Meeting which God's Messengers had formerly heralded, and beyond them that which the All-Merciful had sent down in the Qur'an. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed art thou for having turned to Him, and heard, and communed with thy Lord among the myriads who have turned unto Him.

Give thanks to God for this most great favor, which cannot be equaled by whatsoever the people possess. To this testifieth He Who speaketh in this station that there is none other God but Him, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The Kawthar of reunion hath flowed before the face of thy Most Exalted Lord, but the people have come between thee and Him—they are assuredly among the oppressors. Grieve not over anything, be content and thankful for what hath been ordained for thee from the presence of One Who is Mighty, All-Informed. We have remembered thee and the handmaiden who hath believed in her Lord on a day when the handmaidens of the earth turned away from Him, save those whom God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne, pleased to exempt. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have heard and responded on this wondrous Day. End.

Section 4: "The details of this land were written…"

The details of this land were written in the previous letter. Two packets were sent, one in the name of that beloved one and another packet in the name of my beloved, His Holiness Ibn-i-Ismu'llah-i-Asdaq, upon them both be the Glory of God. God willing, the honored Haji Mirza Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God and His might, will deliver them. Today, beseech God to assist His loved ones in teaching and in preparing the means thereof. In one of the Tablets, this exalted word was revealed from the Most Exalted Pen that if someone is not able to teach, they should appoint a deputy. God willing, may the people be assisted in paying the Huququ'llah. On behalf of this evanescent one, convey greetings and praise to the aforementioned Haji. This servant beseecheth the Exalted Truth that either this request be honored with permission or that the reward of attaining His presence be recorded for him by the Most Exalted Pen.

As for the mention of His Holiness Ibn-i-ʿAyn Ta, upon him be the Glory of God, his letter arrived and was the cause of joy. Praise be to God, they are remembered in the holy presence and God willing, they are engaged in mentioning the Desired One of all worlds with the utmost joy and fragrance. Mention of them was made in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. This is what was revealed in the Book from God, the Mighty, the Bestower. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

In My Name, the Compassionate, the Bountiful

O Karim! Thy servant hath appeared with thy letter and presented it before the face of the Wronged One. We have heard what was contained therein and have answered thee out of Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed art thou and thy father who hath ascended unto God, the

Mighty, the Loving. We have made mention of thee before and before that, that thou mayest remember thy Lord, the Possessor of all being. He before Whom the Kingdom of the Bayan hath bowed down hath been opposed by one who knoweth not his right hand from his left. Thus doth the Truth, the Knower of the unseen, recount unto thee.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Be fair in the name of God and follow not the desires of those who were behind the veil and who, when We revealed the Cause, came forth and uttered that which even the idolaters had not said. Say: By God! What ye possess will not profit you, nor will he whom ye have taken as lord besides God benefit you. Fear ye the All-Merciful, then speak forth with pure truth concerning this Cause whereby the veils of idle fancies and vain imaginings were rent asunder. We make mention of thy brother who hath attained unto that which was inscribed in the Books of God. He came, was present, saw and heard. Verily thy Lord is He Who judgeth as He pleaseth by His word "Be" and it is.

We make mention of thy other brother to whom the Supreme Pen hath testified that he attained the presence when he turned toward the lights of the Countenance in a praiseworthy station. We make mention of thy mother who believed in God when the servants who broke the Covenant turned away and followed every ignorant deluded one. Thus have We mentioned thee and shown thee the pearls of utterance from this surging sea. We make mention of the daughter of My Most Truthful Name who sacrificed his spirit in My path and cast aside the world in his love for Me. We make mention of thy son who was remembered in the presence of the Prisoner, and We make mention of My handmaidens near thee who have turned, heard and believed in God, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Beloved. The glory be upon thee and upon those with thee from God, the Possessor of existence. End.

This servant giveth glad tidings unto all of the grace of God, exalted be His glory, and His all-embracing bounty and His preceding mercy. God willing, may all the members of that household drink from the chalice of steadfastness and preserve their stations through the name of the One True Friend, for great and mighty indeed is the station of steadfast souls, especially those who have been the target of trials and tribulations in the path of divine love.

O friends! Know ye your station and recognize your worth. How many souls waited day and night, and with utmost humility and supplication sought to attain the Divine Day, yet all were observed to be deprived at the time of its manifestation. Blessed are ye for having shattered the idols of vain imaginings through the power of certitude. The Point of the Bayan, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake, hath said that a year-old drop of the Day of His Manifestation is mightier than all the Bayan. Well is it with you and pleasant is it unto you. It is hoped that the perverted words of deluded souls will be found to be non-existent in the court of the friends of God, exalted be His glory. The Command is in God's hands, the Lord of all worlds.

Concerning what was written about Jinab-i-Sulayman Khan, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, God willing may he be assisted to pay his debts. And concerning what was written about the late and elevated Aqa Fath'u'llah, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory and mercy, and what remained of him, it was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. His exalted Word: "Verily We have sent down the Book and commanded all to observe what is goodly and that which exalteth the station of man. Exalted is the Most Merciful Who hath appeared and revealed what He desired. We have detailed therein the details of

all things and counseled all in what will profit them in this world and the next. He is verily the Mighty, the Bestower.

Hold fast to the Book of God, then follow what hath been revealed therein from My Most Exalted Pen which speaketh: 'There is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Chosen.' We make mention of him who was named Fath'u'llah, who ascended to the Supreme Horizon, the station which God hath sanctified beyond mention and description. We testify for him to that which shall be a light before his face in all the worlds of God. Thus did the grace of his Lord, the Most Merciful, encompass him. He is among those who attained the love of God in such wise that We found his fragrance, and this is of My bounty which hath preceded all created things."

In the Book of God the law of inheritance hath been revealed and recorded by the Most Exalted Pen, but in this instance They said that whatever portion of those funds that may be given to the teachers of the Cause is most beloved, for the work of teaching is regarded before God as among the most great matters. Blessed is he who attaineth unto it.

Concerning what was written about the inheritance of the brothers and sister of the late and forgiven Haji, upon him be the glory of God and His mercy, whatever was done according to Islamic law before the Kitab-i-Aqdas is and was acceptable before the Most Merciful. And concerning what was written about the emigrant daughter, upon her be the glory of God, it is known that they have not and will not fall short in whatever they can do. Today all must be mindful of one another, for all are as the fingers of one hand. He saith, exalted be His Word:

> "Ye are all the fruits of one tree, and the leaves of one branch."

However, distinction is achieved and stations become clear and evident through the manifestation of love, arising to serve, working for the sake of God, and turning toward His path. This servant implores and beseeches God that your honor may ever be assisted to serve the Cause and to show love toward the friends of God.

This servant, at the time of attendance and presenting matters, mentioned the honored friend Aqa Muhammad K.R., upon him be the glory of God, and whatever had been written to this evanescent one was presented, and the answer was revealed in response to the matters in that beloved one's letter. Therefore this servant was not content to cause additional trouble and did not submit a separate letter to his service. I hope to be pardoned. And what that beloved one had written concerning the emigrant daughter was presented before His countenance. He said:

> "It behooveth him to be vigilant in the days of God and steadfast in what hath been commanded from the presence of the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

As regards what you wrote concerning Jinab-i-Aqa Shaykh Muhammad, it was presented at the Most Holy and Exalted Threshold. By the life of the Beloved! The Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken that which hath caused the hardest rock to melt and the desert sands to flow. This servant is not, nor ever shall be, capable of conveying all that he heard. I testify by God, and He sufficeth as witness, that even those below this servant are incapable. This is a time for lamentation and weeping, a season for crying out and

wailing, for one who was unable to speak hath been seized by the Lord, and remained heedless and veiled from the Almighty Sovereign Who, in days when the world's horizon trembled from the might of that Day, summoned all who dwell on earth, both kings and subjects.

This evanescent one is bewildered as to what to say. Now let us pass beyond all this and turn to the holy Writings, that perchance they may discover the effulgent lights of inner meanings in the words of the Revealer of verses, and thereby be illumined. Some time ago, in one of the Tablets, these exalted words were revealed from the Supreme Pen—exalted be His glory: Fix thy gaze upon these blessed words which, like unto the sun, have shone forth from the heaven of God's holy Tablet:

> "Return ye to the holy Writings, O ye who are endowed with insight!"

Through the heedlessness of all on earth, the Cause hath reached such a pass that the Sun of Truth must needs adduce proofs for Its own effulgent rays.

O my God and the God of all created things! O my Sovereign and the Sovereign of all existence! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the breezes of the gardens of Thy utterance were wafted forth in Thy days, and by the Word whereby the resurrection was established amongst Thy creation, to aid Thy servants to be fair in Thy Cause and to turn unto Thy horizon. O Lord! Disappoint them not of the ocean of Thy bounty, and debar them not from the gate of Thy grace. Thou dost witness and behold, O Thou Beloved of the world, that hearts have melted by reason of what hath befallen Thee at the hands of the oppressors among Thy creatures and the transgressors amongst Thy people. Ordain, therefore, for Thy weak servants that which shall make them mighty in Thy dominion, that they may acknowledge that which the Tongue of Thy Revelation hath acknowledged. Thou art, verily, the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

In brief, the details concerning the Shaykh and all that he mentioned were presented before His countenance. This is what the Tongue hath spoken in the Kingdom of Utterance—exalted be His saying:

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

O Muhammad! This is the Great Day and Great Cause, which in all the divine books and heavenly scriptures is known as the Day of God. Though all days are related to the Truth, this Day has been specially designated by the Most Exalted Pen, both in times past and future. The Greatest Vision has appeared, yet sight is rare; the Call is raised from the prison, yet attentive ears are scarce. The signs of Truth are manifest like His very existence, clear and evident, yet the vain imaginings of heedless souls have prevented people from beholding the lights of certitude.

Hearken unto the Voice of the Wronged One and arise as befitteth this Day. God willing, thou mayest, through the choice wine of the utterance of the All-Merciful, quicken them that lie dead in the valley of self and desire. Stand for God's sake and speak for God's sake; perchance the thick veils may be rent asunder and eyes may be blessed with beholding the lights. The ocean is distinguished from the pond. Say: This is the Day wherein the Balance proclaimeth "I am the All-Knowing Distinguisher." Fear God and follow not your desires. Turn with illumined hearts toward the dawning-place of your Lord's bounty, the Lord of all beings, and follow not the imaginings of the wayward. This is the Day which God's Books have

foretold aforetime, and of which the All-Merciful hath given tidings—the Day whereon all people shall stand before the Lord of the worlds.

Say: O people of the earth! The Promise hath appeared and the Promised One is come. The Kingdom is God's, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Cast away what ye possess and take hold of that which God, the Lord of all worlds, hath bidden you. How many learned ones have turned away from the All-Knowing, and how many ignorant ones have heard, hastened, and said:

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

Section 5: "Fix thy gaze upon the Supreme Horizon…"

Fix thy gaze upon the Supreme Horizon, and speak in the name of thy Lord, the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below. Hold fast unto the Most Great Handle that speaketh in the world and calleth all to the Most Great Name, giving them glad tidings of the Euphrates of the mercy of their Lord, the Gracious.

Hearken thou unto the call of the Wronged One and arise in His Name, the Self-Subsisting. Take thou His sealed wine and drink thereof once in My name and again in remembrance of Me, in defiance of them that have disbelieved in God, the Exalted, the Great.

Emerge from the horizon of silence, speaking forth this Name at Whose appearance earthquakes have occurred, tribes have lamented, and smoke hath enveloped the dwellers of the heavens and the earth, save them whom the hand of thy Lord's power hath protected, the Almighty, the Powerful. Call out with the most exalted call:

> "O peoples of creation! Is there any among you who can perceive the sweetness of the All-Merciful's utterance? Is there any among you with vision to behold what hath shone forth from the horizon of proof? Is there any with hearing to hear the Call of God, the Mighty, the Peerless?"

Say: O people of the Furqan! The Lord hath come upon the clouds of utterance and the All-Merciful hath given you glad tidings. Be fair in God's sight and be not of the abased. The Path calleth you unto truth and the Balance proclaimeth:

> "Thine be the praise, O Thou Who art the Desire of the worlds!"

Then turn thy face toward the people of the Spirit and say: By God! That which ye were promised in the Gospel from God, the Mighty, the Beauteous, hath appeared. He hath come with such sovereignty as none in the heavens and earth can withstand. Jerusalem hath been illumined with the lights of His countenance, while ye remain heedless. If ye desire the Manifestation, lo, He hath appeared in truth, and if ye seek signs, the horizons are filled with them. Beware lest what ye possess prevent you from this momentous Cause.

Say: O people of the Torah! The Revealer of verses hath come, and Zion crieth out: "The Hidden Name hath appeared!" Hasten ye, and be not of the heedless. This is a Day whereon all things cry out, and call

all to the Most Great Ocean; yet the nations have waxed proud before God, save those who have come with a lowly heart." Thus hath the ocean of utterance surged, and the fragrance of thy Lord's garment, the All-Merciful, been wafted abroad. Be thou thankful, and numbered with them that remember. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

God willing, may his honor Shaykh be confirmed in arising and calling out in such wise that the buzzing of flies shall not prevent him from hearing the melodies of the Nightingale of eternity. This servant conveys greetings and salutations to him, and declares: I swear by the Sun of Truth that those souls who are turning away today have been and are heedless, having never truly understood this Cause. Glory be to God! To such a degree have vain imaginings encompassed those souls that they remain entirely deprived and veiled from the rays of the Sun.

First, it is incumbent upon every soul to set aside, purely for the sake of God, whatever they have heard and to turn to the sacred Writings. Likewise must they meditate upon the power, might, and arising, and all that hath been manifested from the Manifestation Himself. This is the Day whose mention hath been recorded in all the divine Books. Similarly was the mention of the appearance of Truth in these lands recorded—David in the Psalms declares: "Sing praises to the Lord who dwelleth in Zion"—and Zion is situated in these lands. He likewise says: "Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof. Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces." He further declares: "O Palestine, who will lead me into the strong city?"—the gate of Palestine is Akka, and the strong city He mentions is Akka and its fortress, which is very strongly built. In numerous Tablets it is referred to as the Most Great Prison.

The Prophet Isaiah saith:

> "And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall punish the host of the high ones that are on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth. And they shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be visited. Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the Lord of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before His ancients gloriously."

(Isaiah 24:21-23)

O people of the earth! Consider the divine utterances that were sent down aforetime in the heavenly Books, and reflect, that perchance ye may turn from the spider's web toward the strong city which is today the seat of the Throne. He says God will in that Day punish the hosts on high in the heights, and likewise all the kings on earth. Even as in the days when the seat of the Throne was established at the gate of Jerusalem, all kings and subjects were summoned with the most exalted call to the highest horizon, in such wise that all the Concourse on high hearkened to that sweetest of calls and uttered "Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds!"

Among these was a Tablet that was sent to His Majesty the Shah of Iran with a messenger. Should anyone consider and reflect upon the Surih of the Kings and likewise the Tablet to the Sultan, they would become aware of the sovereignty of Truth and bear witness to His power and majesty. By the life of God! The utterances of the All-Merciful will so attract them that they will find themselves detached from all contingent beings and all who dwell on earth, and will turn with perfect certitude and assurance with a

single face toward the faces of the people of Baha, guiding the Concourse of creation to the holy and luminous Spot.

He likewise declares that all shall be gathered together as prisoners and confined in prison. Now consider that which was revealed by the Supreme Pen upon first arrival at the prison. He declares that glory was taken from two groups—from kings and from divines. This theme has been repeatedly revealed, and enlightened, steadfast and successful souls have seen and heard it. Blessed are they who have attained!

Its effects are becoming more evident in the earth day by day, such that if one were to observe with the eye of truth, one would see the kings imprisoned and captive. Consider the kingdom of Paris, how it was seized—whatsoever was revealed concerning it has been fulfilled letter by letter. Likewise observe the Emperor of Russia—matters reached such a state that one was cast down upon the earth in utter abasement, while another has shut himself up in his palace, making it his residence, not daring to emerge except with numerous guards and protectors. By the life of God, the grave would be better and more preferable than such a palace!

O people of the earth! Observe the power of God, how abasement has encompassed them all. Would that the people of the world had studied the Suriy-i-Muluk, the blessed Surih of Ra'is, and the holy Tablets that were revealed upon first arrival in the Most Great Prison, that they might have become aware of God's power, might, greatness and knowledge, and might have arisen with perfect steadfastness to serve His Cause.

The Emperor of Germany, who is today the foremost person in the world, spoke these words himself in public:

> "No security remains for us in the future, for we have witnessed how the great kingdom of the Emperor of Russia and the President of America were brought down with utmost audacity and insolence to utter humiliation and death. And this turmoil and upheaval has spread and continues to spread in all directions."

Blessed is the king who today turns to the Truth and seeks glory, power and wealth from God, glorified be His majesty. Apart from this, there has been and is no remedy. The divine Books inform all, if they would turn to them. In this Revelation it has been explicitly mentioned that which had been hidden from hearts and eyes. How excellent is the fair-minded one who has been fair in God's Cause and has read what the All-Merciful has revealed in the Books, Psalms and Tablets. He is indeed among those endowed with insight before the Truth, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

And this power, might and greatness became manifest at a time when the Beauty of the All-Glorious One was imprisoned in the military barracks, with the door locked and officers standing guard, to such an extent that when the Most Great Branch—may my spirit, my being, and my essence be sacrificed for the dust of His footsteps—desired to go out through the door of the barracks to look upon it, the military officers prevented Him, that what had been revealed aforetime in the Books of the Messengers might be fulfilled. All that has occurred was mentioned and recorded in the divine Books. As this servant is mindful of brevity, he has therefore confined himself to these few words.

The greatness of this Day has been mentioned in such wise that in truth the very foundation of tranquility has been shaken. This evanescent one beseeches the Truth that He make that Beloved One's self influential, that He may water the trees of existence with the waters of wisdom and utterance, that perchance they may be adorned with choice fruits and delicate produce, and may attain to the station of fruit-bearing, which is the ultimate station. It is concerning the greatness of these days and the greatness of the Cause that Isaiah the Prophet saith:

> "Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of His majesty."

The purpose of these references is that all may know that the tidings of this Most Great Revelation, even the imprisonment and traversing the borders of the land and the like thereof, were revealed in the former Books. Otherwise, one must hearken with the ear of the spirit to the cooing of the Dove of Utterance, which is raised upon the loftiest branch of the Tree of Exposition, and cling fast thereunto. His exalted Word declareth:

> "I have inscribed a gem concerning His remembrance, which is that He shall not be known through that which was mentioned in the Bayan."

Should anyone contemplate this matter with fairness, he would acknowledge what God hath acknowledged and bear witness unto that which God hath testified. The Truth declareth that He cannot be known except through Himself, nor seen except through His own eyes. Whoso desireth to know Him must needs behold Him through His eyes. And peace be upon him who followeth the Truth, detached from all that the people possess.

As to your mention of the honored servant, His Excellency Haji Mirza Zaynu'l-ʿAbidin, upon him be the glory of God, praise be to God, he is blessed with divine favors, and since the time he departed from the Land of Mystery until now, he hath not been forgotten. God willing, he was and shall ever be remembered by God. His petition in these days reached the Most Holy Court and an answer shall be bestowed. On behalf of this evanescent servant, convey to him greetings and salutations. I beseech the Exalted True One to aid him in that which beseemeth the Day of God. This servant also conveyeth to him that which expresseth the sincerity and love of this evanescent one's heart. I beseech God's confirmation for him in all conditions. Verily He is our Protector in this world and the next, and the Protector of those who, in this Day, have shattered the idols of imitation through the name of their Lord, the Powerful, the Mighty.

And concerning what you wrote about his utmost diligence and endeavor in the affairs of the friends, praise be to God Who hath enabled him to do this. What you have written befitteth him. God willing, the recompense for his deeds shall come from the favors of the True One, exalted be His glory. He is his Protector in this world and the next. There is no God but Him, the All-Witnessing, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. This servant had intended to trouble that beloved one with certain other petitions, but as he had done so a few days ago, he hath this time, in his own estimation, chosen brevity. He requesteth that beloved one to convey greetings and salutations to the friends of that land, upon whose foreheads is imprinted the seal "The Kingdom is God's." It is hoped that through their steadfastness every disturbed

one may find peace, every wavering one become firm, and every restless one find tranquility. The Command is in God's hands. He doeth and judgeth as He pleaseth, and He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

May the glory that is manifest, evident, resplendent and luminous be upon your honor and upon those with you and upon them who have attained unto the days of God and have acted according to that which they were bidden in His mighty Book.

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BH00274: Blessed art thou, O thou whose face hath turned…

Section 1: "Blessed art thou, O thou whose face hath…"

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

Blessed art thou, O thou whose face hath turned to the countenance of the Lord of Names after the passing of all things, whose heart hath turned to the Most Exalted Horizon when it was illumined by the name of the Lord of all beings, whose tongue hath spoken in praise and glorification in days wherein the Ancient Beauty was established upon the throne of names, whose ears have heard the sweetest call raised from the Uttermost Lote Tree, whose hands have taken hold of the Book in the name of our Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious, and whose feet have arisen to serve the Cause in the kingdom of creation.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose light the horizons of existence were illumined and through Whose name was manifested whatsoever lay hidden or revealed! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the manifestations of Thy power to give Thy near ones to drink, from the hands of Thy bounty, the water of life in the realm of possibility. Then draw them, through Thy name, the All-Merciful, to such heights that whatsoever hath been created on earth—its bounties, ornaments, favors, adornments, veils, divines and mystics—shall not prevent them from arising to serve Thee, from meditating on Thy signs and tokens, and on that which Thou hast manifested through Thy power in Thy days, and that which Thou hast announced in Thy Books, Thy Scrolls, Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets.

O Lord! Thou art He through one of Whose names those in the graves arose, the trumpet was sounded, and that which was recorded by Thy Most Exalted Pen in Thy Scrolls was made manifest, O Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens! O Lord! Thou beholdest me aflame with the fire of Thy love and ascending, by the ladder of trust and certitude, to the court of Thy mighty oneness. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the worlds, by the Most Great Name, at this moment when my fingers cling to the hem of the robe of Thy bounty and grace, and mine eyes are fixed upon the horizon of Thy loving-kindness and generosity, not to disappoint the people of Thy kingdom from that which Thou hast manifested through Thy power. Thou art He before Whose door of riches every wealthy one hath bowed down, and before Whose manifestations of power and expressions of might every possessor of strength hath humbled himself. There is none other God but Thee, the Just Ruler, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Furthermore, the fragrances of thy words have gladdened Me, and thy words have informed Me of that which hath brought solace to Mine eyes, expanded My breast and cheered My heart. When I perceived the sweet perfume of thy praise in thy love for thy Lord, and heard of thy steadfastness in the Cause out of love for Our and your Purpose, and Our and the dwellers of earth and heaven's Beloved, I then desired to arise and appear before the Face, and presented that which was therein. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that whereby the Sun of Utterance shone forth from the horizon of the kingdom of knowledge. He spoke, and His Word is the Truth:

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

The oceans have appeared with their waves and the trees with their fruits, and the Dove of the Cause has sung upon the branches, yet the people have clung to the buzzing of flies, turning away from God, the Lord of lords. Verily, he who stood before the Presence and served Him through the nights and days, they have taken as a lord for themselves, turning away from Him Who created all beings with a word from His presence. Thus did their souls entice them in the days of God, the Master of necks.

O Asad! The servant in attendance hath presented thy letter before the Presence. He hath heard and answered thee with that which each letter thereof proclaimeth: "The Promised One hath come and God hath established Himself upon the throne of His Name, the All-Bestowing." Blessed art thou for having turned when the divines and learned of the earth turned away. Joy be unto thee for having held fast to the cord of divine knowledge when the All-Merciful came with power and sovereignty. Say: O people of the earth! The Creator of heaven hath come and calleth out with the most exalted call, summoning you to the supreme height. Be fair and follow not those who worship suppositions and idle fancies.

Rend asunder, through His Most Powerful Name, the greatest veil. Thus doth He command you, before Whom the Mother Book hath bowed down. My Most Exalted Pen hath testified for thee by that whose fragrance hath spread throughout the kingdom of names. Preserve this most exalted station through the name of thy Lord, around Whom circle the beginning and the return. Thus have We revealed from the Pen that which was hidden in the knowledge of thy Lord, the Ancient of Days. Be grateful and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world, and glory be unto Thee, O Sovereign of verses." The glory shining from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who circle round My will and hear thy utterance concerning this Cause at whose appearance the foundations were shaken. Praise be to God, the Lord of religions.

This evanescent servant testifieth that that beloved one hath expended and continueth to expend the utmost effort and endeavor in service to the Cause, and this is among the special favors of God, exalted be His glory. In truth, if one attaineth not unto this station, he will be seen to be bereft of the fruit of the tree of existence. God willing, may that beloved one ever be watchful, hearing, speaking and attentive.

Regarding what thou didst write about his honor the Sahib, upon him be God's favor—praise be to God, he hath attained unto God's favor, and we beseech God to assist him in that which is befitting this day. By the life of God! Were he to taste the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful, he would surely abandon all that the world possesseth and turn with a luminous countenance unto God, the Ancient of Days, Who calleth from the supreme horizon and summoneth humanity—to this every fair-minded and

perceptive one doth testify. This evanescent one conveyeth greetings unto him and beseecheth God for his success.

Mention was made of his honor ʿAli Pasha Khan, upon him be the glory of God, and it was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. His exalted Word:

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great

O Ali! Thy mention hath been honored by the hearing of the Wronged One in this impregnable and forbidden prison. O Ali! We have mentioned thee before with My verses and have turned toward thee as a token of My grace. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the Glorious, the Loving. Whoso turneth today to the Most Exalted Horizon is indeed the best of all beings before God, the Lord of existence. God willing, mayest thou be blessed with divine favors and arise to serve Him. The divine call is raised at all times, but most people understand not. The wine of heedlessness hath intoxicated all save whom God willeth. O Ali! Stand thou firm in the Cause with utmost steadfastness and speak in praise of God, exalted be His glory.

Today the true Purpose hath appeared and the world is illumined with the lights of His countenance. It behooveth everyone endowed with hearing, sight and heart not to deprive himself of the outpourings of this divine Day. Soon shall the world and all that is therein perish, and sovereignty shall remain with God, the Lord of the hereafter and of the former generations. Be thou assured of God's grace and fix thy gaze upon His horizon. Verily He is with those who love Him and desire Him, and He is the Kind, the Generous.

This servant conveyeth greetings to him. It is hoped that he may at all times be blessed by God's grace and receive his portion from the fragrances of His days. Verily He is the Protector of those who draw nigh, the Lord of those who turn unto Him, and the Goal of them that know.

As for the carpet that was sent for the small piece, it is present in Hudayba with His Holiness the Name 66, may all the Most Glorious Glory of God rest upon him. God willing, it will arrive. These matters depend on God's grace and acceptance. Due to his acceptance, from the day it was mentioned, it was honored with acceptance even before its arrival. This is glad tidings from this evanescent servant to him. Regarding what you wrote about his book, Sabri Effendi has not yet arrived. Whenever the meeting takes place, what has been written will be carried out.

Concerning what you wrote about His Honor Aqa Mirza Ghulam-ʿAli, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah's Glory], a most holy and exalted Tablet was revealed several months ago from the heaven of divine favor in his name, and mention was made of the deceased, the honored Jinab-i-Dhabih, upon him be God's glory and favor, in detail in that Tablet. God willing, he will attain unto it. This servant conveyeth greetings and salutations to him and declareth that his honor should be so enkindled with the fire of divine love that it may cause others to be awakened. God willing, may he be confirmed and spend his youthful days in divine love.

His Honor Aqa Mirza Muhammad, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah's Glory], who is engaged in transcribing the verses of God, exalted be His glory, and whose mention was in that beloved one's letter, was presented at the Most Holy and Exalted Court. He saith, exalted be His grandeur:

In My Name, the Hearing, the Answering

O Muhammad! He who hath loved Me and turned unto My countenance and soared in My atmosphere hath made mention of thee, and the servant in attendance before the Face hath presented it. We have remembered thee with My wondrous and glorious remembrance. This is a Day wherein the Remembrance calleth aloud with the most exalted call, summoning all unto the All-Knowing, the One. Grieve thou not over anything, but rejoice in the Book of thy Lord. Verily, He is with His accepted servants. We have aided thee and taught thee that which the learned and mystics of the earth know not, save whom God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, willeth. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and firm in the remembrance of thy Lord in such wise that the allusions of the wayward, who have cast the command of God behind their backs and followed every rebellious devil, shall not veil thee.

Take hold of the Book with the power and might from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the Ordainer, the All-Wise. We have forgiven thee and those whom thou hast mentioned. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Generous. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having taught me and caused me to hear and given me to drink from the Kawther of knowledge and honored me with this noble station. Verily Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy Name, the Strong, the Mighty.

Section 2: "The servant beareth witness that His mercy hath…"

The servant beareth witness that His mercy hath preceded and His grace hath encompassed all existence, both seen and unseen. God willing, may He confirm all who are on earth that they may inhale the fragrances of His days and turn toward the direction of His grace. A hundred thousand regrets that they remain deprived of the lights of the divine dawn and are seen as mere rabble. Yet that which hath descended from the Kingdom of Will and appeared through His prevailing decree shall create attentive ears and grant the ability to hear, for the Divine Word hath ever been and shall ever be the bestower, the manifestor and the confirmer.

Mention was made in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence of Aqa Mirza Husayn of the people of Ba and Shin, upon him be the glory of God. This is what was revealed from the Kingdom of Power as a grace from His presence unto him. His blessed and exalted Word: O Husayn! Reflect upon what hath befallen the Wronged One in this Cause whereby every face was darkened, all tranquility was shaken, every foundation was made to tremble, every mountain was scattered, every steadfast one was made to quake, and every standing one did slip, save those who attained unto the grace of God, the Lord of all worlds. We arose for the Cause in such wise that agitation seized the people of the Bayan. When some measure of tranquility appeared, there emerged from behind the veil one who led the people astray and barred them from the straight path of God. They would flee from town to town from the onslaught of the wicked ones, yet when they felt secure, they arose against Us with manifest tyranny. The wicked ones are those divines who cast the ordinances of God behind their backs and took their vain imaginings as their lord without any clear proof or illuminating Book.

O Husayn! Rejoice in that the Lord of the world remembereth thee from the Most Great Prison and giveth thee glad tidings of that which He hath ordained for His loved ones in the Crimson Scroll from His Most Exalted Pen. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee

to serve His loved ones and enabled thee to recognize this wondrous and glorious Day. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all names and Creator of heaven! I beseech Thee by the Word through which the sincere ones were drawn and the believers did soar, to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have held fast to the cord of Thy loving-kindness and clung to Thy luminous hem. O Lord! I have turned unto Thee, detached from all else but Thee. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which lieth with Thee. There is no God but Thee, the Compassionate, the Merciful.

This was revealed for him who was named Ali in the Book of Names and was related to Kamaluddin, who attained certitude when all on earth lamented save whom God willed. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

In the Name of the Mighty, the Great

Thy mention hath gained access to the Most Holy Court, and the Wronged One hath turned toward thee from the horizon of the Prison, counseling thee to be trustworthy, religious, truthful, and steadfast in this mighty Cause. Blessed art thou and thy father who was attracted by the verses of his Lord in the early days and attained His presence when the Light was shining from the horizon of Iraq. This is the day of goodly deeds, the day of remembrance and utterance. God willing, may ye attain to that which exalteth the Cause of God. Goodly deeds are in themselves promoters of God's Cause and have ever been so. Blessed is he who acteth according to that which hath been commanded by God, and woe unto the heedless. Ye are all mentioned before the Throne and adorned with the ornament of His favor. God willing, may ye succeed in preserving this most exalted station and supreme rank. The Glory be upon thy father, upon thee, upon thy mother, and upon those who are with you, and upon My black handmaiden who attained My presence and was illumined by the lights of My countenance and ascended to the Supreme Companion, the station whereof every knowing and informed one is powerless to mention.

And concerning what thou wrote about Aqa Muhammad-Rida, nephew of his eminence the martyred Dhabih, upon them both be the Glory of God, he hath been favored with God's grace both before and after. Praise be to God, mention of him hath flowed from the Supreme Pen and his kinship to him who was martyred in the path of God is firm. Since his father is hesitant, his relationship before the Throne was given to his eminence the martyr, upon him be the Glory of God, and this matter was uttered from the Tongue of Grandeur in the Most Holy Court about a year ago. Blessed is he and joy be unto him.

This lowly one conveyeth greetings to him and beseecheth God to make him manifest in such wise in the love of God that the tongues of all created things shall testify thereto. By the life of the Beloved, this is an exalted and mighty station. Likewise, this lowly one conveyeth greetings and salutations to both aforementioned souls, upon them be the Glory of God, and the other friends in that land, and sayeth: God willing, may they be occupied with the remembrance of God throughout the days and nights. Let them not lose the opportunity, for the days are passing like lightning. While the waves of the ocean of utterance are manifest and the effulgences of the sun of inner meanings are dawning and evident, arise to serve and undertake that which exalteth the Cause of God. The service today is and hath been the teaching of the Cause. God willing, may all be assisted to give life to those dead in the wilderness of remoteness with drops from the ocean of nearness, and counsel them to the most great steadfastness. Verily, He assisteth whom He willeth and guideth whom He willeth to His manifest, shining and luminous horizon.

The matters have concluded, yet the fire of the heart knows no end, and the warmth of love has not been diminished by the opposition of those on earth. This is naught but from God's grace—our Goal and the Goal of all worlds. In these days news arrived that packets from that beloved one and also from some of the friends had been sent to Muhammad Mustafa, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], for him to deliver to the Desired Land. He had entrusted these to someone who was journeying to the Most Luminous Spot to deliver them. However, the highway robbers seized these items along with other things from the messenger and sent him away empty-handed. When this matter was presented in the Most Holy Court, they instructed:

> "Write to Asad, upon him be the Glory of God, to consult about this matter. If there is a way to truly discover the purpose of Truth, it would be beloved—meaning, to know with absolute certainty that Truth has not come for conflict, disputation and corruption. Its purpose has been and is none other than the unity of creation, which is the cause of the exaltation of government and subjects. And if they truly arise for the elevation of the Word, We ask for him lofty station and supreme rank, and We guarantee it. Let them seek divine confirmation from God, exalted be His glory. If they reflect even a little, they will discover the greatest means of the world's tranquility and what is beneath it. For some time now the earth has not found rest, and no one has known the reason. God, exalted be His glory, may confirm one of the princes and through him assist His Faith, and may the light of justice so encompass the earth that no trace of oppression remains—then shall you see therein neither crookedness nor inequality. Would that they discovered the will of God and remained not deprived of the outpourings and fragrances of the days of His manifestation."

This servant submits that the Word should be delivered only after confidence and readiness of the place is established, and then only in summary, for in these lands some have shown acceptance while their purpose was investigation to determine the number of souls and the size of the community. However, in all cases, words should be spoken that convey the fragrance of goodness and pure benevolence. He is the Helper to success and the Protector of every truthful, eloquent and trustworthy one. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. Glory be upon you and upon whoever has heard the Call, and upon God's chosen ones and His loved ones who have arisen to serve His Cause and have spoken His beautiful praise.

BH05832: The Book hath testified to the All-Mighty, the All-Bountiful…

He is the One speaking in the temple of the world!

The Book hath testified to the All-Mighty, the All-Bountiful, yet most of the people hear not. They have cast behind their backs the Cause of God, yet they understand not. The Mother of the Bayan calleth aloud unto all who are in the realm of being, yet the people remain lost in idle fancies and vain imaginings. The Mother of the Book hath spoken, yet they perceive not. The Promise hath come to pass and that which was hidden hath been revealed, and from His right hand hath flowed the river of God's mercy, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Say: Where is the might of the foremost one and what he possessed? Where is his glory and his power and his ascendancy?

Where are his yellow hosts and his crimson standard? Where are his conditions and his ways? Where are his palaces and his followers? Where are his treasures and his ranks? Where is his strength and his grandeur? The angels have borne him to the grave, cut off from the world and its adornments and its ornaments and all that is therein. Thus doth the Most Exalted Pen inform you. He, verily, is the All-Forgiving, the All-Loving. Say: How long will ye sport with your idle fancies? How long will ye cleave to your idols? Cast away vain imaginings. The All-Knowing hath come with a sovereignty that hath encompassed both the unseen and the seen. Rejoice thou in My remembrance, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, while in the prison through that which the hands of every rejected oppressor have wrought.

BH06342: O my handmaiden! One of My servants who has…

He is the All-Knowing Speaker!

O my handmaiden! One of My servants who has turned to My horizon and heard My call and spoken My praise has mentioned thee. He is named Ali in My mighty and wondrous Book. We have heard thy mention and have mentioned thee with that which shall endure as long as the kingdom and the realm of names endure, yet most of the people are heedless. Blessed is every handmaiden who has heard and turned and responded to her Ancient Lord. Woe to every servant whom vainglory has kept back from the Lord of the Manifestation until he denied God, the Lord of all worlds. O my handmaiden! Rejoice in My mention, for it is better for thee than every deed and every wise command.

Beware lest the veils of women hold thee back from the Lord of Names, or the deeds of the idolaters frighten thee from this clear announcement. By God's life! My mention of thee is greater in God's sight than the creation of the heavens and earth. Soon shall come a day wherein God will manifest what He has willed as a bounty from His presence, and He is the Almighty, the Powerful. And We mention My handmaidens in that place and give them glad tidings of My loving-kindness and My mercy which has preceded every mighty matter. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. The glory be upon thee and upon My handmaidens who have turned and believed in God, the One, the All-Informed.

BH07958: O Ali! Heedlessness has encompassed the world. No soul…

In the name of the one incomparable God!

O Ali! Heedlessness has encompassed the world. No soul is free and at leisure to reflect upon the Cause of God and that which hath been manifested from His presence. All are observed to be fettered by the chains of self and desire, save whom God willeth. The Book of God is speaking and the Word of God is manifest, yet sight and hearing are lacking. Although at every moment the world informeth man through its changes of its own extinction and maketh him aware of its passing, yet all are heedless and veiled. They were not stirred by the breezes of the spring of revelation, as if they were uprooted palm-trunks. The Tablets which thou didst request for certain souls have been sent. God willing, they will attain unto them. Verily thy Lord is the Hearer, the Answerer. Convey greetings from this Wronged One to the friends in that land and remind them of that which hath been revealed in the Book.

BH08399: This is a Book sent down by the Self-Subsisting…

In the Name of the Manifest, the Hidden

This is a Book sent down by the Self-Subsisting to whoever has cast away vain imaginings, turning unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Blessed is he who has drunk the choice wine of certitude from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Most Merciful, and has turned away from those who follow idle fancies. Blessed is the soul that has attained unto the days of its Lord. Woe unto every heedless and veiled one! Say: Where is the might of those who entered therein, and where is their power and dominion, and where their wealth and glory and grandeur? They have returned to dust, alone, solitary, fearful, helpless, abject, humbled. Thus do We set forth the verses and make mention of that which shall be remembered by honored servants. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having enabled me to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and to act according to what Thou hast commanded me in a preserved Tablet. The splendor shining forth from the horizon of the tender mercies of the Most Merciful be upon those who have drunk the choice wine of certitude in the name of their Lord, the Possessor of existence.

BH00933: All praise, sanctified from the world and all its…

All praise, sanctified from the world and all its peoples, befitteth the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Court of Him Who is the Object of all, Who through a single command brought into being creation from beginning to end, and adorned the beginning with the ornament of the end. Through Him were the idols of vain imaginings shattered—exalted be His might and His sovereignty! Though all the world rose up in opposition, He, through the Criterion, separated truth from falsehood, establishing truth in the most exalted station and consigning falsehood to the nethermost fire. Again, exalted be His might, His power and His sovereignty! Though in the beginning of the Cause He had no helper or supporter, that Holy Being arose alone to establish His Cause.

At times He caused the water of life to be shed upon the soil of existence, whence sprouted the saplings of acceptance and certitude, which grew to maturity. At other times He bestowed from the ocean of knowledge upon the decomposed bones of the earth, whereupon all were stirred to motion and gave voice to the blessed words “Blessed be God, the Best of Creators!” Again […] and the abasement of His enemies. Every soul who at first arose in mockery later arose in servitude, seeking forgiveness with a hundred thousand repentances, while others were consumed by the fire of ignorant prejudice and returned to their abode, which is the very essence of hell.

Glory be unto Thee, O Sender of the winds, Manifester of the dawn, and Ordainer of success! I beseech Thee by the Lamp which Thou didst kindle with the fire of Thy knowledge and didst make the Seal of Thy Prophets and Chosen Ones, that Thou aid Thy servants to be steadfast in Thy Cause. O Lord! Thou seest how the heedless have surrounded those who have turned to Thy most exalted horizon and clung to the hem of the robe of Thy bounty, O Thou Who art the Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens! O Lord! Ordain for Thy loved ones that which shall protect them from the evil of those who have turned away from Thee and disputed Thy proof and Thy testimony. Thou art He Whom nothing can frustrate and no

affair can hinder. Thou givest and withholdest, and verily Thou art the All-Giving, the All-Restraining, the Almighty, the Powerful.

I pray and offer salutations upon Him through Whom the banner of Divine Unity was raised and the decree of promise and warning was sent down, and upon His companions who held fast to God's Covenant and His Testament in such wise that neither the pharaohs of the people nor the tyrants of the age could turn them aside. These are servants in whose praise have spoken the tongues of the Prophets and Messengers.

Afterwards, it is submitted that one blessed night your letters were presented before His Presence. He said:

> "We beseech God, the Most High, to grant them goodness and blessing as We have beseeched before. God willing, may they be assisted in all conditions with that which leads to exaltation, elevation and advancement. This Wronged One asks God for their success. He is verily the Helper, the Wise."

End quote.

God is witness and testifier that this ephemeral one's longing to serve those beloved ones cannot be described in writing nor be confined to verbal mention. Day and night, at special times, you have been and are remembered and in view. Truly, whenever your letters arrive, it is as if caravans of joy and delight enter the barren desert of grief and sorrow. Another beauty added to this beauty is that no matter how delayed the reply may be, you do not hold this servant responsible, as you know he is occupied in service.

Another submission is that, praise be to God, numerous gardens have been adorned with wondrous and lofty trees, brilliant and radiant flowers, and fresh, delicate herbs. However, the difference is that these gardens are still mentioned in the realm of remembrance and planted in papers, but it is hoped they will choose a location in the small plot and become a gathering place for eyes to receive bounty.

In any case, truly much trouble has befallen those beloved ones regarding the small plot—that is to say, mercy, or rather bounty (these last two words were uttered by the Tongue of the Intended One). The flowers, trees, blossoms, and the cleaner of the trees' dust that you sent are all engaged in thanksgiving. The blessed deed itself is present and speaking; there was and is no need for mention by this servant. However, these days the small plot has displayed much splendor, the flowers have bloomed, the colorful fish are swimming in the pond, and even the weary birds of this land seem to have somewhat found their voice, as these days there appears some melody in their song. It is not known whether this is from the splendor of the garden or from the attraction of those intoxicated with the true wine. Though outwardly your place is empty, God is witness that you are present before the face.

Regarding what you wrote about the envelopes, by God's grace all arrived, and concerning what you wrote about the trees and flowers, praise be to God, they went to smell the air and are very pleased and delighted with the garden's atmosphere. The jars and pitchers, praise be to God, did not ascend to heaven and remain in their place. And that sweetness and those utterances which you wrote about from the Source of Grace concerning carrying the hyacinth to the farm—now too that same grace is manifest

and visible, nay greater. May the Lord of nations grant that you may ever dwell in the pavilions of grace and rest in the garden of nearness.

Regarding what you wrote about the accounts and partnership, it was submitted at one of the special times. He said:

> "It has been written with truth and rightness. God willing, may they ever drink from the cup of grace and gaze toward the horizon of justice."

What is truly intended and desired has been and is the word of contentment. Praise be to God, they have attained unto it. If the entire world were to become tongues, they could not fulfill the thanks for a single one of God's bounties. The spirit, peace, remembrance and glory be upon you and upon those who love you and remember you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

Again I make representation. In one of the letters this passage, which was a source of joy, was noted: "The end is nigh and nothing could be achieved, and there is fear that our lot will come up blank and we will not be counted among the hosts." After this submission, this reply was vouchsafed: "Your lot was inscribed by the Supreme Pen at the beginning of creation, and you are counted and designated among the hosts of 'verily the hosts of God, they shall be the victorious ones.' Happy are ye and joy be unto you!"

BH01760: In My Name, the Wronged One, in lands whose…

…In My Name, the Wronged One, in lands whose soil God hath blessed but whose people He hath cursed in Books which He sent down aforetime to the Prophets and Messengers….

O Ali! Give glad tidings to all the friends of God—tidings that shall ignite the peoples of the world, and bestow a grace that shall be the cause and source of everlasting joy and delight. Say: This is the Speaker on Sinai Who calleth you with utmost mercy and compassion, and this is that same Promised One foretold in all the Books and Scriptures, and this is that Day which hath been and shall be sanctified from the beginning that hath no beginning unto the end that hath no end. God willing, may all attain unto that which God hath desired and drink from the chalice of divine success, despite those who have denied Him Whom they invoke by day and by night. The mosques that were created and exalted by a single Word of God take pride therein, yet deny and turn away from its Creator, Source and Revealer. The Mother Book hath appeared and the Mother of Utterance hath been sent down, yet the people understand not.

God willing, may the lightning of divine yearning course through the body of the world like the arterial vein, that all may be set ablaze by that motion which engendereth heat—the heat of the love of God—so that all may unitedly gaze toward the horizon of God and arise to serve Him. The service of God is that which reformeth the world, not contention and conflict….

Today, every word that is spoken for God's sake, or deed that is manifested for His sake, is like unto the sun amidst the deeds of the world, and is reckoned before the Divine Throne among the most excellent of deeds and is recorded by the Supreme Pen….

Glory be to God! The entire world today is seen to be waiting, as every sect among the sects awaits a Promised One mentioned in their books. Now that through God's grace—exalted be His glory—the horizon of the world has been illumined by the lights of the face of the Most Great Name, and the appointed times in the books have been fulfilled, and all signs and tokens have been manifested and made evident, all are found to be heedless, veiled, deniers and opposers, save whom God wills. Not every lip is worthy of this Kawthar, nor every face deserving to turn towards it. How many souls there were who sought the water of life, yet none attained it save the Khidr of the age.

However, former ages had a different wisdom and station, and this age, which is illumined by the lights of the Most Great Manifestation, has another station and another glory, for the ocean of grace is surging and the sun of bounty is shining. Glorified be He Who has appeared and manifested what He willed, and sent down that by which the unified ones soar and the sincere ones hasten. Blessed are those souls who in this divine Day have attained to His recognition and been assisted to serve His Cause. They are among the choicest of servants in the sight of God, the Lord of creation….

BH04758: In My Name, the Most Great, the Most Ancient

…In My Name, the Most Great, the Most Ancient

O ʿAta! We have sent down verses unto thee and dispatched them by Salman who hath believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed. Thou art he whom vain imaginings have not held back from Him Who came with manifest sovereignty. We have preserved thee and protected thee as a bounty from Us, and verily We are the Almighty, the Powerful. Behold and then make mention of the people of the Bayan who denied the rights of God and His sovereignty, and turned away from Him Whom God made the point of adoration for the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Cities of Names. They are indeed among the distracted ones. They hastened to the clay, turning away from the cooing of the Dove of the Cause which warbled upon the branches. He is God, there is no God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Great.

O ʿAta! Thou hast drunk from the Kawthar of bounty from the hands of bounty, and this is yet another time—drink thou again and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the worlds!" Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen move to make mention of thee. Thy Lord is indeed the Witness, the All-Hearing. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned unto Him and acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in this noble station….

BH03445: Praise be to God Who, through His All-Subduing Name…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatest and Most Powerful

Praise be to God Who, through His All-Subduing Name, hath been the Subduer of all who are in the heavens and on earth, and through His All-Knowing Name, hath encompassed all that was and will be. All things are held within His grasp of power and seized in the right hand of His will. He hath made clear the proof and revealed the way, guiding all to His supreme horizon and most exalted summit—the station adorned with the ornament of unity and beautified with oneness. The servant beareth witness, as have all

servants borne witness, that there is no God but Him. He hath ever been one in His essence, one in His attributes, and one in His deeds and actions. And the resplendent prayers rising from the horizon of grace be upon the Lord of nations and the Beloved of the world, and upon His family and companions who held fast to the Sure Handle and arose to aid His Cause in the kingdom of creation.

And furthermore—may my spirit be a sacrifice for your remembrance and your steadfastness. O my beloved and my cherished one! The servant hath been honored by the fragrances of your ink and adorned with the ornament that flowed from your pen, time after time and again and again. I beseech God to grant you success and aid you, and to ordain for you the good of this world and the next. There is no God but Him, the Hearer, the Answerer.

As to what thou hast mentioned concerning the travellers: though it be contrary to wisdom, leave hath been granted for a visit of three days. It behooveth them to approach this land with gladness and joy, and to refrain on their journey from speaking to anyone about this Cause. Any mention or teaching of the Cause hath been forbidden in these regions.

The ephemeral one conveyeth greetings to His Honor Haji Abbas, upon him be the glory of God, and to the apple of the eye His Honor Husayn and his two brothers, upon them be the glory of God, and upon those who are with you and those who have believed in God, the Single One, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Beloved.

The servant 29 Jamadiyu'th-Thani 1299

BH00467: In the name of our God and the God…

In the name of our God and the God of all who are in the heavens and on earth

I was sitting silently when I was commanded to present myself. When I appeared, the Ancient Countenance turned toward me and said:

> "O servant in attendance! Where is justice and its standards? Where is equity and its banners? Where is truthfulness and its lights? Where is faithfulness and its manifestations? Verily darkness hath encompassed justice, and tyranny hath usurped the place of equity. Is there any possessor of an illumined heart, a truthful tongue, a pure hope, and a steadfast expectation who would beseech deliverance from God, the Lord of the visible and invisible, the Lord of the Throne and earth, and the Master of the hereafter and this world?"

Thus did He speak.

Glory be unto Thee, O God of the world and Desire of the nations! I beseech Thee by the rain-showers of the clouds of Thy mercy and the pearls of the ocean of Thy utterance to ordain for Thy loved ones that which shall protect them from the tyranny of those who have cast what is right behind their backs and have arisen with an oppression at which the dwellers of the highest Paradise and the inhabitants of the most exalted Heaven have lamented. O Lord! Thou seest Thy chosen ones in the hands of Thy creation, and Thy trusted ones under the command of the treacherous among Thy servants. I beseech Thee by the blood of Thy chosen ones, the cries of Thy pure ones, and the yearning of Thy loved ones to aid us to

remain steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that what hath befallen us through the oppression of Thy creatures shall not prevent us. Then cause us, O our God, in all conditions to be among those who have cast aside their own wishes and have taken up that which Thou didst desire for them through Thy power and sovereignty. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

To continue: this servant attained that which soared on wings of longing until he reached the threshold of the gate that was opened before the face of all in the horizons. When I perceived from him the fragrance of humility and submissiveness before God, our Lord and the Lord of all things, I presented myself before the Presence and, after obtaining permission, presented it. When this was completed, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, and His sweetest utterance was:

In My Name, the Wronged One

O Abu-Talib! Upon thee be My Glory! Rejoice in that thou hast been mentioned before the Divine Throne and hast recognized that which the people, despite their searching and waiting, remained veiled from. Thou hast borne in My path what My loved ones bore in ages and centuries past. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have been with thee in all conditions—We hear and We see, and I am the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. There hath befallen thee some of what befell Us. Verily thy Lord is the All-Enumerating, the Mighty, the Wise. Thou hast heard for God's sake what Mine ears heard, and thou hast seen for love of Me what Mine eyes beheld—eyes that neither slumber overtaketh nor are veiled by the coverings of those who denied the Day of Judgment.

O Abu-Talib! Be thou joyous through the bounties of God, exalted be His glory, in such wise that the sorrows of trials and their intensity may not prevent thee from the greatest gladness. This is the day of supreme joy and greatest delight, for the breezes of revelation are wafting and He Who conversed on Sinai is manifest and unconcealed. Blessed is the soul whom the might of oppression hath not debarred from the light of justice. Convey My greetings to the friends in that land. I swear by the Most Great Prison that there hath not been and is not any like unto them. The denizens of the Supreme Paradise speak their praise and the companions of the most exalted Garden turn toward them. God willing, may they succeed in preserving their stations. All must engage in the remembrance and praise of God with utmost joy and fragrance, unity and accord. The light of unity will cause the darkness of oppression to vanish and become non-existent.

What is meant by Pharaohs, tyrants, idols, oppressors, transgressors, rebels and the like that have been mentioned in the Divine Books, Tablets and Scriptures are the ignorant ones of the age who are known as divines. They are the foundation of corruption and the essence of rancor and enmity, for they have been and continue to be the cause of the people's veiling and the fire of tyranny of these heedless souls. Whenever tyranny appeared from the company of rulers, it was due to the whisperings of these souls, and had they completely submitted to ignorant souls, not a single person of justice and fairness would have been found on earth. In the beginning of every Revelation, they arose in opposition and protest to preserve their leadership, and when the banners of the Cause were raised high and the Sun of Revelation shone forth, they counted themselves among the first believers and exerted mighty efforts to gain control over the people. Blessed is the learned one whom the conditions of the world have not deprived from the

ocean of grace. He is accounted among those souls whose mention hath been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Divine Books. Upon them be the glory of God, His mercy, His light and His bounty.

This evanescent servant is bewildered by the deeds of these heedless and ignorant souls. Hath there ever been witnessed a time, period, covenant or age when the divines of the time accepted the Faith at its beginning? Nay, by the Self of God, the One Who dominateth the world! Do these divines not reflect upon the Revelation of Moses, the Revelation of the Spirit (Jesus), and likewise the Seal of the Prophets (Muhammad)—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake—as to what was the cause and reason for the opposition of the divines of the age? In any case, this evanescent servant beseecheth God to adorn them with the ornament of fairness. If a soul were to be even slightly fair-minded, he would never tarry in this most great Cause. From the beginning of creation until now, no Revelation like this Revelation hath appeared and no eye hath beheld its like. All that was made manifest in the past is as a drop compared to this Ocean. Every person possessed of insight and wisdom will testify to the truth of this ephemeral one's assertion. Glory be to God, our Lord and your Lord, our Goal and your Goal, our Beloved and your Beloved, and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

As to what you wrote regarding oppression, imprisonment and tribulation, in truth such afflictions in the path of God have been and ever shall be an imperishable treasure. Reflect upon the tribulations of kings: when first We entered the prison, verses were revealed from the heaven of divine will with these meanings—as His blessed and exalted Word declares, the Glory of God, exalted be His glory, has withdrawn honor from two groups: the rulers and the divines—as most have read. Likewise, when the light of Revelation shone forth from the horizon of the Land of Mystery, these tidings flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Now observe how the one regarded as the foremost person in the earth—namely the Emperor of Russia—departed this world in utter abasement, as you have heard.

And all that befell him bore and bears no fruit. And the new Emperor has been so seized with fear that the poor soul cannot leave his residence, even though that unfortunate one has yet harmed no one nor has any reprehensible deed been witnessed from him. Nevertheless he is afflicted with this most grievous tribulation. Likewise reflect upon the other monarchs of the western realms, how they have all become targets for the arrows of tribulation. The whole world is now consumed with various fires, yet none knows the cause and reason thereof.

In brief, whatsoever hath come to pass and continues to pass is due to the deeds they have wrought. This evanescent servant beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to adorn those precious souls with the ornament of justice and fairness, and to protect them from the evil of the corrupt ones. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Glad tidings that beyond the wondrous, sublime, revealed and blessed verses in this letter, a Most Holy, Most Great Tablet was also revealed some time ago especially for you from the heaven of the favor of God, glorified be His majesty, and is now being sent. God willing, you will drink from the oceans of meaning that lie concealed within its words and take your seat upon the throne of joy. This is a most blessed day, yet the people of the world are deeply heedless. According to His command, you must hold fast in all conditions to the cord of wisdom, and preserve whatever holy tablets and letters arrive from

the Most Holy Court and from this servant. It would be regrettable were the verses of God to fall into the wrong hands.

A secure place must be designated for the divine trusts—that is, the verses and words. Likewise the matter of sending petitions to the Most Holy Court and the revelation of replies must be concealed from all save trusted, steadfast and well-assured souls, for the people are unaware of God's creation, favor and loving-kindness. They imagine that this Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted Revelation is, God forbid, a cause of sedition and corruption, whereas in all that is revealed and sent down from the heaven of divine will, all are enjoined to what is right and forbidden from what is wrong. A human being must be adorned with spiritual qualities and pure and holy deeds and actions. Whoever does not attain to this station is not accounted as human.

May God grant justice that they may observe and reflect upon the traces of the Most Exalted Pen with pure vision and illumined hearts, that they may not be deprived and remain without portion from the ocean of meanings.

Convey greetings and salutations on my behalf to the friends in that land and say: This is the day of endeavor, the day of action and the day of service. You must strive to sanctify the hearts of the world, through the Kawthar of utterance, from the doubts and allusions of the divines who soar on the wings of self and desire. Blessed is the one who attains to this most great bounty and seeks this most exalted station and loftiest summit.

The friends of God must at all times be occupied with fostering love, unity and the reconciliation of hearts. Once these blessed words were heard from the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness—exalted be His glory:

> "The sun of justice derives its brightness from the light of unity."

May the heads of all the peoples of the world be adorned with this most luminous and holy crown.

Another glad-tiding is that this evanescent servant, in accordance with the command, turned towards the Most Holy Court, and after attaining the presence, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these words: "O servant present, what were you occupied with?" This evanescent servant replied with faltering tongue that I was engaged in transcribing the verses that were specifically revealed for Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Abu-Talib. He said: "God willing, may they be confirmed in the service of the Cause." And the service of the Cause in most Tablets has been through mention, praise and reconciliation. Blessed is the soul who held fast to wisdom and clung to consultation. Jinab-i-Talib has attained unto the divine Word and has been honored by His grace. God willing, may he act according to that which God loves. We counsel him and all my handmaidens and servants to show forth the Greater Steadfastness and that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds, may be exalted.

God is witness and testifier that if all the peoples of the world were to attain to fairness even less than the eye of a needle, they would surely testify that the like of this grace has never appeared in the world. What benefit is there when the doubts and idle fancies of the servants have prevented them from beholding the lights of the Sun of certitude? All are seen to be blind save those whom God, the Forgiving,

the Generous, has given insight. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. May the Glory that is manifest and shining from the horizon of the heaven of our Lord's grace be upon you and upon those with you and upon your family and upon those who have attained unto the days of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The servant 10th of the honored month of Rajab 1299

BH00328: This is a remembrance from Us unto him who…

Section 1: "This is a remembrance from Us unto him…"

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

This is a remembrance from Us unto him who hath turned unto God, the Lord of all worlds, and whose letter hath reached the Most Great Prison, and who hath been blessed to hearken unto the Wronged One whilst He was in the hands of the heedless. O Muhammad-Qabli, hearken unto the Call from the direction of grandeur, from the right hand of the luminous spot, from the Divine Lote-Tree: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have heard thy cry and perceived therefrom the fragrance of thy love. We have turned unto thee and answered thee through this Epistle, from which the sincere ones shall inhale the sweet savors of the loving providence of their Gracious Lord.

How many a learned one hath been veiled by his learning from the Sovereign of all knowledge, and how many an illiterate one hath shattered the idols of vain desire in the name of the Lord of all mankind and turned with radiant countenance toward the supreme horizon. How many a mystic hath found mysticism to be as chains about his neck, barring him from the shores of the ocean from whose waves can be heard:

> "The world hath been illumined with the lights of the Manifestation, and He Who conversed upon Sinai hath come with clear sovereignty."

How many a divine hath been held back by the greatest veil from the Lord of Destiny, and how many an ignorant one hath rent it asunder through the name of his Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. O Muhammad-Qabli, arise to serve thy Lord with wisdom and utterance. Thus hath the command been sent down from the presence of the All-Merciful, whilst most of the people remain heedless.

Among the people are those who have turned away from the Mother Book, clinging to such fancies and idle imaginings as they possess. This is the Day that was attributed unto God in the Books of the Prophets and Messengers. This is the Day whereon all things proclaim:

> "The Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens hath come with a Cause before which all the hosts of earth and heaven are powerless to stand."

Cast aside the people's ancient tales through the power of thy Lord. By God's life! Such tales have held them back from the supreme horizon. Verily thy Lord is the Expositor, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

Say: O people, be fair in the Cause of God which hath appeared with the truth, and follow not the vain imaginings of those who have cast behind them God's Covenant and Testament, following every ignorant

remote one. Break the idols of fancy through His Name, the Self-Subsisting, then turn with radiant faces toward the Dawning-Place of the revelation of your Lord, the Lord of all beings. This will profit you in the Hereafter and in this world, if ye be of them that know. This is a Day wherein that which ye possess of the interpretations of those whom knowledge hath made vain will profit you not, such that they have been prevented from the Sovereign of all knowledge, Who calleth aloud between earth and heaven:

> "Verily there is no God but Me, the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

Say: O concourse of divines, consider and remember when ye gave verdict against the Messengers of God in the past, denied God's right and sovereignty, disputed His signs, and disbelieved in His firm and mighty Cause. Cast aside that which hath kept you from the path of God and take hold of that which ye have been commanded in His mighty Book. Open your eyes! By God's life, the ocean of life surgeth before your faces and the fragrance of the All-Merciful wafteth through your lands. Fear God and be not of the wrongdoers. Your likeness is as one who holdeth fast to a single letter, turning away from the Most Great Book wherein are revealed the mysteries of what hath been and what shall be. Say: Come ye, come ye, that I may reveal unto you what ye possess of God's Books and Scriptures and what was sent down unto My chosen ones from the First for Whom there is no beginning. Thus hath the Bird of Utterance warbled upon the branches and the Tongue of the All-Merciful in the Kingdom of knowledge, would that ye might know.

Say: Ye have taken a drop and cast the ocean behind your backs. What aileth you, O company of unbelievers? Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One from the direction of His Name, the Self-Subsisting, and arise to aid the Cause of your Lord, the Knower of the seen and unseen. Say: By God, the Wronged One calleth you for the sake of God, as witnessed by what hath befallen Him in His days at the hands of those through whose tyranny the Concourse on High have lamented and the eyes of those who have held fast to the Most Firm Handle have wept on this witnessed Day. Thus have We sent down the verses and expounded them in truth that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. The splendor shining from the horizon of the loving-kindness of the Lord of Names be upon thee and upon those who have been just in the Cause of God, the Sovereign of existence.

Praise be to God that thou hast hearkened to the call of the Lord of Names and turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon. Thy letter arrived and was mentioned by this servant in the presence of the Wronged One, and was granted audience. Blessed is every one who hath turned, every hearer who hath heard, and every seeing one who hath beheld the Most Exalted Horizon and the Supreme Summit. All sacred Books and Scriptures have testified to the greatness of this Cause, and the True One, exalted be His glory, hath attributed this Day among all days to Himself. Nevertheless, all remain heedless and veiled from its greatness. Strange it is that certain divines of the earth who are veiled have not yet reflected upon what caused the divines of past ages and former centuries to reject and oppose the Manifestations of the Divine Unity.

By My life! They are the great veils and the august shrouds that have been and continue to be the cause of preventing the eyes of the people. It is most regrettable that anyone should today deprive himself of the outpourings of the All-Bountiful One, for that which is lost today cannot be regained through human power. Stand firm for God's sake and speak for God's sake. Every word that proceedeth from the tongue

purely for the sake of God is effective. The deeds of this day are recorded in the divine Books as the sovereign of all deeds. Strive that thou mayest be accounted as one of the trees of the eternal paradise in God's Book and that thy mention may endure in the Book of the world.

As to your question concerning the reality of the soul, it is a divine sign and a heavenly essence which all the learned have failed to comprehend and all the wise have been powerless to understand. It is the first entity to speak of God, its Creator, to turn towards Him, to hold fast unto Him, and to bow down before Him. In this state it is ascribed unto truth and returneth unto Him; otherwise it is reckoned among the followers of self and passion and returneth unto them. Today, whoso hath not been hindered by the doubts of the peoples from attaining unto the truth, and whom neither the clamour of the divines nor the might of princes hath deterred, is accounted among the greatest signs in the sight of God, the Lord of all beings, and is recorded by the Supreme Pen in God's Book. Blessed is he who hath attained thereunto and hath recognized its station and rank.

Regarding the stages of the soul, such as the soul that commandeth to evil, the self-reproaching soul, the inspired soul, the assured soul, the pleased soul, the soul that is well-pleasing, and the like—these have been mentioned before and the books of the people are replete with such references. The Most Exalted Pen hath had and hath no desire to mention these stations. The soul that is, in this day, submissive to God and holding fast unto Him—all names are its names and all stations are its stations. During sleep it hath no attachment to anything external, but remaineth at rest in its own station. All matters appear through their causes, and through causes do the stations of wayfaring, perception and vision vary. Consider the faculty of sight: it beholdeth all created things of earth and heaven, trees and rivers and mountains, yet through one small hindrance it may be deprived of all. Exalted is He Who created all causes, and exalted is He Who hath made all things dependent on causes. Every single thing among all things is a door leading to His knowledge, a sign of His sovereignty, a revelation of His names, a testimony to His majesty and power, and a path unto His straight way.

O Muhammad-Qabli-ʿAli! Give thanks unto God that We have turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison and have made mention of thee with a mention wherewith the honored servants shall remember thee. Verily the soul, as it is, is a sign among the signs of God and a mystery among His mysteries. It is the Most Great Sign and the Herald that giveth tidings of the divine worlds. Within it lieth concealed that which the present world with all its capacity is powerless to mention or describe. Behold the Soul of God standing firm upon the ways of truth, and the commanding soul that hath risen in opposition and forbiddeth men from drawing nigh unto the Lord of Names, bidding them instead to wickedness and iniquity. Know ye that it is in manifest loss.

Section 2: "Consider the ignorance of the people, who, while…"

Consider the ignorance of the people, who, while knowing that none hath had access to the source of opposition, have yet spoken that which the ancients never uttered. Stand thou firm in the Cause with such steadfastness that every person of insight may perceive therefrom the fragrance of steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: O concourse of the ignorant! Come ye that we may examine the traces, for they will guide us to the straight path, acquaint us with what was hidden, and

draw us near unto God, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower. Say: Cast away what ye possess and take hold of that which ye are commanded in the Book.

By God! He hath come with such sovereignty as none can deny save those who have cast fairness behind their backs and have risen in tyranny. Say: Come ye, come ye, that We may show you the Sun at its noontide zenith. Fear God, O people, and be not of them that are astray. He hath come for your salvation and hath sent down for you that which will draw you nigh unto God, the Lord of all men. Cast off the rivulet, for by God, the Most Great Ocean hath surged before the faces of the nations. Turn ye unto Him and be not of those who saw the proof yet denied it, following every heedless doubter. Thus hath the Supreme Pen coursed in the arena of proof and demonstration. Blessed is he who hath attained unto its cry, and woe unto him who hath turned away from God, the Lord of the Final End.

As to thy question regarding whither the soul returneth after the dissolution of the body: if it be associated with truth, it returneth to the Supreme Horizon. By the life of God! It returneth to a station whereof all tongues and pens are powerless to make mention. Every soul that is firm and steadfast in the Cause of God shall, after its ascension, be the source from which all worlds derive their bounties. Such a soul is the leaven that giveth rise to the world and the crafts and visible things therein, through the command of the True Sovereign and the True Educator. Observe ye the leaven, how it requireth a leavening agent—and pure souls are the leaven of the world. Ponder thou and be of the thankful.

These stations, and likewise the stations of the soul, have been mentioned in various Tablets. The soul is a sign that is sanctified from entry and exit; it is both still and in motion, seated yet soaring. It beareth witness to a world that hath beginning and end, and likewise to a world that is sanctified from beginning and end. In this night thou observest a matter, and after twenty years, more or less, thou shalt behold that very same thing. Now consider what manner of world this is. Reflect upon the wisdom of God and His manifestations, and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord and my Goal, for having enabled me to recognize the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy Revelation, and for having given me to drink from the Kawthar of acceptance through the hands of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee by the lights of the Sun of Thy countenance and the fire of the Tree of Thy Cause to assist me under all conditions to serve Thee and to promote Thy Cause. O Lord! Thou art the All-Bountiful, possessed of great grace. The affairs of the world do not withhold Thee, nor do the hints of the nations render Thee powerless. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Self to open before my face, with the finger of Thy power, the door of Thy knowledge, then ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all beings. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the Omnipotent.

As for what thou hast mentioned, whether belief in Thee and Thy Manifestations hath different grades according to varying levels of understanding, or whether it hath but one reality—regarding this question, there arose in the past among the different sects of the Qur'an vain disputations that neither nourish nor satisfy. Such disputations are, in truth, as clouds and veils before new-born sight. However, for those whom God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, hath endowed with insight, there are assuredly different stations and varying levels of comprehension. Observe and ponder the signs of creation. The Seal of the Prophets hath said: "Lord, increase my astonishment in Thee!"

As for what thou hast mentioned concerning the end of the physical world, the recognition of this station dependeth upon the vision of the beholder. In one respect it is finite, and in another it is sanctified therefrom. The Truth hath ever been, and will ever be, and likewise creation, except that the latter is preceded by causation. In this case the principle of unity is established and realized.

As for thy question about the celestial spheres, first it must be known what is meant by the mention of spheres and heaven recorded in the books of the past and present, and likewise how they relate to and influence the visible world. All minds and hearts are bewildered at this station. None hath comprehended it save God alone. The philosophers who have interpreted the age of the world to be many thousands of years have not in this period enumerated the planets. How many differences are visible and evident between the sayings of those before and after! And for every fixed star there are planets, and for every planet there are creations whose number the enumerators are powerless to count.

O thou who gazest upon My countenance! This day the Most Exalted Horizon is resplendent and the Call of God hath been raised. We have revealed in the Tablets: "This is not a Day for questions." It behooveth whosoever hath heard the Call from the Most Exalted Horizon to arise and say: "Here am I, here am I, O God of Names! Here am I, here am I, O Fashioner of the heavens! I bear witness that through Thy Manifestation there hath appeared that which lay hidden in the Books of God and concealed in the Scriptures of His Messengers." Verily, should any soul truly comprehend the utterance, let him arise with utmost endeavor to serve the Cause with wisdom and eloquence, in such wise that neither the clamor of the ungodly nor the croaking of the heedless shall deter him.

There hath appeared from the Most Exalted Pen such scientific truths as all on earth are powerless to comprehend, save whom God willeth. The Primal Point hath declared: "He it is Who in every condition proclaimeth 'Verily I am God, no God is there but Me"' and the Divine Lote-Tree likewise hath voiced this most exalted word and still doth voice it. Blessed is he who hath found the fragrance of the All-Merciful, detached from all else—he is indeed of the people of Baha in the Crimson Book. Blessed are they that have attained!

Well is it with thee for having turned unto Him and believed in this Day wherein the earth hath lamented and the heavens have cried out, wherein the limbs of all names have trembled and the feet of the learned have slipped—they who violated God's Covenant and His Testament by following vain imaginings and idle fancies. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee, given thee knowledge, granted thee utterance, and taught thee that which hath guided thee to the straight path. We have indeed perceived the fragrance of thy love and thy turning unto Him and the burning of thy heart, and have therefore revealed unto thee this Book wherein We have set forth the verses as a command from Us. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Bestower. We have seen thy condition and heard that wherewith thou didst commune with God. Verily He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Behold, then remember what thou hast heard aforetime and what hath been manifested in this Revelation, and arise to serve the Cause with such steadfastness as shall make firm all feet.

Thus doth the Wronged One counsel thee from the precincts of the Prison, and make mention of thee with verses that shall never be exhausted. The splendor shining from the horizon of thy Lord's bounty be upon thee and upon whosoever hath clung to the hem of God, the Lord of all creation.

BH00439: Glorified art Thou, O God of earth and throne…

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

Glorified art Thou, O God of earth and throne, Lord of all beings and Sovereign of the hereafter and the former times! I beseech Thee by the Crimson Ark which Thou hast made the dwelling-place of the people of Baha, to illumine Thy lands with the lights of Thy countenance and the hearts of Thy servants with the revelations of the Sun of Thy knowledge. O Lord! Thou seest them in the hands of the wicked among Thy creatures as captives and strangers. O Lord! The Pharaohs' conditions, the tyrants' wishes, and the Caesars' designs have gained ascendancy over them. O Lord! The fire of hatred from the oppressors among Thy creatures and the rebellious among Thy creation hath encompassed them.

They pass judgment upon Thy chosen ones according to their desires and act according to their own inclinations in ways that cause the dwellers of the pavilion of infallibility and the tabernacle of grandeur to lament. O Lord! Thou hearest the sighs of the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise at what hath befallen Thy loved ones in Thy days, and the cries of the inhabitants of the cities of names at what they have witnessed from the oppressors among Thy creation who pronounced judgment against Thee and sought to slay Thee by night and day. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Thou knowest and seest; there is no God but Thee, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

I beseech Thee, O God of the world, to protect Thy loved ones from the evil of those whose tyranny caused the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise to cry out, and to extinguish the fire that hath been kindled by rancor and hatred. O Lord! Thou art the Strong, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Glorious. The mighty among Thy servants cannot prevent Thee, nor can the power of those in the lands render Thee powerless. I pray and offer salutations and glorification upon Thy Prophets, Thy Messengers, Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones who cast the world aside, turning to the pavilion of Thy grandeur which the hand of Thy power hath raised for the establishment of Thy throne.

O Lord! They are the lamps of Thy Cause, the suns of Thy wisdom, and the moons in the heaven of Thy providence. I beseech Thee by them, by the light of their faces, by the sweetness of their utterance, by their knowledge and wisdom, by their arising and their aid, by their patience and forbearance, by their humility and submissiveness, and by their steadfastness, to ordain for Thy chosen ones that which will protect them from the arrows of the idolaters among Thy servants and the spears of the heedless among Thy creation. The servant knoweth with absolute certainty that if Thou wert to reveal today unto Thine enemies what Thou hast revealed unto Thy loved ones, the wine of revelation would so overcome them that they would hasten to the ocean of Thy bounty and turn to the Most Exalted Horizon—the station from which the lights of the Sun of Thy countenance have shone forth.

O my God and my Beloved! Thou seest my tears and hearest my sighs. I beseech Thee to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones from the Pen of Thy decree, of adversity and tribulation, lest any of Thy loved ones be saddened in Thy shadow. O Lord! The fire of Thy love hath set the world ablaze and by it the hearts of the peoples have melted. I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name through which mysteries have been revealed and traces have appeared, to make known to Thy loved ones what Thou hast ordained for them by Thy Pen, O Lord of all names and Creator of heaven, and to enable them to

attain the station of nearness, sanctity and beauty—the station wherein whosoever reacheth it is not dismayed by what hath befallen or may befall him in Thy path.

By Thy glory, O Thou Goal of them that know! The servant loveth to show them what Thou hast ordained for them through Thy bounty, that it may so attract them that they would see every affliction as sweet for Thy good-pleasure and every hardship as comfort in Thy love. However, Thy wisdom hath prevented me from disclosure and Thy fear hath forbidden me from revelation. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful, the Exalted, the Commanding, the Sovereign, the Ruler, the Unconstrained.

O beloved of my heart, thou who art mentioned in the court of my Purpose and your Purpose, my Beloved and your Beloved, and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and the earth! The fragrance of thy words hath revealed to me the intensity of thy longing and the blazing of the fire of thy love for God, the Lord of the worlds. When I drank the water of love and affection from the chalices of thy words, and found the sweetness of thy remembrance and praise of our Lord and your Lord, I betook myself to the Most Exalted Station until I attained the presence of His Countenance. And after gaining permission, I presented that which the nightingale of thy longing warbled upon the branches of thy knowledge. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which the world hath witnessed, saying:

In My Name, the Speaking, the All-Knowing

O Ali! The Wronged One hath heard thy mention and thy praise in the letter thou didst send to the servant in attendance before the Countenance, and We have revealed for thee that which hath attracted the hearts of them that are possessed of understanding. The Most Great Proof hath appeared, and the Lord of Eternity proclaimeth with the loudest voice: The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful! Say: This is the Day wherein the Mother of the Bayan and the Mother Book walketh and speaketh, while the people are in doubt and schism. We have sent down the proof and made manifest the way, as a grace from Us. Verily, thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. All things have testified to the Lord of Names, and the Supreme Pen speaketh and saith: By God! The Hidden One hath appeared with the banners of His signs. This is the Day wherein the Ocean of Utterance beareth witness to the Lord of Religions, and the Divine Lote-Tree speaketh and giveth the glad tidings to the servants of this Revelation, through which the horizons have been illumined.

O thou who soarest in the atmosphere of My love! Night and day, the Pen and the Tongue are occupied with the mention of the friends of God, and naught can equal even a letter thereof. Give thou the glad-tidings of the favors of the Lord of Names to the people of Baha, both manifest and hidden, that perchance the sorrows of the world may not prevent them from the Lord of Eternity. I swear by the Ocean of Divine Utterance that the survival of the world and its growth and elevation have been and are for the sake of the loved ones of Truth. The poverty that is now witnessed is the cause of wealth and riches, and likewise weakness is the cause of power and might. O Ali! The lights of the Sun of Justice shall emerge from behind the dark clouds and illumine the world. Convey My greetings to them that drink the choice wine of inner meanings, and say: Death is written once for every soul, and this is an irrevocable decree inscribed by the Supreme Pen in God’s Book. Blessed is the soul whose life and death are for God and occur in His path.

All must today observe wisdom and act in accordance with it, and arise to serve the Cause with the utmost joy and fragrance. Man hath been created for love and knowledge. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto that which God, the Lord of all that was and shall be, hath desired.

By My life! These two days are not worthy of attention. Beseech God that He may enable all to achieve that which is loved and mentioned in His presence. Say: Drink ye My choice sealed wine in My Name, the Self-Subsisting. It will attract you to a station wherein the conditions of the world will not sadden you, nor will the clamor of those who have turned away from God, the Exalted, the Great.

Say: O friends! Know ye the worth of your stations and preserve them through the Name of God, the Most Glorious. Were the veil to be lifted and less than a needle's eye of the station of God's chosen ones be revealed, all the world would turn towards the Most Great Name. Now the manifestations, conditions and ephemeral beings of the earth have prevented the people from the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness. And what is meant by ephemeral conditions and colors are the divines of the age who are the cause of prevention. They are the greatest veil that hath intervened between the lights of the Countenance and humanity. Would that they had attained unto a drop from the ocean of knowledge! They have borne an ocean of vain imaginings and a city of idle fancies, and in the marketplace of heedlessness they seek customers. Their likeness is as one who hath been named "the Wolf," whose deeds and allotted time have been set down by the Pen of the All-Merciful in the Tablet of Proof.

Say: O friends! In all circumstances fix your gaze upon wisdom and hold fast unto it. Put your trust in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. He is with you, hearing what your tongues utter and seeing your deeds. He, verily, is the Witness, the Hearer, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Upon thee be My Glory, and upon them, and upon whosoever was present before the Face and recordeth that which descendeth from the Kingdom of Utterance of his Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful, and upon those who circle round the Throne with manifest sincerity.

Praise be to God! That beloved one hath been and is adorned with the ornament of the grace of God, the Most Glorious. The world cannot equal this bounty, nor can the birds of the hearts comprehend it. Although for some time this evanescent servant hath not been enabled to reply to that beloved one's letter, this was not due to any lack of sincerity. God, the All-Knowing, is witness and testifier that they are ever before mine eyes and present in my heart. Several petitions from that land attained the Most Holy Court and responses to some were revealed in those same days. Nevertheless, due to consummate wisdom and events occurring in this land and other considerations, there was delay until this time when, by the command and will of the Lord of Oneness, it was sent. God willing, they will attain unto it and drink from the Kawthar of divine utterance—a drink that the vicissitudes of time shall not efface nor remove from sight.

All the Prophets and Messengers have awaited this Day, as have the saints and chosen ones, and at all times they have beseeched and implored God, the Most Glorious, that they might be enabled to hearken unto this call and be honored and distinguished by the word of His good-pleasure. Soon will the stations of those souls who have drunk the wine of steadfastness and attained unto the Word of God become manifest and evident in the earth.

And concerning what you wrote about hearing that the Most Great Branch—may my spirit, my being, and my essence be sacrificed for the dust of His footsteps—hath chosen to travel: Yes, all that was revealed by the Supreme Pen upon first arrival in the prison hath become fully manifest and evident. At first arrival in the Most Great Prison conditions were exceedingly difficult, until the Supreme Pen gave the glad-tidings that the prison gates would be opened—whoso willeth may go forth and whoso willeth may enter therein. Until now, each year He hath journeyed in whatever direction He hath chosen and none hath objected; rather, all have shown the utmost submissiveness and humility. Had the existing souls moved according to what God desired, now would the whole earth be seen as one land. The details of this land remain concealed and unmentioned. Knowledge is with God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

You made mention of the Devil of Cyprus having been released, as reported. Would that he were released and would associate with people for a while, so that what is hidden might become clear and evident. Consider, O beloved of my heart, how he was concealed behind numerous veils, city after city, while God, exalted be His glory, was alone in the hands of His servants. Yet when the banner "Verily He is God, there is none other God but Him" was raised in the most exalted station, the buzzing of flies emerged from behind the veil, uttering that which neither the tyrants nor Pharaohs of old had uttered. The tyrants and Pharaohs mentioned in every instance are, according to the explanation of the All-Merciful, the divines of the age who in every era and century have been the cause of people's hindrance and veiling. I testify that they have gone astray and led others astray. Soon shall they find themselves in the lowest depths.

What you sent arrived and, praise be to God, was adorned with the ornament of acceptance. This evanescent one's petition is that, should wisdom permit, convey my greetings to the friends in that land who soar on wings of steadfastness in the atmosphere of the love of the Beloved of the worlds. God willing, may you remain firm and steadfast in the Cause of the Lord of all creation with the utmost power, might, spirit and joy, and may you drink at all times from the living waters. This is the day for the manifestation of refined conduct, goodly character, and pure deeds. We beseech God to adorn all with these and to aid them to achieve in the assemblage of the world that which He loves and is pleased with. He is the Powerful, the Mighty. There is none other God but Him, the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful.

The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of utterance of our Lord, the Most Merciful, be upon you and upon those with you and upon those whom the affairs of creation have not hindered from the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH03436: O Muhammad! O thou who hast turned thy face…

In the Name of the All-Loving, the All-Bountiful

O Muhammad! O thou who hast turned thy face toward My horizon and hast expended what thou hadst in search of My good-pleasure! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee with that which shall draw thee to a station wherein the sorrows of the world and its conditions and its intimations and its manifestations shall not affect thee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Forgiving. Blessed be thy face, for it hath turned toward Him, and thy heart, for it hath attained unto the ornament of the love of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. We have known thy sorrow and witnessed thy grief at what hath befallen thee through the decree of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. We counsel thee to

patience and forbearance. By the life of God! He is in a station wherein hearts rejoice and eyes are gladdened. Were the world to possess any worth in thy Lord's estimation, He would not have left it to His loved ones. To this testifieth the Preserved Tablet in His presence. We have desired to make mention of him at this time in this Forbidden Place—the Light manifest, resplendent and shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Most High, the All-Glorious.

Upon thee, O thou whom the attraction of the love of the Lord of Names hath drawn to the Supreme Horizon! I bear witness that thou didst inhale the fragrance of the Garment and didst seek the Ultimate Goal—the station whereof all the pens of the world are powerless to make mention. Blessed art thou, O thou who wast deemed small by the people but great in the sight of God, the Knower of things unseen. Joy be to him who remembereth thee and visiteth thee for the sake of God, the Lord of the seen and unseen.

O My Afnan! Sorrows have encompassed Us from every side through what the people possess in manifest wrong. They have cast the Cause of God behind their backs and followed every remote oppressor. They behold the signs of God, yet dispute them; they hear His call, yet turn away from it. They are indeed among the most lost. Will what they possess endure for them, or will their ornaments profit them? Nay, by thy Lord, the Supreme Ruler over all who are in the heavens and on earth! Thus hath the tongue of the Wronged One spoken in this holy, mighty and exalted station.

We send Our greetings from this Place to thee and to My Afnan who have remained faithful to God's Covenant and Testament and who were among the firm ones. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH03566: O Afnan! By My life, sorrows have mounted until…

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

O Afnan! By My life, sorrows have mounted until they have reached the hem of the robe of thy Lord's mercy, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful, by reason of what hath come to thee from My Most Exalted Pen, though I know that he who hath ascended hath attained unto that which most of the servants have not attained. He Who heareth and seeth beareth witness to this, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O My Afnan! By My life, wert thou to behold his station, thou wouldst thank thy Lord and say:

> "I testify that Thou art praised in Thy deeds and obeyed in Thy command. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Praised."

The Wronged One consoleth and comforteth thee in the Most Great Prison, and hath sent down for thee that which bespeaketh His mercy that hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth.

I testify that he hath soared to the Divine Lote-Tree and been attracted by the manifestations of thy Lord's providence in such wise that every discerning one is powerless to describe it. The breeze of detachment hath wafted from the garden of this world, and every hearing ear perceiveth its rushing sound. That which is seen and unseen shall perish, and sovereignty over the Kingdom shall remain with

God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. We have remembered him and do remember him as a command from Us. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Compassionate, the Most Merciful.

O My Afnan! He Who conversed on Sinai consoleth thee in what hath befallen thee, and the Desired One of the world remembereth thee while imprisoned by those who were heedless of God and His sovereignty, who disputed His signs and turned away from His manifest and shining proof. Know thou this most exalted station and convey My greetings to My leaves and Afnans who have held fast to the command of God, the Mighty, the Powerful. In all circumstances remain thou firm in the wisdom We have sent down mention of in the Psalms and Tablets, as a command from One All-Wise, All-Knowing.

The glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon thee and upon My Afnans and upon those who love you and hearken to your words in this firm and mighty Cause.

BH03932: O my God, my Lord, my Support and my…

He is the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden

O my God, my Lord, my Support and my Hope! My outer and inner tongue bear witness that Thou art God, that there is none other God but Thee. Thou hast ever been supreme over Thy creation and powerful over Thy servants. Thou didst send the Messengers and reveal the Books for the guidance of the people of Thy kingdom—a bounty from Thee. Thou art He, O my God, Whose mercy hath preceded all created things and Whose grace hath encompassed all existence.

I beseech Thee by the suns of the heavens of Thy Will and the pearls of the oceans of Thy knowledge and volition to draw me near unto Thee in all conditions and to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which Thou didst ordain for Thy loved ones and chosen ones whom Thou didst assist through Thy power and sovereignty to shatter the idols of idle fancies and vain imaginings, and whom Thou didst guide to Thy path. Thou art He Whom the might of the oppressors cannot frustrate and the ascendancy of the pharaohs cannot prevent. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Within the grasp of Thy power lieth the control of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Wouldst Thou disappoint, O my God, one who hath sought the gate of Thy bounty, and wouldst Thou deny, O my Beloved, one who hath hastened to the shore of the ocean of Thy grace? I beseech Thee by the wonders of Thy favor to forgive me and remit my sins which have come between me and Thee.

O Lord! The poorest of Thy servants hath sought the ocean of Thy wealth, and the lowliest of Thy creation hath turned toward the horizon of Thy power. I beseech Thee by the Manifestation of Thy Self, the Dayspring of Thy signs and the Source of Thy Cause to ordain for me that which shall profit me in the hereafter and in this world. Verily Thou art the Lord of all humanity.

Then make me steadfast in Thy love and the love of Thy chosen ones, and assist me to act according to what Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Thou art He from Whose knowledge nothing escapeth, and Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH04562: O Ahmad, upon thee be My Glory! Hearken unto…

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

O Ahmad, upon thee be My Glory! Hearken unto My remembrance and My call, and unto that which appeareth from the Kingdom of Mine utterance concerning one of Mine Afnan whom We have illumined with the lights of the Sun of Our providence and purified from whatsoever is repugnant to Our good-pleasure. We were with him on the day he was born and at the time when he soared on the wings of detachment to the All-Highest Horizon and attained the blessing of nearness and sanctity and the presence of his Lord, and witnessed His greatest signs. By My life! The most great joy seized him in such wise as transcendeth the comprehension of men. The Tongue of Grandeur now maketh mention of him, saying: O Husayn, He Who is the H and the S remembereth thee from His mighty prison, that through His remembrance the chosen ones of God and His loved ones may remember thee—they who have testified to that which God Himself hath testified: that there is none other God besides Me, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

I bear witness that thou wast born in sanctity and didst ascend unto God with a countenance unaltered by earthly conditions and tribulations, until thou didst enter within the precincts of the mercy of thy Lord, the All-Loving, the All-Merciful. I bear witness that thou wert mature before attaining maturity, and wert strong in the Book of God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. Blessed is he who turneth towards thee and standeth at thy resting-place and visiteth thee through that which hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen in this glorious station. We counsel Mine Afnan to patience and fortitude, and We console them in what hath befallen the Divine Lote-Tree through God's irrevocable decree. The light that shineth resplendent from the horizon of God's tender mercy be upon you and upon those who have attained unto His remembrance, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

BH04397: O Supreme Pen! Make mention of him who hath…

He is the Compassionate, the Consoler, the Mighty, the All-Knowing

O Supreme Pen! Make mention of him who hath soared unto the Sadratu'l-Muntaha and attained unto that which was inscribed in the Books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O My Afnan! Whatsoever befalleth is in accordance with the consummate wisdom of God, especially in matters pertaining to the Afnan. Soon shall that which hath been mentioned reveal its effects throughout all regions.

The world itself at every moment testifieth to its own evanescence. What joy is there that grief hath not overtaken? What exaltation that change hath not pursued? What abode from which the wailing of weeping hath not arisen? And what might and power that the talons of weakness and impotence have not seized?

Yet, by My life, that which hath befallen you, though outwardly it appeareth as fire, inwardly it is light. The tongue of the Wronged One in this prison testifieth to that which hath been mentioned, and beyond

it those who were created by God's binding Word. Your tribulation hath grieved My heart and My Pen, for the Tree hath related you unto it and made you to be of the people of Baha in a perspicuous Book.

God willing, in all conditions you shall remain fixed upon the most exalted horizon and patient in that which hath befallen you. Convey on behalf of the Wronged One greetings to those who quaff the choice wine of inner meanings. Verily, We send Our greetings unto them and give them glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for them from the presence of One mighty and powerful.

Glory be upon you and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH04675: Fix thy gaze upon this most exalted Word…

In the Name of Him Who shineth from the horizon of the Kingdom!

Fix thy gaze upon this most exalted Word, which is accounted as a pearl from the ocean of divine knowledge: "Cast away all else, then ascend unto My Kingdom." God willing, thou shalt attain to this lofty and most exalted station. Mention of thee was made before the Wronged One, and the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was sent in reply to thy letter.

God willing, thou shalt inhale the fragrances of revelation from the traces of the Most Exalted Pen, and shalt remain firm, steadfast and upright in the path of God, glorified be His majesty, that there may appear what hath been ordained for thee from God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. The intoxication of vain desire hath seized most of the people of the world, to such extent that they remain heedless and deprived of their true Purpose and Goal. That which they sought night and day with lowliness and supplication—from this they now turn aside when they behold it. Blessed is the soul whom the affairs of the world have not prevented from the Ancient Lord, and whom the intimations of the peoples have not deprived. All confess the transience of the world, yet still they cling to it.

We beseech God to assist thee to aid this Cause through wisdom and utterance, and to bring thee to a station wherein thine eyes and the eyes of thy loved ones shall be solaced. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Glory be unto those who have cast behind them vain imaginings, turning their faces toward the horizon whence hath shone the Sun of Certitude through this Name, whereby the Concourse on High rejoiced and every rejected satan lamented.

BH05017: All the peoples of the world were awaiting…

He is the Manifest, the Speaking One, the All-Knowing

All the peoples of the world were awaiting the Manifestation, and the appointed time for all nations came to pass, and the promised Sun rose from the horizon of the heaven of revelation and shone forth. Yet all remained heedless and veiled from Him, save those souls who broke the chains of idle fancies and blind imitation through the power of the Most Great Name, and turned with their faces toward the horizon of certitude. Reflect upon the earlier centuries: whenever a light appeared from the most exalted horizon, the divines and rulers strove to extinguish it, and did that which caused the cessation of the outpourings

of the True One, the All-Bountiful. The divine verses have encompassed the world, and His evident signs have appeared and shone forth from all horizons.

Nevertheless, they are observed wandering in the wilderness of error. Grieve thou not over anything. Place thy trust in God, the Lord of the worlds. Then give thanks to Him for having aided thee to turn towards Him and for having taught thee that which was hidden from a great many of His creatures. Verily, He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have heard thy call and read thy letter, and have answered thee with this Tablet. This is naught but a mighty favor. Know thou its station and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and on earth! We give thee glad tidings at the end of this Tablet of My loving-kindness, My grace and My mercy which have preceded all else. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

BH05704: This Wronged One, imprisoned, bears witness to the oneness…

He is God, exalted be His station of grandeur and power

This Wronged One, imprisoned, bears witness to the oneness of God, exalted be His glory, and to His singleness. He sent forth the Messengers and revealed the Books until the mission was sealed with the Seal of the Prophets. He is the One Who acts with free will—whatsoever He has willed or will will is enacted and effective. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. And He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

We convey greetings to the friends of God and beseech Him not to deprive them from the ocean of His bounty. Today striving is necessary, and likewise meditation on the signs in the horizons and within yourselves. His exalted Word:

> "And those who strive in Our path, We shall assuredly guide them to Our ways."

Look ye in the Book of Certitude and ponder. Say: O friends, count ye the opportunity as precious and arise to make up for what was lost. Speak for God's sake and strive and endeavor in God's path. The Pen is forbidden from mentioning what is befitting, and the tongue from utterance. In all conditions, fix your gaze upon wisdom. We have enjoined wisdom upon all, before and after. Blessed is he who holdeth fast unto it and turneth away from what is forbidden in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH06193: Glorified art Thou, O God of Names and Creator…

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

Glorified art Thou, O God of Names and Creator of heaven! I bear witness in this my station to Thy oneness and Thy singleness, and I acknowledge that which was acknowledged by the Manifestations of Thy Self, the Daysprings of Thy Revelation, the Recipients of Thy knowledge, and the Repositories of Thy wisdom—that Thou art God, there is no God but Thee. Thou hast ever been one in Thy Essence and one in Thy attributes, and wilt ever continue to be as Thou hast been from time immemorial.

O my Lord! Thou seest Thy handmaiden turning unto Thee, holding fast to the cord of Thy bounty, and clinging to the hem of the robe of Thy grace and generosity. I beseech Thee by the hidden gifts of Thy

bounty and the manifest tokens of Thy grace, that Thou disappoint me not of that which Thou hast ordained for Thy handmaidens who have turned toward Thy most exalted horizon and hearkened unto Thy most sweet call.

O my Lord! Thou art He to Whose power and might all created things have testified, and to Whose grandeur and all-embracing knowledge all contingent beings have borne witness. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy sovereignty and ordainest what Thou pleasest through Thy will. O my Lord! Make me in all circumstances steadfast in Thy Cause, whereby the hearts of Thy creatures were troubled and the limbs of Thy servants trembled. There is no God but Thee, the All-Powerful, the All-Forgiving, the Kind, the Generous, the Merciful.

BH06154: A mention from Us to the one whose letter…

He is the All-Knowing Witness.

A mention from Us to the one whose letter came before the Wronged One when He was among the heedless ones.

O Khayrullah! We have heard your call and have answered you as a mercy from Us, that you may give thanks to your Lord, the Generous. This is the Day wherein every hearer has attained to hearing the Call of God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, and every seeing one to beholding the lights of the countenance of his Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God, my Lord, my Support and my Hope! I testify that Thou hast ever been in the heights of power, might and majesty, and in the summits of strength, grandeur and authority, and wilt ever continue to be as Thou hast been from time immemorial. I beseech Thee by the fragrances of the garment of Thy mercy and the sweet savors of Thy days to draw me nigh unto Thee and make me steadfast in Thy Cause whereby every edifice hath been shaken and every pillar hath trembled. Then assist me, O my God, to acknowledge that which Thy Tongue hath uttered and to act according to what Thou hast commanded in Thy Book. Verily Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest and in Thy grasp is the kingdom of names. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise.

BH08611: O My Leaf! Hearken unto the rustling…

He is the Kind, the Forgiving.

O My Leaf! Hearken unto the rustling of the Tree of My loving-kindness. It consoles thee in what hath befallen thee through the decree of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. By My life! From its rustling is heard:

> “Husayn hath attained the ultimate goal, the most exalted summit, and the Supreme Companion.”

Let not separation grieve thee, O Leaf, for he drinketh from the ocean of nearness and reunion, and hath attained that which cannot be mentioned in words. Thy Lord is verily the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. We counsel thee to be patient and steadfast. In all conditions thou shouldst gaze toward the horizon of

thy Lord's Will and hold fast to the cord of resignation in whatsoever God hath willed and willeth. He is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Glory shining forth from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon the leaves of My Tree who are moved by the winds of God's Will, the Mighty, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH00600: Praise be hallowed above mention and utterance—praise…

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

Praise be hallowed above mention and utterance—praise that befits the most impenetrable, most holy court of the Beloved One, Who adorned the world with the blessed word "Look and thou shalt behold Me," and honored sanctified, receptive ears with hearing it. He is the Almighty One Whom the weapons of the world prevented not from accomplishing His purpose, nor did human conditions deter Him from revealing the hidden mystery. By the sword of utterance He conquered the illumined cities of receptive hearts. With one cup of the wine of utterance He intoxicated the essences of creation, such that the Abrahams of the age turned toward the fire, and the sacrificial victims of the day hastened with utmost joy and attraction to the place of sacrifice, and unlike before, returned not alive but offered up their lives with complete longing. Exalted be their station, exalted be their rank! These are the souls whose mention all divine books proclaim, and to whose lofty station the company of Prophets and Messengers bear witness.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou in Whose grasp is the rein of all created things and in Whose right hand are the reins of all existence! I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thou didst send down the Book and manifest the signs, to ordain for Thy loved ones from the Supreme Pen that which will draw them nigh unto Thee in such wise that the conditions of creation shall not weaken them, nor shall the hints of those servants who have cast Thy commandments behind their backs and followed their own desires render them powerless. O Lord! Thou seest those near to Thee turning toward the horizon of Thy manifestation, and the sincere ones hastening to the shore of the ocean of Thy grace.

I beseech Thee by the sun of Thy loving-kindness and the heaven of Thy bounty to ordain for Thy loved ones that which befitteth Thy greatness and power. O Lord! Thou seest them clinging to the ropes of Thy gifts and holding fast to the hem of the robe of Thy generosity. Send down upon them through Thy might that which will preserve them from all else besides Thee and raise them to a station wherein they will arise to commemorate Thee, praise Thee and serve Thy Cause. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance and the fire of Thy Sacred Tree to aid all to turn unto Thee and draw nigh unto the court of the gate of Thy mercy. Thou art He Whom the might and power of creation cannot prevent. Thou doest and ordainest as Thou pleasest. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful.

To continue: this servant became acquainted with your mention, your praise, your submissiveness and your humility before 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 gathered the ripe fruits from the fresh trees of your utterances, I turned toward the Most Glorious Horizon and the Supreme Horizon. When I attained the presence, I presented what was born of the maidens of your knowledge and what appeared of the pearls

of your utterance. When that which was in your letter was completed, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke in reply, saying, glorified and exalted be He:

In My Name, the Wronged One, the Stranger

Thou art he who was present, heard and witnessed, and wast of them that testify, and didst attain unto that which was inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books of God, the Lord of all men. Verily thy Lord is the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed. Blessed is the servant who hath attained unto the Day of God and hath heard that which the Lote-Tree of the Uttermost End hath spoken from its station, and hath taken the choice wine of revelation from the hand of the bounty of his Lord and drunk thereof in His Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Thou hast indeed reached the Most Exalted Goal and the Supreme Summit until thou didst attain unto that which none hath attained save whom God, the Lord of the worlds, hath willed. We counsel thee to preserve this Most Great Station. By the life of God! All that thou beholdest today shall perish, and there shall endure that which hath been ordained for thee by the One Who is the Almighty, the Ancient of Days. Read thou the verses of God with joy and fragrance. Verily they shall draw thee to a station wherein the affairs of earth shall not prevent thee from its luminous horizon.

O Zayn! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. God willing, the sweetness of utterance shall be made manifest with complete effect in thy taste. Thou art and hast been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. In these days if one looks to the veils of the people, the loftiness, sublimity, penetrating influence and all-encompassing nature of God's Cause remain concealed. Assuredly this concealment shall be followed by revelation, and this contraction shall be transformed into expansion. I swear by the Sun of the heaven of inner meanings that the stations of God's loved ones shall ere long become manifest as the rays of the sun and encompass the world. Those who in the great nations count themselves among the most learned of men and consider themselves among the civilized ones cling to matters more flimsy than a spider's web and sacrifice their lives and wealth for their realization and manifestation, while this Cause, which is greater than the heavens and the earth, hath appeared and become evident among the people of Iran; nevertheless souls remain heedless of it and veiled from it.

We beseech God to make the people aware and not deprive them of the lights of the Sun of Truth. Verily He is powerful over all things. That which hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen shall assuredly appear in the realm of manifestation, even as most of it hath already appeared and become evident, and all have witnessed it.

O Zayn! Thy reward is preserved with God and shall certainly reach thee. Strive ye that steadfast and firm souls may remind people through healing and sufficient utterances. This is what is incumbent upon all. Verily He speaketh the truth and guideth the Way. Be thou joyous through God's grace and assured by what He hath mentioned. God willing, mayest thou be adorned with the utmost trustworthiness, religiosity, truthfulness and sincerity, and mayest thou embellish the world with these sacred garments. Should the entire world arise with sharpened swords and attempt to prevent a single letter of God's words that have flowed from the Most Exalted Pen from taking effect, they would surely find themselves powerless and in loss.

You had sought permission to turn towards the Prison. Praise be to God that you attained His presence and received an ample portion from the Kawthar of reunion. Now you must devote your energies to teaching God's Cause. This has been and will continue to be the cause and means for the elevation of receptive souls. Strive and hold fast to this in the days and nights, that perchance people who have grown cold may be refreshed and enkindled by the Kawthar of utterance and the fire of the love of the All-Merciful, so that from the verdant and flourishing trees the fire of God's Word might become manifest and evident. Ere long, the rewards of deeds performed for God and in His path will be revealed in the realm of vision and witness. Be not grieved. God willing, you shall attain to the ocean of joy. Verily your Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Ere long, infinite doors shall be opened before the faces of God's loved ones. Verily He speaks the truth, and He is the True, the Trustworthy Informer.

Illumine the friends in that land with the lights of God's Supreme Remembrance. We counsel them as We counseled them before, to show forth the Greater Steadfastness, and to be characterized by trustworthiness, religiosity, truthfulness and fidelity. By the life of God! Goodly deeds and praiseworthy attributes have been and are the hosts of God, and the conquest of the citadels of hearts depends upon these hosts. Verily He reminds them and teaches them that which profits them. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful.

This evanescent servant at all times beseeches the True One, exalted be His glory, to assist that honored master to render such service in the path of the Cause that countless centuries and endless ages and epochs will not erase it. Great is this day, and whatever matter appears in it for the sake of God is greatest and most glorious. God is witness and testifier that your mention has been upon the tongue and your love in the heart, and God willing, through His grace it shall continue to be so. And I hope that you may attain to that which is the cause of good in this world and the next. And as for what you had besought from God, exalted be His glory, that He might adorn that land with the shining lights in the presence of His countenance, it was submitted. His word, exalted and mighty be He: God willing, they shall attain to that which they have desired. Verily He is the Observer, the All-Seeing, the Near, the Answerer.

This evanescent servant beseecheth that if it be deemed advisable and wisdom requireth it, greetings be conveyed on my behalf to the friends in that land. It is hoped that at all times they may partake of the fruits of the immortal Tree and drink from the ocean of divine love in such wise that neither the cares and sorrows nor the conditions and vicissitudes of the world may stay their progress or debar them from that which is beloved. Though to some the world may appear slow in its movements and progress, yet in truth, in the eyes of the people of Baha, it is seen to be swifter than lightning and closer to extinction than the twinkling of an eye.

In such circumstances, the friends of God must hold fast to that which is enduring and everlasting. By the ocean of truth! Today in the Most Great Prison, before the face of the Ancient King, the ocean of reality appeareth manifest and billowing. Were all the peoples of the world to inhale but a trace of the fragrance of His robe, were they to hearken unto but one of the revealed utterances, they would all forsake that which they possess and turn unto that which is with God. It is hoped that all the friends will concentrate their efforts on serving the Cause and cling to whatsoever will attract the hearts of men. May the glory

shining from the horizon of the loving-kindness of our Lord, the All-Merciful, rest upon you and upon those who have hearkened and responded and have testified to that whereunto God hath testified: verily there is no God but Him, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. And praise be to God, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the Best-Beloved.

BH02930: Today the essence of praise and the purest commendation…

…Today the essence of praise and the purest commendation belong to those souls who are seated upon the Crimson Ark in the name of the Lord of Creation, and who are adorned with the most great steadfastness. By the life of God! The radiance of their faces hath illumined the realms of utterance and knowledge, and the fragrance of their remembrance hath perfumed the domains of proof and explanation. These are the souls who were not hindered by the censure of the censurers, nor held back from their devotion by the derision of the scoffers. These are the essence of the world and the dawning-places of divine favors amidst all peoples. Blessed are those servants who have turned unto them and who have grasped the hem of their love. By the Lord of Eternity! Whosoever turneth unto them is recorded among the righteous in God's Book. These are the people of Baha in the kingdom of creation, whom God hath described in the books of the past, in the Qur'an, and in the Bayan….

All the friends of God must adorn themselves with goodly character, befitting conduct and pure utterances. Praiseworthy qualities are as hosts that assist and support the Cause of God. Blessed are they who have conquered the cities of hearts with these hosts. This Most Great Revelation hath been and shall ever remain sanctified from creation and all that belongeth unto it. All must soar above the aspirations of the peoples of the world and strive to educate all who dwell on earth and guide them to the straight path—that is, to a station worthy of the human rank.

All the friends have endured reproach and derision in the path of God, glorified be His majesty, and have borne hardships, troubles and difficulties. Now they must not efface that which they have borne in God's path, but must preserve their stations and ranks in the name of Truth. By the life of God! This is the Day of recompense and reward. Be not heedless of your condition. Know ye your worth. The world is like unto a mirage that shall soon return to nothingness. Today, every deed performed for God's sake shall have its mention preserved and enduring. Today the greatest veil hath prevented mankind from beholding the Sun of Truth. Were this veil to be removed, all would be seen circling round, nay, circling round but one of those who have turned towards Him….

Praise be to God! The effulgences of the rays of the true Sun have encompassed the world. Divine grace hath been manifested in such wise that every possessor of knowledge and learning is powerless to comprehend it. Blessed is the soul that hath in these days attained unto His Word and been honored by His mention. One letter from the Book of the Kingdom cannot be equalled by the dominion of the heavens and earth. Ere long degrees and stations shall become manifest, and all that hath streamed forth from the Most Exalted Pen in the Tablets shall be witnessed. The Command is in His grasp—He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Almighty, the Powerful….

BH03877: He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing!…

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing! The Books of God have testified to this Wronged One, Who hath accepted tribulation and calamity in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds. He is indeed the One Whom God's Messengers have foretold. Blessed is the ear that hath heard His most sweet call as it was raised from His most exalted horizon. He is of them who witnessed and beheld the greatest signs of their Lord when all mankind turned away save whom God pleased, the Possessor of this mighty Cause.

By God! The Interlocutor of Sinai hath come, yet the people are in a thick veil. They have denied God's favor after its descent and turned away from Him at Whose appearance the verses bowed down in submission. To this testifieth every possessor of illumined vision.

O Muhammad! Hearken unto the call of Him Who heard thy call ere it issued from thy lips. Thy Lord is verily the All-Hearing, the All-Responding. Blessed is thy house wherein God's remembrance hath been raised and wherein have entered those servants who have held fast to the Sure Handle and clung to the hem of thy radiant Lord. Naught escapeth His knowledge. He heareth and seeth, and He is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

Convey My greetings to My loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of My great bounty. Say: Beware lest the affairs of the world withhold you from the Lord of all names. Be as mountains in this Cause, at Whose appearance every firm edifice hath been shaken to its foundation. Say: Be united in your words, then aid your Lord, the All-Merciful, with wisdom and utterance. Thus have We commanded you before and after. He is verily the Commander, the All-Wise.

The kingdom and all that the people possess shall perish, but there shall endure for you what hath been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen in this glorious station. The splendor shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon them and upon thy son and thy kindred. Thy Lord is verily the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

BH07099: Glorified be He Who hath appeared and revealed…

He is the All-Knowing Expositor!

Glorified be He Who hath appeared and revealed that which was recorded in the Books of old by the Supreme Pen. He is, verily, the Omnipotent, the Almighty.

We have remembered those who have sought the ultimate goal and the highest summit, and We remember them as a token of Our grace. To this every fair-minded and discerning one doth testify.

O ʿAbdu'l-Karim! Abu'l-Hasan hath mentioned thee in his letter. We have sent down for thee this wondrous Tablet. Blessed is the face that hath turned, and the heart that hath drawn nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Be thou steadfast in the path and firm in the Cause, giving voice to the praise of thy gracious Lord. Verily, He heareth the call and respondeth. He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Forgiving, the Merciful.

Ask thou God to assist thee to remain steadfast in this mighty Cause and to aid thee to act according to that which He hath revealed in His wise Book—that Book through whose appearance the clouds have passed, the breezes of revelation have wafted, the path hath been laid down, the balance hath been set up, and the nightingale hath warbled upon the branches. Sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH06933: Bear thou witness unto that which God did testify…

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

Bear thou witness unto that which God did testify before the creation of the heavens and the earth: that there is none other God but I, the [Protector], the Self-Subsisting. We created creation for this Day and took from them its covenant through the tongues of those Whom We sent, as a token of Our grace, for I am, verily, powerful over whatsoever I desire through My word “Be” and it is.

Yet when the Day appeared, the servants turned away save whom God, the King of Kings, did will. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto the recognition of its Lord, and woe betide him who hath been debarred from this glorious station. Give thanks unto God for having made known unto thee that which most of the learned ones have failed to comprehend. Thy Lord is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Loving. Be thou steadfast in serving the Cause, speaking the praise of God, and soaring in the atmosphere of His Will that encompasseth both the seen and the unseen. The glory shining forth from My most exalted horizon be upon thee and upon My loved ones in that place who have hearkened unto My sweet call from My glorious Prison.

BH08004: In the Name of the Mighty, the All-Wise! Praise…

In the Name of the Mighty, the All-Wise! Praise be to God! Through the effulgence of the rays of the Sun of Truth, the realm of the heart is illumined and radiant, and all the atoms of creation are engaged in the glorification and sanctification of the beloved Lord. Yet not every ear is attuned to hear it. Say: O friends! Strive ye to adorn yourselves with the ornament of divine virtues. The praiseworthy conduct that is manifested by the loved ones of God serveth as the educator, teacher and guide of all people. Whosoever is adorned this day with the ornament of pure deeds hath been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book with the name of Baha—that is, they are mentioned as people of Baha in the Book. All must be manifestations and dawning-places of exalted attributes in the name of Truth. The days are passing like a breeze. God willing, may all be mindful of that which behooveth them and be sanctified from that which perisheth. This is the counsel of the Wronged One of the horizons.

BH08477: This is the Day wherein the Hour proclaimeth…

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

This is the Day wherein the Hour proclaimeth and saith: O God of the Kingdom and the Dominion! I beseech Thee by the power through which Thou didst subdue the world, to protect me from the terror of this Day. Verily, Thou art the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Such agitation hath seized me that my heart hath melted from fear of Thee. Have mercy upon me through Thy grace and bounty, then preserve

me from the hosts of the doubters. By the life of God! This is a matter at which the Most Great Trump was thunderstruck—how much more the servants who have clung to every ignorant doubter. Verily, thou hast held fast to the Most Mighty Cord by God's leave, the Lord of ancient days, and hast clung to His luminous hem. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made known unto me and taught me and revealed unto me that which hath gladdened my heart and cheered my eyes and dilated my breast. I testify that Thou art the Lord of all worlds, the Goal of them that know Thee, and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

BH09772: For him who serves the Mashriqu'l-Adhkar

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He is the Mighty, the Great

We make mention of him who has arisen to serve the Cause and has acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken—that there is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Every soul who has turned towards God hath attained unto His mention and praise on a Day wherein the Call was raised between the heavens and the earth. Be thou thankful unto God for having been mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen, and for the Face of God having turned towards thee from this sublime station. Hold fast unto My strong cord and cling to the hem of My garment. Thus doth He command thee, with Whom is the mighty Book. The glory of God be upon thee and upon those who have acted according to that which they were commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH00490: The servant beareth witness that there is none other…

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

The servant beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath come with the truth is He Who cannot be described by attributes nor characterized by mention. Every mention hath bowed down before the manifestations of His mention, and voices have been hushed at the raising of His call, and tongues have been stilled before the waves of the ocean of His utterance, and eyes have been dazzled by the lightning flashes of the light of His countenance. Blessed is he who hath attained unto His day and inhaled the fragrance of His garment, and woe unto him whom vain imaginings have prevented until he denied Him Whom he had called upon in days past.

To continue: O my beloved, thy letter reached the servant, and he learned what was therein. When I perceived and found the fragrance of the words, I turned toward the Dawning-Place of verses until I attained a station round which circled the Concourse on High. Then did I behold the Ancient Beauty walking and singing, while I stood watching for the manifestations of His grace and the evidences of His loving-kindness. Then He turned to me with a face by whose light the earth and heaven were illumined, and He said: "What hast thou, O servant?" I submitted: "I have brought a letter from one of the loved ones," and after permission was granted I presented what was in your letter. When it was completed

He spoke that Purpose by which the fragrance of utterance was diffused throughout all contingent being. I bear witness that with this tongue and this pen I am unable to mention what God revealed in that

moment, but I shall mention for you what was impressed upon my heart from the lights of His utterance and what my power of memory hath preserved through His grace. He spoke, and His word is the truth:

"O thou who art present! His honor Thuraya hath been honored with the mention of the Lord of Names. Time and again have We turned toward him from the precincts of the Prison with words that are as the spirit of utterance itself. In every word there is a power which none save God can reckon. Through it hath appeared what hath appeared. I swear by the Sun of Utterance which shineth from the heaven's horizon of proof that if all who dwell on earth were to discover the fragrance of but one authoritative word that hath shone forth from the Dayspring of divine revelation, they would all testify to that which the Supreme Pen hath pronounced, nay more, would sacrifice their lives and possessions to hear it.

The field and space are narrow, and the Divine Steed hath no room to gallop. God willing, may he be illumined with the light of certitude and stand firm on the straight path of truth. This is a station that cannot be limited nor described. We have summoned the whole world to the most exalted horizon and guided them to the water of life, yet we see them heedless, save whom God willeth, the Lord of all worlds. God willing, may he be assisted to mention the Truth, praise the Truth, teach the Cause of Truth, and serve the Truth. Today every thing among all things crieth out and saith: Let not time slip away. The ears and eyes and heart were created for this wondrous Day.

Arise in the name of God, glorified be His majesty, and with wisdom and utterance guide the servants of the All-Merciful to their true homeland, that perchance they may be freed from the abasement of self and passion and turn toward the most exalted summit. Blessed are they that attain! Blessed are they that turn unto Him!" End.

This lowly servant is so struck by the Kawthar of utterance that he beholds himself in an ocean of wonderment. What can he say and what can he declare? The Cause is more manifest than the sun and the bounty more exalted than heaven. All pens and papers and earthly pages, nay all the aforementioned planes, are powerless and incapable of mentioning its stations and bearing its ranks. My Lord suffices as witness.

As to what was mentioned regarding the official who ascended unto God, it was submitted. This is what the Tongue of the All-Merciful has spoken in the Kingdom of Utterance: Those souls who have arisen and are occupied in service for the sake of God have been and are remembered in His presence. Not so much as a hair's worth of the doers' reward has been or will be lost. If a soul were to become aware of what hath been revealed in the Crimson Scroll, he would testify to that which the Supreme Pen hath spoken. Blessed is he who hath proclaimed My Cause, and the ear that hath heard My call, and the eye that hath beheld My horizon, and the heart that hath turned toward My Kingdom, and the tongue that hath testified to that which My Tongue hath testified.

And likewise mention was made of Mirza Inayat which was submitted before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. This is what the Speaker of Sinai hath spoken: He is the Hearer, the Responsive One. O Inayat! Repeatedly hath thy mention been made before the Supreme Scene and the glances of favor have been directed toward thee from the direction of the Prison. Ask thou of God, exalted be His glory, that thou mayest be assisted in that which beseemeth the Day of God. Know thou with certainty that all that is on

earth cannot equal a word that proceedeth from the Ancient Tongue. Blessed is the soul for whom the word of divine good-pleasure is specially revealed from the heaven of God's bounty. This is that resplendent robe—whosoever is adorned therewith shall be mentioned, described and known throughout the kingdoms of earth and heaven. At all times have We commanded Our loved ones to that which profiteth them and forbidden what harmeth them. Had the servants acted accordingly, the light of the Cause would assuredly have encompassed the world. May thou be confirmed, God willing, in serving the Cause and in holding fast unto the cord of grace throughout all divine worlds.

And this is what was revealed for his honor the Mushrif: He is the One established upon the Throne through His Most Great Name. He Who was promised in the Book of God hath appeared and revealed what He desired. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful. He hath borne in God's path, the Lord of Names, such tribulations as attested by His Clear Book. Among the people are those who turned away from Him, those who disputed His verses, those who denied His proof, and those who pronounced against Him a grievous judgment. We have come from the heaven of grandeur with God's testimonies, proofs, books, psalms and tablets that are possessed by all peoples and parties.

This is witnessed by whoever is adorned with the robe of fairness and speaketh with justice in the days of his Lord, the Hearer, the Responsive. At the dawn of this Day, the divines of Iran turned away, casting the Book of God behind their backs, clinging to the whisperings of the heedless. They are the ones who denied God's truth throughout all ages and pronounced against the Manifestations of His Cause, the Dawning-Places of His Revelation, and the Rising-Points of His all-encompassing knowledge. Thus have We caused the water of life to flow in the rivers of the garden of utterance. Blessed is he who hath attained and said: "Praise be to Thee, O Thou the Goal of the mystics!"

And this is what was revealed for his honor Mirza Isma'il:

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

You were mentioned before the Wronged One, and these exalted words are revealed for the sake of God, that perchance their fragrance may be diffused and guide those endowed with vision to the Most Great Scene. The whole world hath been created for this Most Great Day, as recorded in most divine Books. How excellent is the state of the fair-minded one who speaketh for the sake of God and ariseth to serve Him. Service to the Cause is the refinement of souls from attachments. God willing, the friends shall, through the hosts of remembrance and utterance, take possession of the hearts of the people of the world. Contention and disputation have ever been and shall continue to be the way of the misguided ones.

As to thy question about souls after their ascension, these degrees and stations have repeatedly been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen, and some possess copies thereof. God willing, thou shalt observe them. But the counsel of this Wronged One is that thou shouldst hold fast with the utmost joy and fragrance to serving the Cause of the Beloved of the worlds, for it would be regrettable if these blessed days were to end with such remembrances. Be steadfast in what thou hast been commanded. He will, through the finger of might, open before thee a door wherein thou shalt witness and behold what thou

hast desired from the ocean of thy Lord's utterance, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate. God willing, thou shalt be illumined by the lights of His countenance and drink from the Kawthar of certitude.

This evanescent servant conveyeth greetings and praise to all. God is witness that this evanescent one hath been and is occupied in this Prison with the mention of souls who are content, well-pleasing, firm and steadfast, and beseecheth from God, exalted be His glory, confirmation for each one. Supplication, imploring and entreaty are from the servant, and grace, bounty and response are from God, the One, the Powerful.

As to what thou didst write regarding the book being written in proof of the Revelation, and likewise another treatise on the nobility of the number of the Most Great Name—these matters were submitted by this evanescent one when the Ancient Beauty was residing in the mansion outside the Most Great Prison. His words, exalted be His majesty:

O Muhammad-Husayn! Time and again hast thou been illumined by the splendors of the Sun of divine remembrance, especially in this instance when numerous Tablets have been revealed from the heaven of Will addressed to thee. Know thou the value of this most exalted, most sublime station. If, through the bounty of the All-Merciful, thou drinkest from the ocean of utterance, the affairs of the world shall no longer grieve thee. Thou shalt attain to such joy and gladness that the troubles of the world shall neither prevent nor change it. Whether one striveth in My path or denieth Me—God willing, thou shalt be assisted in that which thou hast intended. Today, should anyone make mention of this Cause or speak a word in its proof, his name shall never be effaced from the Book of existence. Thus hath testified the Lord, the Lord of the Last and the First.

This evanescent servant beseecheth God to confirm thee in that which thou hast intended. Verily, He hath power over whatsoever He willeth.

And as to the fourth matter thou didst mention, it was submitted and He said:

> "We named him ʿBird of Glory' in the Book of Names. God willing, may he be enabled to preserve this station, for the world is in upheaval and the conditions of heedless souls are manifest while the fruits of the tree of sincerity remain hidden. Thieves lie in wait and devils in ambush, and the Cause is mighty, greater and most exalted above them both."

This servant has mentioned and continues to mention that honored one at special times in the Most Holy Presence. Whatever you wrote, its answer has been revealed and is recorded in this letter. I seek earnestness for that honored one, and likewise steadfastness—these two are pillars for the edifice of human existence. And concerning your mention of conditions in those regions, in these days those areas are aflame—at times with the fire of war, at times with the instruments of corruption, and at times with the flames of greed. Surely that honored one has heard and continues to hear of these things. This evanescent one beseeches God to ordain means whereby the horizons of those lands may be illumined with the lights of the Sun of unity. Today is the day of service and the day of teaching the Cause. In this land and its surrounding regions, due to wisdom and other considerations, teaching has in these days been strictly forbidden in the Book. Blessed are they who in those lands attain to this most great bounty.

May the Glory which shineth resplendent from the horizon of the heaven of mercy be upon you and upon those who are with you in the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH03705: Praised be the work of those who have arisen…

Praised be the work of those who have arisen to serve the Cause in such wise that neither the clamor of the people deterred them nor the tyranny of those in the land frightened them….

And regarding the copy of the Risaliy-i-Madaniyyih ["The Secret of Divine Civilization"] which you sent, this is well-pleasing. God willing, may it bear fruit. The reason for its composition was that one day the Most Great Branch—may my spirit, my being, and my essence be sacrificed for the dust of His footsteps—was standing in the Most Holy and Exalted Presence when the Ancient Tongue spoke these words, exalted be His utterance:

"O Most Great Branch! It would be pleasing if some pages were written about the cause and reason for the prosperity of the world and its ruin, in such manner as would lower the prejudiced ones one degree, that they might become ready to hearken unto the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree which is raised high today." Similar contents were heard from the Ancient Tongue. Therefore, the Branch of God wrote the Risaliy-i-Madaniyyih. Some people have imagined that the science of politics, which is the cause of order, security and the prosperity of the world, is confined to certain known persons. How evil is that which they have imagined! With Him is the knowledge of all things in a Clear Book. All politics is concealed and treasured within a single utterance. Blessed are they that observe! Blessed are they that comprehend! Were all that hath been revealed by God, exalted be His glory, in this station to be acted upon, all on earth would find themselves at ease and in comfort. However, eyes have been prevented from seeing and hearts from understanding, by reason of that which the hands of the servants have wrought before and after. Verily our Lord, the All-Knowing, is the Reckoner, the All-Informed….

O Abraham! God willing, mayest thou be stirred, refreshed and gladdened by the wafting breezes of the divine springtime of mercy. Reflect upon the attraction of the verses of God, exalted be His glory. How many were the Friends of the age who freely walked into the fire, and how many were the sacrificial lambs who never returned alive from the altar of sacrifice. If thou wert to become aware of the greatness of the Cause, thou wouldst prostrate thyself, and after raising thy head thou wouldst utter the blessed words "All glory be unto Thee", and again bow down in prostration and utter another blessed word. The attraction of divine grace would so overwhelm thee that, were thy human frame to permit it, thou wouldst prostrate thyself unceasingly forever and utter one of the words of Him Who revealeth the verses. By My life! The Manifestation is more evident than the sun, yet remains veiled and concealed. Thus have the waves of the ocean of thy Lord's utterance, the All-Merciful, appeared. Blessed are they who behold, and joy be to them who recognize. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds….

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

O Ali! We were seated when the servant who is present entered before Us, and in his hand was a book which he presented after receiving permission. We heard it and have answered thee with this luminous Tablet. That which thou didst confide to God hath been honored through the hearing of the Wronged

One, through Whom the horizon of knowledge was illumined and the power of God, the Lord of the worlds, was made manifest. We found thy letter purified from doubts and idle fancies. Thus hath God testified for thee that thou mayest be among the joyous ones. This is a testimony that shall walk before thy face in all the worlds of thy Lord. Be grateful and say:

> "My spirit be a sacrifice for Thy favor, O Thou Who art wronged throughout all horizons!"

I testify that Thou hast appeared with that which every great creation doth circle round.

O Ali! We testify that thou hast attained unto the mention of My Most Exalted Pen in days wherein darkness hath encompassed all regions and every bearer of a burden cast off its load through fear of God, the Strong, the Mighty. We entered into prison and once again conveyed to the divines and princes that which God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forefathers, did desire. Among them were those who cast the Book of God behind their backs, those who hesitated, and those who took it and placed it upon their heads, saying:

> "I believe in Thee, O Thou through Whose appearance the Straight Path hath appeared!"

Blessed art thou for having attained unto God's favor in His days and for having drunk the choice wine of remembrance from the cup of His wondrous utterance.

We counsel thee to preserve what thou hast been given through this Name through which every wise command hath appeared. We have found from thee the fragrance of My love and have caused thee to hear that which hath been sent down from the kingdom of My mighty, invincible Command. Thus have We revealed unto thee the pearls of the ocean of knowledge. When thou hast attained unto them, turn thy face toward God and say:

> "I testify that Thou hast come from the heaven of grace with a manifest light."

The glory that shineth resplendent from the horizon of the brow be upon thee and upon those who are illumined by the lights of certitude….

BH00048: 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

Praise be to God Who hath manifested from the letter Alif the Most Great Steadfastness, and through the letter Ba the distinction between all things, and through the letter Jim revealed the station of him who circumambulated the Throne at eventide and at dawn, and through the letter Dal the submissiveness of God's loved ones in the Kingdom of Names and their humility and their bowing down when the lights were shed forth from the Luminary of their Lord's Will, the Lord of the Beginning and the Return. He made the letter Ha the essence of the temple of letters in the Most Exalted Word. When it was adorned

with the letter Ba, there was manifested the Hidden Secret and the Treasured Mystery and the Most Great Name whereby the world was adorned.

Glorified be He Who hath revealed Himself by His Own Self unto His Own Self, and hath manifested Himself unto His creation through His signs, His revelations and His evidences. Glorified be He Who hath made all things to speak of the letters of the Book and hath revealed the mysteries of the Beginning in the Return. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Bestower. Glorified be the Lord of creation Who was named in the Gospel as the Spirit of Truth, and in the Torah as the Everlasting God, and in the Furqan as the Great Announcement, through Whom this Ancient Structure was raised up. Verily it was preceded by the Cause, which is God's compelling Will. I pray, offer salutations and glorification upon God's chosen ones, His pure ones, His loved ones and His emissaries, whom God hath purified from their own desires and made them the manifestations of His Will amidst all creation. These are servants through whom the horizon of the heaven of trustworthiness was illumined.

Glorified art Thou, O Thou by Whose Name the near ones have called out in the wilderness of longing and the sincere ones in the desert of separation. The sweetness of Thy call, which was raised from the direction of Thy Throne in Thy days, hath so transported them that they were drawn to Thee and said:

> "Here am I, O Lord, here am I! Here am I, O Lord of the world and the Desire of the nations! Here am I, O Most Great Name and Most Ancient Spirit! Here am I, here am I, O Thou through Whose Name the sealed choice Wine was unsealed and the Self-Subsisting Name was manifested, and through Whom the ocean of utterance surged and the fragrance of Thy Name, the All-Merciful, was wafted! Here am I, here am I, O God of existence and Ultimate Goal! Here am I, here am I, O Thou through Whose Name flowed the river of mercy and the Temple of Oneness was established upon the throne of grandeur! Here am I, here am I, O Thou through Whom the Fire spoke in the Tree and the earth shone with the light of Thy countenance! O Thou through Whom the Resurrection arose and the Hour was manifested and decayed bones were quickened! Here am I, here am I, O Goal of the mystics and Ultimate Hope of the yearning ones! Here am I, here am I, O Thou through Whose love the hearts of lovers were melted and through the light of Whose Cause the horizons were illumined!"

I praise Thee for having honored Thy dwellings with Thy presence and pitched Thy tents upon the hills and mountains by Thy Name and Thy power. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the sweetness of Thy utterance and by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued Thy names, to aid Thy servants to turn unto the lights of Thy countenance and to advance toward Thy horizon. O Lord! Keep them not back from the shore of the ocean of Thy bounty, nor deprive them of the table Thou hast sent down from the clouds of Thy generosity and the heaven of Thy grace. Then make known to them that which shall profit them in every world of Thy worlds. Thou, verily, art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

And furthermore, letters of that honored one have been received wherein every word eloquently utters mention of the Beloved of all creation, illuminating the realm of the heart and adorning and gladdening the climate of love. How excellent is what was said! How sweet that fragrance when its perfume was diffused in the name of the peerless Friend and its sweet scents were spread abroad! When I found and

recognized it, I turned toward the countenance of our Lord, the Master of all creation, and drew near until I reached the Most Exalted Horizon. When I attained His presence, I presented that which the nightingale of your love had warbled upon the branches and the dove of your affection had cooed among the twigs. When this was completed, the Lord of the throne above and the earth below, the Master of the latter and former worlds, spoke that which caused all created things to be attracted. His word, exalted be His grandeur:

In My Name, the Manifest, the Speaking, the All-Knowing

This is a mention from Us to him who hath turned unto God, the Lord of all worlds, who heard the Call and hastened to the Most Glorious Horizon and drank the choice wine of utterance from the hands of the bounty of his Lord, the Merciful, the Compassionate. From him was diffused such a fragrance of the love of God that the Most Exalted Pen hath borne witness to him in this lofty Castle which was built before the Manifestation and raised up when the Ancient Beauty arrived at the Most Great Prison. Thus doth the Pen recount from the presence of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Abu'l-Fadl! The Dayspring of Justice maketh mention of thee with verses from which the near ones perceive the fragrance of God, the Mighty, the Great. We have heard thy call and have answered thee through Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. We have created the world for this Day, which was mentioned by the tongue of My chosen ones and inscribed by the Pen of My will in My perspicuous Book. The All-Merciful hath come and the proof hath appeared in such wise that none can deny it save every aggressive transgressor. The favor hath been completed, the proof perfected, and the heavenly table hath descended from the heaven of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous.

Behold the servants and what they have wrought in the days of their Lord. They have broken God's Covenant and His Testament, and have denied Him in Whom they believed and Whom they invoked at morn and eve. Thus have their souls beguiled them in that they followed the daysprings of idle fancies. Blessed is the powerful one whom the might of the world hath not weakened, and the stranger who hath sought the Most Exalted Homeland and witnessed that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in the beginning and the end. How many a prince hath turned away from the Truth and how many a poor one hath drawn nigh and said:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Desire of hearts, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou Master of creation!"

How many a learned one hath been prevented by his learning from My Self-Subsisting Name, and how many an ignorant one hath heard and responded to his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Blessed is he who hath beheld the Most Great Sign, and he who hath heard the Call of God, the Lord of Lords. Arise to serve the Cause in the name of thy Lord and give the people the glad-tidings of this Manifestation at Whose appearance all names have bowed down and all things have cried out: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the All-Compelling!" Say: O concourse of religions! By what proof did ye believe in God aforetime, and by what evidence do ye turn away from Him by Whom the Temple of Pre-existence was established upon the Most Great Throne and the Revealer of Utterance did speak? By God! That

which adorneth the mention of the Scriptures and Tablets hath appeared. Thus have We expounded the verses and sent them down through Our grace, and I am verily the Powerful over what I will. There is no God but Me, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

O Fadl! The deeds of nations have become the cause of the world's upheaval and the afflictions that have befallen it. Observe how years pass, yet the world finds neither peace nor tranquility. Each day its people are afflicted with new trials, yet remain heedless and veiled from their cause. The sweet and gentle ocean appears before their faces, yet in their heedlessness and ignorance they pass it by, turning instead to the mirage. Their vain imaginings, which neither nourish nor satisfy, have deprived them of the effulgent rays of the Sun of Certitude; they have forsaken true knowledge and clung to evident ignorance.

Convey My greetings to the faithful ones in that land and say: Today is the day of pure deeds and service. All that hath befallen you in the path of God hath been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Book. God willing, may ye remain firm and steadfast in this Most Great Cause amidst the peoples in such wise that the cawing of Satan shall not debar you from the choice wine of the All-Merciful. Beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, to assist you in preserving that which He hath bestowed. I swear by the Sun of Justice shining from the horizon of the heaven of grace that the stations of those possessed of certitude are, in the sight of God, exceedingly glorious—so much so that they transcend the reckoning of those possessed of computation and the pen. Ye are the arks of God's bounty for the peoples of the world and His most firm cord for all nations. Know ye and understand your worth and station. This is a Day wherein man can cause to grow a tree whose fruits shall endure throughout the kingdoms of earth and heaven. O Fadl! The Wronged One sends His greetings to thee and to them and to those who have not violated God's Covenant and His Testament.

This evanescent servant beseeches the True One, exalted be His glory, with heart and tongue to assist His loved ones, His chosen ones, and His friends to preserve what they have witnessed and heard in His path. The friends have purchased with their lives the love of the Beloved of all worlds. They must not let this supreme bounty and mighty gift slip from their grasp through the vain imaginings of this or that one. Every precious thing has its thief in pursuit and its betrayer in ambush. All must be vigilant lest thieves find opportunity and proceed to plunder. This evanescent servant is ever engaged in remembering the friends of God—mentioning them with the pen, seeking their protection with the heart, and occupied with both through speech. Verily we are God's and to Him do we return.

Mention was made of his honor Aqa Mirza ʿAli-Muhammad, upon him be the Glory of God. The details concerning him and the account of his circumstances, as heard from the shrill voice of your pen, attained the honor of being submitted before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, and there was revealed from the heaven of the All-Merciful's grace concerning him a Tablet which, in truth, crieth out between the heavens and the earth and summoneth him for whom it was revealed. This servant beseecheth God, his Lord, to grant him the sweetness of His utterance and to make him one of those who are firm, steadfast, and secure. Should one observe with the eye of insight, he would testify that the entire world cannot equal this most holy, most exalted Tablet that hath been sent down from the heaven of pure grace. In each word is concealed the wellspring of bounty, and in each utterance surgeth the ocean of meaning. May the spirit of all else but Him be a sacrifice for His grace.

As to your mention of Mirza Muhammad Husayn Khan, upon him be the Glory of God—his remembrance has been and continues to be in the Most Holy Presence, and all that you wrote was presented before the Most Exalted, Most Holy Presence. The Tongue of Grandeur spoke words which this servant, nay all the peoples of the world, are powerless and incapable of describing. Blessed is he through whose name flowed the river of mercy, and unto whom descended the true heavenly table in the form of letters and words that all the treasures of earth and heaven cannot equal. Previously also, a Tablet specifically for him was revealed from the heaven of the Will of the Goal of all the worlds and was sent forth. His portrait was repeatedly honored to attain the presence and was blessed with the bounty of meeting. Happy is he with the perpetuity of the earthly and heavenly kingdoms. Would that the people of the world had pondered upon that which hath appeared and partaken of the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful. That which their hands have wrought in the past hath prevented them—to this beareth witness He with Whom is the knowledge of the past and future, and every wise command. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

And thy second letter, dated the seventh of Jumada'th-Thani, illumined the world of separation with the star of nearness and attainment. Blessed is the messenger from whom the fragrance of nearness can be inhaled, and blessed is the bearer from whom the sweet-scented breeze of meeting emanates. And the Seven Oft-Repeated Verses, for which there hath been and is no second, inasmuch as they were adorned with the mention of the Beloved of the worlds and were sanctified from the doubts, misgivings and suspicions of the people of creation. After its perusal, reading and becoming acquainted with its contents, it was taken to the Most Exalted Horizon, and after full permission was presented before the Presence. His word, exalted and mighty is He:

He is the Near One, the Answerer

O thou who hast turned toward My horizon! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison. Verily, it hath turned toward thee and speaketh in remembrance of thee, that thou mayest arise to serve the Cause and utter that which the Tongue of My Grandeur hath uttered before the creation of My heaven and My earth: "Verily, there is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Bestower." The servant who is present hath appeared and presented before the Wronged One that which thou didst commune with God, the Lord of the Final End. Blessed is thy tongue for having uttered My remembrance, and thy face for having turned toward My face, and thy heart for having turned toward My station, which God hath made the point of adoration for the Concourse on High and the dwellers of Paradise in the evening and at dawn.

Section 2: "O Abul-Fadl! We have heard thy call…"

O Abul-Fadl! We have heard thy call and answered thee before, and at this time. Be thou grateful and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all created things!" O Abul-Fadl! Arise in My Name and proclaim with wisdom and utterance: "O people of creation! Come ye, that I may recount unto you the Most Great News, through whose mention the Sacred Books and Tablets have been adorned. Come, O people of the earth, that I may show you the Most Exalted Horizon and cause you to hear the Call of God, the Lord of Lords. O concourse of the heedless! Bring forth what ye possess. By the life of

God! It shall not profit you on this Day, wherein the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen and its sweetest call have been raised from the horizon of glory.

Fear ye God, O people, and deny not the Sun after its dawning, nor the Most Great Ocean which hath appeared before your faces with majesty and waves. Say: O daysprings of idle fancies! By God, the Truth! The dawning-places of certitude lament because of your tyranny. Fear ye God, and follow not every ignorant doubter." Thus have We remembered thee and revealed unto thee that which rejoiceth thy heart and the hearts of them who have clung to the hem of the robe of their Lord's mercy, the Master of the Day of Judgment. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon them who have testified to that whereunto God testified when He was established upon the throne at the beginning of days.

The supplications of that eminent one which were contained in the first and second letters were presented at the Most Holy Court, whereupon the Sun of loving-kindness shone forth in such wise that this servant is truly incapable and powerless to make mention thereof. The verses sent down from the heaven of the All-Merciful's mercy are themselves a fair witness. Blessed is the eye that beholdeth them and the ear that heareth them.

The spiritual ode of Jinab-i-Thurayya, upon him be the Glory of God, which opened with that hallowed name, was presented at an appropriate time. Thus spoke He Who conversed on Sinai:

> "Verily his mention, description and praise have been accepted and adorned with the mantle of acceptance."

Praised be God that it was adorned with the supreme embellishment of acceptance and was blessed with the effulgences of the Sun of favor. Regarding what was written in the margin concerning two verses suggesting that in these days some learned ones had claimed they too could produce verses like the wondrous verses that are proof of the Author of this new Cause—the response given by that honored one is itself a decisive proof and manifest evidence of the truth of the Truth, exalted be His glory. For in the time of every Revelation, the ungodly of that age, namely the divines, have uttered such vain and worthless words. This is not the first utterance to appear in opposition. Were one to ponder the words of the ungodly of the past, he would testify to what the servant has testified before God, the Lord of all worlds.

Apart from this, consider how devoid of fairness, reason and knowledge they are. One who was never known for learning, was not from among the seminary students, and in his early days earned his livelihood through ordinary worldly means—as all have testified and continue to testify to this fact—yet suddenly oceans of knowledge in the form of verses began to flow from him. How can one deny this or claim there is anything similar to it? Verses like rain, nay greater, are continually streaming down and descending, encompassing the world. Blessed is he who has a tongue, an eye, and an ear to speak the truth and judge with justice concerning that which has appeared from God, the Most High, the Most Great.

The world's ears are filled with divine verses, yet very few fair-minded ones are to be found. If a fair-minded person were to gaze upon the revealed tablets with clear vision and an unburdened heart, and reflect upon what was foretold before, he would place his right cheek upon the dust and say:

> "I have believed, O Lord of Lords! I testify that all else is as nothingness before the manifestations of Thy Revelation and non-existent before the signs of Thy Cause. I testify that by Thy Name the sea was stirred, the fragrance was wafted, and the banner of 'There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed' was raised. All things are captive in the grasp of Thy power, and verily Thou art the Almighty, the Omnipotent."

The people are heedless; they know not what has appeared. All scribes are utterly powerless and incapable of recording the verses at the time of their revelation. Whatever this evanescent one has submitted and continues to submit is according to his own capacity and station. By the King of Eternity! The Truth is sanctified, exalted and purified above what I have submitted or may submit.

The mention of the receptive souls referenced in your letter was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. For each one specifically, manifest signs and brilliant evidences have been revealed and have shone forth from the heaven of grace. This is what was revealed for Jinab-i-Khudadad, upon him be the Glory of God. His word, exalted be His majesty:

In My Name, the One Who dominates over what was and what will be

O Khudadad! Fix thy gaze upon this Word which is as a crown upon the head of utterance—be thou observant of that whereby My Cause will be exalted amongst My servants. Though this Word be brief, yet concealed within it is the limitless ocean. Some time ago, unique and sublime verses were sent down specifically for the friends in the land of Kha, and likewise some were dispatched particularly for thee, while others remain suspended in the heaven of God's Will. God willing, thou shalt in all conditions hold fast unto the cord of His Cause and cling to the hem of wisdom. Blessed is the soul that hath arisen to serve and is occupied with teaching God's Cause. Rejoice thou in what My Most Exalted Pen hath testified to thy humility and lowliness, thy turning and devotion unto God, the One, the Peerless, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

This is what was revealed for Shahverdi, upon him be the glory of God:

In My Name, the Wronged One

O Shah! Give thanks that We have acquainted thee with what was hidden in God's knowledge and given thee to drink of that which flowed from the right hand of the Throne, and shown thee Mine illumined horizon. We created the world for this Day, yet when it appeared, every heedless and remote soul denied it. The trumpet hath been sounded and those in the graves have arisen, yet the people remain behind a thick veil. Rejoice thou in the Most Great Remembrance and render thanks unto thy Lord for this supreme bounty. Whoso hath attained unto My remembrance is assuredly of the people of Paradise in a clear Book. Preserve what hath been revealed unto thee before and after, then recite it unto the myriads who have been attracted by My call, who have soared in My atmosphere and who have spoken My beauteous praise. Thus hath the horizon of proof been illumined by the Sun of knowledge. Blessed is he

who hath drawn nigh, and woe unto the heedless. From this station do We send Our greetings upon thee and upon My friends and loved ones whom the powers of the oppressors have not deterred from My straight Path.

This is what was revealed from the Most Great Scene for Ali-Qabli-Asghar:

In My Name, the Most Great

O Ali-Qabli-Asghar! In numerous Tablets thou hast been mentioned by the Lord of Names. By the Lord of all being! Not all the precious jewels of the earth can equal a single word thereof. Reflect upon the oceans of the mercy and bounty of God, exalted be His glory. Despite having mentioned thee repeatedly, now when thy name was heard in the Book of those who love Me, an answer was sent down from the heaven of grace that thou mightest be of the thankful ones. Though discerning souls are rare at present, yet a time shall come when the station of every word and letter of God's utterances shall become manifest to all the worlds. God willing, thou shalt remain firm and steadfast on the straight path with clear certitude, speaking the praise of the Wronged One.

Soon shall the mention of steadfast souls and what they have manifested in the days of God be spread abroad in the assemblage of the world. This is the word that is assured and shall never change. We convey Our greetings to the friends of that land and remind them of what hath been revealed in the Tablets, that all may at all times drink from the life-giving waters flowing from the Pen of the All-Merciful and attain unto that which is everlasting and enduring. Blessed are they that have attained. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

This is what was revealed for Mashhadi Husayn from the people of Q:

Verily I am the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing, and I am the All-Hearing, the All-Informed.

O Husayn! The Wronged One makes mention of thee with that which shall draw thee nearer unto God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. Forsake all things and take hold of that which thou art commanded by God, Creator of heaven. Thus have We bidden Our servants aforetime and in a Book that proclaims that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Beloved. Blessed is the eye which no film of vain imaginings hath prevented from turning unto and beholding the horizon of God, the Mighty, the Loving. Say: Through Him the horizons were illumined and the decree of the Covenant was revealed, yet most men perceive not. They have cast away that which is known and clung to that which is forbidden. Thus doth the Lord of Destiny inform you from the precincts of the Prison, did ye but know. We have endowed the Cause with two wings, which are unity and love. Soar with them in this holy and blessed atmosphere. Thus did the ocean surge when My Pen moved in this glorious station. The glory be upon thee and upon thy son, whose name hath been honored by the hearing of the Lord of the visible and invisible.

By your life, O beloved of My heart! The essence of grace hath prostrated itself before my Lord and thy Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and earth, and the reality of bounty hath bowed down at the revelation of a wave from the waves of the ocean of the bounty of our Goal and your Goal and the Goal of the sincere ones.

As for the names mentioned in your letters, unique and exalted Tablets have been revealed from the heaven of God's Will for each one. God willing, may all attain and drink from their oceans of inner meanings. This Day is exceedingly great and mighty. Although the Lamp of the Cause standeth firm amidst diverse and violent winds, yet at one time this blessed word was uttered from the tongue of Truth, exalted be His glory:

> "O servant in attendance! Even lamps possessing but a single wick proved impossible for all on earth to extinguish. How then could they extinguish this blazing Fire which, were all the seas of the world poured upon it, would be transformed into oil?"

Beseech God not to withhold His servants from the ocean of awareness and to guide them to the horizon of vision. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

God is My witness that this evanescent one observeth himself at all times as a melting candle, for he beholdeth the people heedless of the Sun of Truth whose rays have encompassed the world. By the life of the Desired One! My liver is melted, my heart lamenteth, and my inner being crieth out at what hath befallen the Cause at the hands of those who know not their right hand from their left, nor can distinguish between black and white, nor between buzzing and thundering. The servant beseecheth his Lord to grant them fairness and draw them near unto Him through the wonders of His grace and bounty. Verily, He is the Generous, the Munificent.

Although most of the people of the world of every kind are today observed to be deprived of proof and barred from the divine path, yet this servant is grateful to the exalted Truth, for from all your being blazeth the fire of divine love, and the words and letters that have flowed from your pen bear witness to what hath been mentioned. I truly declare that from every word and letter are manifested the effects of burning in divine love, the signs of the fire of separation and remoteness, and the degrees of yearning for the Lord of the Covenant. If some grief should appear due to the heedlessness of the people, praise be to God, the joy of your awareness hath compensated for it. God willing, may you ever soar and wing your flight in the atmosphere of the love of the All-Merciful with the pinions of steadfastness. The Cause is in His grasp; He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Commander, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

In regard to what you wrote concerning the friends of God from Abhar, it was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, and these sublime words descended from the heaven of the Will of the Lord of Creation, blessed and exalted be His utterance:

In My Name, the Witness, the All-Informed

O thou who hast turned thy face toward My horizon! By My life! It hath at times been observed that His loved ones have been and are capable of bearing afflictions in the path of the Lord of Names. The necks of the swine have not been and are not worthy of the chains of love for the Beloved of the worlds. The people of devotion prefer the chalice of tribulation in the path of God, exalted be His glory, above all things. I swear by the lights of the Divine Countenance that all the tribulations that have been visited upon them shall soon be transformed into the Most Great Gift, the Supreme Blessing, and a Feast the like of which cannot be found. Blessed are they who have been honored with the blessed words "ye are of

Us." The ears of the loved ones have been privileged to hear that which the ears of the world, in times past and still more remote, were deprived of; likewise their eyes. Exalted is the Unconstrained One, through Whose manifestation that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds, hath appeared and been established.

Section 3: "The might of the transgressors, the rebellion…"

The might of the transgressors, the rebellion of the oppressors, and the fire of the mischief-makers shall soon be seen extinguished, vanquished and subdued. These fleeting days appear shorter than an hour and pass more swiftly than lightning. We beseech God to assist all to accomplish that which His Book hath proclaimed, for should they act in accordance with what God hath willed, they would find the earth transformed. In any case, the victory hath ever been and shall remain with God and His loved ones, despite those who have disbelieved in God, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O people of Abhar! The Wronged One remembereth you from the Most Great Prison with verses from which every person of perception can detect the fragrance of My loving-kindness, and I am the Kind, the Generous. Tongues and pens have failed to reckon what hath been revealed by the Most Exalted Pen, and I am the Reckoner, the All-Knowing. Rejoice in this Most Great Remembrance, which no remembrance in the world can equal. To this beareth witness the Lord of Eternity, and I am the All-Seeing Witness. Ye have heard what caused the Concourse on High to lament in My path. Hearken now unto that wherewith God remembereth you, and I am the Remembering, the All-Hearing. Verily, He hath witnessed what befell you and was with you under all conditions. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

There hath befallen Us in the Land of Ta what hath befallen no one before. Thus hath the matter been decreed, and We are among the patient ones. Blessed is he who was among you and uttered that which the Tongue of Grandeur uttered in the earliest days:

> "Verily, there is no God but Me, the Most High, the Most Great."

We adorned him with the ornament of divine knowledge, illumined him with the lights of the Divine Countenance, gave him to drink of the Kawthar of grace, and guided him to My straight path.

O Abhar! Rejoice thou, for God hath manifested from thee servants who arose and said:

> "God is our Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earth."

We have adorned thee with them, and We shall soon make manifest their stations and their traces within thee. Verily, thy Lord is the Bearer of Glad-Tidings, the All-Wise. Blessed is he who was seized in My path, imprisoned for My Name, and martyred for the promotion of the Cause of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

We counsel you, O loved ones of God, to observe wisdom and that whereby this firm, this mighty Cause may be exalted. The glory that hath shone forth from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon those who have soared in My atmosphere, and upon those who arose after them to make mention of Me, and upon you, and upon My handmaidens who have heard, turned toward Me, and believed in God when every learned one turned away and every mystic was filled with doubt.

Praise be to God that through that honored one, mention was made before the Most Great Scene of a number of the friends of God, exalted be His glory, and there was revealed especially for them that which shall never be exhausted and which the dust of the world shall not prevent from its delicacy and radiance. I convey greetings and salutations to Master Ali-Akbar Haddad, upon him be the Glory of God, and I give him and other oppressed ones glad-tidings of God's grace. God willing, may the hand of divine favor protect them and the hand of divine might seize their enemies. By the life of the Desired One! Soon all that hath been mentioned shall become manifest and evident.

The mention which that honored one made regarding the Master, as well as the conversation with him, was presented at the Most Holy Court. The utterances of that honored one were honored with acceptance. He spoke, and His Word is the truth: "Excellent is that which Abu'l-Fadl, upon him be My Glory, hath spoken." And these supreme words were again revealed from the right hand of the Throne especially for the Master: "Blessed is he, then blessed is he, for he hath repeatedly been honored with the mention of God, and happy is he for having drunk from the cup of tribulation in the path of the Lord of Names, and pleasant it is for him that he now drinketh the Kawthar of utterance from the hand of the All-Merciful's bounty."

His words, blessed and exalted be He:

> "In My Name, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! O Ali-Akbar! My Pen testifieth in My days that thou hast turned to My most exalted horizon when thou didst hear My sweetest call, and there befell thee in My path what befell My chosen ones and My loved ones in the ancient centuries and in this wondrous Day."

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This testimony that hath flowed from the Supreme Pen removeth the grief of a world of sorrow, rendeth asunder the veils of cares and anxieties, and leadeth to the greatest joy. Again doth the servant wish to say: "Happy is he and pleasant it is for him."

Jinab-i-Samandar, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, had also mentioned him some time ago. Every oppressed one should read what hath been revealed for them from the heaven of the All-Merciful. The heedlessness of the oppressors hath reached such a degree that they curse themselves without being aware. Whenever mention is made of former oppressors, they dissociate themselves and express sorrow, unaware that they themselves are committing what is greater than what hath passed. The veils of self have prevented their eyes from seeing and deprived their ears of hearing. All the people of the world are seen as chaff before the violent winds of selfish desires—they move them howsoever they wish, save whom God willeth. They have clung to and relied upon a world that at all times loudly testifieth to its own transiency, nothingness, and unfaithfulness, while turning their eyes away from God's infinite, everlasting worlds. Soon shall they find themselves in regret and remorse, but neither regret nor remorse shall profit them.

And as for the mention thou didst make of Muhammad-Ali Khan, Mulla Ali, and Aqa Shir-Ali, upon them be the Glory of God—mention of each one was honored to be heard by the Lord of Names, and divine verses were revealed concerning them. God willing, may they taste the honey of recognition from the

utterance of the Desired One of the worlds and manifest the greatest steadfastness among all peoples. This evanescent servant conveyeth greetings and salutations to each one. God willing, may all partake of the heavenly feast in the divine days and become occupied with the mention of the true Sovereign.

O Abul-Fadl! Thou hast spoken the truth and revealed that which lay concealed in His words. The purpose of the Herald, the Primal Point—may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake—in mentioning this matter was to rend asunder the veils of people's vain imaginings. Thou art well aware of what the heedless Shi'ihs have uttered in this regard. At times they have, with the hands of idle fancy, built a Holy Place, and at other times mention of the tunnel and the sea hath flowed from the tongues of their liars, and the mention of Jabulqa and Jabulsa and other matters is clear and evident. All are mounted upon the steed of passion and are rushing about in the desert of doubts and vain imaginings. His Holiness intended that through this mention He might, to some degree, rend asunder the veil, that they might come to know that that Holy Being and Sacred Essence was to appear from physical descent, not in imaginary fabricated cities, for at the beginning of the Cause the people had no capacity to hearken to more than this, and outwardly what He revealed was in conformity with their understanding. That which hath flowed from His Supreme Pen testifieth that He Himself proclaimeth betwixt earth and heaven:

> "I am the Mother of Utterance amidst mankind, and the Truth manifest among all created things, and the Expression of the All-Merciful in the contingent world."

Exalted is He Who mentioneth Him and Who maketh mention of Him at this time. The created things have borne witness unto that which He hath testified. Command belongeth unto God, the Revealer of verses.

Praise be to God! That which hath streamed forth from the Most Exalted Pen beareth witness to that which ye have deduced from the aforementioned passage. God willing, may ye ever drink from the chalice of inner meanings and guide the peoples of the contingent world to the horizon of the All-Merciful through wisdom and utterance. The Cause is most evident, yet eyes are veiled and ears are stopped. From the beginning of creation until this time no Cause hath been more manifest than this. All divine Books, Scriptures and Psalms, both of the past and present, have outwardly testified and borne witness to this Most Great Cause, even as that spiritual friend hath mentioned certain verses and removed the veil from the face of clear evidences.

Reflect upon the passage "and ye shall surely know its tidings after a while." This blessed verse was mentioned by the late Siyyid, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, and likewise by the Shaykh before him, upon him be every most glorious glory, and also by the Primal Point, may the spirit of all in the Kingdom be sacrificed for His sake. All have related it to this Revelation, for after the fulfillment of the promise of sixty-eight, in the year nine, this Most Great, Most Wondrous Cause dawned from the horizon of the Will of the Lord of all beings. This is why the Primal Point, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake, hath said: "In the year nine ye shall attain unto all good," and in another place He saith: "In the year nine ye shall be blessed with the meeting of God."

Were this evanescent servant to mention all that hath been revealed in the Books of the past and present, as well as in the Bayan, he would need to impose upon you for a long time. Nevertheless, ye must surely have heard what a band of the heedless have said and continue to say. Would that they had reflected upon that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an where He, exalted be He, saith:

> "And the trumpet shall be blown, and all who are in the heavens and all who are on the earth shall swoon away, save those whom God shall please to exempt. Then shall it be blown again, and lo! arising they shall gaze around them."

These simple folk have objected to the mention of divinity, whereas if anything else had been manifested they should have objected to that instead. The Primal Point, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake, hath said:

> "He Who speaketh in every condition, verily I am God, there is no God but Me, the Lord of all things, and all besides Me are My creation. O My creation! Worship ye Me."

Likewise in the Qur'an there appear many decisive verses that openly indicate and suggest this matter, and in previous Books no mention other than this is to be found. This evanescent servant hath in certain instances cited some passages from the heavenly Books, but the blind hath no share in light, and the deaf no portion in the cooing of the dove of paradise. Praise be to God that ye are well-informed and have searched the heavenly Books. God willing, may ye ever be confirmed in mentioning that which shall cause the heedless to awaken, the seated to arise, and the loved ones to rejoice and be gladdened.

This evanescent one beseecheth you to convey greetings and praise to the friends in that land who are adorned with the ornament of tranquility and dignity and who are gazing toward the Most Exalted Horizon, and say unto them that this servant is at all times occupied with your remembrance and is engaged in serving the Most Great Cause, of which ye are all aware. Say: This servant is at all times engaged in your remembrance and is constant and vigilant in serving the Most Great Cause, of which ye all are aware.

That which today is conducive to the manifestation of the essence of man is well-pleasing and acceptable before God. God willing, may ye be turned, in perfect unity and concord, love and fellowship, unto that whereby the Cause is exalted. In these days this exalted word was specially revealed from the Most Sublime Pen for one of the friends—blessed and exalted be His word: The world is illumined by the light of unity, and the horizons are set ablaze through the warmth of concord. For all things that are seen and perceived, and that enter the realm of observation, there hath been and continueth to be an effect. Likewise, the taste and fragrance of the effects of unity and concord are most mighty. God willing, may that honored one and the friends of God strive that scattered and distracted hearts may ascend to the heaven of unity, and through the hosts of deeds and character take possession of the cities of hearts. This host is mightier than the hosts of the world. Blessed is he who hath arisen for God to render this momentous service. He is assuredly among the sincere ones in the perspicuous Book.

Happy the soul that hath found the sweetness of the divine utterance and hath arisen with steadfastness and love.

Another request is that ye convey greetings to his honor, that peerless friend. God willing, may he in this transient world attain unto that which shall never be severed from the fragrance of eternity. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Almighty, the Powerful. He giveth and withholdeth, and He is the All-Wise, the All-Informed. That which today beseemeth and behooveth him is to take the lead and guide all Persians and draw them to the straight path. This wondrous, luminous garment is, God willing, befitting for his temple. Command and judgment are in God's hand. Verily He is the Almighty, the Unconstrained.

As regards what you wrote concerning Aqa Muhammad-Rida, this evanescent servant had previously mentioned the details of this matter. Those souls here were and are outwardly well-known. Several years ago Jinab-i-Mirza Mihdi, son of Jinab-i-Shahid, upon them both be the Glory of God, had taken one of the honored women related to the Sacred Household in the land of K. The point is that the details concerning His Holiness the Martyr and Jinab-i-Dhabih, upon them both be the Glory of God, and their brothers who were hesitant, and their sons, were outwardly clear and known. At one time a letter from the beloved of hearts Jinab-i-Varqa, upon him be the Glory of God, reached this servant mentioning Aqa Muhammad-Rida, and likewise before that he had been mentioned in the Most Holy Presence.

After submission to the Most Holy Presence, out of pure grace their designation was changed from hesitant to soaring bird. They must know the station of this favor and preserve it as the apple of their eye. Their letter arrived and divine fragrances wafted from it. This servant wrote a reply, but due to the weight of the packet it will be sent subsequently. Likewise the accounts sent attained the honor of His presence and the details thereof are mentioned in the letter to that honored one that was revealed. God willing they will attain unto it.

Section 4: "What this servant expects from that honored one…"

What this servant expects from that honored one is that today they should hold fast to that which will cause unity among the hearts of the friends of God, so that all people may testify to the light of unity and the loftiness of concord. That which causes the exaltation of the Word is this: according to the command of that Beloved One, they must exert mighty efforts in this regard. From the beginning of the Revelation until now this matter has repeatedly flowed from the Supreme Pen, yet its fragrance has not yet been inhaled. God willing they will succeed in accomplishing this mighty deed. Verily God and His Prophets and His Messengers and His chosen ones and the Supreme Concourse and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise and the Most Glorious Kingdom send their blessings upon those who have arisen to create affection between the hearts of His servants and His loved ones. He is verily the Compassionate, the Generous.

In regard to what thou hast written concerning his honour the learned Sahib, upon him be the grace of God, his state of mind and disposition are clear and evident, as is further attested by that which he hath sent. Now, as to his questions, it was not deemed advisable to refer and reply to each one individually, for the response would have run counter to wisdom and been incompatible with that which is current amongst men. Even so, in that which was revealed in his honour from the heaven of divine favour, answers were provided in a language of marvellous concision and clarity. But it appeareth that he hath failed to consider the matter closely, for otherwise he would have readily admitted that not a single point

was omitted, and would have exclaimed: “This is naught but a clear and conclusive utterance!” His questions were the following.

First: “The Prophets of Mahabad, together with Zoroaster, were twenty-eight in number. Each one of them sought to exalt, rather than abrogate, the faith and religion of the others. Each one that appeared bore witness to the truth and veracity of the former law and religion and breathed no word about abolishing them. Each declared: We are the bearers of a Revelation from God, which We deliver unto His servants.’ Some of the Hindu Prophets, however, have declared: We are God Himself, and it is incumbent upon the entire creation to bear allegiance unto Us. Whensoever conflict and dissension appear amongst men, We arise to quench it.’ Each one that appeared announced: I am the same One that appeared in the beginning.’ The latter Prophets such as David, Abraham, Moses and Jesus confirmed the truth of the Prophets gone before them, but said: Such was the law in the past, but in this day the law is that which I proclaim.’ The Arabian Prophet, however, hath said: ‘Through My appearance every law hath proven to be unsound and no law holdeth but Mine.’ Which of these creeds is acceptable and which of these leaders is to be preferred?”

It should first be noted that in one sense the stations of the Prophets of God differ one from another. For instance, consider Moses. He brought forth a Book and established ordinances, whilst a number of the Prophets and Messengers who arose after Him were charged with the promulgation of His laws, insofar as they remained consonant with the needs of the age. The books and chronicles annexed to the Torah bear eloquent testimony to this truth.

Regarding the statement ascribed to the Author of the Qur’an: “Through My appearance every law and religion hath proven to be unsound and no law holdeth but Mine”, no such words were ever uttered by that Source and Fount of divine wisdom. Nay rather, He confirmed that which had been sent down before from the empyrean of the Divine Will unto the Prophets and Messengers of God. He saith, exalted be His utterance: “Alif. Lam. Mim. God! There is no God but Him, the Living, the Ever-Abiding. He it is Who hath sent down to Thee the Book through the power of truth, confirming those which preceded it. He revealed aforetime the Torah and the Evangel as a guidance unto men, and He hath now revealed the Qur’an….”

He, moreover, hath asserted that all the Prophets have proceeded from God and have returned unto Him. Viewed in this light, they are all as one and the same Being, inasmuch as they have not uttered a word, brought a message, or revealed a cause, of their own accord. Nay, all that they have said hath proceeded from the one true God, exalted be His glory. They have all summoned men unto the Supreme Horizon and imparted the tidings of eternal life. Thus the diverse statements recounted by his honour the Sahib are to be seen as concordant letters, that is, letters that form a single word.

Concerning the question: “Which of these creeds is acceptable and which of these leaders is to be preferred?”, this is the station wherein the following blessed words shine resplendent as the sun: “No distinction do We make between any of His Messengers”, while the verse “Some of the Apostles We have caused to excel the others” pertaineth to the other station of which We have already made mention. Indeed, the answer to all that his honour the Sahib hath asked lieth enshrined within this all-embracing, this weighty and incomparable utterance, hallowed and exalted be His word: “As to thy question

concerning the heavenly Scriptures: The All-Knowing Physician hath His finger on the pulse of mankind. He perceiveth the disease, and prescribeth, in His unerring wisdom, the remedy.

Every age hath its own problem, and every soul its particular aspiration. The remedy the world needeth in its present-day afflictions can never be the same as that which a subsequent age may require. Be anxiously concerned with the needs of the age ye live in, and centre your deliberations on its exigencies and requirements." Every fair-minded soul will testify that these words are to be viewed as a mirror of the knowledge of God, wherein all that hath been inquired is clearly and conspicuously reflected. Blessed is he who hath been endowed with seeing eyes by God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Another question raised by the distinguished Sahib is the following:

> "There are four schools of thought in the world. One school affirmeth that all the visible worlds, from atoms to suns, constitute God Himself and that naught can be seen but Him. Another school claimeth that God is that Essence that must of necessity exist, that His Messengers are the intermediaries between Him and His creatures, and that their mission is to lead humanity unto Him. Yet another school holdeth that the stars were created by the Necessary Being, whilst all other things are their effect and outcome. These things continually appear and disappear, even as the minute creatures that are generated in a pool of water. A further school maintaineth that the Necessary Being hath fashioned Nature through whose effect and agency all things, from atoms to suns, appear and disappear without beginning or end. What need then for an account or reckoning? As the grass groweth with the coming of the rain and vanisheth thereafter, so it is with all things. If the Prophets and the kings have instituted laws and ordinances, the proponents of this school argue, this hath merely been for the sake of preserving the civil order and regulating human society. The Prophets and the kings, however, have acted in different ways: the former have said 'God hath spoken thus' that the people might submit and obey, whilst the latter have resorted to the sword and the cannon. Which of these four schools is approved in the sight of God?"

The answer to all this falleth under the purview of the first utterance that hath streamed forth from the tongue of the All-Merciful. By God! It embraceth and comprehendeth all that hath been mentioned. He saith: "Be anxiously concerned with the needs of the age ye live in, and centre your deliberations on its exigencies and requirements". For in this day He Who is the Lord of Revelation hath appeared and He Who spoke on Sinai is calling aloud. Whatsoever He may ordain is the surest foundation for the mansions reared in the cities of human knowledge and wisdom. Whoso holdeth fast unto it will be reckoned in the eyes of the Almighty among them that are endued with insight.

These sublime words have streamed forth from the Pen of the Most High. He saith, exalted be His glory:

> "This is the day of vision, for the countenance of God is shining resplendent above the horizon of Manifestation. This is the day of hearing, for the call of God hath been raised. It behoveth everyone in this day to uphold and proclaim that which hath been revealed by Him Who is the Author of all scripture, the Dayspring of revelation, the Fount of knowledge and the Source of divine wisdom."

It is thus clear and evident that the reply to his question hath been revealed in the kingdom of utterance by Him Who is the Exponent of the knowledge of the All-Merciful. Happy are they that understand!

As to the four schools mentioned above, it is clear and evident that the second standeth closer to righteousness. For the Apostles and Messengers of God have ever been the channels of His abounding grace, and whatsoever man hath received from God hath been through the intermediary of those Embodiments of holiness and Essences of detachment, those Repositories of His knowledge and Exponents of His Cause. One can, however, provide a justification for the tenets of the other schools, for in a sense all things have ever been and shall ever remain the manifestations of the names and attributes of God.

As to the Sahib's reference to the kings, they are indeed the manifestations of the name of God "the Almighty" and the revealers of His name "the All-Powerful". The vesture that beseemeth their glorious temples is justice. Should they become adorned therewith, mankind will partake of perfect tranquillity and infinite blessings.

Whoso hath quaffed of the wine of divine knowledge will indeed be able to answer such questions with clear and perspicuous proofs from the world without and with manifest and luminous evidences from the world within. A different Cause, however, hath appeared in this day and a different discourse is required. Indeed, with the inception of the year nine the time for questions and answers came to an end. Thus He, hallowed and magnified be His name, saith: "This is not the day for any man to question his Lord. When thou hearest the call of God voiced by Him Who is the Dayspring of grandeur, cry out: 'Here am I, O Lord of all names! Here am I, O Maker of the heavens! I testify that Thou hast revealed Thyself and hast revealed whatsoever Thou didst desire at Thine Own behest. Thou, in truth, art the Lord of strength and might."'

The answer to all that the distinguished Sahib hath asked is clear and evident. The intent of that which was sent down in his honour from the heaven of divine providence was that he might give ear to the wondrous melodies of the Dove of Eternity and the gentle murmuring of the inhabitants of the most exalted Paradise, and that he might perceive the sweetness of the call and set foot upon the path.

One day the Tongue of Glory uttered a word in regard to the Sahib indicating that he may erelong be aided to perform a deed that would immortalize his name. When his letter was received in His holy and exalted Court, He said:

> "O Servant in attendance! Although his honour Manikchi hath written only to ask concerning the sayings of others, yet from His letter We inhale the sweet savours of affection. Beseech the one true God to graciously aid him to do His will and pleasure. His might, in truth, is equal to all things."

From this utterance of the All-Merciful there wafteth a fragrant breath. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Another inquiry made by him is the following:

> "The laws of Islam are based on religious principles and jurisprudence, but in the Mahabad and Hindu religions there are only principles, and all laws, even those regarding the drinking of water or giving and taking in marriage, are considered a part of these principles, as are all other matters of human life. Kindly indicate which view is acceptable in the sight of God, exalted be His mention."

Religious principles have various degrees and stations. The root of all principles and the cornerstone of all foundations hath ever been, and shall remain, the recognition of God. And these days are indeed the vernal season of the recognition of the All-Merciful. Whatsoever proceedeth in this day from the Repository of His Cause and the Manifestation of His Self is, in truth, the fundamental principle unto which all must bear allegiance.

The answer to this question is also embodied in these blessed, these weighty and exalted words: "Be anxiously concerned with the needs of the age ye live in, and centre your deliberations on its exigencies and requirements". For this day is the Lord of all days, and whatsoever hath been revealed therein by the Source of divine Revelation is the truth and the essence of all principles. This day may be likened to a sea and all other days to gulfs and channels that have branched therefrom. That which is uttered and revealed in this day is the foundation, and is accounted as the Mother Book and the Source of all utterance. Although every day is associated with God, magnified be His glory, yet these days have been singled out and adorned with the ornament of intimate association with Him, for they have been extolled in the books of the Chosen Ones of God, as well as of some of His Prophets, as the "Day of God".

In a sense this day and that which appeareth therein are to be regarded as the primary principles, while all other days and whatsoever appeareth in them are to be viewed as the secondary ordinances deduced therefrom, and which as such are subordinate and relative. For instance, attending the mosque is secondary with respect to the recognition of God, for the former is dependent upon and conditioned by the latter. As to the principles current amongst the divines of this age, these are merely a set of rules which they have devised and from which they infer, each according to his own opinions and inclinations, the ordinances of God.

Section 5: "Consider for example the question of immediate compliance…"

Consider for example the question of immediate compliance or postponement. God, exalted be His glory, saith: "Eat and drink…." Now, it is not known whether this ordinance must be complied with immediately or if its execution may be justifiably postponed. Some believe that it may be decided by external circumstances. Once one of the distinguished divines of Najaf set out to visit the Shrine of Imam Husayn, peace be upon Him, accompanied by a number of his pupils. In the course of their journey they were waylaid by a group of Bedouin. The aforementioned divine immediately handed over all his possessions. Whereupon his pupils exclaimed: "Your eminence hath always favoured postponement in such matters. What prompteth you now to act with such haste?" Pointing to the spears of the Bedouin, he replied: "The force of external circumstances, my friends!"

The founder of the principles of Islamic jurisprudence was Abu-Hanifih, who was a prominent leader of the Sunnis. Such principles had existed in former times as well, as hath already been mentioned. In this

day, however, the approval or rejection of all things dependeth wholly upon the Word of God. These differences are not worthy of mention. The eye of divine mercy casteth its glance upon all that is past. It behoveth us to mention them only in favourable terms, for they do not contradict that which is essential. This servant testifieth to his ignorance and beareth witness that all knowledge is with God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

Whatsoever runneth counter to the Teachings in this day is rejected, for the Sun of Truth is shining resplendent above the horizon of knowledge. Happy are they who, with the waters of divine utterance, have cleansed their hearts from all allusions, whisperings and suggestions, and who have fixed their gaze upon the Dayspring of Glory. This, indeed, is the most gracious favour and the purest bounty. Whosoever hath attained thereunto hath attained unto all good, for otherwise the knowledge of aught else but God hath never proven, nor shall it ever prove, profitable unto men.

That which was mentioned in connection with religious principles and secondary ordinances referreth to the pronouncements which the divines of various religions have made, each according to his own capacity. At present, however, it behoveth us to follow His injunction to "leave them to their vain disputes". He, verily, speaketh the truth and leadeth the way. The decree is God's, the Almighty, the All-Bounteous.

Another of his questions:

> "Some maintain that whatsoever is in accordance with the dictates of nature and of the intellect must needs be both permissible and compulsory in the divine law, and conversely that one should refrain from observing that which is incompatible with these standards. Others believe that whatsoever hath been enjoined by the divine law and its blessed Author should be accepted without rational proof or natural evidence and obeyed without question or reservation, such as the march between Safa and Marwah, the stoning of the pillar of Jamrah, the washing of one's feet during ablutions, and so on. Kindly indicate which of these positions is acceptable."

Intellect hath various degrees. As a discussion of the pronouncements made by the philosophers in this connection would pass beyond the scope of our discourse, we have refrained from mentioning them. It is nonetheless indisputably clear and evident that the minds of men have never been, nor shall they ever be, of equal capacity. The Perfect Intellect alone can provide true guidance and direction. Thus were these sublime words revealed by the Pen of the Most High, exalted be His glory, in response to this question:

> "The Tongue of Wisdom proclaimeth: He that hath Me not is bereft of all things. Turn ye away from all that is on earth and seek none else but Me. I am the Sun of Wisdom and the Ocean of Knowledge. I cheer the faint and revive the dead. I am the guiding Light that illumineth the way. I am the royal Falcon on the arm of the Almighty. I unfold the drooping wings of every broken bird and start it on its flight."

Consider how clearly the answer hath been revealed from the heaven of divine knowledge. Blessed are those who ponder it, who reflect upon it, and who apprehend its meaning! By the Intellect mentioned

above is meant the universal divine Mind. How often hath it been observed that certain human minds, far from being a source of guidance, have become as fetters upon the feet of the wayfarers and prevented them from treading the straight Path! The lesser intellect being thus circumscribed, one must search after Him Who is the ultimate Source of knowledge and strive to recognize Him. And should one come to acknowledge that Source round Whom every mind doth revolve, then whatsoever He should ordain is the expression of the dictates of a consummate wisdom. His very Being, even as the sun, is distinct from all else beside Him. The whole duty of man is to recognize Him; once this hath been achieved, then whatsoever He may please to ordain is binding and in full accordance with the requirements of divine wisdom. Thus have ordinances and prohibitions of every kind been laid down by the Prophets of the past, even unto the earliest times.

Certain deeds that are undertaken in this day are intended to emblazon the name of God, and the Pen of the Most High hath fixed a recompense for those who perform them. Indeed, should any soul breathe but a fleeting breath for the sake of God, his recompense will become manifest, as attested by this mighty verse which was sent down from the empyrean of the Divine Will to the Lord of Mecca, blessed and glorified be He:

> "We did not appoint that which Thou wouldst have to be the Qiblih, but that We might know him who followeth the Apostle from him who turneth on his heels."

Were anyone to meditate upon this blessed and transcendent Revelation and to ponder the verses that have been sent down, he would readily bear witness that the one true God is immeasurably exalted above His creatures, and that the knowledge of all things hath ever been and shall ever remain with Him. Every fair-minded soul, moreover, will testify that whosoever faileth to embrace the truth of this most great Revelation will find himself powerless and incapable of establishing the validity of any other cause or creed. And as to those who have deprived themselves of the robe of justice and arisen to promote the cause of iniquity, they shall give voice to that which the exponents of hatred and fanaticism have uttered from time immemorial. The knowledge of all things is with God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

One day when this servant was in His presence, I was asked: "O servant in attendance! Wherewith art thou engaged?" "I am penning a reply", I answered, "to his honour Mirza Abu'l-Fadl". I was bidden: "Write to Mirza Abu'l-Fadl, may My glory be upon him, and say: ʿMatters have come to such a pass that the people of the world have grown accustomed to iniquity and flee from fair-mindedness. A divine Manifestation Who hath extolled and magnified the one true God, exalted be His glory, Who hath borne witness to His knowledge and confessed that His Essence is sanctified above all things and exalted beyond every comparison-such a Manifestation hath been called at various times a worshipper of the sun or a fire-worshipper. How numerous are those sublime Manifestations and Revealers of the Divine of Whose stations the people remain wholly unaware, of Whose grace they are utterly deprived, nay, God forbid, Whom they curse and revile!'

"'One of the great Prophets Whom the foolish ones of Persia in this day reject uttered these sublime words:"The sun is but a dense and spherical mass. It deserveth not to be called God or the Almighty. For the almighty Lord is He Whom no human comprehension can ever conceive, Whom no earthly knowledge can circumscribe, and Whose Essence none hath ever been or shall ever be able to fathom".

Consider how eloquently, how solemnly He hath affirmed the very truth that God is proclaiming in this day. And yet He is not even deemed a believer by these abject and foolish ones, let alone seen as possessed of a sublime station! In another connection He said: "All existence hath appeared from His existence, and were it not for God, no creature would have ever existed and been attired with the raiment of being". May the Lord shield us all from the wickedness of such as have disputed the truth of God and of His loved ones and turned away from that Dayspring whereunto all the Books of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, have testified."'

From that which hath been mentioned, it is clear that not every intellect can be the criterion of truth. The truly wise are, in the first place, the Chosen Ones of God, magnified be His glory-they Whom He hath singled out to be the Treasuries of His knowledge, the Repositories of His Revelation, the Daysprings of His authority and the Dawning-places of His wisdom, they Whom He hath made His representatives on earth and through Whom He revealeth that which He hath purposed. Whoso turneth unto them hath turned unto God, and whoso turneth away shall not be remembered in the presence of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The universal criterion is that which hath just been mentioned. Whosoever attaineth thereunto, that is, who recognizeth and acknowledgeth the Dawning-place of God's Revelation, will be recorded in the Book of God among them that are endued with understanding. Otherwise he is naught but an ignorant soul, though he believe himself to be possessed of every wisdom. Now, were a person to see himself standing in the presence of God, were he to sanctify his soul from earthly attachments and evil intentions, and reflect upon that which hath been revealed in this most great Revelation from its inception to this day, he would readily testify that every detached soul, every perfect mind, sanctified being, attentive ear, penetrating eye, eloquent tongue, and joyous and radiant heart circleth round and boweth down, nay prostrateth itself in submission, before the mighty throne of God.

Another of his questions is this:

> "Among the Manifestations of the past one hath, in His time, allowed the eating of beef while another hath forbidden it; one hath permitted the eating of pork whereas another hath proscribed it. Thus do their ordinances differ. I entreat the True One, exalted be His name, to graciously specify the appropriate religious prohibitions."

A direct reply and detailed explanation of this matter would have overstepped the bounds of wisdom, inasmuch as people of diverse faiths associate with the distinguished Sahib and a direct reply would have contravened the laws of Islam. The answer was therefore sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will in an implicit manner. Indeed the statement in the first passage where He saith: "The All-Knowing Physician hath His finger on the pulse of mankind" was, and remaineth, the answer to his question. He further saith: "Be anxiously concerned with the needs of the age ye live in, and centre your deliberations on its exigencies and requirements." That is, fix your gaze upon the commandments of God, for whatsoever He should ordain in this day and pronounce as lawful is indeed lawful and representeth the very truth.

It is incumbent upon all to turn their gaze towards the Cause of God and to observe that which hath dawned above the horizon of His Will, since it is through the potency of His name that the banner of "He

doeth what He willeth" hath been unfurled and the standard of "He ordaineth what He pleaseth" hath been raised aloft. For instance, were He to pronounce water itself to be unlawful, it would indeed become unlawful, and the converse holdeth equally true. For upon no thing hath it been inscribed "this is lawful" or "this is unlawful"; nay rather, whatsoever hath been or will be revealed is by virtue of the Word of God, exalted be His glory.

These matters are sufficiently clear and require no further elaboration. Even so, certain groups believe that all the ordinances current amongst them are unalterable, that they have ever been valid, and that they will forever remain so. Consider a further passage, glorified and exalted be He: "These words are being uttered in due measure, that the newly born may thrive and the tender shoot flourish. Milk must be given in suitable proportion, that the children of the world may attain to the station of maturity and abide in the court of oneness." For instance, some believe that wine hath ever been and shall remain forbidden. Now, were one to inform them that it might one day be made lawful, they would arise in protest and opposition.

In truth, the people of the world have yet not grasped the meaning of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth", nor have they comprehended the significance of Supreme Infallibility. The suckling child must be nourished with milk. If it be given meat it will assuredly perish, and this would be naught but sheer injustice and unwisdom. Blessed are they that understand. Supreme Infallibility, as I once heard from His blessed lips, is reserved exclusively to the Manifestations of the Cause of God and the Exponents of His Revelation. This matter is mentioned but briefly, for time is short and as scarce as the legendary phoenix.

Yet another question:

> "According to the teachings of the Mahabad and Hindu religions, should a person of whatever faith or nation, of whatever colour, appearance, character or condition, be disposed to associate with you, ye should show forth kindness and treat him as a brother. But in other religions this is not so: their followers ill-treat and oppress the adherents of other faiths, consider their persecution as an act of worship, and regard their kindred and their possessions as lawful unto themselves. Which approach is acceptable in the sight of God?"

The former statement hath ever been and will continue to be true. It is not permissible to contend with anyone, nor is it acceptable in the sight of God to ill-treat or oppress any soul. Time and again have these sublime words streamed from the Pen of the Most High, blessed and exalted be He: "O ye children of men! The fundamental purpose animating the Faith of God and His Religion is to safeguard the interests and promote the unity of the human race, and to foster the spirit of love and fellowship amongst men. Suffer it not to become a source of dissension and discord, of hate and enmity". This subject hath already been set forth and explained in various Tablets.

It behoveth him who expoundeth the Word of God to deliver it with the utmost good-will, kindness, and compassion. As to him that embraceth the truth and is honoured with recognizing Him, his name shall be recorded in the Crimson Book among the inmates of the all-highest Paradise. Should a soul fail, however, to accept the truth, it is in no wise permissible to contend with him. In another connection He saith: "Blessed and happy is he that ariseth to promote the best interests of the peoples and kindreds of the

earth." Likewise He saith: "The people of Baha should soar high above the peoples of the world." In matters of religion every form of fanaticism, hatred, dissension and strife is strictly forbidden.

Section 6: "In this day a Luminary hath dawned above…"

In this day a Luminary hath dawned above the horizon of divine providence, upon whose brow the Pen of Glory hath inscribed these exalted words: "We have called you into being to show forth love and fidelity, not animosity and hatred". Likewise, on another occasion, He-exalted and glorified be His name-hath revealed the following words in the Persian tongue, words through which the hearts of the well-favoured and the sincere amongst His servants are consumed, the manifold pursuits of men are harmonized, and mankind is illumined by the light of divine unity and enabled to turn towards the Dayspring of divine knowledge: "The incomparable Friend saith: The path to freedom hath been outstretched; hasten ye thereunto. The wellspring of wisdom is overflowing; quaff ye therefrom. Say: O well-beloved ones! The tabernacle of unity hath been raised; regard ye not one another as strangers. Ye are the fruits of one tree, and the leaves of one branch."

Justice, which consisteth in rendering each his due, dependeth upon and is conditioned by two words: reward and punishment. From the standpoint of justice, every soul should receive the reward of his actions, inasmuch as the peace and prosperity of the world depend thereon, even as He saith, exalted be His glory: "The structure of world stability and order hath been reared upon, and will continue to be sustained by, the twin pillars of reward and punishment". In brief, every circumstance requireth a different utterance and every occasion calleth for a different course of action. Blessed are they that have arisen to serve God, who speak forth wholly for His sake, and who return unto Him.

Another of his questions:

> "Hindus and Zoroastrians do not admit or welcome outsiders who wish to join their ranks. Christians welcome those who decide of their own accord to embrace their religion, but make no effort and exert no pressure to this end. Muslims and Jews, however, insist upon it, enjoin it upon others, and, should anyone refuse, grow hostile and regard it as lawful to seize his kindred and possessions. Which approach is acceptable in the sight of God?"

The children of men are all brothers, and the prerequisites of brotherhood are manifold. Among them is that one should wish for one's brother that which one wisheth for oneself. Therefore, it behoveth him who is the recipient of an inward or outward gift or who partaketh of the bread of heaven to inform and invite his friends with the utmost love and kindness. If they respond favourably, his object is attained; otherwise he should leave them to themselves without contending with them or uttering a word that would cause the least sadness. This is the undoubted truth, and aught else is unworthy and unbecoming.

The distinguished Sahib, may God graciously aid him, hath written that the Hindus and Zoroastrians do not permit or welcome outsiders who wish to join their ranks. This runneth counter to the purpose underlying the advent of the Messengers of God and to that which hath been revealed in their Books. For those Who have appeared at God's behest have been entrusted with the guidance and education of all people. How could they debar a seeker from the object of his quest, or forbid a wayfarer from the desire

of his heart? The fire-temples of the world stand as eloquent testimony to this truth. In their time they summoned, with burning zeal, all the inhabitants of the earth to Him Who is the Spirit of purity.

He hath moreover written that Christians welcome those who decide of their own accord to embrace their religion, but make no effort and exert no pressure to this end. This, however, is a misconception. For the Christians have exerted and continue to exert the utmost effort in teaching their faith. Their church organizations have an expenditure of about thirty million. Their missionaries have scattered far and wide throughout the globe and are assiduously engaged in teaching Christianity. Thus have they compassed the world. How numerous the schools and churches they have founded to instruct children, yet their unavowed aim is that these children, as they acquire an education, may also become acquainted in their early years with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and that the unsullied mirrors of their hearts may thus reflect that which their teachers have purposed. Indeed the followers of no other religion are as intent upon the propagation of their faith as the Christians.

In brief, what is right and true in this day and acceptable before His Throne is that which was mentioned at the outset. All men have been called into being for the betterment of the world. It behoveth every soul to arise and serve his brethren for the sake of God. Should a brother of his embrace the truth, he should rejoice that the latter hath attained unto everlasting favour. Otherwise he should implore God to guide him without manifesting the least trace of animosity or ill-feeling towards him. The reins of command are in the grasp of God. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth as He pleaseth. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Praised.

We beseech the one true God, magnified be His glory, to enable us to recognize Him Whose unerring wisdom pervadeth all things and that we may acknowledge His truth. For once one hath recognized Him and borne witness to His Reality, one will no longer be troubled by the idle fancies and vain imaginings of men. The divine Physician hath the pulse of mankind within His almighty grasp. At one time He may well deem fit to sever certain infected limbs, that the disease may not spread to other parts of the body. This would be the very essence of mercy and compassion, and to none is given the right to object, for He is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing.

Another of his questions:

> "In the Mahabad and Zoroastrian religions it is said: ʿOur faith and religion is superior to every other. The other Prophets and the religions they have instituted are true, but they occupy different stations before God, even as, in the court of a king, there is a gradation of ranks from the prime minister to the common soldier. Whosoever wisheth, let him keep the precepts of his religion.' Nor do they impose upon any soul. The Hindus claim that whosoever partaketh of meat, for whatever reason or under whatever circumstances, shall never catch a glimpse of Paradise. The followers of Muhammad, Jesus and Moses maintain that a similar fate awaiteth those who fail to bear allegiance to their religions. Which belief is favoured by God, glorified be His mention?"

Regarding their statement that "our faith and religion is superior to every other", by this is meant such Prophets as have appeared before them. Viewed from one perspective these holy Souls are one: the first

among them is the same as the last, and the last is the same as the first. All have proceeded from God, unto Him have they summoned all men, and unto Him have they returned. This theme hath been set forth in the Book of Certitude, which is indeed the cynosure of all books, and which streamed from the Pen of Glory in the early years of this Most Great Revelation. Blessed is he that hath beheld it and pondered its contents for the love of God, the Lord of creation.

Concerning the remark attributed to the Hindus that whosoever partaketh of meat shall never catch a glimpse of Paradise, this runneth counter to their other assertion that all the Prophets are true. For if their truth be established, then it is absurd to claim that their followers will not ascend unto Paradise. One fain would ask what they intend by Paradise and what they have grasped thereof. In this day whosoever attaineth the good pleasure of the one true God, magnified be His glory, shall be remembered and accounted among the inmates of the all-highest Heaven and the most exalted Paradise, and shall partake of its benefits in all the worlds of God. By Him Who is the Desire of all men! The pen is powerless to portray this station or to expound this theme. How great the blessedness of him who hath attained unto the good-pleasure of God, and woe betide the heedless! Once the validity of a divinely appointed Prophet hath been established, to none is given the right to ask why or wherefore. Rather is it incumbent upon all to accept and obey whatsoever He saith. This is that which God hath decreed in all His Books, Scriptures and Tablets.

A further question that he hath asked:

> "The Hindus assert that God fashioned the Intellect in the form of a man named Brahma, Who came into this world and was the cause of its progress and development, and that all Hindus are His descendants. The followers of Zoroaster say: 'God, through the agency of the Primal Intellect, created a man whose name is Mahabad and who is our ancestor.' They believe the modes of creation to be six in number. Two were mentioned above; the others are creation from water, earth, fire, and from bears and monkeys. The Hindus and Zoroastrians both say that they are begotten of the Intellect, and thus do not admit others into their folds. Are these assertions true or not? That wise Master is requested to indicate that which he deemeth appropriate."

The entire creation hath been called into being through the Will of God, magnified be His glory, and peerless Adam hath been fashioned through the agency of His all-compelling Word, a Word which is the source, the wellspring, the repository, and the dawning-place of the intellect. From it all creation hath proceeded, and it is the channel of God's primal grace. None can grasp the reality of the origin of creation save God, exalted be His glory, Whose knowledge embraceth all things both before and after they come into being. Creation hath neither beginning nor end, and none hath ever unravelled its mystery. Its knowledge hath ever been, and shall remain, hidden and preserved with those Who are the Repositories of divine knowledge.

The world of existence is contingent, inasmuch as it is preceded by a cause, while essential preexistence hath ever been, and shall remain, confined to God, magnified be His glory. This statement is being made lest one be inclined to conclude from the earlier assertion, namely that creation hath no beginning and no end, that it is preexistent. True and essential preexistence is exclusively reserved to God, while the

preexistence of the world is secondary and relative. All that hath been inferred about firstness, lastness and such hath in truth been derived from the sayings of the Prophets, Apostles, and Chosen Ones of God.

As to the "realm of subtle entities" which is often referred to, it pertaineth to the Revelation of the Prophets, and aught else is mere superstition and idle fancy. At the time of the Revelation all men are equal in rank. By reason, however, of their acceptance or rejection, rise or fall, motion or stillness, recognition or denial, they come to differ thereafter. For instance, the one true God, magnified be His glory, speaking through the intermediary of His Manifestation, doth ask: "Am I not your Lord?" Every soul that answereth "Yea, verily!" is accounted among the most distinguished of all men in the sight of God. Our meaning is that ere the Word of God is delivered, all men are deemed equal in rank and their station is one and the same. It is only thereafter that differences appear, as thou hast no doubt observed.

It is clearly established from that which hath been mentioned that none may ever justifiably claim: "We are begotten of the Intellect, while all others stem from another origin." The truth that shineth bright and resplendent as the sun is this, that all have been created through the operation of the Divine Will and have proceeded from the same source, that all are from Him and that unto Him they shall all return. This is the meaning of that blessed verse in the Qur'an which hath issued from the Pen of the All-Merciful: "Verily, we are God's, and to Him shall we return".

As is clear and evident to thee, the answer to all of the questions mentioned above was embodied in but one of the passages revealed by the Pen of the Most High. Blessed are they who, freed from worldly matters and sanctified from idle fancies and vain imaginings, traverse the meads of divine knowledge and discern in all things the tokens of His glory.

Numerous passages have been revealed in the name of his honour the Sahib. Were he to appreciate their value and avail himself of their fruits, he would experience such joy that all the sorrows of the world would be powerless to afflict him. God grant that he may be enabled to sincerely voice, and to act in accordance with, the following words: "Say: It is God; then leave them to entertain themselves with their cavilings." May he endeavour to guide those deprived souls who remain secluded in darkness and obscurity towards the light of the Sun. May he seize, through the potency of the Most Great Name, the banner that speaketh of naught save His Revelation and march at the forefront of the people of the former religions, that perchance the darkness of the world may be dispelled and the effulgent rays of the Sun of Truth may shine upon all mankind. This, in truth, is the most perfect bounty and the highest calling. Should man fail to attain unto this sublime station, where then can he find comfort and joy? What will sustain and animate him? With whom will he commune at the hour of repose, and whose name will he invoke when he riseth from slumber? Again: "Verily, we are God's, and to Him shall we return."

His last question. "Most of the Tablets that we have seen are in Arabic. However, since the Beloved in this age is of Persian descent, the Arabic tongue should be abandoned and discarded. For to this day the Arabs themselves have not understood the meaning of the Qur'an, whereas the Persian language is highly prized, lauded and admired among the dwellers of the inhabited quarter of the globe. And just as the Persian of the present day is superior to Arabic, so too is Old Persian, which is greatly favoured by the people of India and others. It would therefore be preferable if the words of God, magnified be His

mention, were hereafter mainly delivered in pure Persian, since it attracteth the hearts to a greater degree. It is moreover requested that the reply to these questions be graciously written in pure Persian."

The Persian tongue is in truth exceedingly sweet and pleasing, and ever since this request was submitted in His most blessed and exalted court, numerous Tablets have been revealed in that language. As to the statement concerning the Qur'an implying that its outward meaning hath not been understood, in reality it hath been interpreted in numerous ways and translated into countless languages. That which men have been unable to grasp are its hidden mysteries and inner meanings. And all that they have said or will say is limited in scope and should be seen as commensurate with their rank and station. For none can fathom its true meaning save God, the One, the Incomparable, the All-Knowing.

Section 7: "In this day He Who is the Lord…"

In this day He Who is the Lord, the Ruler, the Fashioner, and the Refuge of the world hath appeared. Let every ear be eager to hearken unto that which will be revealed from the kingdom of His will; let every eye be expectant to gaze upon that which will shine forth from the Daystar of knowledge and wisdom. By Him Who is the Desire of the world! This is the day for eyes to see and for ears to hear, for hearts to perceive and for tongues to speak forth. Blessed are they that have attained thereunto; blessed are they that have sought after and recognized it! This is the day whereon every man may accede unto everlasting honour, for whatsoever hath streamed forth from the Pen of Glory in regard to any soul is adorned with the ornament of immortality. Again, blessed are they that have attained thereunto!

The distinguished Sahib hath written: "Since the Beloved in this age is of Persian descent, the Arabic tongue should be abandoned and discarded." In this connection these sublime words issued from the Pen of the Most High, magnified and exalted be His glory: "Both Arabic and Persian are laudable. That which is desired of a language is that it convey the intent of the speaker, and either language can serve this purpose. And since in this day the Orb of knowledge hath risen in the firmament of Persia, this tongue deserveth every praise."

The light of truth is indeed shining resplendent above the horizon of divine utterance, and hence no further elaboration is required from this evanescent soul or from others like unto him. Although there can be no question or doubt as to the sweetness of the Persian tongue, yet it hath not the scope of the Arabic. There are many things which have not been expressed in Persian, that is to say, words referring to such things have not been devised, whilst in Arabic there are several words describing the same thing. Indeed there existeth no language in the world as vast and comprehensive as Arabic. This statement is prompted by truth and fairness; otherwise it is clear that in this day the world is being illumined by the splendours of that Sun which hath dawned above the horizon of Persia, and that the merits of this sweet language can scarcely be overestimated.

All the questions of his honour the Sahib have herewith been mentioned and duly answered. If it be deemed appropriate and advisable, there would be no harm in his perusing these answers himself, and likewise they may be read by the beloved friends in that land, such as Jinab-i-ʿAli-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God, the Supreme Ordainer, and Jinab-i-aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be the Glory of Glories.

This servant beseecheth the one True God-exalted be His glory-to graciously adorn the world of humanity with justice and fair-mindedness, although in truth the latter is but one of the expressions of the former. Verily, justice is a lamp that guideth man aright amidst the darkness of the world and shieldeth him from every danger. It is indeed a shining lamp. God grant that the rulers of the earth may be illumined by its light. This servant further imploreth God to graciously aid all men to do His will and pleasure. He, in truth, is the Lord of this world and of the world to come. No God is there but Him, the Almighty, the Most-Powerful.

Regarding the honored Haji Shaykh Hadi, upon him be the glory of God, who was mentioned—convey greetings on behalf of this ephemeral one. It behooveth him to manifest the greatest steadfastness in the Cause of his Lord, the Lord of all beings. This servant beseeches his Lord to assist him in this, that he may guide people to the path of righteousness. I swear by the Sun of divine utterance that creation itself came into being for this Cause. Although this servant mentions to the gentlemen that which causes exaltation, ascendancy and enkindlement, yet he has been and is forbidden from revealing most matters. Were that which is hidden to be revealed, souls would take flight, solid rock would melt, how much more so hearts.

We beseech God to raise up souls who are pure in motive, that they may engage in purifying the world and its peoples, and through wisdom and utterance cause all to attain the true life-giving waters, that all may be illumined by the light of truth and cast off their old, antiquated, and sullied characteristics in the name of Truth, and be adorned with holy spiritual qualities, goodly words and righteous deeds. O friends! Make an effort—now is the time, now is the time! After a few days, most souls now living will be buried beneath the earth. For these few days, one should not be deprived of eternal life. Strive that all may attain that which, were the people of earth to search throughout the duration of the kingdom and heavenly realm, they would find nothing like unto it. I conclude these words at this point with mention of God's chosen ones and His friends who have arisen to praise Him and serve His decisive, wise Cause.

That regarding the honored leaf, the wife of Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Abdul-Hadi, upon her and upon him be the Glory of God, and her degrees of sincerity, steadfastness, perseverance and service in the path of God which you had written—this detailed account was presented before His presence and He showed His favor. Some time ago, a Most Holy and Exalted Tablet was specifically revealed for Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Abdul-Hadi, upon him be the Glory of God, and mention of the leaf was detailed in the Tablet and sent. No one strives in the path of God except that their mention flows from the Supreme Pen. How many souls were engaged in unworthy deeds that in truth were not befitting of God and His loved ones and His days, yet nevertheless He showed them favor due to their love and devotion.

One day in Iraq, a person committed an unseemly act and attained the Most Holy Court. After his departure, He said: "O servant! Since the grace of the divine days is all-encompassing, We showed him favor, otherwise he deserved to be stoned." Similarly, on another day when He was going out towards the Shrine and this servant was present, He mentioned one of the friends and showed favor from the Dawning-Place of grace. And this servant was somewhat bewildered due to certain matters he had heard and personally observed. This bewilderment was not from questioning, for through His grace this servant had been blessed to know that whatever He says is truth, even if He were to praise the worst of creation with the utmost mention and tribute, for the banner of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth" is raised

through His name and “He ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth” circumambulates. Rather, the bewilderment was from the greatness of His grace and manifestations of His favor.

Immediately He said: “No, no, O servant! Be assured that he is deprived of most divine favors in the infinite worlds. But since the effulgences of the Sun of Revelation have encompassed the world, he has become the recipient of favor according to his capacity due to his devotion and love. Ask God that all may attain the station of contentment and be honored with the greatest favors. And likewise ask God that they may be aided to return, for verily I am the Ever-Forgiving, the Merciful. Today the gate of grace is open, the sun of favor is shining, and the ocean of bounty is surging. A single moment of these days is superior to centuries and ages, for the fragrance of the divine garment is diffused therein. Blessed are they that attain!” Similar utterances were repeatedly heard from the Tongue of the Revealer of verses. O beloved of my heart! His favor has reached such a degree that He says: “O Son of Man! Observe My commandments for the love of My beauty.” If a soul were to discover the fragrance of this word and its sweetness and the mercy that can be derived from it, they would declare with a hundred thousand tongues: “I turn unto Thee and return unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds!”

Two matters are very essential today: one is the unity of the friends of God, and the other is the sanctification of deeds. These two are the means of ascent for souls, two pillars for the pavilion of knowledge, two wings for the believers, and two oceans for those who thirst in the valley […] and two suns for the heaven of meanings. Once They said:

> “O servant, write to His Honor Fadl that he must strive and become the cause of unity. If they act according to what God hath revealed in the Book, the Truth will bestow that which before [its manifestation] the mind was powerless and incapable of comprehending.”

Say: Let them refer to the revealed Tablets that they may become aware and conscious of the power, majesty, knowledge and all-embracing nature of the Truth, exalted be His glory. Verily the Glory preventeth all from following their desires and calleth them unto that which hath been ordained in the Psalms and Tablets.

This evanescent one and that honored one beseech the True One to grant all attentive ears and penetrating vision, that the counsel of counselors, the exhortation of exhorters, and the utterance of the sincere may prove effective and direct the realm of ignorance to the horizon of the heaven of knowledge.

Concerning what you wrote about Siyyid-hood, this is most evident and clear. Those souls who have drunk from the Kawthar of certitude, by the Most Great Ocean, those souls have been and are the Siyyids of the people. If through divine grace and infinite mercy this station is realized for a person, his relation is to the Truth, exalted be His glory. At the head of Tablets, this servant writes the revelation, and afterwards the Two Most Great Branches—may my spirit, my being, and my essence be sacrificed for the dust of their footsteps—inscribe the Tablets. However, your Tablet specifically, the Ancient Beauty commanded it to be written in this manner. Write that it is requested that you convey greetings to all the friends in that land. This evanescent one presents his respects to all and beseeches that, God willing, they may hold fast to such means and perform such deeds as will cause the sanctification and glorification of the Cause of God.

This servant has mentioned each one in the Most Holy Court, and likewise has written concerning each one that which he was commanded. In this case, it would seem he has some small claim, and by virtue of this claim he submits that the recompense, reward and acceptance of that service to each one is that from this party, who have been named by the name of God, such qualities should be manifested as will cause the exaltation of the Word, the attraction of people, and the turning of hearts.

And concerning the mention of Aqa Siyyid Ruhu'llah and Mashhadi Baqir, upon them be the Glory of God, it was submitted to the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court. This is what was revealed for the first, His word, exalted be His grandeur:

In My Name, the Answerer

Say: O friends, until ye are purified from the defilement of self and desire, ye shall not attain true tranquility. Today this exalted Word shineth as the sun from the horizon of the Divine Book: Act ye in accordance with what beseemeth the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. God willing, may ye be adorned with such an adornment as to attain distinction in the assemblage of the world. O Ruhu'llah! The Wronged One mentioneth thee and commandeth that which is befitting. Strive thou to be blessed in all times with the breath of the Holy Spirit. Today the Spirit crieth out in the wilderness of longing and giveth glad tidings to all who are on earth of the manifestation of Him Who conversed on Sinai. Say: O friends, today is the day of acceptance and today is the day of deeds. Hold fast to the cord of steadfastness and cling to the hem of sanctity. This is the counsel of the Wronged One of the horizons to His loved ones. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy mother and upon those who have attained unto the Word of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

And this is what was revealed for the latter, I am the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing:

Blessed is he who hath turned unto Mine all-highest horizon, and hath heard the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree, and hath beheld Mine All-Greatest Sign. He is of the people of Baha inscribed in the Crimson Tablet which none hath understood save the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have heard thy mention and have remembered thee, and counsel thee with that wherewith We have counseled Our loved ones, and I am the Counselor, the All-Wise. Shouldst thou become aware of the ocean of My bounty and the heaven of My grace, thou wouldst surely call out this Name by night and by day. Thy Lord is verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Whoso hath attained unto My Word and acted according to what is in My Book, he hath attained unto that which no swift scribe can reckon. The glory be upon thee and upon him who hath attained unto My presence and upon him who hath answered his Lord, the Speaking, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

No Name among Names remained except that there was revealed for it that which the treasures of the earth cannot equal even one letter thereof. Well is it with them and may it be wholesome for them. This lowly one also conveyeth greetings and glorification to them, and giveth them the glad-tidings of God's bounties. Blessed is the soul that hath become the recipient of glad-tidings and hath truly attained unto the hearing of the utterance of the All-Merciful. He is assuredly among those who are brought near unto God in His Book, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Glory shining forth from the horizon of the bounty of our Lord, the Lord of the seen and the unseen, be upon you and upon those mentioned in

your letter and upon those who have attained unto the announcement of God, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Great.

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Section 1: "The foundation of tranquility has been shaken…"

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

The foundation of tranquility has been shaken, the pillars of steadfastness have trembled, and hearts and minds have been troubled by the appearance of deeds and actions in various forms—at times appearing as cannons, at others as bullets, at times as rifles, and at times in the form of daggers and swords. What was built over a thousand years or more has been demolished. The works of Alexander the First, by whom Alexandria was built and named, have been nullified. Calamities have seized it from all directions such that its lamp has been extinguished, its winds have become still, its ornaments and splendor have perished, its veil has been rent, its traces have been burned, and its people have been scattered. Today nothing can be seen except as a patch of ashes or a mound of dust. Woe unto those whom the world has so occupied that they have turned away from their Origin, their Creator, their Provider, their Quickener, and their Helper. They have clung to their desires, turning away from the Lord of all humanity. Verily, they are among the most lost in the perspicuous Book.

Prayers and peace be upon Him by Whose name the world was illumined and Who established the balance of justice among the nations—He through Whose ascension the heaven and all above it were glorified, and through Whose beauty the earth and all that is within and upon it smiled—and upon His family and companions, through whom necks were humbled before the Lord of the horizons and idols fell through the power of the days. These are servants whom the All-Merciful has described in the Furqan with His words: "They speak not before He speaks, and they act by His command," and "On them shall be no fear, neither shall they grieve."

O beloved of my heart and pulse within my breast! Your letter has reached my heart and has rekindled what had been extinguished, bearing as it did your sweetest utterance and your words which testified to your sincerity towards God, the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven. Blessed is the pen through which the sorrowful was gladdened and every extinguished flame was rekindled. The servant beseeches God, his Lord and the Lord of earth and heaven, to strengthen you and preserve you in these days when darkness has encompassed God's lands and cities, God's religion and law, God's Faith and Cause. There has appeared what God had previously revealed in the Psalms and Tablets, and in these days there has emerged the remainder of what was inscribed by the Supreme Pen from God, the Creator of all things. And soon other matters shall appear to fulfill what the Tongue of Grandeur has spoken in a Tablet which none has seen save Him. To this testifies every insightful and certain one. God, the Single, the One, the

Exalted, the Great, has spoken truth, and he who has confirmed what has appeared in these days by the command of the Powerful, the Ancient, has spoken truth.

Regarding what was written about the beloved, Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory of God, as well as all the petitions that were sent—all were presented before the Presence, and the Sun of Grace has risen and shone upon each one. How wonderful is this heavenly blessing that has descended in such wise as to surpass all earthly blessings, descending at all times from the heaven of the All-Merciful's grace. However, that beloved one and this evanescent one and all the friends of God must beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, that a true hunger be found on earth. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Generous.

Concerning what thou hadst written regarding the consort of Jináb-i-Áqá Siyyid 'Alí—upon him be the Bahá of God—according to the request of that honored lady, mention of her was made in the Most Holy and Impregnable Court. He said: Her mention hath repeatedly been made in the Most Great Scene, and she hath attained unto the favor of the Lord of Destiny. God willing, may they drink from the ocean of steadfastness and look toward that which God hath willed.

And We mention in this station My handmaid who hath been named Fáṭimih, and We announce unto her the glad-tidings of My remembrance, wherewith all the Manifestations of the Cause have, aforetime and hereafter, been gladdened. I, verily, am the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have forgiven her, and her father, and her mother, and whomsoever she hath desired. Let her render thanks unto God for this mighty bounty.

O My handmaid! The ocean of forgiveness hath surged, yet none hath turned thereunto save a few. The countenance of thy Lord is forgiving, bountiful. Verily, the people have turned away from that which is approved, and have turned toward that which is rejected. Thus have their own selves enticed them, and they perceive it not. They behold the verses and deny them; they hear the Call and turn away therefrom.

And We make mention of him by whose remembrance the temple of martyrdom was adorned among the people, and of his brother who offered up his spirit in the path of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. And We make mention of the people of the House, and of those who attained unto their love and circumambulated round them out of love for God, the Mighty, the Loving.

O Zaynu'l-Muqarrabín! Upon thee be My Bahá. In all conditions the Pen of the Most High hath mentioned, and doth mention, the people of truth—especially the two shining and radiant lights, and then Kāẓim, who attained unto the Most Great Martyrdom in this mighty Cause.

Blessed are those souls whom the fleeting world, and its conditions and colors, have not withheld from the True One, and who have quaffed from the cup of tribulation and adversity in His path, and have clung to the cord of patience and long-suffering.

Convey the takbír to the people of Nún and Jím. Say: That which hath befallen you in His path is clear and manifest in the presence of Him Who is the Dawning-place of the light of Divine Unity. Sorrow not for that which hath befallen you in His path. The fleeting days of the world, in the sight of the possessors of vision,

are accounted as less than the least of things. Soon shall annihilation seize it, and the people of truth shall attain unto a recompense which all that is upon the earth can never equal.

O Zayn! They have heard in the path of God that which hath caused the Concourse on High to lament, and there hath befallen them that which hath made the eyes of the denizens of Paradise weep. This is a glad-tiding from Us, and I am the All-Wise Bearer of Glad-Tidings. How many souls return to dust at every moment, leaving no trace or sign behind, for whatsoever remaineth of them in this world hath yielded and shall yield them no fruit. Blessed are they who have attained unto mention by the Most Exalted Pen, for its fragrance shall endure throughout the eternity of the divine names. Say: O friends! Know ye the value of the days of the All-Merciful, and arise to that which beseemeth and is worthy. O Zayn! We have made mention of those who have believed and have arisen to serve the Cause with such remembrance as neither extinction shall overtake nor the passing of centuries and ages shall alter. Blessed is he who pondereth on that which hath appeared from the ocean of God's bounty, the Lord of the worlds.

Convey greetings from God unto the people of Alif and Ra. That which hath befallen them in My path hath caused those who are nigh to lament. Say: Beware lest the doings of the oppressors sadden you. Turn ye with illumined hearts unto the Most Sublime Horizon; then shall ye behold the lights of the sun of your Lord's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the Beloved.

Verily We have made mention of the Most Great Victory in such wise that were it to be cast upon fire thou wouldst behold it as light, and were it cast upon a rivulet thou wouldst see it as an ocean, and were it cast upon bones they would move and arise by the leave of God, the Lord of existence. God willing, may all drink from the ocean of joy and be illumined by the lights of His countenance. All the friends in every region are remembered before the Divine Throne and are the recipients of His grace. However, We counsel all to engage in such deeds and affairs as will lead to the exaltation of God's Cause and to that which hath been recorded in the Book by the Most Exalted Pen. Should they pause for but an hour to reflect upon the changes and upheavals of the earth that were previously revealed by the Most Exalted Pen, all would find themselves detached and free, and would cling with the utmost joy and fragrance to the One True Friend. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, as a token of His grace, for He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Great. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

I convey my greetings to that honored lady, upon her be the Glory of God. Her mention and her petitions have ever reached the Most Holy Court and received their response. In these days she hath sent a letter to this servant, but until now no reply hath been possible. This is not due to neglect but to the press of occupation. God willing, may she ever be engaged in the remembrance of the One True Goal and keep the mirror of her heart illumined by His remembrance. For some time the sending of correspondence hath become difficult. No affair in these regions is observed with the stability and tranquility of former times. In brief, confusion, revolution and turmoil are manifest in every class. We beseech the Exalted True One, glorified be His majesty, to aid His Faith and adorn these lands with the ornament of security. Verily, He hath power over all things.

Concerning what thou didst write about Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Muhammad-ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God, praise be to God he is safe, but Egypt hath fallen under the might of English guns these past two days. Security and rest have been achieved. God willing, news of the aforementioned one will reach his

survivors as commanded. Convey greetings to his family on behalf of the True One and console them. It was said that the aforementioned one hath been negligent and should send news of himself. However, since that region hath been in turmoil for some time—indeed, to such an extreme degree that Alexandria is observed as a mound of dust—these great upheavals have been the cause of the lack of news.

Mention was made of Jinab-i-Aqa Ali-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, from the land of K. The aforementioned one along with Jinab-i-Haji Ghulam-Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, arrived and attained the presence. The small amount they wrote about should reach here. They sent 17 tumans of Siyyids' portion to His Holiness Afnan, upon him be the most glorious Glory of God, which should reach that Presence, and likewise they gave one and a half liras to Jinab-i-Nazir, upon him be the Glory of God, which should also reach that Beloved One, and they gave these to this servant, therefore it is submitted that as commanded, when Huquq reaches that person these two items should be taken from it.

Some of the friends have not paid the Huququ'llah and have not acted according to what was revealed in God's Book by the Most Exalted Pen, therefore some of the loved ones are living in utmost hardship. The servant beseeches God his Lord to grant them abundance and bestow upon them the good of this world and the next and make them wealthy in the earth. Verily He is the Compassionate, the Generous. This matter will surely become manifest. Beseech the True One to aid all to fulfill what hath been revealed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Book.

That which thou hast written concerning the handmaiden of God, Zubaydih, was presented before the Most Holy Court, and the Sun of loving-kindness dawned forth resplendent. For her is the right to render thanksgiving and praise unto God, inasmuch as she hath been enabled to migrate in the name of God. God willing, may she be adorned with the ornament of faithfulness and be engaged in that which God loveth and beholdeth. God hath forgiven her and those for whom she hath sought forgiveness. O Zayn, convey to her My glory and gladden her with the mention of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

As to thy mention of Hubu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, this was presented, and thus did the Tongue of the Intended One speak forth when the Throne was established upon the mountain: We have aforetime made mention of him who beareth My name, and of his father and mother, as a token of Our grace, for verily I am the All-Bountiful, the Generous. We have sent down for My name that which hath brought joy to the eyes of Paradise and the dwellers of the cities of names, for verily I am the Omnipotent over whatsoever I will, there is no God but I, the Forgiving, the Merciful. He hath migrated from the Land of Ta by reason of that which befell him in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds.

He is among those who have attained unto My tender mercy and My loving-kindness, and who turned toward My horizon in the earliest days while most of the people were heedless. Through his departure, brought about through tyranny and oppression, the hearts of those who have turned toward the Supreme Horizon and clung to the cord of God, the Lord of all worlds, were saddened. God willing, may My name Jamal and those with him be adorned at all times with the ornament of contentment. The essence of the Cause hath been and shall ever be the good-pleasure of God, exalted be His glory. This is that ocean whereof one drop is more beneficial than sight, more profitable than hearing, and more fruitful than speech. This is that matter unto which all the books of the peoples have commanded and guided. Blessed are they that attain thereunto.

O thou beloved of my heart! In truth, should a soul in these spiritual days—whose excellences and stations are beyond the reckoning of the world—attain unto this station, and should such exalted words as aforementioned flow forth concerning him from the Supreme Pen, he hath attained unto all good and is adorned with true wealth, even should he possess not a single coin. Should he arrive in a barren desert, by the life of God, he would want for nothing, for true bounty and spiritual sustenance would accompany and attend him. May God provide for us, for your honor, and for the company of those near unto God.

As regards what was written concerning Mulla ʿAbdu'llah, God willing, may he attain to divine grace and be honored with the nobility of steadfastness. This matter was presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, and these sublime words descended from the heaven of grace and revelation:

> "O Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin! The grace of God requires that thou shouldst mention to those who have turned towards Him such verses as are the cause and origin of existence and perpetuity, and seek divine confirmation for those who turn away and are heedless. Verily His mercy has preceded all and His grace has encompassed all existence. God willing, may the person mentioned attain to the recognition of Truth and to that which befits these days. The sending of a special Tablet is not permitted. Act with utmost love and speak according to his capacity and station. As regards the sending of Tablets, if they are concealed it is closer to righteousness. I beseech God, thy Lord, to manifest that whereby every distant one may draw nigh, every slumberer may be awakened, every seated one may arise, and every wanderer may be guided. Verily, He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful."

Section 2: "All are commanded to observe wisdom…"

All are commanded to observe wisdom, and to act in such wise that for some time now nothing has been sent to the honored physician—upon him be the glory of God and His grace—and to the loved ones of Iraq—upon them be the glory of God—for in this land certain heedless souls have been and are secretly engaged in circulating certain publications. However, God doeth whatsoever He willeth, and in His right hand is all power. He is the One, the Single, the All-Choosing.

Mention was made of Muhammad-Husayn of Nur. This is what was revealed for him from the heaven of the grace of our Lord, the Most Merciful:

In My Name, the All-Knowing!

O Muhammad-Husayn! He who loved Me mentioned thee in his letter which he sent to the servant who standeth before My face. When I heard it, I made mention of thee. Verily, the Wronged One remembereth him who remembereth Him, and turneth unto him who hath turned unto God, the One, the All-Informed. Give thanks unto God for this Most Great Remembrance wherewith the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken from His Most Great Prison. Say: Verily, He hath changed the prison into the Most Exalted Paradise, yet the people are drowning in the ocean of heedlessness. We have sent down from the heaven of Our Will that which a single letter thereof hath distinguished the books of the Messengers. Say: By God! This is the Day of vision, for the Greatest Countenance hath been adorned with a wondrous ornament, and this is the Day of hearing, for the Call hath been raised from this luminous Spot. Thus have

the verses been revealed, and their station and rank have been made manifest by their very nature, which none hath understood save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

God willing, may the one mentioned prove worthy and become a fit vessel to carry the pearls of utterance of the Goal of all the worlds.

The second epistle from His Holiness, dated the twenty-seventh of Jamadi'th-Thani, transformed the darkness of separation into the light of reunion, dispelled sorrow and raised high the banner of joy. Its opening, adorned with mention of the Lord of all peoples and nations, was presented before His countenance. Thus did the tongue give utterance in the Kingdom of expression:

O Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin! This Wronged One is encompassed by yet another sorrow, and grief is added unto grief, for the Lamp of Batha is surrounded by diverse winds, and the Light of Hijaz is eclipsed. The world is observed to be in turmoil. None among the mighty show mercy to the weak. For instance, if the governance of the world should rest with one person, and a single village remain outside his dominion, he strives day and night to seize that village too. Would that such greed and desire were directed to other ends! Most of the world's conflicts arise purely from vain desire, though attributed to religion, zeal and homeland. Religion and homeland bear witness to the falsehood of this people.

Say: The earth is but one country and mankind's origin is from one Word. For what purpose is this strife, and for whom this enmity? O Zayn! These are the consequences of deeds appearing in diverse forms. Beseech God not to deprive all from the cup of equity. All believers and sincere ones must pray that perchance the divine religion may be preserved. The greatest fault is that the oppressor cannot be distinguished from the oppressed. The source of tyranny claims justice. A great realm has fallen to enemies through mere desire. Had the people of the earth acted with fairness and followed what God has decreed, no harm would have touched the world, and all would have been observed resting in the cradle of security. Verily He knows, speaks, sees and reveals, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Zayn! The servant in attendance is present. What you presented at the beginning of your letter has been presented. We have heard it and answered you. By My life! From your words We perceived the fragrance of sincerity to God, the True One. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid you to arise as He has aided you through His grace, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful. And We beseech Him to guide the people to His straight path. Convey My greetings to My loved ones who have held fast to justice when the darkness of oppression encompassed all lands. Say: O friends! Hold fast to deeds and virtuous conduct, and forget not the divine commandments, that perchance the fragrance of goodly deeds may influence the people of the world.

You are among those who have endured in God's path that which has been recorded in the Book of the world, in such wise that water cannot wash it away, nor can successive centuries and ages remove it from sight. Strive that these lofty stations may not be lost, nor the lightning of desire burn their pages. This Wronged One is occupied night and day with counsel and exhortation, with words that would melt even the hardest rock were they to be placed upon it. We beseech God to illumine hearts with the light of His Word, that all may act in accordance with that which will exalt His Cause among His servants. Likewise

convey greetings to the handmaidens of that land and gladden them with the remembrance of the Wronged One.

Praise be to God! The Sun of loving-kindness is shining and the Ocean of utterance is surging. At one time He said:

> "O thou who art present before the Countenance! The purpose of this Wronged One in enduring hardships, the taunts of the people, the afflictions that have befallen Him, and successive tribulations and calamities, is that the people of the earth may not regard the divine religion and His Faith as a cause and source of rancor and enmity, so that discord may be removed from among all and the horizons may be illumined with the light of unity."

Time and again hath this servant heard such exalted words from the tongue of the Desired One. In truth, should the world attain unto this utterance, it would achieve everlasting rest.

As to what thou hadst written about the two festivals coinciding—for on the Most Great Festival this great glad-tidings arrived—He said: "O Zein! We have honored them with a third," and these are the words which are adorned with the ornament of divine praise and glorification. In truth, this station is not confined to limits, for throughout successive years thou hast been and art the recipient of countless favors. This is indeed clear and evident. The blessed messenger arrived on the blessed day. This is due to thy sincerity and certitude, O thou who art beloved! God willing, mayest thou ever be the recipient of the favors of God, exalted be His glory. Verily, He is with you wherever you may be.

Concerning what thou hadst written about some of the handmaidens of God requesting that they be mentioned in special places—this evanescent servant, after divine grace and heavenly confirmations, is always occupied with the mention of the friends, especially in the holy places and exalted, transcendent stations. God willing, may all be assisted and attain the privilege of visiting the House of God. God is powerful and mighty. May He record from the Pen of Grace the reward of the pilgrims for all. Verily, He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Strong, the Mighty.

The mention of the sister of Ustad Abdul-Karim—upon them both be the Glory of God—was not forgotten. It was presented before the Gate, and this sinful evanescent one beseeched forgiveness from God, exalted be His glory. God willing, she hath attained unto it.

The vision of Agha Muhammad-Taqi—upon him be God's favor—is a clear evidence of the grace of God, exalted be His glory. God willing, may he attain unto that which God loveth. Every station is unmentioned before this station—to this beareth witness every seeing one possessed of insight.

Regarding what thou hadst written about Agha Muhammad-Ali Khadim—upon him be the Glory of God—he was indeed engaged in service for a time. His reward hath been and is with God, exalted be His glory. He said:

> "Service to this Wronged One is like unto a lamp which accompanieth man in all the worlds, being both enduring and companionable, and it transformeth darkness into light."

God willing, may this lamp remain preserved at all times and not be extinguished by the diverse winds of the world.

Regarding what you asked about the blessed verse, it was submitted that they said the intention was distant lands, these regions of longitude and others of few hours, and this is exempt from the ruling. Praise be to God, the response to the second missive of that beloved one was also fully submitted. Glory be to God! Despite the heedlessness of the servants and the contention of those in the land without cause, sanctified souls are not forbidden from remembrance—they are ignited with the fire of divine love and illumined by the lights of His countenance. This sun cannot be veiled by the terrestrial sphere, nor can this light of the face be impeded by the darkness of the horizons. Praise be to God, in His path we heard and spoke not, we saw and concealed. Despite the fire of oppression and the swords of hatred, we remained patient and held fast to the hem of the cloak of generosity, that He might guide the people of the world and not deprive them from the Most Great Path. Verily He is the Lord and Master Who doeth what He willeth.

The third missive of that beloved one, which was adorned with mention of the Sovereign of the Kingdom of Utterance and dated the twenty-fifth of the month of Rajab, bestowed a new garment upon the realm of love and affection. Blessed is the servant who hath attained unto that which he desired through the grace of God, our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earth. After its reading and perusal, with steps of longing and yearning we approached the station and the first passages of the missive were submitted. They said:

> "Verily he grieveth with My grief for what hath befallen Us in this exalted station. O Zayn, grieve not but rejoice, for thy Lord, in the time when grief appeareth, is in joy."

At most times sorrows descend from various directions, but these sorrows are dearer and sweeter than all that is on earth. Verily My joy is for God and My grief for Him, and My rising and sitting, My movement and stillness, My remembrance and utterance, all are for Him and through Him. Blessed art thou and joy be unto thee, for thou art saddened by His sadness and gladdened in His gladness.

Verily the Wronged One remembereth thee and His loved ones once again and counseleth them with what We counseled them before—with justice and kindness and that which manifesteth the station of man. Blessed is he who acteth according to what hath been commanded in the Book, and woe unto every heedless doubter. And We counsel them to patience and forbearance, and to such virtues as cause blessings to descend and hearts to be assured and the eyes of those near to God to be solaced.

His Eminence Ismi-Jamal, upon him be My glory, is mentioned before the Wronged One. Blessed is he and those who love him. God willing, may they move according to the will of God, exalted be His glory. Peace and glory be upon him and those with him.

And regarding what you wrote about Mirza Maqsud, the details of his past are known to that beloved one, and this year, praise be to God, he attained the pilgrimage. This evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to strengthen him and grant him to drink from the cup of steadfastness at all times. While he was in this land, he was truly seen to be aflame with the fire of love and his state of remembrance was very good. God willing, may he remain firm and steadfast in such wise that its traces

remain in the world. Verily God is the All-Sufficient, the Powerful. In truth all are powerless and wanting unless the white hand bestoweth grace and preserveth.

Regarding what you wrote about Haji Ghulam-Ali and Aqa Ali-Akbar, upon them be the glory of God, they traversed distances through divine love. God willing, after visiting the House of God and completing the rites they will return. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, for their success.

As to what thou didst write concerning Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, from among the people of N.J., this was presented and thus did the Lord of Utterance speak:

> "O Ali! Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto a praiseworthy and accepted deed. Thou art among those souls who have entered the shore of the ocean of trust in God. Thou hast made thy movements and stillness, thy turning toward and away, contingent upon His will. This station is great in the sight of God. Hold thou fast unto it forever. We beseech Him to inscribe for thee the reward of what thou hast desired in His path. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful, and worthy to answer prayers. An ocean of joy is concealed within these words. God willing, thou shalt attain unto it. Thy return to the regions of Iran is beloved. Verily He doth not suffer the reward of the doers of good to be lost. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds."

And concerning what was mentioned about Aqa Mirza Habibullah (Kh.V.), upon him be the Glory of God, this was presented before Him and He said:

> "This Wronged One hath made mention of him before and after. Praise be to God that they have been assisted in that which is acceptable in the presence of God and His loved ones. O Habib! The Wronged One turneth toward thee at this hour and maketh mention of thee with that which will gladden thy heart and the hearts of the sincere ones. We beseech God, exalted be He, to draw thee nigh unto Him, to adorn thee with the ornament of steadfastness, to purify thee from whatsoever His good-pleasure abhorreth, and to protect thee from every oppressive transgressor and every rebellious one who hath turned away from His straight path. It behooveth all the loved ones in this day to seek assistance from God, exalted be His glory, on behalf of the party that is related to the Truth, for the parties of the world have arisen in hypocrisy and have stood up with utmost tyranny against the saved community."

What thou didst write about Ali aforementioned and Ali-Muhammad from N.J. having given two units of Huquq was presented, and likewise concerning Hassan, upon him be the Glory of God. He said:

> "We have accepted what was sent to thee. Give them the glad-tidings of this bounty. Verily God hath aided them to act in accordance with what they were commanded. We beseech Him to aid all to fulfill what hath been prescribed for them in the Book."

Section 3: "Give thou the glad-tidings of acceptance…"

Give thou the glad-tidings of acceptance to the aforementioned souls. May God, exalted be His glory, cause all His servants to attain unto that which is befitting and worthy in this day. How many souls who for years spent treasures in the name of the Friend, yet were found deprived at the appointed time and

place. In any case, according to His command, that beloved one should take his portion from the aforementioned amount and deliver the remainder to His Holiness the Name of God, the All-Glorious, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God.

And concerning what was written about the books, praise and gratitude be to God, news hath arrived from the direction of Q from the beloved of hearts, Samandar, upon him be the Glory of God, the Lord of Power, about the arrival of two volumes which were given to the aforementioned Sayyids, upon them be the peace of God. And mention was made of a very small sum that one of the handmaidens of God had given for the love of God. This small amount became great, for it was blessed with a most beloved mention from the Kingdom of Utterance. Blessed is she! Give her the glad-tidings of her Lord's loving-kindness.

Mention was made of Haji Muhammad of Ta, which was submitted. He said:

> "Praise be to God that he attained acceptance. His journey with the Name of God was accepted in the presence of the Wronged One. His reward is with God Who created him, fashioned him, and aided him to serve His Name. O Muhammad! Thou hast been mentioned in the prison before the Wronged One in such wise as would gladden the eyes of every knowledgeable one who knows. Hold fast to the Sure Handle and cling to the hem of the bounty of God, the All-Forgiving, the All-Generous. The outward affairs of earthly dominion are seen as a mirage—be not grieved by them. The Wronged One commands thee to that which benefits thee and counsels thee to steadfastness, trustworthiness and fear of God. We beseech God to aid thee in all conditions. The bearing of the Book is another bounty—be thankful to God for this and be among those who give thanks. At this time these regions are in turmoil, therefore turning towards this direction would be unwise. Ask thou God, the Lord of the Throne and earth, and the Master of all beings, to ordain for thee the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily He is powerful over all things."

Regarding what you wrote about the wife of the martyr Husayn, upon him be the glory of God and His mercy, this is what was uttered by the Tongue in the House of Utterance:

He is God, the Forgiving, the Merciful

> "O My handmaiden! We make mention of thee when We saw thee in great tribulation. The one who in that land counted himself chief of the divines, most learned of the jurists, and most excellent of all, attained not to a single word of the exalted Words in the presence of the Wronged One, and was designated as 'the Wolf', for he devoured the blood of the chosen ones and rent Joseph the Messenger. But thou art mentioned in this most exalted station by the Supreme Pen, and the gaze of the Wronged One's loving-kindness is directed towards thee. The Concourse on High pray for him who was martyred in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. We make mention of Husayn and say: Blessed art thou! We testify that thou didst fulfill God's Covenant and Testament, and didst sacrifice thy life in His straight Path. Upon thee be the mercy of God, His loving-kindness, His grace and His favors. We testify that thou didst

take hold of the Book when the servants turned away from it, save whom God willed, the Mighty, the All-Knowing."

Praise be to God that he attained to what was intended and beloved. Mention has been made in a special Tablet of those who attained the honor of martyrdom and showed forth steadfastness, and likewise of their relatives. Blessed are they and joy be unto them. The servant prays for them in the nights and days and makes mention of them in this exalted station.

And regarding the mention made of Aqa Muhammad Mahdi and Aqa Muhammad Hasan of Kh, this sweet utterance appeared from the Dayspring of Knowledge:

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

The Wronged One makes mention of thee with a remembrance whereby every hearer is enraptured, every seated one rises, every sleeping one awakens, every stagnant one stirs, and every frozen one melts. Give thanks unto God Who created the world and manifested whatsoever He willed through His command "Be!" and it is. Bear thou witness to that which the Wronged One hath testified: that there is none other God but Him, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed are they who have cast away what the people possess, turning unto the Most Exalted Horizon. These are among the most exalted of creation in the sight of the Truth, as attested by honored servants.

O Mahdi! The Wronged One of the world ever maketh mention of the friends of God. Every fair-minded person beareth witness that in bearing tribulations and afflictions and all that hath befallen Him, His purpose hath been to exalt the Word of God, and He hath in no wise sought to preserve His own self. Say: O people of the earth! Arise from the couch of heedlessness. He hath granted you sight that ye may behold the effulgences of the Sun of Truth, and bestowed upon you hearing that ye may hearken unto the call of the Herald. Beseech ye God that He deprive you not. Today the ocean of utterance is surging and the sun of bounty is shining. Purify yourselves from the defilements of idle fancies and vain imaginings that ye may attain unto the most great bounty.

O Mahdi! Convey My greetings unto him who was named Muhammad-Qabli-Hasan. Praise be to God that his mention was made in the presence of the Wronged One and he attained unto that which is acceptable in the sight of God. O Muhammad-Qabli-Hasan! I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to aid thee in that which beseemeth His path. The world is transient and what is with God endureth. Say: O manifestations of idle fancy! The fragrance of the All-Merciful is wafting. Cast aside your vain imaginings and turn unto the horizon of certitude. How long will ye persist in heedlessness? Strive ye that perchance ye may not be deprived of the imperishable Kawthar of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. A most momentous journey lieth ahead; preparation and provision for it are essential.

Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One and hold fast unto that which is meet and proper. Verily He hath spoken the truth and commanded you to that which profiteth you in every world of the worlds of your Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Generous. We beseech God to forgive you both and then those for whom ye have sought mercy from the ocean of your Lord's grace, the Forgiving, the Merciful. The glory shining forth from the horizon of divine favor be upon those who have cast aside vain imaginings and have held fast unto the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds.

After beholding the waves of the ocean of utterance, let that beloved one write the blessed Tablet in his noble hand and send it especially to the two souls—upon them be the Bahá of God—that haply God may guide through them the heedless, who have cast away the Call and clung to the buzzing of flies.

The passages from the petition of Jináb-i-Mullá Mírzá M. Ḥ.—upon him be the Bahá of God—of the people of Khúy, which he had written to that Holiness, were presented in the Most Holy, Most Mighty, and Most Exalted Court. This utterance shone forth from the Dayspring of knowledge:

He is the Help in Peril over all names.

O Muḥammad! God willing, mayest thou attain unto the favor of the True One—glorified be His majesty—and be illumined with the lights of His countenance. That which had been inscribed in the Books and Scriptures hath appeared in less than the twinkling of an eye. Blessed is he who hath cast the world behind him and turned toward the Most Great Scene. Such a one, verily, is of them that have attained unto that which was written by the Pen of the Most High in the Crimson Scroll. Thy Lord, the Lord of all mankind, beareth witness thereto; yet the people are in manifest veiling.

Zaynu'l-Muqarrabín—upon him be My Bahá—hath mentioned that which thou didst send unto him, and the servant in attendance presented it. We have answered thee with these words, from which the sincere inhale the fragrance of the All-Merciful throughout the realm of creation. Blessed is he who cleaveth to that which he hath been commanded by an Ordainer, a Wise One.

We have heard thy call and thy lamentation. Look, then, and remember the former centuries and that which every remote divine and every doubtful mystic committed. That hath appeared whereby the eyes of the Concourse on high have been solaced; yet most of the people are of the heedless. They have cast away their God and taken up their passions. Thus have their own selves enticed them, and this day they are in grievous delusion.

God willing, mayest thou be assisted to stand firm and serve the Cause until there appear from thee that which befitteth this blessed Day. How many souls have mistaken falsehood for truth and, clinging to idle fancies and vain imaginings, have remained deprived of the Dayspring of divine knowledge. Say: O ye that are veiled! In truth I say, the mirage is not worthy of attention. Cast it behind you, then advance with illumined hearts toward the Life-giving Ocean which surgeth in the name of the All-Merciful at the center of creation. Thus doth the Supreme Pen warble upon the branches of the Lote-Tree of Knowledge, from the presence of One All-Knowing, All-Informed.

Blessed is the soul that pondereth today on that which hath been manifested and speaketh with fairness. God willing, may your honor, in the name of God, shatter the idols of vain imaginings and rend asunder the veils of idle fancies, that all may behold the rays of the Sun of Truth at its meridian and attain unto that which God hath willed. Say: By the life of God! If ye would reflect but a little upon the signs, verses and evidences, ye would find that from which ye are now veiled. Say: The bounty and generosity of God necessitate these utterances that have been mentioned, else He is indeed independent of all worlds. Glory be upon the people of Baha who have held fast unto pure righteousness and have adhered unto what is virtuous and unto that which they have been commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds.

O Zayn! Reflect upon the waves of the divine ocean of utterance and upon the lowliness of the stations of those who have taken mere fancy for the Self-Subsisting. Fie upon them and upon those who have followed them without leave or command from Our presence. Soon shall they disavow each other and each other disown. The words of Muhammad were heard and received their answer. God willing, may they gather precious jewels from the mine of divine wisdom and utterance, and perchance through this river of mercy there may be bestowed upon the veiled ones of that land and its surroundings that which shall grant sight to the eyes and hearing to the ears. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

With the dawning rays of the Sun of divine favors, what else can this evanescent servant mention that would be worthy? Verily, the weary tongue cannot speak save through His all-encompassing grace. Convey greetings to the mentioned companions and all the friends of that land. God willing, may they be focused on that which endureth and be directed toward and act upon that which perisheth not, for today man is able to deposit in the treasury of divine remembrance a remembrance that shall last. Blessed are they that attain.

Concerning what you mentioned about Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Muhammad, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, it was submitted. He said: God, exalted be His glory, will assuredly bestow whatever is beneficial upon those who have migrated in His path and will ordain it. O Zayn, convey My greetings to him and give him glad tidings of My favor. He should pray for his children, for the prayers of fathers for their sons are quickly answered. God willing, may all attain to that which God loves.

We make mention in this place of Ahmad's wife who has ascended to God, and We give her glad tidings of God's favor, the Lord of all worlds. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid her and His handmaidens to act in accordance with what they have been commanded in His mighty Book. The people of Zawra have attained the lights of the Countenance and among them wafts the fragrance of the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who has found it, and woe to the heedless.

We make mention of My Most Truthful Name who was mentioned in your letters. He is among those who has cast aside the world and turned to the Most Great Name when the heedless imprisoned him in a mighty fortress.

O Zayn! Make mention of him who ascended to God, who circumambulated the Wronged One in this most exalted place, who was named Muhammad-ʿAli from the people of Qaf in Kha. By My life! Through his temple We adorned the earth and through his ascension the breezes of grace wafted.

We make mention of the dervish who migrated with the Wronged One. We testify that he is among those who attained My good-pleasure and ascended, purified from doubts and allusions, and illumined with the lights of certitude. Upon them be the glory of God and His favor, and the mercy of God and His grace. Blessed is he who remembered them before their ascension and remembers them after their passing. We beseech God, exalted be He, to manifest their stations among His servants. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Concerning what was written about Jinab-i-Haji Ghulam-Husayn, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, it was submitted. He said: God willing, may he be aided to mention God and serve His Cause. The sending of the

Book is an act that is accepted, righteous, appreciated, remembered and recorded. Blessed is the sender, the bearer, and the receiver.

In truth, these two blessed souls who ascended in the Most Great Prison were among the assured, tranquil and steadfast souls. After their ascension their stations became manifest, for that which was revealed concerning them cannot be equaled by the riches of the world. Blessed are they and joy be unto them! Would that I had been with them and had attained what was revealed for them. We beseech Him, exalted be He, by Him and by them, to assist us in what He loves and is pleased with. Verily, He is the Lord of the latter and the former. The glory that is manifest and resplendent from the horizon of the heaven of utterance be upon you and those with you and upon those who have attained the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Great. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

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In the name of our Most Great, Most Luminous, Most Manifest, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Lord!

Praise, eternal and sanctified above all likeness and comparison, befitteth the Lord of existence Who hath caused all things in the world to appear like the letters of a book in their standing, sitting, prostration, bowing, submission and humility. All things have appeared from a single word, yet how vastly different are their effects, fruits, colors, tastes, motions and stillness. The Creator Who, from a single word sanctified above all colors and differences, brought forth these diverse things from nothingness into being. Most things stand in service, yet the hand of men's understanding falls short.

The cypress declares: "Praise be unto Thee for having made me upright, reflecting every alif revealed in Thy Book." The meadow grass proclaims: "Thou seest me, O my God, fallen prostrate upon the earth in adoration of Thy Manifestation and sovereignty." The willow tree uttereth: "O Lord! Thou beholdest my submission, my humility, my rising and falling, my bashfulness and emotion, and my swaying in the winds of Thy will." The pomegranate speaketh, saying: "O my God, my Lord, my Manifestation and my Creator! Thou seest me bearing witness to Thy manifestation, Thy power and Thy grace. By Thy glory, O my God! The color of my face betokeneth my bashfulness in Thy days, and Thy decree hath prevented me from turning toward the court of Thy glory and arising to serve Thee."

Every person of insight beholdeth that which most of the world's peoples are deprived of. Brief mention of this station is more fitting and beloved, lest the readers grow weary and may read with the utmost joy and fragrance. Brevity is among the fruits of the tree of wisdom, and acknowledgment of powerlessness is reckoned among the fruits of the tree of knowledge.

Glorified art Thou, O my God and the God of all that is in the world! I seek Thy forgiveness and turn unto Thee for having mentioned aught in Thy presence, for what my tongue hath uttered and my limbs have wrought, and for my misdeeds which exceed the reckoning of the Pen and the accounting of all in the

world. I beseech Thee by the Orator Who speaketh from the loftiest pulpits of existence in Thy Name and sovereignty, and by the Speaker Whom the conditions of Thy servants and creation have not hindered, to open unto Thy loved ones, with the finger of Thy power, the door of Thy relief. O Lord! Thou art the Generous, possessed of great bounty.

Take the hands of Thy loved ones with the hands of Thy power, then assist them with the hosts of the unseen through Thy might and sovereignty. O Lord! Thou seest them among the wretched ones of Thy creation and under the rule of those who have adorned their heads with turbans. I testify that they are as cattle in Thy land, nay more astray in their way. I beseech Thee, O Cleaver of the dawn, Illuminator of the horizons, and Judge on the Day of Separation, in this moment wherein I have held fast to the cord of Thy grace and clung to the hem of the robe of Thy generosity, to forgive those who have turned to Thee, heard Thy call, responded to Thy word, and spent their wealth in Thy path and their spirits in Thy love and good-pleasure.

O Lord! Aid them to serve Thee and draw them nigh unto the station Thou hast ordained for them from Thy Most Exalted Pen, by Whose movement all beings were set in motion. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiver, the Hearer, the Generous, the Merciful, the Mighty, the Answerer.

After receiving several letters from you, each indicating your devotion, certitude, love and steadfastness—may you ever be confirmed and drink from the Kawthar of steadfastness. Today the station of steadfastness is most mighty and great, for the manifestations of Satan lie in wait with utmost craftiness and deception, hoping to prevent the faithful and deter the wayfarers from the straight path. In all conditions one must take refuge in God, exalted be His glory, from the evil of deceitful and lying souls. God protect us and you from their evil and their calumnies. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Mighty, the Powerful.

After learning of your letters, I approached the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, and after receiving permission, presented them before Him. He said:

> "O Muhammad-Qabli-Sadiq! Praise be to God that by His leave thou hast sought the Greatest Vision and drunk from the Kawthar of meeting the Lord of Destiny. Thou hast witnessed the effulgences of the light of His countenance and heard His utterances with thine outward ear. This bounty hath no likeness or parallel. Be thou thankful and among those who render praise."

Beseech God, exalted be His glory, to aid thee in preserving that which hath been bestowed upon thee. Say:

> "Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the Kawthar of Thy presence and the ocean of Thy reunion, and by the Book wherein Thou hast ordained the rewards of Thy servants and which Thou hast adorned with the traces of Thy Most Exalted Pen in Thy days, to make me steadfast in Thy love and Thy good-pleasure and to protect me from the evil of those who have violated Thy Covenant and Thy Testament. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Strong, the All-Conquering, the All-Powerful."

The Sun of divine favor dawns and shines forth from the horizon of every word of the Supreme Utterances. Should a soul arise to offer praise throughout the duration of the kingdom and the heavenly realm, he would fail to adequately thank for even a single letter that His Pen hath revealed concerning him. Praise be unto Him! Again praise be unto Him! Thanks be unto Him! Again thanks be unto Him! Grace be unto Him! Again grace be unto Him! Favor be unto Him! Again favor be unto Him! Unto infinity favor be unto Him! God willing, this letter shall be a cause of joy and delight for you, as it bears divine utterances.

Regarding what you wrote about traveling to other lands specifically for trade—God willing, wherever you may be, may you dwell peacefully under the canopy of the grace of God, exalted be His glory. Verily He is with His accepted servants and His sincere chosen ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. This evanescent servant conveys greetings to all the friends in that land and beseeches God to confirm them all in unity, concord, firmness, steadfastness and service. This day has no likeness or parallel. You must regard the time as precious. I swear by the Sun of Truth that every moment of these days has been and is more precious than mountains of gold. O friends! Consider the time precious and act as befits it. Praise be to God—the Goal is present, the Path is manifest, the Kawthar is flowing, Paradise is visible and the Garden is radiant. Blessed is the soul that has recognized the station of these days and has arisen to do what is befitting. Glory be upon you and upon the loved ones of God in those parts and upon those who have testified to that which God hath testified: that there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Glorious, the Beloved.

Today, being the eighth day of the revered month of Sha'ban, another letter from you arrived which was sent from Tabriz on the 19th of Jumada al-Thani. As the divine fragrances of love wafted from it, it refreshed and gladdened the gardens of the heart with the waters of joy and delight. God willing, may you ever drink from the ocean of divine favor and find repose beneath the shade of the Divine Lote Tree.

After perusing it, with wings of joy and elation it was presented in its entirety before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. These exalted words descended from the Kingdom of Utterance of the Lord of Names, exalted be His glory:

> "O Muhammad-i-Qabl-i-Sadiq! Previously your letter was mentioned before the Wronged One through the servant in attendance, and an answer was sent down from the heaven of grace. God willing, may you all be illumined by the light of the commanding Word and be set ablaze by the fire of the Sacred Tree. We, from this station, send Our greetings upon you, your father, your brothers, and upon those who have testified to that which God hath testified: that there is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

End quote. Praise be to God, the lights of the Sun of Divine Grace are shining and evident. Each time your letter arrived, it was honored to be heard by the Truth, exalted be His glory, and was honored with a reply. Blessed are they who have drunk the living waters from the chalices of their Lord's words, the All-Merciful. Regarding what you wrote about attention to various directions, this has been noted. God willing, the end of all affairs will be for the good, as the reins of every matter have been and will ever be within the grasp of God's power. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

As for the mention you made of certain friends, this was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, and for each one specifically, a wondrous and sublime Tablet was revealed from the heaven of grace and sent forth. God willing, may the friends attain unto them and arise to serve the Cause.

This is what was revealed for Karbila'i Muhammad of Milan:

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing!

O Muhammad! The Wronged One remembereth thee from the prison's direction and counseleth thee with that which hath been revealed in the Book from God, the Lord of all worlds. Cast behind thee idle fancies and vain imaginings, and take hold of that which thou hast been commanded by the All-Wise Ordainer. O servants of the All-Merciful in all lands! Hold fast to the cord of goodly deeds and cling to the hem of trustworthiness, truthfulness, and faithfulness, and to that whereby the Cause of God, the One, the Mighty, the Wise, is advanced. Thus hath spoken the Wronged One in the Most Great Prison as He walketh in this exalted place. The peace that shineth from the horizon of the Abode of Peace be upon thee and upon those who have remained faithful to God's Covenant and Testament when the Manifestation of Revelation appeared with a clear command.

And this is what was revealed for Mulla Husayn, the scribe in Usku:

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

O Husayn! He Who hath summoned all mankind unto God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting, hath come. The Wronged One hath appeared and revealed that which He was bidden by God, the Mighty, the Loving. Among the people are those who have turned toward the Supreme Horizon, those who have followed their passions and desires, and those who have paused, looking to the right and to the left. Say: None hath any protection this Day save those who have clung to the hem of the robe of their Lord's loving-kindness, the Knower of the unseen and the seen. Say: This is the Day whereon the breezes of God have wafted, the Cock of the Throne hath crowed, and the Dove of Utterance hath warbled upon the branches.

Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Take thou the Tablet with the strength granted by Us, and in all matters place thy trust in God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. When the crier raiseth his call, leave him to himself, turning with your hearts toward the Ultimate Lode-Star which speaketh: "Verily, there is none other God but Him, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting." Thus hath the ocean surged and the fragrance wafted. Be thou thankful and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom and all that is therein."

And this was revealed for Aqa Rasul:

He is God, the Single, the All-Informed

The Supreme Pen maketh mention of His loved ones and commandeth that which is praiseworthy. Blessed is the soul that hath forsaken its own will and held fast unto the Will of God. Today the dark dust of idle fancies and vain imaginings hath prevented the people of the earth from beholding the Supreme Horizon. Beseech ye God to rend asunder the veils that withhold them, that all may not be deprived and

debarred from the wondrous bounties of this blessed Day. O Rasul! The Wronged One of the world maketh mention of thee and His loved ones on this night, that ye may all be adorned with divine virtues and arise to serve His Cause. Verily, one pure deed is mightier than assembled hosts.

By My life! One truthful word hath been the cause of guidance for multitudes. Whosoever becometh informed of that which came to pass in former ages will testify to that which hath flowed from the Supreme Pen. We beseech God to aid all to that which beseemeth human dignity. Verily, We make mention of thee and thy son, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful. The glory be upon thee, upon him, and upon every patient one who hath shown fortitude in adversity and attained unto the supreme steadfastness in this mighty and momentous Cause.

Praise be to God! The bounties of God, exalted be His glory, have encompassed the souls mentioned, and each one hath been remembered, one by one, by the Supreme Pen. This is a bounty wherewith no other bounty can compare. God willing, may all be illumined and enlightened by the suns of the words of the Revealer of verses, be freed and detached from that which perisheth, and be focused on that which endureth. We implore help and assistance from God, exalted be His glory. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing. The might of the world cannot withhold Him, nor can the clamor of the nations prevent Him from His all-encompassing purpose. The glory shining resplendent from the horizon of the heaven of grace be upon thy father, upon thy brother whose letter hath reached the Prison, upon thee, upon all men and women who are with you, upon every steadfast servant and steadfast handmaiden, and praise be to God, the Revealer of verses and the Manifester of clear proofs.

BH00826: Praise, sanctified from letters and words, befitteth the King…

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

Praise, sanctified from letters and words, befitteth the King of Reality, Who hath adorned one of His primary manifestations with the ornament “He is the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden.” His is the praise and His is the glory. There is no God but Him and no goal but Him. And blessing and peace and glory and splendor be upon those who have arisen to serve the Cause and have acted in a manner befitting the days of God, the Mighty, the Wise.

And now, the letters of that beloved one which arrived previously were each answered, and for each of the mentioned names a wondrous and exalted Tablet was revealed. However, wisdom dictated a delay in sending them, as the heedless ignorant ones in this land have spoken somewhat as befitteth them. God willing, they shall be sent. Today, which is the 22nd of the honored month of Sha’ban, that beloved one’s handwritten letter dated the 12th of Rajab caused joy and delight. Praise be to God, the bird of love is in flight, the pen of affection is in motion, and the ink of unity is flowing. Praise be to Him, again praise be to Him, and thanks be to your honor. And all that was written therein was presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court. The tongue of the favor of the Goal of all the worlds spoke these words, exalted be His glory:

“O Asad! My Pen exalteth thee and My Tongue blesseth thee. God willing, thou shalt be assisted in all matters. Whoso is for God, God is for him. This is a commanding and penetrating word, and hath ever

been so. Assuredly, whatsoever the Hand of Divine favor hath deposited in good soil shall grow green and flourish with new effect and mighty fruit. Blessed art thou, and blessed is he who is with thee, and blessed are they whose very beings are stirred with longing for the meeting with God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We, verily, glorify thee from this station, and We glorify My loved ones and give them glad tidings of the signs of God, the Lord of the worlds." End quote.

The answer to this letter is brief, as by command it must be sent at this time so that the trust that was with it may quickly reach that beloved one. God willing, affairs have been and are proceeding well. In truth, that beloved one has arisen to serve the Cause with the utmost effort and endeavor. This servant beseecheth his Lord in humility and supplication to make your honor a standard in His Cause and a banner of His name in His lands.

He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

The envelope sent attained the honor of presence and attention. He said that at present it is not advisable to send any utterance, mention, or tablet specifically from this place. If your honor deems it appropriate and sends something, there is and shall be no harm in it. End quote.

Furthermore, you must consider all aspects, for if this matter becomes known and some become aware of what has occurred, they will take action, and that person will surely hesitate in showing love, as he has not attained maturity and has other stations in view. For this reason, they express what they have expressed. A hundred thousand thanks to the Beloved of the worlds Who has enabled that beloved one to achieve these mighty matters. How pleasant and delightful for your honor!

Regarding the gift you wrote about, this matter was presented. They said it is not permissible at present, as some do not and have not understood the reality and will interpret it in inappropriate ways. End quote.

If capacity becomes evident and the time arrives, that he should become the recipient of a Divine Tablet would be most excellent, and this would be a befitting gift for Mihdi and the messenger, exalted be His grandeur; or if passages, that is, writings of the Most Great Branch (may my spirit and being be sacrificed for the dust of His footsteps) were to be sent, that too would be beloved for him. Today the Covenant of God is more fitting than all things—meaning that if they harbor no ill intent and continue to show the same degree of protection they have thus far demonstrated, there can be revealed from the Supreme Pen concerning him that which would give assurance that henceforth the people of truth would never fall short in supporting and being loyal to his government, and likewise that God, exalted be His glory, would assist him in executing justice, which is the greatest means for the tranquility of the world and the firm foundation for the edifice of government. Otherwise, they should act according to whatever becomes manifest from them.

Mention had been made of Jinab-i-Sayyah, upon him be the Glory of God. Praise be to God that he was assisted in that which would cause his remembrance to endure in the divine Kingdom. He has ever been and continues to be before this ephemeral one's sight. He has always sought to render some service to this Cause. No doubt he has recounted the details of his circumstances. May he be confirmed and assisted in that which is the cause of the manifestation of grace and the source of tranquility and repose for the world.

Some time ago Jinab-i-Mirza Maqsud arrived in this land and attained the presence. Previously, when he was in Iraq, a petition from him reached the Most Holy Court, an answer was revealed and sent. Afterwards, according to what was mentioned, he tarried and proceeded along his former path, for according to his own account, he had specifically entered various religions to investigate them.

This year, when he turned towards this land and attained the honor of presence, the utmost kindness and favor was shown to him. However, no word was spoken that was contrary to wisdom, as they have observed in the letter this servant wrote to him. Whatever divine utterances this servant saw regarding world order, the progress of nations, the manifestation of humanity, and the appearance of justice were mentioned. And he himself claimed certitude and knowledge, but this servant dealt with him only to the extent mentioned. In any case, the utmost love was shown regarding him. It is hoped that henceforth he will hold fast to wisdom and drink from the fountain of steadfastness.

However, some of the emigrants who had seen him on his path mentioned a word that was contrary to wisdom. This ephemeral one was greatly surprised, and that word was attributed to the Source. That word was a glad-tiding regarding His Holiness Z. Although this word is good, since the purpose is to manifest truth and sincerity, it is submitted that the True One, exalted be His glory, did not utter such a word.

In any case, that honored one and this servant beseech the True One not to deprive him—that is, the aforementioned Mirza—from the effulgences of the Sun of favor. Although now the favors of the True One, exalted be His glory, are observed regarding His Holiness Z, surely universal fruits will result from this favor if they are assisted to be steadfast in what they have declared. Verily, He ordains what He willeth for whomsoever He willeth. He giveth and withholdeth, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

Glory be upon the people of Glory who heard the Call and answered their Lord, the King of Names and Creator of Heaven.

BH00929: Praise be to God Who hath sent down…

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

Praise be to God Who hath sent down the verses and revealed the clear tokens on a Day that was promised in His Books, His Scriptures and His Tablets, and Who took from His servants and His creation their covenant. Yet when the horizon of the world was illumined by the lights of that Day, every learned one was misled by knowledge, and every mystic was veiled by fancies and idle imaginings. Praise be to God Who hath revealed Himself through His Name, the All-Knowing, whereupon the ocean of divine knowledge surged within creation, and through His Name, the All-Wise, whereupon the Sun of proof shone forth and the Nightingale warbled upon the branches. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Guardian, the Self-Subsisting.

Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of all religions and Revealer of the Word! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance and the fire of Thy Sacred Tree, and by the Name through which Thou didst open the gates of Thy mercy and spread abroad the tablets of Thy loving-kindness, to draw Thy chosen ones nigh unto the horizon of Thy grace and the shore of the ocean of Thy oneness.

O Lord! Thou seest Thy faithful servants among the wicked, and the Daysprings of Thy knowledge among the ignorant. I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name, whereby the hearts of the nations were struck with terror, save those whom Thou didst strengthen through the wonders of Thy grace and the manifestations of Thy bounty, to send down from the heaven of Thy generosity upon Thy loved ones that which befitteth Thy loftiness, Thy sublimity and Thy favors.

O Lord! Ordain for them what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen servants who, upon hearing Thy most sweet call, turned to Thee with illumined hearts and acknowledged that which the Tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken in the kingdom of creation. O Lord! Hearts have melted in their separation from Thee, and souls have burned in their remoteness from Thee. O Lord! Deny them not the sweet-flowing waters of Thy presence, and disappoint them not of the pure wine of Thy reunion. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and in Thy grasp is the kingdom of names. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful.

Furthermore, thy letter was received and from every word thereof wafted the fragrance of love. Praise be to God that thou hast drunk from the ocean of divine knowledge and been illumined by the lights of the Sun of Truth. The entire world had awaited the appearance of the Day of God, and throughout the nights and days they beseeched God, exalted be His glory, to grant them the presence of the Source of His Cause, the Dawning-Place of His Revelation and the Manifestation of His Self. Yet when the expanse of the world was illumined by the lights of the Sun of Revelation and the Promised One was seated upon His mighty throne, all remained heedless and veiled, nay rather, they turned away and denied, save for a few souls.

Consider now how glorious is the station of one who hath attained unto this most great bounty and supreme grace. I swear by the pearls of the divine ocean of wisdom that a single accepted soul is mightier and greater than all the peoples of the world, for all were created to recognize this most holy and sublime Day, and in all the scriptures the appearance of this mighty Cause was promised; yet they are seen to be deprived and debarred therefrom. Blessed is he who hath soared on wings in this atmosphere, and blessed is he whose eyes have beheld the greatest signs of his Lord, and blessed is he whose ears have heard His sweetest call, and blessed is he whose face hath turned toward His most exalted horizon, and blessed is he whose heart hath turned toward the Kingdom of immortality, and blessed is he who hath arisen with supreme steadfastness in this Cause whereby the people of Baha have attained unto the greatest joy and the workers of iniquity and wickedness have been seized with the greatest terror—they who cast the Book of God behind their backs and followed their own desires. The servant beareth witness that they are among the perished ones.

In My Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious Name

O Muhammad-Quli! Your letter was presented before the Wronged One and was read in His presence. Blessed art thou and blessed is thy father who hath attained that which the near ones have attained. O Ahmad! Praise the Beloved of the world Who hath enabled thee to recognize His Cause—a Cause from which those who claim knowledge and wisdom are debarred and veiled. In the early days thou didst drink from the choice wine of recognition and didst turn unto the horizon of His Cause. Thy mention hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen and thy name hath been recorded in the Crimson Book. The whole

world hath not equaled and will never equal this most exalted station. Were We to lift the veil, all the peoples of the world would exclaim: “Blessed be the All-Bountiful, the Manifestation of this mighty station!” Beseech ye God that through His grace and bounty He may render the eyes of the people of the earth worthy to behold and comprehend this most exalted station. He is the One with power before Whose might every mighty one hath testified, and to Whose grandeur and strength every possessor of authority hath borne witness.

We send Our greetings to the friends in that land who have drunk from the Most Pure Wine and who have fixed their gaze upon the Most Great Scene. We counsel them to perform such deeds as would promote the Cause of God. Blessed are they who have hearkened unto the call of God and acted according to that which they were commanded. Woe betide him who hath denied God’s Revelation and His sovereignty. The glory shining forth from the horizon of My will be upon you and upon My friends and loved ones whom the darkness of tyranny hath not kept back from the light of justice, and whom the doubts of every remote scholar have not withheld.

This lowly one conveyeth greetings to thy honorable father—may the glory of God rest upon him. Praise be to God, through divine grace he hath attained, gazeth upon His horizon, and standeth firm in His service. Blessed is he and happy his lot. God willing, may he ever drink from this cup and partake of this chalice.

Regarding the mention in thy letter of Aqa Mir ʿAli-Akbar—upon him be the glory of God—this evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, that He may enable him to celebrate His praise and serve His Cause.

Likewise mention was made of Aqa Yusuf—upon him be the glory of God. This servant conveyeth greetings to him and beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, for mercy, bounty and steadfastness for him and all other friends. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Giving, the Generous One. God willing, may none be deprived of the sweet fragrances of His days. May they at all times drink and give to drink the water of divine knowledge from the hand of His bounty. Glory be upon thee and upon thy father and thy brethren and those with thee, and upon those who have attained to the recognition of the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. Praise be to God, the Exalted King, the Great One.

The servant 22nd of the month of Sha’ban 1299

BH00050: This is a Book from which the trees perceive…

Section 1: “This is a Book from which the trees…”

In the Name of the Wronged One, Who is manifest in the Most Great Prison

This is a Book from which the trees perceive the fragrance of spring, and children catch the loving scent of their gracious Father, and the thirsty hear the murmur of the Water of Life, and those near unto God inhale the breath of the All-Merciful, and the sincere behold the lights of Beauty, and lovers discern the signs of nearness and reunion. Thus hath the Pen spoken when the Ancient Beauty walked in the mansion which God made the seat of His mighty throne.

O My Name! Bear thou witness as God hath borne witness that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Go forth with the Book of God and His tokens to His lands, and remind therein My loved ones of this Day which was remembered in the hearts of the Prophets and inscribed in the Books of the Prophets and Messengers. Say: Beware lest the veils of the people of the Bayan keep you from God, the Lord of all worlds. We counseled them concerning the Most Great Manifestation, and commanded them to do what is right, and gave them glad tidings of this glorious and wondrous Day. Yet when the Hidden was revealed and the Sealed Wine was unsealed, they denied and turned away from Him Who came with manifest sovereignty.

O My Name, O thou who hast drunk the wine of My utterance! Say: O people of the Bayan, remember, then observe what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an:

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

Say: O company of the heedless, fear God and oppose not Him through Whom the banner of divine knowledge hath been raised to the highest station of possibility, and through Whom the ocean of utterance hath surged and the sweet savors of the All-Merciful have wafted. Be fair and be not of the wrongdoers.

O Mihdi! Say: Verily, he whom ye have taken as lord besides God was fleeing from place to place. To this beareth witness the Lord of all beings and every fair-minded and discerning soul.

O My Name! Say: O people of the Bayan! The books of the world profit you not today except through this Book that walketh in the Most Great Prison and proclaimeth before all nations: "There is none other God but I, the Expliciter, the All-Knowing." Say: The Most Glorious Horizon hath appeared and the Supreme Pen hath moved in this Revelation whereby the pavilion of glory hath been raised upon the Luminous Spot, and that which was recorded in the Books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, hath been manifested.

O My Name! Say: O company of the heedless! Hearken unto that which the Dove of Utterance warbleth upon the branches, then observe the essence which the Primal Point took from the heavenly Books in His words:

> "I have written an essence regarding His remembrance, and it is that He cannot be indicated by My indication nor by what is mentioned in the Bayan."

Fear ye the All-Merciful and deny not Him Who hath come to you from the Dawning-Place of knowledge with a clear proof.

Say: That which is with the people will not suffice you today. Cast away vain imaginings and turn unto the Manifestation of God's Self, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. This is the Day whose covenant We took from every Prophet and every holy one, were ye of those who know. Beware lest the greatest veil prevent you from the Lord of Destiny. Purify your hearts with the Kawthar of your Lord's utterance, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Sanctify the mirrors of your hearts that there may be reflected therein "The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of the Day of Judgment."

Say: Come, let us set aside what the people possess and judge fairly concerning that which hath shone forth from the horizon of God's knowledge, the One, the Single, the All-Informed. Say: If ye desire verses, they have indeed encompassed the horizons, and if ye seek clear proofs, they have appeared in such wise that none deny them save every transgressor, sinful one. Say: By God! I have arisen with the Cause on a Day wherein eyes were dazed and feet did slip through fear of those who were on a mighty side of wrongdoing. Fear ye God and be not of the transgressors.

O My Name and he who walks by My leave! Mention unto My chosen ones and My loved ones that which hath been manifested in the Land of Mystery through God's power and sovereignty, when He rose above the horizon of the House, speaking forth the verses of God, the King, the Mighty, the Beauteous. By God! The Bayan was sent down for My remembrance, and it is but a leaf from among the leaves of the Tree of My utterance. To this testifieth My Herald, who laid down His life in My straight and manifest path. Say: O heedless ones! Take heed lest the Bayan withhold you from your Lord, the All-Merciful. By God's life! It was sent down to bear witness unto Me.

Read ye what is therein and be of the fair-minded. Say: By God! He Who conversed with the Burning Bush speaketh, yet ye perceive not. He is the One promised by the tongue of the Prophets. Fear ye God and dispute not the signs of God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. Say: This is the Day wherein the Ocean proclaimeth: "Blessed art thou, O Land, for the breezes of God, the Mighty, the Great, have wafted over thee." Thou hast discovered the fragrances of the days and the sweet-scented perfume of thy Lord's garment when He appeared with His blessed Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. And the Land proclaimeth, saying: "Blessed art thou, O Ocean, for God's Ark, the Lord of all worlds, hath sailed upon thee."

O My loved ones in all lands! Rejoice in that God hath singled you out for the recognition of the Dayspring of His Cause and hath preserved you from the Great Terror that hath seized all people, save whom God willeth, the Strong, the Almighty, the Powerful. Ye have attained unto that which none else hath attained. To this bear witness the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise and they who possess the Manifest Book.

O My Name! Remind My servants and give them the glad tidings of My mercy and My favor. Then recite unto them what hath been sent down from the kingdom of Mine wondrous utterance. Say: The use of opium hath been forbidden unto you in God's Book, the All-Commanding, the All-Wise. It harmeth you and benefiteth you not. This is what ye have been commanded, both before and after, through clear verses and manifest proofs. Blessed is he who acteth in accordance with that which he hath been commanded by God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

Pass through the lands with the fragrances of thy Lord's garment of utterance and give His loved ones therein the glad tidings of this Remembrance through which that which was hidden in a preserved Tablet hath been revealed. Take the rights of God by Our leave, then act in accordance with what We have commanded thee. Verily thy Lord is He Who commandeth whatsoever He willeth. The might of the mighty weakeneth Him not, nor do the doings of the heedless frustrate Him.

Should thou arrive in the land of Alif and Ra, convey My greetings unto My loved ones and illumine them with the lights of the Sun of My tender mercy, and remind them of this News through which this lofty

Structure hath been raised. Say: Give thanks, for My Most Exalted Pen hath spoken in remembrance of you, and My Most Glorious Countenance hath turned toward you, and the tongue of My bounty hath sent down from the kingdom of Mine utterance that which, were it to be placed upon the mountains, would cause them to soar with longing for the meeting of the Lord of Causes, Who hath come with a sovereignty that the veils of idle fancies and the clouds of vain imaginings have not prevented. Say: He hath come with God's proof and His evidence, and He is the Path of God for all who are in the heavens and on earth, did ye but know.

And We make mention of the Imam therein who emigrated in My path and drew near until he attained unto Our presence, when the Light was shining from the horizon of Zawra, and he drank the wine of reunion from the hands of My bounty and stood before My gate which was opened unto all in the seen and the unseen. We bear witness that he heard the Call and answered his Lord, the Lord of what was and what shall be

O ʿAli-Akbar! Remind mankind of that which hath flowed from My Most Exalted Pen. Say: Fear God, and deny not Him Who enjoineth upon you what is virtuous and forbiddeth you that which ye were forbidden in the Book of God, the Mighty, the All-Loving. It behooveth you to make good what hath escaped you in His days. Cast away what ye possess and take hold of that which He Who speaketh at the mid-most heart of the world commandeth you. There is none other God but Me, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Say: If God were to chastise anyone for having believed in this Revelation, by what proof would He not chastise those who believed in the Point of the Bayan, and before Him in Muhammad the Apostle of God, and before Him in the Son of Mary, and before Him in Moses the Interlocutor, until the matter returneth to the Primal Beginning.

Fear ye God, and follow not the idols who have disbelieved in the Witness and the Witnessed. Whoso halteth in this Cause hath halted in every Cause that hath been manifested by God's will and purpose, would ye but know. Say: Naught is seen in the Word but its Speaker, nor in the Manifestation but the Beauty of Him Who is manifested, nor in the Revelation save the Revealer, Who prevaileth over all created things through His word "Be" and it is.

O Pen! Make mention of the people of Mim and Ra from the presence of the Lord of Names, and give them glad tidings of God's bounty, the Lord of all worlds. Say: We make mention of you in the Most Great Prison with that which will draw you nigh unto God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. O My loved ones in all lands and regions! Rejoice that the countenance of God hath turned towards you and giveth you glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for you by the Most Exalted Pen in a Tablet wherein He hath spoken: There is none other God but He, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Blessed are they who have ascended unto God, and those upon whom there hath descended from the daysprings of tyranny that which hath caused the most exalted Paradise and the dawning-places of My most beauteous names to lament.

Upon them rest My glory, My mercy, My bounty and My grace which have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Say: We have sent down for you that which hath brought joy to the eyes of the Concourse on high. Rejoice, then give thanks for this manifest bounty. Beware lest the world and what appeareth therein grieve you. By the True One! The ocean of joy hath surged before the face of Him Who

conversed upon Sinai. Draw nigh with radiant hearts unto the most exalted horizon. This is better for you, did ye but know. Verily, those who have martyred themselves in My path are the denizens of the pavilion of My glory and the tabernacles of My grandeur. The people of My Kingdom and My Dominion, and the Manifestations of My names, and the Daysprings of My attributes, and the Repositories of My knowledge, the All-Glorious, the All-Encompassing, offer prayers for them.

O My Name! Associate with the loved ones of the All-Merciful with spirit and joy, and remind them of that which will attract their hearts in this Day which God hath made the sovereign of days in a preserved Tablet. We have remembered thee, exalted thee, caused thee to hear and shown thee. Give thanks unto thy Lord and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of the mystics and the Object of worship of the sincere ones."

We have permitted thee to grant permission unto whosoever desireth to attain the presence of thy Lord. This is yet another bounty bestowed upon thee from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Thus hath the sun of grace shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness, and I am verily the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

He who seeketh to attain the ultimate goal and to enter the presence of the Lord of all beings must follow that which the Supreme Pen hath ordained from the presence of the Mighty, the All-Knowing. He forbiddeth you to bow down and prostrate yourselves at My feet and the feet of others. This is what hath been revealed in the Book from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Say: O loved ones of the All-Merciful! If ye desire to attain His presence, then present yourselves with spirit and joy, with the manners that befit human nature. Fear God and be not of the heedless. He ordaineth as He pleaseth and commandeth that which guideth the servants unto this Most Great Light, before which, when it appeared, the Faithful Spirit prostrated itself. Kiss not the hands and bow not down at the time of arrival. He commandeth you to observe what is right, and He is the Commander, the All-Responding. None should abase himself before another soul. This is the decree of God as He established Himself upon the throne with manifest sovereignty.

Forbidden unto you is that which We have mentioned. Take ye the laws and commandments of God and follow not the ways of the ignorant. Whoso attaineth the presence of the Countenance is accounted among the visitors in the sight of God, the Lord of this noble station. Whoso attaineth hath visited, and he is of them that have attained to what was inscribed in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. Forbidden unto you is kissing of hands, prostration, casting oneself down and bowing. Thus have We expounded the verses and sent them down as a grace from Our presence, and I am verily the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

Section 2: "Prostration beseemeth him who knoweth not and seeth…"

Prostration beseemeth him who knoweth not and seeth not. But he who seeth is among those unto whom the Clear Book hath testified. None should prostrate before him, and whoso hath prostrated before him should return and repent unto God. Verily He is the Ever-Forgiving, the Merciful. It hath been

proven through clear evidence that prostration is due only to the Unseen Presence. Know this, O people of the earth, and be not of them that turn aside. Say: O people, cast away your principles and adopt the principles of God through His might, and follow not every dubious learned one. Beware lest ye object to Him Who hath come unto you with clear signs, and beware lest ye deny this Great Announcement, before which, when it appeared, every great announcement bowed down in submission.

The Wronged One desireth to make mention of the land of Ba and Nun which was honored by the arrival of His loved ones who fulfilled His firm and mighty Covenant. Blessed are they who were martyred therein through the deeds wrought by the hands of every tyrannical oppressor. Happy is he who attained martyrdom in My days and spent what he possessed in My love and bore witness to that which the tongue of My grandeur testified in the most exalted station. Glad tidings unto him who hath arisen to serve My Cause of the loving-kindness of God and His grace which hath encompassed the horizons.

We make mention of the Trustworthy One [Amin] who took the cup of tribulation and adversity in the path of God, the Lord of all names, until he drank therefrom through this Name before which all necks have bowed down in submission. O Amin! We testify that thou didst stand firm in My service, wert vocal in My remembrance, and remained patient in all that befell thee on this Path. Thou art he who clung to the Will and Purpose of God, forsaking the desires of every covenant-breaking infidel. Rejoice in that We have made mention of thee in numerous Tablets and in a Scripture which none save God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, hath seen. We have made thee a star shining from the horizon of this heaven and a letter from the Book of God, the Lord of Lords.

O My Name! Gladden the people of Baha in other lands on behalf of God, the Lord of all men. Then bid them to that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of creation, may be exalted. Say: Aid your Lord, the All-Merciful, through the hosts of goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. By the life of God! These are mightier than all the hosts of earth combined, as attesteth He Who beareth witness that there is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Self-Subsisting. Hold fast unto the cord of unity in all conditions, that there may be manifested from you that which God, the Lord of the worlds, hath purposed. We have servants in those regions whose names We have withheld lest they become known to every oppressor who hath denied the right of God, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

We make mention of My loved ones in the land of Ta and give them glad-tidings of God's bounty, His favor and His mercy which have preceded both the unseen and the visible. Say: Blessed are ye for having inhaled the fragrance of the verses and for having attained unto the sweet savors of the days of God, the Mighty, the Loving. We counsel you to fear God and to that whereby His Cause may be exalted. Verily, He heareth and seeth; He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Say: Beware lest love of the world hold you back from the Lord of all men. Abandon that which is on earth, then hearken unto that which calleth you from the Divine Lote-Tree on the gleaming spot of the sacred and luminous earth. Verily, there is none other God but He, the Manifest, the Speaking One, Who doeth whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is.

We have turned toward you at this time and make mention of you with that which shall never lose its fragrance throughout the duration of the kingdom and the heavenly dominion. Abandon that which extinguisheth the fire of the Cause among men and kindleth the fire of self and desire. Fear God and be

not of them who understand not. We beseech God to aid you in that which may exalt His Cause and enable the Divine Lote-Tree to speak forth amidst all creation. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Loving.

O loved ones of the All-Merciful! Ye are they who have borne for God's sake the censure of every critic and the malice of those who have disbelieved in God's favor and turned away from Him through Whom those in the graves have been raised up. Blessed is the land illumined by the lights of His countenance and the garden over which hath wafted the breezes of revelation from this glorious station. Hold fast unto that which is good and cleave unto that which profiteth all mankind. Thus have ye been commanded by God, the Lord of the Ancient Days, Who hath guided you to His straight path.

Verily, the Divine Lote-Tree desireth to make mention of the people of Milan who have believed in the All-Merciful on a day wherein the people turned away from God, the Self-Subsisting, the Self-Sufficient. O people of Milan! Hearken unto the call of the Dawning-Place of Light from the Divine Lote-Tree. Verily, He informeth you of that which hath been ordained for you by God, the Lord of existence. We counsel you to that which is praiseworthy and that whereby your stations may be exalted in both the earthly kingdom and the kingdom of heaven. Blessed is the heart that hath turned to My horizon, the tongue that hath uttered this Most Great Remembrance, and the face that hath turned toward the face of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. O people of Milan! Rejoice in your Lord, the All-Merciful. Ye have turned unto Him. Verily, He hath sent down for you that which cannot be equaled by all the treasures and riches.

We make mention of Our loved ones in Saysan who have inhaled the fragrance of My utterance and hearkened to My call and have soared in this atmosphere from which can be heard the warbling of the Bird of inner meanings that beareth glad-tidings unto the people of God, the Mighty, the Beauteous. We counsel you to be trustworthy and just and faithful, and to that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds, may be made manifest. They that have oppressed and denied, these are among the wayward in the Book of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Blessed are ye, O people of Paradise, by virtue of what the All-Merciful hath testified for you in this exalted station. Verily he who hath turned unto God, the Lord of all creation, is assuredly among the people of the most exalted Paradise in His mighty Book. O My loved ones! Preserve your stations through My Name, whereby hath been manifested that which was recorded in the Scriptures of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O My Name! Hear what God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen and the Lord of the mighty Throne, counseleth thee. Make mention of the people of Za from Me. By the life of God! They are beneath the glances of their Lord's loving-kindness, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Say: Blessed art thou, O Land of Za, for in thee were martyred the friends of God and His chosen ones, through whom was manifested the decree of faithfulness in the world of creation and through whom wafted the fragrance of steadfastness in the kingdom of names. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken in this station which hath been named by every name by God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed is he who remembereth them and who seeketh out and visiteth their resting-places, by virtue of what hath been sent down from the heaven of the will of their Lord, the Revealer of verses.

O My Name! Glorify on My behalf My loved ones there, upon whose faces thou perceivest the radiance of the All-Merciful and from whose deeds is raised the Cause of God, the Lord of all men. O My Most Exalted

Pen! Turn thy face toward My loved ones in Ra and Shin and give them the glad-tidings of My remembrance and My grace and My loving-kindness, and say: Blessed are ye for having fulfilled My Covenant and My Testament, and for having drunk the choice wine of My utterance, and for having heard in My path the blame of every sinful doubter. We were with you in days wherein was heard the croaking of one who spoke that which caused the dwellers of the most exalted Paradise to lament. Blessed is he who showed patience in God, the Judge of the Day of Reckoning.

We make mention of him who heard My call and turned to My horizon and arose to serve My Cause and confined all matters to My remembrance and praise, and testified to that which the Tongue of My Cause testified in the tabernacles of My grandeur—he whom We named the Nightingale in the Book of Names—that he may give thanks unto God throughout the nights and days. By the life of God! We have remembered you in such wise that the fragrance thereof shall never cease to endure so long as My most beautiful names endure. To this beareth witness the Most Great Book of God, round which circle the Scriptures and Tablets.

We make mention of My loved ones in Qaf who were not prevented by the affairs of creation from the Truth and who attained unto the Kawthar of eternity in the earliest days. O My loved ones there! Rejoice in that the Wronged One maketh mention of you in such wise as to attract the hearts of them that are possessed of understanding. Blessed are ye for having rent asunder the veils and for having shattered, with the hands of power and certitude, the idols of vain imaginings and idle fancies. Ye are they that heard and hastened until ye reached the shore of the ocean of utterance—the station wherein the atoms cry out throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven unto Him Who hath appeared with the truth and hath manifested through His sovereignty whatsoever He desired. We have found from you the fragrance of faithfulness. We have sent down for you that which no treasures of the world can equal. To this beareth witness every fair-minded and discerning one.

O thou who hast fixed thy gaze upon My countenance! When thou beholdest the darkness of My city, pause and say: O Land of Ta! I have come to thee from the Prison with tidings from God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. Say: O Mother of the world and Dayspring of Light amidst the nations! I herald unto thee the tender mercy of thy Lord, and upon thee do I pronounce, from before the All-Knowing, the Knower of secrets, the Most Great Name. I bear witness that within thee was revealed the Hidden Name and the Treasured Secret, and through thee was made manifest the mystery of what hath been and what is yet to be. O Land of Ta! The Lord of Names remembereth thee from His glorious station. Thou wert the Dawning-Place of God's Cause, the Dayspring of His Revelation and the Manifestation of His Most Great Name, whereby the hearts and souls were sorely shaken. How many of the oppressed have been martyred within thee in the path of God, and how many a wronged woman lieth buried within thee, at whose fate honoured servants have wept.

Verily We make mention of Our loved ones in that place who entered into imprisonment for the sake of God, the Lord of all kings, and We make mention of those who turned to the Most Exalted Horizon in days wherein the fire of hatred blazed in the breasts of those divines who violated God's Covenant and His Testament, and denied God's favor, the Lord of what was and what shall be. And We make mention of the emigrants who fled when the fire of sedition was kindled through that which the hands of every

ungodly disbeliever had wrought. O people of the earth! Fear God and follow not those who have denied the right of God and His chosen ones, and deny not Him Whom ye invoke by night and by day. This is the Day which ye were promised aforetime, and in the Torah and the Gospel and the Qur'an. By the life of God! Ye were created for this Day. Recognize it and deprive not yourselves of this grace to which the Tablets have testified. This is the Day wherein the Choice Wine hath appeared and the Salsabil hath flowed and Kawthar hath proclaimed:

> "The Promise is fulfilled and mankind hath risen before the Lord of Lords!"

This is the Day wherewith God gave glad tidings to His Prophets and His Messengers. The Mother Book with Him beareth witness to this.

Say: O company of the heedless! By God, the Bayan was sent down by My command and its letters are from My Word. Fear God and oppose not Him through Whom the dawn hath breathed and the Balance been established. This is the Day wherein the Trumpet and the Mount circle round the Manifestation, and the Path walketh upon the loftiest horizons of the earth with power and sovereignty. If ye deny God's signs and His proof, by what evidence can ye prove what ye possess? Be fair, O company of oppression! By God the True One, the Bayan lamenteth by reason of your tyranny and declareth:

> "Woe unto you for having broken My Covenant and My Testament and for having denied Him about Whom We counseled you at all times."

God sent Me down to mention Him and made Me a herald of His Name through which the hidden Mystery was revealed and the Fire spoke forth in the Trees.

Section 3: "O My Name amongst the rejectors! Among them…"

O My Name amongst the rejectors! Among them is he who saith that He hath plagiarized the verses and attributed them to Himself. Say: Present thyself before the Divine Countenance that thou mayest behold what no eye of possibility hath seen. And among them is he who saith that He hath forbidden people from what is right. Say: Woe unto thee, O heedless liar! That which is right circleth round Me and hath appeared through My command, and justice standeth before My face at eventide and at dawn. This is the Day wherein the earth hath spoken and hath shone with the light of its Lord, the Possessor of the Day of Return. O people! Be fair for God's sake!

Were it not for the letter B before H, who would arise to uphold the Cause when the limbs of the earth trembled with fear of these days? Ye were behind the veil when the Wronged One called out between earth and heaven. The Manifestations of the Names and He with Whom is the Kingdom of Utterance bear witness to this. Ye were asleep behind the curtains while My Most Exalted Pen moved in the arena of wisdom and knowledge. We opened the gate of counsel before your faces when We found you to be the most wretched of servants in deeds. Ye have done what ye were forbidden and abandoned what ye were commanded in the Book. We testify that ye have cast God's laws behind your backs and taken what ye were commanded by your base desires and passions, without any clear proof or evidence.

Verily We saw you in the darkness of your lusts. We held fast to the cord of counsel to such an extent that the shrill voice of My pen ceased not by night and by day, at eventide and at dawn.

O people of the Bayan! Fear the All-Merciful and lean not upon him who cast God's Covenant behind his back and pronounced judgment against Him Who reared him with the hands of grace in spirit and joy. When God's Cause was exalted to a certain degree, We found him like unto a spotted snake, creeping and hissing behind Us. Thus was the matter decreed in days wherein the pillars were shaken.

We make mention of Our loved ones in Qaf and Mim, and of him who hath set his face towards the All-Highest Companion and the Ultimate Goal, that it may be a light unto him in every world of the worlds of his Lord, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful. O Sadiq! The Lord of the worlds maketh mention of thee from the Most Great Prison, when sorrows have encompassed Him from all sides through that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. We counsel those whom God hath related unto thee to be patient and forbearing, and We comfort them with this remembrance whereby the eyes of them that are nigh unto God have been solaced. We make mention of the two brothers who have arisen to serve the Cause, and of those who have turned with radiant faces toward the Supreme Horizon on a day wherein the feet of the mystics have slipped. And We make mention of the people of Kaf, whom the censure of any censurer hath not deterred in the path of God, and whom the hosts of the heedless have not frightened. They arose and declared:

> "God is our Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and on earth!"

O My loved ones in that place and its surroundings! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. He counseleth you to preserve that which ye have been given by God, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful. Beware lest ye forfeit your stations and that which hath befallen you in the path of God, the Exalted, the Great. Ye have witnessed for the sake of God that which hath caused the Supreme Pen to lament. Soon shall ye behold that which shall gladden your hearts, O people of Baha. Thus doth God give you glad-tidings as a token of His grace, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. There hath been sent down for you in the Book that before which the treasures of the world and all that the kings and rulers pride themselves upon are as naught. Take ye the chalice of steadfastness from the hand of the bounty of your Lord, the Lord of Names. This is what the Wronged One hath commanded you, both before and after, if ye be of them that comprehend.

O thou who bearest My Name and gazeth upon My countenance! When thou beholdest the whiteness of the city wherein the Sun of fidelity hath set, pause and say: O Land of Sad! Where are the daysprings of thy light and the dawning-places of thy glory? Where is the ornament of thy temple, and where are they through whom the horizons of guidance were illumined amongst all creatures? Where are the words of the Book of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised? O Land of Sad! Where are thy standards and thy signs, thy evidences and thy banners? Have the traces of injustice been erased from thee, and will it be as it was before? Tell me, and be not of the patient ones.

Doth the serpent still hiss within thee, and doth the wolf still howl as it howled before? Verily thy Lord doth ask and answer, and He is the Almighty, the Powerful. We bear witness that within thee were treasured the treasures of fidelity, and the crimson Ark was sunk, and the She-Camel of God, the Lord of

the worlds, was hamstrung. The suns of love and fidelity have set from thy horizons through that which the hands of them that disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Invincible, have wrought. Say: O Land of Sad! We counsel thee regarding My trust and My trusts, and We ask thee concerning the fire of hatred—hath it been extinguished, or can its burning and its flames still be seen? Tell Me truly, for the sake of God, the Lord of the Exalted Throne.

O My Name! O thou who speaketh My remembrance! Know thou that whosoever desireth to be illumined by the light of eternity and to be honored by visiting any of the people of Baha who are established upon the Crimson Ark and are turned toward the Supreme Horizon, it behooveth him to cleanse his heart with the water of detachment and sanctify his face from turning to whatsoever hath been created in existence and brought into being, and to be in such wise that he seeth the Kingdom before his face and all else behind him. Then let him walk with the dignity and tranquility of God, and in every step let him say with the essence of submissiveness and the utmost lowliness:

> "O my God! I have intended those who shed their blood in Thy path and sacrificed their souls in Thy love,"

until he reacheth the most holy sepulcher and sacred dust. Let him stand and look to the right like one who awaiteth the mercy of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Then let him turn and say:

"The first ray that dawned from the horizon of grace, and the first fragrance that wafted from the garment of the countenance of His Holiness the Ancient King, and the first word uttered by the tongue of the Divine Will in the world, and the first light whereby the hearts of the nations were attracted—upon you, O Temples of Glory and Daysprings of Names and Dawning-places of the Command in the Kingdom of creation! I testify that through you the All-Merciful was established upon the throne of possibility, and the ocean of forgiveness surged, and the Kawthar of life overflowed, and the Kingdom of utterance appeared, and from its horizon the sun of knowledge shone forth. Ye are they through whose will the Will and its sovereignty appeared, and the Purpose and its power emerged, and Destiny and what was ordained therein by God, the Powerful, the Mighty.

Through you the Word encompassed all things and the breeze wafted, and the world was illumined by the manifestations of the light that rose and shone forth from the Dayspring of the light of Oneness. Indeed, through you the dove of faithfulness cooed in the Supreme Paradise, and the Lote-Tree of the extremity spoke, and the nightingale of glory sang, and all things proclaimed that which God, your Creator and your Sovereign, your Origin and your Maker, your Quickener and your Slayer, your First and your Last, your Manifester and your Inspirer, your Strengthener and your Identifier, hath testified.

> "Ye are the letters of the Primal Word and the first adorning in the Kingdom of creation, and the manifestations of justice in the Supreme Heaven. Ye are the Book inscribed, and the Symbol witnessed, and the Scroll outspread, and the House frequented. Through you were raised the banners of justice and planted the standards of triumph, and through you the fragrance of the garment was diffused and the sign of sanctification appeared, and through you the door of bounty was opened before the face of all nations and from the clouds of knowledge rained down the showers of the All-Merciful's grace. Blessed are ye and blessed is

> he who draweth nigh unto God through you and who holdeth fast to your hems and cleaveth to your cords and uttereth your remembrance. And woe unto him who denieth your right and turneth away from you and showeth pride toward you and rejecteth God's favor in you. Every thing beareth witness to your glory and the loftiness of your station and your profit in the hereafter and the first life, and to the loss of those who disbelieved in God when He came with shining signs and clear proofs and brilliant lights."

Glorified art Thou, O Thou through Whose Name the believers have soared in the atmosphere of Thy nearness and presence, and the sincere ones have hastened to the place of sacrifice in Thy love and good-pleasure! I beseech Thee by those who have been martyred in Thy path and were so attracted by Thy verses that nothing in the world prevented them from drawing nigh unto Thee, to ordain for us through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will benefit us in this world and the next. O my God, my Lord and my Hope! I implore Thee by this most pure dust and sanctified tomb to forgive me and remit my grievous sins, and to ordain for me through Thy grace that which will bring solace to mine eyes and gladden my breast. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over all things, and within Thy grasp are the keys of mercy and prosperity. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the Omnipotent.

We have now turned toward the Land of Alif and Ra, wherein We make mention of My loved ones who were not deterred by the hints of the divines nor held back by the veils of the mystics. They heard and responded—they are indeed of the assured ones. These are they who shattered the idols of vain fancy in the name of their Lord, the Lord of all beings, and held fast to the cord of God, the Lord of all worlds. And We make mention of the Most Great Victory who attained to that which was recorded in the Books of God and left his home, turning to the All-Informed One, until he entered Zawra and stood before the gate that was opened unto all on earth and in heaven, and heard the call of God, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

O My loved ones in that land! Beware lest the affairs of the world frighten you. Hold fast unto deeds and character, and unto that which will elevate the station of man. Thus have We commanded you before and in this exalted station. Preserve your stations and what hath been ordained for you from the presence of One mighty and powerful. The Glory shining and radiant from the horizon of grace be upon you and upon My handmaidens who heard the call and turned to the Supreme Horizon in days wherein the feet of the mature ones slipped.

And We make mention of another land which God hath made the seat of His loved ones and the dawning-place of him who was named Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin. Hearken unto the call from the right side of the luminous spot, from the Crimson Tree: The dominion of earth and heaven belongeth unto God, the Goal of the sincere ones. We make mention of you as We mentioned you before, that ye may give thanks unto your Lord, the Compassionate, the All-Knowing. Hold fast unto that which is goodly and that which beseemeth you and the Cause of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. Beware lest transient affairs prevent you from the Kingdom of God, the Lord of all that was and shall be. Cast away what the people possess and take what ye are commanded by the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

Tribulations and adversities have touched you in My path, and I am the All-Seeing, the All-Informed. Ye have witnessed for the sake of God what no eyes have seen—to this testify all things and this perspicuous Book. Ye have heard the taunts of the enemies in the days of God, the Lord of Names. Hear now what

floweth from My Most Exalted Pen in praise of your turning unto Him, your submissiveness, your humility, and your orientation toward the countenance of your Lord, the Mighty, the Luminous. By the life of God! What ye see today cannot equal My mention of you. Be thankful and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Goal of all seekers, and glory be unto Thee, O Glory of those in the heavens and the earth!"

Section 4: "O My Most Exalted Pen! Turn thy face…"

O My Most Exalted Pen! Turn thy face toward the land wherein hath been diffused the fragrance of sincerity and submissiveness from those whom God hath related unto Himself and for whom He hath inscribed, from the Most Exalted Pen, that which none hath known save His all-encompassing knowledge. We have raised them to a station wherein the tongues of all created things speak their praise and glorification, and that which hath been sent down unto them from the Ancient Revealer. We bestow Our blessings upon their faces and pray for them, and We counsel them to observe the Most Great Steadfastness and to preserve that which hath been ordained for them by God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, and I am the All-Wise Counsellor.

And We make mention of My loved ones there who have aimed for the Ultimate Goal and the Most Exalted Summit, and who have arisen to serve the Cause of their Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. Be ye as mountains in the Cause of your Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. This behooveth you, if ye be of them that comprehend. The world shall pass away and the winds of extinction shall seize it, but that which My Pen hath recorded and My truthful and trustworthy Tongue hath uttered shall endure. Take ye the chalice of immortality in the name of your Lord, the Most Glorious, then drink therefrom in spite of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of creation.

We make mention of the Land of Alif and Ra as a token of Our grace, for verily We are the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We counsel them with that which befitteth the days of God, the Mighty, the Bestower. O My Name! When thou meetest Ra and Jim, convey unto him My Glory and say: Be steadfast, for there hath come to thee a mighty matter whereby the limbs of the earth have quaked, the Trumpet hath been troubled, the Balance hath been stunned, and the Path hath lamented before the Face, by reason of that which hath befallen the Manifestation of the Cause through the doings of the heedless ones. Say: Be patient in God, then preserve what We have given thee.

Soon there shall be made manifest unto thee that which hath been ordained by the One Who is Mighty and Ancient. Preserve thy station through this Most Great Name. Thus doth command thee He Who hath called all unto God, the Single, the All-Informed. Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and say: O people! By God, the horizon of Revelation hath been illumined and that which was promised in the Scriptures of God, the True, the Mighty, the Wise, hath appeared. Cast aside what ye possess and take hold of that which the Lord of Eternity commandeth you, Who hath come with manifest sovereignty. Say: The Most Great Book hath appeared. Verily it calleth aloud between earth and heaven and summoneth you unto a station before which all regions of the earth have bowed down, were ye of them that know.

Deprive not yourselves of the Most Great Ocean and of that which hath been ordained for you in a glorious Tablet. Be thou in such wise as beseemeth the Cause of thy Lord. He, verily, shall aid thee and decree for thee what thou desirest of His bounty, which overshadoweth all things great and small.

Arise with supreme steadfastness amidst mankind. This is what We commanded thee aforetime. Be thankful and be of them that praise. Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and cling to His resplendent hem. Should thy son oppose thee in what We have commanded thee, leave him to thy Lord. Thus doth command thee He with Whom is the knowledge of all things in a Book which none hath comprehended save Him Who proclaimeth in every matter that there is no God but Me, the Witness, the All-Hearing. Read thou this Tablet and ponder that which hath been sent down therein from the presence of One Who is Mighty and Powerful. Say: O people! Dispute not concerning the signs of God and deny not Him Who hath come unto you with what the learned possess.

Fear God and be not of the wrongdoers. Leave those who have no knowledge of this Cause to speak according to their desires. Lo! They are among the abased ones. O My loved ones there! Rejoice in that wherewith the Supreme Pen maketh mention of you in the prison of Akka and giveth you glad tidings of God's grace and mercy which have preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Compassionate. Arise to serve the Cause in such wise that the veils of those who have clung to the Dayspring of idle fancies and have spoken that whereby the Holy Spirit hath lamented may not hinder you. From this spot We send Our glorification upon you and upon My handmaidens who have attained unto this wondrous Cause.

We make mention of My loved ones in Manshad. By God! The Concourse on High hath grieved at your grief, and they who circle round the Throne have lamented at what hath befallen you at the hands of the oppressors. The Wronged One hath been with you, hearing and seeing, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Behold then remember what hath befallen the Lord of Names in the prison of Ta and in other lands from those who denied the right of God and His loved ones and who followed vain imaginings and idle fancies. Rejoice in that the Lord of the worlds remembereth you with such remembrance as hath caused every great mention to bow down before it. We counsel you to patience and forbearance and to that whereby the sanctity of the Cause may be manifested in cities and countries. Take hold of that which ye have been commanded by One Who is the Ordainer, the All-Wise. The light that shineth resplendent from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon you and upon those who have aided you and turned unto you out of love for God, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

We make mention of Our loved ones in the Land of Dal and Ha, even as We mentioned them before, as a token of Our grace, that they may give thanks unto their Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate. Blessed are ye, inasmuch as the breezes of My loving-kindness have wafted over you, and My Pen hath testified to your acceptance, while its Lord lay imprisoned in a mighty prison. Beware lest the world's tribulations debar you from the Ancient Beauty. Cast away that which perisheth, and take hold of that which endureth, in the name of your Lord, the Everlasting, the Ever-Abiding, the Mighty, the Impregnable. Blessed is the arm that hath shattered the idols of vain imaginings and hastened to the shelter of the pavilions of the grandeur of his Lord, the Gracious One. We make mention of every servant

who hath turned towards the Most Sublime Horizon, and of every maidservant who hath turned unto My Straight Path.

We make mention of Ali-Akbar, who fulfilled My Covenant and My Testament, who turned unto My countenance, soared in My atmosphere, stood before My gate, hearkened unto My call, attained My presence and reunion, and spoke forth My beauteous praise. Rejoice in the Supreme Companion, inasmuch as the Lord of Names, Who spoke from the Burning Bush unto Moses, son of Imran, making mention of thee, declaring:

> "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Manifest, the Speaking One, the All-Powerful, the Mighty."

O ʿAli-Akbar! We make mention of thee when thou didst leave thy homeland, turning towards the Most Sublime Horizon, enkindled with the fire of love for thy Lord, the Sovereign of the Kingdom of Eternity, and when thou wert among the people and there befell thee in the path of God that which caused the eyes of every just and knowing one to weep. We make mention of when thou didst circle round My throne and act in accordance with what was commanded thee in My perspicuous Book. We make mention of thy son and those who upheld what was right concerning him and arose to set his affairs in order out of love for God, the Lord of this utterance, the Revealer of these verses, the Manifestor of clear proofs, and the Speaker among the nations when seated upon the Most Great Throne. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Wise.

We desire to make mention of the Most Exalted Paradise and the Blessed City of Light wherein was diffused the fragrance of the Beloved, His verses were spread abroad, His proofs were made manifest, His banners were raised, His tabernacle was pitched, and every wise command was detailed. That is the city wherein wafted the sweet savors of reunion, by which the sincere were drawn to the seat of nearness, sanctity and beauty. Blessed is he who purposed, attained, and drank the choice wine of meeting from the ocean of the bounty of his Lord, the Mighty, the Most Praiseworthy.

O Land of Heart's Desire! I have come to thee from God and give thee glad tidings of His grace and mercy, and glorify thee from His presence. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Gracious. Blessed is the soul that hath turned unto thee and discovered from thee the fragrance of God, the Lord of the worlds. Light be upon thee and glory be upon thee, inasmuch as God hath made thee a paradise for His servants and the blessed, hallowed earth whose mention He hath sent down in the Books of the Prophets and Messengers.

O Land of Light! Through thee was raised the standard of "There is none other God but Him," and within thee was planted the banner of "Verily, I am the Truth, the Knower of things unseen." It behooveth every one who turneth unto thee to glory in thee and in whatsoever is therein of My branches, My leaves, My traces, My chosen ones, and My loved ones who have turned with supreme steadfastness unto My glorious station. We have not mentioned those whom We made the keys of victory, lest they be discovered by every oppressive one who is veiled. We, from this station, glorify thee, O My earth, and them, and those who have laid hold on this mighty, extended cord.

Say: O concourse of earth! Set aside your desires, clinging fast to My desire. By God, this is better for you than all that you behold this day. To this testifies the Book of God, the Mighty, the Loving. Do that which

God has willed, not what your own selves have willed. Fear God and be not of those who comprehend not. Verily, he who clings to what he possesses cannot turn his face toward the face of God, the Everlasting, after the passing away of all things. Thus has My Most Exalted Pen spoken in this blessed and beloved Tablet.

O Tongue of Grandeur! Make mention of God's loved ones in Kha, that they may be drawn to a station wherein naught is seen save the loving-kindness of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Through you the Word is ended in this station, and this is of My grace and favor unto you. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Powerful over what has been. There is no God but Him, the Manifest, the Hidden, the Mighty, the Witnessed. Through you has dawned the horizon of certitude and clashed the swords of inner meanings in the arena of utterance, and through you has spoken the tongue of revelation: "The Kingdom is God's, the Possessor of the seen and unseen."

You have attained unto the days of God and His Cause, and have turned unto Him when the princes of earth, all of them, and every learned one made vain by knowledge, turned away. Blessed be your faces for having turned, and your tongues for having answered, and your hands for having been raised unto God, the Lord of the Kingdom. Thus has risen from the horizon of proof the Sun of utterance. Blessed is he who has recognized and attained, and woe unto every heedless one rejected. The light shining from the heaven of My favor be upon you, O captives of God in His earth and dawning-places of His firm, wise, and impregnable decree.

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of what has come upon thee at this moment from God's firm and irrevocable decree. We were making mention of Our loved ones in the cities and lands when suddenly the door opened and one entered saying, "Thy handmaiden has taken flight." We said: "Unto God, the Mighty, the Loving." She was a handmaiden who set out for the Most Great House of God and left her station until she arrived and circumambulated and took for herself a station beneath the domes of grandeur. To this testifies the Lord of creation Who speaks what He spoke in the earliest days and before them. Verily, there is no God but I, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

O My handmaiden! Upon thee be My glory, My mercy and My loving-kindness, and upon those who remember thee after thy ascension and who speak thy praise out of love for God, the King of Kings. I bear witness that thou didst turn to God and believe in Him and didst find the fragrances of the Manifestation when He appeared in truth with manifest sovereignty, and thou didst drink the choice wine of utterance from the hands of His bounty and didst witness what His Most Exalted Pen witnessed in His blessed station. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon thee and upon My trusted servant who was known among the Concourse on High for his service to Me and to My chosen ones who arose to aid My Cause and who spoke in times of hardship and tribulation: "We are God's, and to Him shall we return."

BH00680: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

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

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. His is the sovereignty and the kingdom, and His is the might, the grandeur and the dominion. He sendeth down what He willeth and withholdeth from whom He willeth. His Most Exalted Pen hath appeared and through it He hath ordained for whomsoever He desireth whatsoever He desireth. He is the Interpreter, Whom the All-Merciful hath described and made to move among the religions. Exalted is the Desired One Who hath come with the truth and hath spoken that which was the pure wine of divine knowledge for all who dwell within the realm of possibility. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And now, thy letter was received which, praised be God, was adorned with the sweet-scented breeze of the Beloved of the worlds. This evanescent servant hath ever mentioned and continueth to mention the friends of God. They have always been and remain before mine eyes. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to aid them and enable them to achieve that which is the cause and means of drawing near unto Him. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Munificent, the Generous.

After perusing and becoming acquainted with the contents of thy letter, this servant turned towards the most holy, most exalted Court and presented a detailed account. These sublime words were revealed and sent down from the Dawning-Place of divine favors, the Source of verses. His blessed and exalted Word:

"O ʿAli! The whole world hath been created for the knowledge of God, yet most are deprived of recognizing the Ocean of His Revelation. Whosoever hath today attained unto this supreme gift must render thanks unto God, exalted be His glory, throughout the endurance of His earthly and heavenly kingdoms. This dependeth upon divine grace and assistance. We counsel all the friends to that which is the cause of progress and the means of elevation. Jinab-i-Alif and Ha and all other friends are mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One. God willing, may they be assisted through His grace to achieve goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. Man is like unto a sword, and its essence is forbearance and godliness. So long as it remaineth sheathed in the scabbard of self, its true quality remaineth unknown. Supplicate God, exalted be His glory, that He may enable all to attain unto the station of maturity, which is the station of certitude and divine knowledge. From this station We send Our greetings upon thee and upon My loved ones who have turned unto Me and have attained unto that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds." The Word hath ended.

Praise be to God that thou hast been favored with divine grace, for thy mention hath repeatedly been made in the Most Holy Court. This is a great bounty; were its station to be made manifest, all would be amazed.

A letter from Haji Ali-Askar, upon him be the Glory of God, reached this servant. After perusing it, it was presented at the Most Holy and Exalted Court. He said: "May he, God willing, be assisted in that which God loves." That which was indicative of the favor of God, exalted be His glory, was revealed specifically for him. Verily We have mentioned him and will mention him, and We counsel him to show forth the greatest steadfastness in this mighty Cause.

The people of the world have been prevented from recognizing God, exalted be His glory, and turning towards Him by the promptings of self and desire. Blessed is the soul who has today drunk from the Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful and attained that which was intended. Praise be to God in all

conditions. The friends must today know their worth and preserve their stations through the Name of God, exalted be His glory. Verily, He is the Preserver, the Observer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Verily God has forgiven thy father and thy mother. He is indeed the Forgiver, the Mighty, the Generous.

Rejoice thou in thy Lord's favor, then render thanks unto Him at morn and eventide. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the knowledge of God, the Lord of the worlds.

God willing, may you ever be blessed with the outpourings of the ocean of inner meanings and be confirmed in that which God loves. This evanescent servant at all times beseeches assistance and favor from the Self-Sufficient, the Exalted, on behalf of the friends, especially those friends who are adorned with the ornament of steadfastness. I request that you convey my greetings to the friends of God.

Likewise, mention was made of Aqa Muhammad-Rida at the Most Holy and Exalted Court, and these words were revealed from the heaven of the All-Merciful's favor concerning him. His exalted Word:

> "O Rida! We have heard thy call and beheld thy turning and attraction, and We make mention of thee with these sublime words that thou mayest, with the utmost joy and gladness, engage in the remembrance and praise of God, exalted be His glory, in this Day of Manifestation. Contingent existence is observed to be like unto a mirage, or like the remnant of the sun's reflection upon the mountains which will soon be overtaken by extinction. Blessed is the soul that in these blessed days has attained unto that from which the fragrance of eternity is wafted. Heedlessness hath encompassed the world. All are seen to be clinging to that which is transient and deprived of that which is everlasting, save whom God willeth. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued what was and what will be, to ordain for me that which befitteth Thy bounty and Thy generosity, and to decree for me the good of the hereafter and of this world. Verily, Thou art the One with power over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

That which was mentioned by Karbila'i ʿAli—upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory—those very passages were presented before His presence. He said:

> "The Wronged One hath turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison. He is the All-Seeing, He heareth and answereth, and He is the Hearing, the Responding One. As to thy request from God, exalted be His glory, for true vision, praise be to God, this desire was granted even before being expressed. For hadst thou not possessed true vision, thou wouldst have been found heedless of the Truth, even as most of the world's people—whether divines, rulers, or others—are today deprived and unaware. How many kings today remove their hats at the mention of one of God's names, yet remain deprived of, barred from, and heedless of God, exalted be His glory, Who is the Creator of names and their Quickener. Whosoever hath today attained unto the recognition of God is and shall be regarded as the most exalted of all creation in the sight of the Truth. Blessed are they who have attained unto this most exalted station. Soon shall the station of those who have turned unto Him become evident and manifest to all others. We beseech God to assist thee in that which causeth steadfastness, the manifestation of grace, and service to His Cause."

Regarding what thou didst write about journeying to the Holy Land, thou hast permission, but He said: "Be patient, for verily He is with His patient servants." Praise be to God that thou didst attain unto His presence and drink from the cup of meeting. At present, due to the upheavals in these parts, such a journey is not permitted. He commandeth thee with that which is best for thee. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Generous. Praise be to God, the Most High, the Most Great.

Concerning the sum thou didst write about, let nine tumans thereof be delivered to Nabil-i-Akbar—upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory—who is in the Land of Ta [Tehran], that he may, on behalf of the Truth, host the friends of God. The remainder should be given to Muhammad-ʿAli from the Land of Sad. This evanescent servant beseecheth God that He may shelter beneath His grace those souls who have turned to Him and remained steadfast, as well as those who act according to what hath been revealed in the Book and pay the Huququ'llah. This lowly and fleeting servant submits:

O my God, my Hope, my Beloved, and my Desire! I beseech Thee to assist the servants of Thy path in benevolent matters. In this matter, bestow Thy special grace upon the giver, the recipient, the partaker, and the one who administers. Verily, Thou art the Generous, the Bountiful. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Praise be to God, all the names mentioned in thy letter have been blessed with special favors, and for each one, clear verses have been revealed from the heaven of grace. His is the praise and the bounty. Ever are those who turn unto Him, the sincere ones, the believers, those who remember Him, those who seek Him, and those who hope in Him—all are mentioned before His presence and are blessed with infinite favors. May God, exalted be His glory, assist all to recognize this Most Great Station. The Glory be upon thee and upon those whose names thou didst mention before His presence, and upon every one who hath turned unto Him and remained steadfast. And praise be to God, the Single, the All-Knowing.

BH00849: O loved ones of God in His Most Glorious…

O loved ones of God in His Most Glorious Name! In My Name, the Generous!

O Mir Muhammad-Taqi! Hearken unto My call, for verily it will draw thee to My Kingdom and bring thee nigh unto a station which the pens are powerless to describe. Bear thou witness to that which God did testify before the creation of earth and heaven, that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. By My life! This exalted Word sufficeth thee. Be thou grateful and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all mankind!"

O Ali-Akbar! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee with that which shall cause thy remembrance to endure throughout the duration of My most excellent names. Thy Lord is, verily, the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. A single letter of thy Lord's verses surpasseth all that minds have comprehended and eyes have witnessed. Hold thou fast unto the cord of God; verily it will lead thee to the most exalted summit, from God, the Lord of Lords.

O Abul-Qasim! Spread wide thy robe to receive the pearls of the ocean of thy Lord's utterance, the Lord of all mankind. Beware lest the affairs of men debar thee from the Truth or the allusions of them who

have disbelieved in the Beginning and the End cause thee grief. Take hold of the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him. Thus doth the Mother Book command thee.

O Abdul-Hamid! He Who hath come with the Truth and hath guided all to the straight path maketh mention of thee. Say: O concourse of divines! Die in your wrath! He hath come through Whose name your idols of self have been shattered and your fancies and imaginings obliterated. We counsel thee and My loved ones with that which We have counseled all in the Holy Books and Tablets.

O Ali-Akbar! Be thou patient in adversity and steadfast in service to the Cause in such wise that neither the doubts of men nor the veils of them who have turned away from God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting, shall cause thee to slip. We have counseled all with goodly deeds and with that which shall exalt their stations. The Tongue of Grandeur in the most exalted station beareth witness unto this. Thus have We caused thee to hear and made mention of thee. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O Muhammad-Qasim! We make mention of thee as a token of Our grace, that thou mayest give thanks unto God, the Lord of the worlds, Who speaketh at all times from the most exalted horizon:

> "The Kingdom is God's, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

Blessed is he who hath turned toward My horizon, heard My call, and arisen to serve My Cause, the Firm, the Impregnable.

O Abbas! He Who hath never been overtaken by slumber in the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, maketh mention of thee. He hath arisen to promote the Cause in such wise that neither the weapons of the world could shake Him nor the doubts of the wayward could cause Him to stumble. He stood amongst the peoples and proclaimed in the most exalted call:

> "Come, O people of the earth, unto the Dayspring of the signs of your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful!"

O Muhammad-Sadiq! We have called all unto that which would draw them to the supreme horizon. Among the people are those who have turned toward it, those who have turned away, and those whom We behold in manifest doubt. How many a servant hath heard and denied, turned toward and then away. Thus have the various stages been made manifest. Verily thy Lord is the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing.

O Mahmud! The All-Loving maketh mention of thee from His glorious station and calleth thee to God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The Light hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Revelation, and the Mount speaketh, saying:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for the appearance of Him Who conversed with me, Who was promised in the Torah and the Psalms."

Thus have We made mention of thee and expounded the verses for thee that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving.

O Abu-Talib! The Desired One hath come, yet most of the people understand not. They hear the call from the precincts of the Prison, yet they perceive not. When asked by what proof they have believed in God, they say "By the Qur'an," yet when We reveal unto them that which is greater than it, they disbelieve in the Witness and the Witnessed. Thus have their souls deluded them, and they know it not.

O thou who art wronged! Make mention of the nobleman who presented himself before the Countenance, and give him glad tidings of that which hath been revealed for him from God, the Mighty, the Wise. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee and put thy trust in God, the Lord of this wondrous Day. Say: He hath come for the life of the world. Fear ye God, O peoples of the earth, and be not of the wrongdoers. Do that which ye have been commanded in the Book; it is better for you than all that ye possess. To this testifieth every discerning scholar.

O Dhabih! Verily the Sacrifice offered up his soul in the path of God. By My life! He advanced to the station of sacrifice with a light that illumined the faces of them that are nigh unto God. Blessed is he who maketh mention of him, visiteth him, and circumambulateth his tomb. He is among the most exalted of creatures in a glorious Tablet. Give thanks unto God for that the Countenance of the Ancient One hath turned toward thee from His Most Great Prison. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

We make mention of him who was named ʿAbdu'l-Vasi' that he may rejoice and be of them that are thankful. O My loved ones! It behooveth you to make good what hath passed you by in My days. Thus doth command you He Who heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Beware lest the doubts of the divines hold thee back from Him Who is known, or the utterances of the ungodly sadden thee—they who speak according to their vain imaginings without clear proof from God, the Mighty, the Great.

O Naw-ruz-ʿAli! The Wronged One hath turned toward thee from the Prison and hath moved His Most Exalted Pen to make mention of thee, that thou mayest soar on the wings of longing in this subtle and gentle air, from whose wafting breezes can be heard:

> "The Promise is fulfilled and the Promised One hath called all to the straight path of God."

We have desired to make mention of him who was named Isma'il, that the remembrance may attract him to a station wherein he shall see naught save the manifestations of My Most Beautiful Names and the dawning-places of My most exalted attributes. Verily He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. He doeth and ordaineth as He pleaseth, and He is the Strong, the Mighty. Take thou the chalice of salvation in the name of thy Lord, then drink thereof with His All-Wise remembrance. Thus hath the shrill voice of My Most Exalted Pen been raised, yet most of the people are asleep.

O Muhammad-Baqir! Give thanks for that God hath aided thee to recognize Him Who was recorded in the books of the Messengers. They have lost indeed who turned away from the Face when Its lights shone forth from the horizon of eternity after the passing of all things. Verily thy Lord is the Elucidator, the All-Knowing. When He was established upon the throne, He addressed His loved ones with a word that nothing in the invisible or visible world can equal, if thou be of them that know.

The Prisoner hath at this moment turned toward him who was named Asadu'llah, that the greatest joy might take hold of him and draw him to a station that was illumined by the lights of the Countenance. Rejoice thou that the Tongue of the All-Merciful maketh mention of thee in the Kingdom of Utterance with verses that were in truth sent down from the heaven of glory. Beware lest the affairs of the world hold thee back from the Lord of all being. Turn away from them, then turn with thy heart to an ocean that was renowned by the name of God.

O Muhammad-Qabli-Taqi! The Wronged One calleth thee from His Most Great Prison in ʿAkka, which hath been designated as the White Dome in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds. That which the Prophets foretold hath come to pass, yet the people remain veiled in manifest obscurity. Arise to promote the Cause, then remind the people of this Most Great Name, that they may forsake that which they possess and choose for themselves a path leading to God, the Most High, the Most Great, Who speaketh from this most exalted station and calleth the people unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

We have made mention of every name thou hast mentioned and have sent down for each one clear verses. Cast them upon the people by My command, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Be thou thankful unto God for this most great favor and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of them that have recognized Thee!"

Thus have the pearls of knowledge been cast forth from the ocean of utterance. Gather them in My name, then preserve them from the eyes of the treacherous.

The glory that hath shone forth from the mouth of thy Lord's will be upon thee and upon every steadfast believer.

BH01112: The beginning of every remembrance and every utterance has…

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

The beginning of every remembrance and every utterance has been and shall ever be the mention of Him Who is the Goal of all worlds. The beginning originates with Him and the end returns unto Him—verily, we are from God and unto Him shall we return.

Your letter, which was sent through him who is bound for that realm—upon him be the Glory of God—arrived and was presented. These exalted words were revealed from the heaven of grace, the Source of verses. His words, exalted be His majesty:

> "O Muhammad-Husayn! Your letter was presented before the Wronged One through the servant who is present. In all conditions fix your gaze upon God, speak of Him, and place your trust in Him. Should man attain unto communion with God, exalted be His glory—that is, should he experience His remembrance, praise, love and sweetness—he will never be distressed by life's bitterness. This is the Day of Truth, for the Sun of Truth has dawned. This is the Day of Certitude, for the light of His countenance shines forth from the Prison land, radiant and manifest. He who has attained unto the water will derive no benefit from the mention of a mirage. This is the Day of revelation and witnessing, for that which was hidden is now

> manifest, resplendent, speaking and revealed. In such circumstances and in such days, sanctified souls must free themselves from the chains of idle fancies and vain imaginings through the Name of the Lord of all beings. The people of truth who today have partaken of the Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful and have received their portion from the ocean of life are and shall remain the manifestations of God's life-giving Name. The name of death has no place in that gathering. The name of death belongs exclusively to God, exalted be His glory. Who would dare transgress the bounds set by God? Whosoever transgresses is recorded as one of the people of hell-fire in the Most Sublime Vision, in the Scriptures and Tablets. We have forbidden the people of God from murder, conflict, strife, corruption and whatsoever grieveth the hearts. How then could it be that the friends of God would plot against you? Hold fast unto the manifest certitude, turning away from idle fancies and vain imaginings."

Given the divine laws, commandments and prohibitions that have been recorded by the Supreme Pen in the Book, how could it be that the loved ones would plot against one another? Perhaps someone spoke a word to you in jest. Nevertheless, this servant beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to sanctify you and some of the friends from whatsoever is unbecoming, and to adorn you with that which is befitting. If souls who have accepted the Faith would hold fast with joy and fragrance to that which the All-Merciful has revealed, surely the lights of faith and justice would have encompassed the world. Concealment and forgiveness are among the characteristics of mercy, and mercy has encompassed and preceded all things visible and invisible.

Concerning the mention that was made of Mashhadi Ali, it was presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. These are the words that the Tongue of Grandeur spoke:

> "O Ali! Strive to adorn thyself with the requirements of this Most Great Cause. Place upon thy head the crown fashioned of the pearls of detachment and trust in God, upon thy feet the new shoes that signify steadfastness, and upon thy frame the robe of piety. God willing, may all be adorned with these luminous, precious and enduring garments. Thy mention was made in the Most Holy Presence, and these brilliant words were revealed and flowed forth from the Dayspring of the Cause. Blessed is he who recognizes, acts, and attains unto that which God hath revealed in the Book."

With regard to what was written that the physician inquired about sleep—such matters are not worthy of question, and this servant did not submit them, for this matter has been mentioned in several places and its ruling has been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen. Furthermore, today is not the day for questions. Several years ago this blessed verse was revealed from the Kingdom of Utterance—exalted and mighty be His Word: "This is not the day for questions. It behoveth every soul, when he heareth the Call, to say: Here am I, here am I, O Lord of Names!' and Here am I, here am I, O Desire of the worlds!"'

Some souls, in what they say, intend either sophistication or jest. How many souls in this Most Great Revelation have asked questions about wisdom and other abstruse matters, and answers descended and were revealed from the heaven of the favor of the Lord of all return. Yet no trace remained of those souls. For example, one of the philosophers asked about the Uncompounded Reality, and an answer was

revealed from the Kingdom of Utterance according to his capacity, yet it yielded no fruit. Today some are seen to be irreligious, some doubtful, some bewildered, some stupefied, some hesitant, and some turned away. In such circumstances, one must hold fast to the cord of patience and observe the horizons and one's own self with the eye of insight. In one place He says that the veil of the people has reached such a state that silence has gained precedence over speech.

Concerning your mention of Aqa Muhammad-Sadiq, upon him be the Glory of God, his mention was submitted at the Most Holy Court, and the Sun of Grace rose from the horizon of favor in relation to him. God willing, may he be occupied with the mention of Truth. This evanescent one also conveys greetings and praise to the aforementioned souls, upon them be the Glory of God. Glory be upon you and upon every truthful speaker who stands firm in service to the Cause of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH01714: In My Name, the Witness, the All-Hearing

In My Name, the Witness, the All-Hearing

Praise be to God that in all conditions thou hast been and wilt be, God willing, the recipient of the special favors of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. That which was recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in the Crimson Book hath come to pass in thy path to God. In His love thou didst bear grievous trials and afflictions, and didst hearken to the taunts of the idolaters and the blame of the censurers. God willing, this most great and most exalted station shall remain preserved through the Name of God, exalted be His glory. This is the Day wherein all atoms of creation from every direction are vocal with "Thine is the praise, O God of the worlds," yet the base rabble of the earth remain heedless and veiled.

O thou who soarest in My atmosphere and gazest upon My countenance! Thou hast been created for the propagation of the Cause of God. With a detached heart, a radiant light, pure reliance, and supreme steadfastness, turn thy face toward the cities and villages, and heal through wisdom and utterance the ailments of heedless souls. Say: O servants! Let not time slip away, for it is exceeding precious. I swear by the pearls of the divine ocean of knowledge that no likeness or peer can be found for it. Arise to serve the Cause with illumined faces and pure hearts, that perchance the dead in the valley of bewilderment and error might be quickened by the wine of guidance and arise as becometh the Days of God. Today is the day of service, obedience, righteousness, and forbearance. Strive ye to drink from the ocean of awareness and attain unto that which shall cause the tranquility of the world and the salvation of the nations.

O Muhammad! Upon thee be My glory, My loving-kindness, and My mercy which hath preceded all created things. We have mentioned thee throughout numbered years that thou mightest thank thy Lord and be of them that arise to serve the Cause of thy Lord, by which the hearts of the learned were perturbed and inflamed with the fire of hatred and rancor. Verily thy Lord recounteth unto thee that which hath appeared in His days. He is, in truth, the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. Cast aside the world and take that which thou art commanded by the Ancient Lord. Soon shalt thou behold that which hath been ordained for thee by the Most Exalted Pen in a mighty tablet. We have sent down for every name mentioned in thy letter that which hath delighted the eyes of the Concourse on High and attracted the hearts of them that have turned towards God. Whenever We heard thy call, We answered thee.

Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. We were with thee in times of hardship and tribulation. He is, verily, the Vigilant, the Near One. It behooveth thee to give the world to drink of the choice wine of utterance of the Ancient Lord. Thus have We commanded thee before and after, and at this moment.

We make mention of thy mother who hath believed in her Lord and attained unto My loving-kindness and My favor, the Mighty, the Impregnable. Give her glad tidings from Me and convey unto her face the greetings from thy Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earth. God shall soon exalt her remembrance and manifest unto all men and women that which He hath ordained for her. He is, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful.

O Taqi! There hath befallen you in the path of God that which hath caused all things to lament, as attesteth He Who speaketh in this night from this exalted station. Blessed are ye and blessed is he who hath loved you for the sake of God, who hath drawn nigh unto you and hearkeneth unto your words concerning this Great Announcement whereby this mighty edifice hath been raised up.

We make mention of thy first sister and thy other sister, and those whose names thou hast mentioned in thy letter. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Compassionate. Remember them on My behalf and give them the glad tidings of that which hath been sent down for them from the heaven of My Will—that which the learned of the earth have failed to comprehend, save whom God hath willed, the Lord of all worlds.

The glory shining forth from the horizon of My Kingdom and My Dominion be upon thee and upon those whom We have mentioned in another tablet, and upon those women who have turned toward the Most Sublime Horizon and have believed in God, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Wise.

BH01856: O Name of the Divine Glory! The call…

In His Name, the All-Wise

O Name of the Divine Glory! The call of the Lord of Names has been raised between earth and heaven. At all times He has summoned the servants to the supreme horizon and guided them to the straight path and the mighty, firm way. Yet while pure and sanctified hearts, after hearkening, turned toward the supreme horizon, heedless and doubtful souls remained bewildered and wandering in the wilderness of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Glory be to God! By what proof and evidence did the people of the earth formerly claim belief? Observe how divine verses have encompassed the world and His evidences have become manifest from all directions. Nevertheless, all remain heedless and veiled, occupied with their selfish desires.

O Hadi! Upon thee be My glory, My mercy and My loving-kindness, and upon My handmaiden who has ascended unto God, the Lord of all worlds. We make mention of her as a token of Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. O My handmaiden! Upon thee be the glory of God and the glory of those in the kingdom of names and the glory of them that circle round the Throne at eventide and at dawn. Blessed art thou for having migrated in the path of God until thou didst arrive at the Most Great Prison and didst hearken unto the verses of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. He doth not

suffer to be lost the reward of anyone. He maketh mention of whomsoever He willeth in such wise as shall endure throughout the eternity of names. He is verily the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Bountiful.

We make mention of him who was named Siyyid before Rida, whom thou didst mention in thy letter, and We give him the glad-tidings of this remembrance which God, the Lord of all remembrance, hath made. This is a remembrance unto which the Most Great Remembrance hath held fast, and a Tablet before which all tablets have bowed down. Be thou steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord and articulate in His praise throughout the nights and days. Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Wronged One Who hath come with the kingdom of verses on a day wherein the pillars have trembled. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Lord of the final end.

We make mention of Muhammad who was remembered before the Face, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones. O Muhammad! We have heard thy call and have answered thee through this perspicuous Book. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of My verses and art seized by the rapture of My call, turn thy face toward My prison and say: I testify that Thou hast appeared and hast manifested what was hidden in the knowledge of God and concealed from the eyes of all else, and Thou hast borne in His path that which hath caused all things to lament. I beseech Thee, O Creator of the heavens and Lord of the Kingdom of Names, by Thy Most Glorious Name through which flesh hath crept and souls have been perturbed, to make me in all conditions steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love. Thou art indeed the Almighty, before Whose power all created things have bowed down. There is none other God but Thee, the Strong, the Powerful.

O Hadi! We send greetings from this spot upon thee and upon those whose names have moved My Most Exalted Pen and upon My handmaidens who have believed in the One, the All-Informed. Convey My greetings unto their faces and give them the glad-tidings of My mercy, My loving-kindness and My grace which have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth.

We make mention of the servant who was mentioned at the end of thy letter and We seal the Tablet with his remembrance as a token of Our grace, for verily We are the Kind, the Generous. Strive thou within thyself that there may appear from thee that which beseemeth the days of God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thyself and by all that hath appeared from Thee and shall appear from Thy presence, to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen the reward of one who hath turned unto Thee, attained Thy presence and quaffed the cup of reunion with Thee. O Lord! Thy generosity is more manifest than the sun in the midst of heaven. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH02548: In My Name, which shineth forth from the horizon…

In My Name, which shineth forth from the horizon of utterance.

This is a Book wherein the Tongue of God, the Lord of all beings, and His Most Exalted Pen beareth witness unto him who hath heard the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree in days wherein every Prophet, every Book and every trusted Messenger gave glad tidings. O Abu'l-Ma'ali! He Who was named in the Torah as the Everlasting God, in the Gospel as the Spirit of Truth, and in the Qur'an as the Great

Announcement, maketh mention of thee. Would all the treasures of earth and heaven equal My remembrance of thee? Nay, by the Lord of the worlds! The servant who is present hath presented thy letter which testified to My grandeur, My oneness, My singleness, My power and My mercy that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth.

It was read before the Wronged One, and from it We perceived the fragrance of the love of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as We found thy letter purified from idle fancies and vain imaginings, and sanctified from the doubts of them who have disbelieved in God when He came with manifest sovereignty. Thou art he who hath held fast unto the cord of My loving-kindness and clung to the hem of My bounty, and hath spoken that which the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Most Exalted Paradise have spoken. The Tongue of God beareth witness unto this in this glorious station.

O Abu'l-Ma'ali! We speak in the Persian tongue so that all may discover the utterance of the All-Merciful and drink from the ocean of His knowledge. Many petitions have reached the Most Holy Court, but from thy petition wafted a most sweet fragrance, for it bore these wondrous words—thy saying:

> "Then I beseech Thee, O my God, to favor me with tribulation in Thy path and deprive me not of the cups of trials which Thou hast given to Thy servants, both men and women."

How many of those who have turned to God and have recognized Him became distressed at the slightest tribulation, while thou, praise be to God, hast attained to such a station that thou seeketh tribulation in the path of thy Beloved. By My life! This cup is mighty indeed, its matter is tremendous and its station is glorious. In truth, thou hast sought the cup from which the Ancient Beauty hath ever drunk and continueth to drink. Blessed are the patient, but all favor belongeth to the thankful and the seekers. Give thanks unto the Goal of all existence, Who hath aided thee to attain this most exalted station and enabled thee to achieve that of which most of the people of the world remain heedless and veiled. Soar upon the wings of longing in the atmosphere of thy Lord's love. Verily, He hath ordained for thee, by His Most Exalted Pen, the reward of attaining His presence, of standing before His countenance, of standing at His door, and of circumambulating His mighty throne. Glory be upon thee, upon thy turning unto God, thy devotion, thy beginning and thy return, and upon every sincere soul who is steadfast. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Wise.

BH02658: O Mihdi! Praise be to God for having guided…

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

O Mihdi! Praise be to God for having guided you to His Straight Path and caused you to recognize the Manifestation of His Self and the Dawning-Place of His signs, through Whom the Mount spoke and the Trump was sounded, and all who are in the heavens and earth were thunderstruck, save whom God, thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, willed. This is the Call whereby the Interlocutor attained on the Mount of Knowledge and the Beloved in His ascension, if thou be of them that know. That which was hidden in God's knowledge, thy Lord, hath been revealed, and He giveth thee glad tidings through this wise Remembrance.

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One and the servant in attendance before the Throne presented it. We have answered thee with this Tablet which all the treasuries of the nations cannot equal, as every discerning scholar doth testify. Hold fast to the cord of steadfastness and cling to the hem of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. Let not the affairs of the world grieve thee, nor the doubts of the deniers hinder thee. Be steadfast in thy Lord's Cause, the Lord of Names, and speak forth His beauteous praise.

We informed all while We were in Iraq of what would occur thereafter. Verily thy Lord is the All-Informed, the All-Knowing. Shun those who have turned away from God and His sovereignty and have turned to every dull idol. We have remembered thee and those whose names thou didst mention. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bounteous, the All-Generous. Give glad tidings to each one of them of God's grace and mercy which have preceded all worlds. Say: Rejoice that My Most Exalted Pen hath moved upon your names while the Wronged One was in this mighty prison. By God! One verse from thy Lord, the All-Merciful, equaleth not the treasuries of all creation—thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken as a grace from Him. He is verily the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

We counsel you and My loved ones to manifest the supreme steadfastness in this Cause whereby the limbs of names have trembled and the hearts of the mystics have been perturbed. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

O Mihdi! Thou art he who aimed for the Ultimate Goal and the Most Exalted Paradise, and turned back from what thou didst desire in submission to God's command, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Blessed art thou for having cast aside what thou didst desire and taken what God desired in this mighty, wondrous Day. We have written down for thee the reward of attainment, and for thy father who hath ascended to the Supreme Companion. Verily He doth not allow to be lost the reward of the doers of good.

We have remembered thy father with a remembrance whereby the Concourse on High and they who circle round My mighty Throne do remember him, and We have adorned him with the ornament of forgiveness as a bounty from thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Verily He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH02769: This is a mention from Our presence to him…

In the Name of the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful!

This is a mention from Our presence to him who hath believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The servant in attendance hath presented thy letter and the Wronged One hath heard it and answereth thee with this epistle which beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. We have heard thy cry and thy lamentation and the yearning of thy heart in the days of God. Verily thy Lord is He Who oversees what was and what shall be. Blessed art thou for having been touched by the breezes of thy Lord's loving-kindness and for having recognized His straight and mighty path.

How many a learned one awaited My days and how many a mystic lamented My separation, yet when I revealed Myself and sent down My verses they denied God, the Lord of existence. They took hold of idle fancies and cast away certitude. Thus did their souls entice them, yet they perceive not. We make

mention, throughout the nights and days, of the friends of God and His chosen ones who have drunk from His hands the choice sealed wine.

O Baba Husayn! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee from the prison precincts and counseleth thee with that whereby this destined Cause shall be exalted. Arise amidst the people and say with wisdom and utterance: O concourse of creation! By God, the All-Merciful hath come and that which was recorded in His Books and Scriptures hath appeared, did ye but know it. Cast aside what the people possess, then turn toward the horizon of the Countenance. Verily the Self-Subsisting calleth you and summoneth you to a praiseworthy station. Say: Be fair in God's name and oppose not Him through Whose name the Dove of Knowledge warbled upon the branches and all things proclaimed: The Kingdom belongeth to the Lord of the Kingdom.

We make mention of him who was named Ali before Askar, who was mentioned in thy letter. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Mighty, the Kind. We counsel him and My loved ones to manifest supreme steadfastness in this Cause and We give them glad tidings of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of the seen and unseen. And We make mention of Abu'l-Fadl who attained to recognition of his Lord's Cause, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. We mentioned him before and after and at this time when the tongue of the Wronged One speaketh that which attracteth hearts and souls. And We make mention of him who was named ʻAbbas that he may rejoice and be of the thankful. Blessed is he who hath attained unto My remembrance and spoken that which My tongue hath testified to and circled round My wondrous Cause. Rejoice, O My loved ones, in what hath been sent down to you from the Most Exalted Pen that whereby the hearts of the mystics are gladdened. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH02886: In My Name, exalted above all the world

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This is the Book of Generosity which hath been revealed by the King of Eternity. Whoso adorneth himself with this virtue hath distinguished himself and will be blessed by the All-Merciful from His exalted Kingdom of Glory. However, despite his high rank and prominent position, were he to pass beyond the limits, he would be regarded as among the prodigal by the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Cling ye unto moderation. This is the commandment that He Who is the All-Possessing, the Most High hath enjoined upon you in His Generous Book. O ye that are the exponents of generosity and the manifestations thereof! Be generous unto them whom ye find in manifest poverty. O ye that are possessed of riches! Take heed lest outward appearance deter you from benevolent deeds in the path of God, the Lord of all mankind.

Say: I swear by God! No one is despised in the sight of the Almighty for being poor. Rather is he exalted, if he is found to be of them who are patient. Blessed are the poor that are steadfast in patience, and woe betide the rich that hold back Huququ'llah and fail to observe that which is enjoined upon them in His Preserved Tablet.

Say: Pride not yourselves on earthly riches ye possess. Reflect upon your end and upon the recompense for your works that hath been ordained in the Book of God, the Exalted, the Mighty. Blessed is the rich

man whom earthly possessions have been powerless to hinder from turning unto God, the Lord of all names. Verily he is accounted among the most distinguished of men before God, the Gracious, the All-Knowing.

Say: The appointed Day is come. This is the Springtime of benevolent deeds, were ye of them that comprehend. Strive ye with all your might, O people, that ye may bring forth that which will truly profit you in the worlds of your Lord, the All-Glorious, the All-Praised.

Say: Hold ye fast unto praiseworthy characteristics and goodly deeds and be not of them that tarry. It behoveth everyone to cleave tenaciously unto that which is conducive to the exaltation of the Cause of God, your Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Say: Behold ye not the world, its changes and chances, and its varying colours? Wherefore are ye satisfied with it and with all the things therein? Open your eyes and be of them that are endued with insight. The day is fast approaching when all these things will have vanished as fast as the lightning, nay even faster. Unto this beareth witness the Lord of the Kingdom in this wondrous Tablet.

Wert thou to be enraptured by the uplifting ecstasy of the verses of God, thou wouldst yield thanks unto thy Lord and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Desire of the hearts of them that hasten to meet Thee!"

Rejoice then with exceeding gladness, inasmuch as the Pen of Glory hath turned unto thee and hath revealed in thy honour that which the tongues of creation and the tongues of transcendence are powerless to describe.

BH03370: He is the One manifest through His manifestation. We…

He is the One manifest through His manifestation. We have sent down the Bayan and made it the herald from Our presence—verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. And We informed the people in every leaf, nay in every line, of this Most Great Revelation. Yet when He came and was made manifest, the people denied God, the Lord of creation.

Among the ungodly was one who said He had issued a ruling against souls. Say: What ails thee, O lying misbeliever? By God, He hath issued no ruling against anyone. Rather, he who hath issued rulings against God and His loved ones is thou who hast taken him as thy lord, O doubting misbeliever. By the life of God, I am innocent of all that the wrongdoers say. To this beareth witness the Mother Book that is with Him. When He ordaineth a thing, none may say "Why?" or "How?"

And as for him who said He hath turned away from God, the Lord of lords, say: Consider when Muhammad, the Apostle of God, came, the servants turned away from Him. Then after successive years passed, He ordered the shedding of blood until blood flowed upon the earth. To this beareth witness the world of the hidden and the manifest. He doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and none can escape His decree.

By God, I, despite My power and authority, have not passed judgment nor issued rulings against those who have denied God and His sovereignty. Rather, I have withdrawn and closed the doors. They have perpetrated in this land that which hath violated God's sanctity among His servants. To this beareth witness every pebble of the city, every stone and clod and wall. The ocean of My patience hath held Me back from confronting them, and the mountain of My forbearance hath prevented Me from arising. I have witnessed from them that which hath caused the dwellers of Paradise to lament, yet I concealed it through My name, the Concealer. When the fire increased within their souls, God cast discord among them and seized them with the grasp of One mighty and omnipotent.

Thus have We informed thee and acquainted thee with some of what hath befallen in the Most Great Prison through what the hands of the wicked have wrought. Read thou the Tablet, that perchance the star of divine knowledge may shine forth from the horizon of possibility. Glory be upon thee and upon him who hath believed in God, the Single, the One, the Chosen One.

BH03564: Lawh-i-Ard-i-Ta

In My Name, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed!

Call thou to remembrance, O Land of Ta (Tihrán), the former days in which thy Lord had made thee the seat of His throne, and had enveloped thee with the effulgence of His glory. How vast the number of those sanctified beings, those symbols of certitude, who, in their great love for thee, have laid down their lives and sacrificed their all for thy sake! Joy be to thee, and blissfulness to them that inhabit thee. I testify that out of thee, as every discerning heart knoweth, proceedeth the living breath of Him Who is the Desire of the world. In thee the Unseen hath been revealed, and out of thee hath gone forth that which lay hid from the eyes of men. Which one of the multitude of thy sincere lovers shall We remember, whose blood hath been shed within thy gates, and whose dust is now concealed beneath thy soil? The sweet savors of God have unceasingly been wafted, and shall everlastingly continue to be wafted upon thee. Our Pen is moved to commemorate thee, and to extol the victims of tyranny, those men and women that sleep beneath thy dust.

Among them is Our own sister, whom We now call to mind as a token of Our fidelity, and as proof of Our loving-kindness, unto her. How piteous was her plight! In what a state of resignation she returned to her God! We, alone, in Our all-encompassing knowledge, have known it.

O Land of Ta! Thou art still, through the grace of God, a center around which His beloved ones have gathered. Happy are they; happy every refugee that seeketh thy shelter, in his sufferings in the path of God, the Lord of this wondrous Day! Blessed are they that remember the one true God, that magnify His Name, and seek diligently to serve His Cause. It is to these men that the sacred Books of old have referred. On them hath the Commander of the Faithful lavished his praise, saying: "The blessedness awaiting them excelleth the blessedness we now enjoy." He, verily, hath spoken the truth, and to this We now testify. The glory of their station, however, is as yet undisclosed. The Hand of Divine power will, assuredly, lift up the veil, and expose to the sight of men that which shall cheer and lighten the eye of the world.

Render thanks unto God, the Eternal Truth, exalted be His glory, inasmuch as ye have attained so wondrous a favor, and been adorned with the ornament of His praise. Appreciate the value of these days, and cleave to whatsoever beseemeth this Revelation. He, verily, is the Counselor, the Compassionate, the All-Knowing.

The glory be upon you from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH03579: O Karim! Hearken unto My call from this exalted…

He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Merciful

O Karim! Hearken unto My call from this exalted station. Verily there is no God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. We have mentioned thee before and We mention thee now as a token of Our grace, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving.

And We make mention of thy brother who turned towards the Court of God until he attained unto a praiseworthy station. He advanced until he reached the presence of the Throne and heard the call of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. We give him glad-tidings of that which hath been ordained for him by God, the Lord of existence.

And We make mention of him who was named Shukru'llah in the Book of Names, who visited the Wronged One and stood before His presence with humility and submissiveness. Blessed is he who hath turned and attained, and woe unto those who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Beloved.

And We make mention of him who hath ascended unto the Supreme Companion. By the life of God! At the time of his ascension the Concourse on High perceived from him the fragrance of the love of his Lord, the Most Glorious. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur testified. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

O Fathu'llah! Blessed art thou for having cast away vain imaginings at My bidding and taken hold of that which God, the Lord of the Day of Resurrection, hath willed. And We make mention of thy father who believed in God when the servants turned away from Him. The glory shining forth from the horizon of eternity be upon him and upon those who have ascended unto God in this mighty and forbidden Cause.

O Rahim! Rejoice thou in the remembrance of thy Lord. He hath remembered thee and maketh mention of thy mother who believed when earthquakes seized all the tribes of the earth and every learned one, wrapped in veils, turned away.

And We make mention of the daughter of My namesake who circled round My throne and turned towards the prison at My bidding and leave. We have indeed remembered him with that which shall not cease to yield its fragrance so long as the kingdom of earth and heaven shall endure.

The glory be upon you and upon those who are with you and upon them who have held fast unto the Covenant of God and His testament and have acted in accordance with that which hath been commanded unto them by God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

BH03544: The purpose of God—exalted be His glory…

He is the All-Guiding, the All-Informed.

The purpose of God—exalted be His glory—in creating, at the primal stage, hath been and continueth to be the knowledge of Him. And since the door of knowledge of the Hidden Essence, the Concealed Mystery, is closed, He hath sent forth from the realm of the unseen to the plane of existence holy souls who are the Manifestations of His Cause, the Daysprings of His decree, the Rising-places of His revelation and the Recipients of His knowledge. And He hath made recognition of them, obedience and disobedience to them, turning toward or away from them, and belief and unbelief in them, to be the standard. Whosoever turned toward them was accounted among those who drew nigh, and was recorded by the Most Exalted Pen in God's Book as one of the believers.

However, at the time of the appearance of these Manifestations of the Cause, most of the people of the world were found to be heedless, veiled, turning away and denying. The cause and reason for these thick veils have been the divines of the age, as every person of insight and understanding hath testified and continues to testify to this fact. We beseech God to rend asunder, with the finger of His power, the veils of the world and not to deprive His servants of the ocean of inner meanings.

Mention of thee was made before this Wronged One in the Most Great Prison, therefore this Tablet hath been sent down purely for the sake of God, that perchance through its fragrance the seekers and wayfarers may find their path to the True City. This is the day of the most great bounty and the most mighty grace. Blessed is the one who hath arisen to serve and hath freed the helpless people from idle fancies and vain imaginings.

God willing, through the efforts of His chosen ones and loved ones, thou shalt loose the fetters of those who are bound and teach them to soar, until time remaineth, undertake a deed whose fragrance of eternity will be diffused. We beseech God, exalted be He, to assist thee and aid thee and give thee to drink of the Kawthar of immortality from the hand of bounty. Verily He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH03622: In My Name, the All-Knowing, the Manifest!

In My Name, the All-Knowing, the Manifest!

God willing, in this divine springtime mayest thou be made joyous through the rain-showers of the clouds of God's mercy, speaking His praise, arising to serve Him, standing firm in His Cause, and gazing toward His horizon.

Grieve not for what hath befallen thee. Verily thy Lord is with thee—He Who is just in His judgment, obeyed in His command, and praised in all that hath appeared from Him. Verily, A' and S' hath returned to his place—he is among those who have passed away.

O Sadiq! Rejoice in this mark of My Most Exalted Pen, which hath made mention of thee and doth make mention of thee at this hour. Convey My glad-tidings to the people of the household and remind them of My verses. Verily, We are with them at all times. Thou must arise to serve the Cause with perfect steadfastness.

All that is visible shall return to nothingness, while that which endureth and lasteth hath been and shall ever be the remembrance of God, the grace of God, and the bounty of God.

Reflect upon A' and S'. With utmost audacity he entered into a matter that caused the pillars of the House to tremble, and for the sake of these two fleeting days he committed that whose traces shall not be effaced from the world. We concealed his affair that perchance he might become aware and arise to redress what had escaped him, though redress of his deed was impossible. He hath borne a burden heavier than the mountains of the earth.

God willing, may your honor be assisted in that which is acceptable before God. Verily He will exalt thee in truth. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful.

We send Our greetings upon thee and upon those who have been afflicted by the serpent and the wolf—whereat the Concourse on High and the dwellers of Paradise have lamented at morn and eve. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

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BH03604: In My Name, the Most Great, the Most Exalted

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Bear thou witness unto that which the Tongue of the All-Merciful hath spoken in the Kingdom of Utterance, and arise to serve His Cause, the Mighty, the Great. He hath made mention of thee in such wise as all the treasures of the earth cannot equal, as doth testify He Who speaketh that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Thy letter hath arrived and was presented by the servant in attendance. We have answered thee through this wondrous letter. O Andalib! Thy letter arrived and was mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and in these days of sorrow became a source of joy and gladness. And this utterance of thine was most acceptable:

> "My God! I disavow that worship which leadeth me to pride, and I desire that sin which bringeth me to contrition."

Although all that thou didst write was a cause of joy and delight, yet unto this utterance We accorded a special station. Verily thy Lord is the Powerful, the Unconstrained.

O Andalib! We have made thee to be aided in My remembrance and praise and service to My Cause, and a bearer of glad-tidings amongst My servants. In all conditions fix thy gaze upon the Truth and speak for

the sake of Truth. Ere long shall the saplings that have been planted bring forth wondrous and sublime fruits in the world. This is a glad-tiding from Our presence that thou mayest rejoice and be among the thankful ones. Multiple Tablets have been revealed in thy name. God willing, thou shalt attain unto them all and act according to that which befitteth thee and My Cause. Be thou assured of thy Lord's favor. God willing, thou shalt attain unto that which God hath willed and be raised up in truth. He hath ordained for thee from His Most Exalted Pen that which shall gladden the hearts of them that are nigh. Blessed be thy father and thy mother. God hath brought forth from them a righteous deed. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. The Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon whosoever hath heeded thy word in this mighty and sublime Cause. We have made mention of every name that was in thy letter. Verily thy Lord is the Hearer, the Answerer.

BH04263: Lawh-i-Kitab-i-Sidq

In the Name of the Wondrous One! The Book of Truthfulness hath been sent down in truth from the presence of One All-Knowing, 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 and its most glorious habitation, and show them its wondrous beauty and its most elevated station and its most impregnable and mighty sovereignty.

By the life of God! As it walketh, acceptance walketh at its right hand and tranquility at its left, while before it wave the banners of glory and behind it march the hosts of dignity. To this doth He Who causeth the rivers to flow bear witness; verily He is the Knower of all things.

It proclaimeth and saith:

> "O concourse of humanity! I have come unto you from the presence of the Most Great Truth to make known unto you its loftiness and exaltation, its beauty and perfection, its station and glory and splendor, that ye may perchance find a path unto its straight way. By God! Whoso adorneth himself with this supreme ornament, he is verily of the people of this luminous station. Beware, O people, lest ye cast 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 brighteth the faces of those who have attained. Whoso is deprived thereof is indeed in manifest loss."

We say: "O Messenger! Canst thou enter the cities and regions, and wilt thou find therein for thyself any helper?" It saith: "I have no knowledge save what Thou, the All-Known, the All-Wise, hast taught me."

We have sent down this Tablet as a token of Our grace, that thou mayest remind the people of that which it containeth from the presence of a mighty Commander. The glory be upon thee and upon whoso reciteth the verses of the All-Merciful with joy and radiance and is of them that are firmly established.

BH04218: In My Name, the Counselor, the Trustworthy

In My Name, the Counselor, the Trustworthy

This is a mention from the Wronged One to him who hath acknowledged that which the Tongue of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, hath spoken—Siyyid Nasru'llah, son of the sister of Siyyid Faraju'llah, upon both of whom be the glory of God. We bore tribulations in the path of God, the Lord of Names, until We made manifest the Cause. Then there emerged from behind the veil those who denied the grace of God, the Mighty, the Loving. Say: Where were ye when tremors seized the foundations of the world? Speak with fairness and be not of those who commit injustice. The world hath deluded them to such extent that they cast aside guidance and took hold of idle fancy. Verily, they understand not. Everything beareth witness to their falsehood and hypocrisy, yet most people know it not.

Say: We spent all We possessed in the love of God, and the threats of those who turned away when clear evidence came unto them from God, the Lord of the Kingdom and of the realm above, did not frighten Us. Arise to make mention and offer praise amidst the concourse of creation, and say: By God! The Creator of the heavens hath come, and sovereignty belongeth unto God, did ye but know it. Say: Verily, He desired not from sovereignty what ye have understood in the past, nor what the princes and kings possessed, nor their domains and territories. Your Lord, the All-Merciful, beareth witness to this, would ye but comprehend. Would that they had understood God's purpose in the world and what He hath sent down in a preserved tablet. The glory rest upon thee and upon those with thee, and upon all who have turned toward God, the Lord of all that was and shall be.

BH04670: These are the days in which all the peoples…

In the Name of the One True God

These are the days in which all the peoples of the earth must attain unto that which is intended. The glad-tidings of this Revelation are clear, manifest, and evident in all the heavenly Books. It would be a pity should man remain deprived of this exalted and glorious station. The primary cause and reason for the veiling of mankind have been, in the first instance, the divines, who in all ages and centuries have been the foremost cause of these mighty veils. The friends of God must, with wisdom and utterance, deliver the oppressed servants from the claws of these oppressors. Blessed is the soul who hath firmly girded up the loins of endeavor for this service—such a one is recorded and mentioned in the Book of Names as being of the people of Baha….

BH04795: In My Name, the Witness, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing

In My Name, the Witness, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing

The Supreme Pen beareth witness to thy turning and devotion. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto this supreme testimony, with which the Kingdom of heaven cannot compare. This is the most great favor and the most exalted and upright station. Thou didst intend to visit the true House and wert successful in circumambulating it. For long periods thou didst stand at the gate and wert engaged in service. Thus doth My tongue bear witness for thee, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Mighty, the Great. Thou must, with the utmost striving and endeavor, and with wisdom and utterance, engage in spreading the divine mention and verses. Verily He will assist thee and manifest for thee what hath been ordained for thee. He, verily, is the True Informer, the Trustworthy.

We make mention of and glorify all the friends in those regions. That honor should give them all the glad-tidings of divine favors, that all may arise with the utmost eagerness and joy to the mention and praise of God and may preserve their stations. By My life and by My life, for each one of them a great station hath been ordained. Blessed are the souls who in the divine days have attained and become cognizant of their stations.

Verily My Most Exalted Pen hath guided all to the path of God and taught all what beseemeth His days and informed all of what hath been ordained for them. Joy unto him who hath heard and recognized and preserved, and woe unto the heedless. The Glory from Us be upon thee, O thou who hast attained and visited and circumambulated the Most Great House of God and returned by His binding and wise command.

BH05032: The mention of the Peerless Friend is in truth…

In the name of the Desire of the world

The mention of the Peerless Friend is in truth the breath of life for the bodies of the world and a fountain of living waters for all peoples. Yet the people have not accepted this most great gift from God, exalted be His glory, save for a few, as is evident.

Thy letter was presented before the Wronged One and what was recorded therein the servant in attendance mentioned. Praise be to God that time after time thou hast been blessed with mentioning the Wronged One and hast drunk from the ocean of bounty. It behooveth you to preserve this most exalted station through My Name, the Powerful, the Mighty.

Thy letter was adorned with these words:

> "My wish and desire before the immortal Court is to sell both this world and the next for a drop from the Kawthar seas of the meaning of Thy love."

O Friend! Blessed art thou for having uttered words that caused the lips of thy Lord to smile. Give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Wise, the All-Knowing. The Most Exalted Pen beareth witness that this transaction shall yield boundless profit.

God willing, in all conditions fix your gaze upon that which God hath willed and be detached and free from all else. From this station We send Our greetings upon Ali who attained aforetime to My mention and My bounty, and upon thy other brother Ali-Akbar, that they may rejoice in the bounty of their Lord, the All-Bountiful.

The Glory be upon you and upon whomsoever hath been aided by God to turn towards this luminous horizon.

BH05211: In My Name, the Hearer, the Answerer

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O Hasan-ʿAli! We perceive from thee the fragrance of a land wherein was treasured the Trust of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. When thou attainest unto it and winnest it, speak forth with My tongue and say: O Land of Sad! Where is My ark, and where My she-camel, and where My Trust, and where the dawning-places of My love and the daysprings of My affection? Thus doth the Wronged One command thee when He lamenteth for His loved ones with His tongue, and thereby are heard the wails of the bereaved from the Concourse on High in this calamity which hath caused the Throne to tremble and all things to quake, and the pillars of existence to shake. Through My letter Ha the mention of the Sacrifice hath returned, and the mention of the Friend, and the wailing of lamentation, while the people remain in idle fancies and vain imaginings.

When thou perceivest the fragrance of My utterance from My Most Exalted Pen, say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the seen and unseen, for having remembered me time and again. I testify that Thou art the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Blessed is the martyr who shed his blood in My path, and the soul who migrated in My land, and the servant who uttered My praise, and the heart that turned unto My most glorious station. Thus crowed the Cock beside the Throne and cooed the Dove of the Cause before the face of its Lord, the Possessor of the seen and unseen. Verily do We remember every emigrant who hath emigrated in My path. By My life! We have remembered them with that which no treasures of the world nor what the princes and kings possess can equal.

BH05128: This is a Book which the All-Giving hath sent…

He is the True One, the All-Knowing!

This is a Book which the All-Giving hath sent down unto them that have believed in God on the Day of Return. We have revealed for each of the loved ones of God that which gladdeneth hearts and delighteth eyes.

The days have passed, and there hath come the Day of God which was mentioned in the Books, the Scrolls and the Tablets. They who have attained unto it, these are numbered among the denizens of the All-Highest Paradise in the Mother Book, and they who were heedless, these have no mention with God, the Lord of Lords. They cry for help but none helpeth them, they call out but none answereth. Thus hath the Pen spoken from its most exalted station.

O people of Baha! Hearken unto My call. We made mention of you before and commanded you concerning My attributes and that whereby the Cause of God is exalted amongst His servants. Choose ye for yourselves what God hath chosen for you. Fear God and follow not every heedless doubter. Cleanse your hearts with this water which We have sent down from the heaven of My mercy that hath preceded all created things. Rejoice ye in My remembrance of you and arise to that which profiteth you in the world to come and in this first life. Thus doth command you the Lord of mankind from the precincts of the Prison—He is verily the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Hold fast unto what is good and leave evil behind you, as commanded by Us—and I am verily the Powerful, the All-Seeing. We send from this spot Our glorification upon you and upon every believing man and every believing woman in God, the Revealer of verses.

BH05463: Having contemplated the earth and heard its tale…

He is the Sovereign in the kingdoms of utterance

Having contemplated the earth and heard its tale and tidings, lo, there emerged from one of the chambers of Paradise a luminous maiden who walked until she stood in mid-air and called out in the most beauteous voice: “O concourse of earth and heaven! I am a maiden named Trustworthiness in the preserved and inscribed Tablet. I have unveiled my countenance by my Master’s leave that you may behold my beauty and majesty, my loveliness, my creation and character, and witness my dark-lined eyes, my crimson cheeks, my radiant brow, and my raven tresses. I adjure you, O concourse of creation, by the Lord of all beings and the Sovereign of the hereafter and of former times, not to veil me with the veils of treachery, greed and passion, nor leave me exposed before them.

By the life of God! Treachery is among my enemies, and its nature is rancor and hatred. I beseech you by the One, the Single, not to let my most ardent foe 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 made known to thee through allusion what hath befallen Us in the Most Great Prison, that thou mayest be among those who know. We praise God for what hath come upon Us of tribulation in His straight Path. When thou hast read this Tablet and understood its contents, remind My loved ones on My behalf and glorify their faces from the Wronged One, the Stranger.

BH05506: This is a Book sent down in truth unto…

He is the One with power over what was and what will be.

This is a Book sent down in truth unto him who turned to God when every heedless and remote one turned away from Him. We entered into prison and summoned all unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Among the people was he who was attracted by the call of God and hastened with his whole being and essence unto the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. And among them was he who cast God behind him by following those who disbelieved in God and His signs when He appeared with manifest sovereignty.

Thy letter was received and We found from it the fragrance of devotion. We make mention of thee in this Tablet which proclaimeth with the tongues of words: “The Kingdom is God’s, the Mighty, the All-Wise.”

Blessed is the ear that hath heard the Call, and the eye that hath beheld the Most Exalted Horizon, and the tongue that hath testified to that whereunto God testified before the creation of the heavens and earth.

When thou dost find the fragrance of God from the traces of His Pen, say:

> “Praise be unto Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, for having mentioned me and guided me unto Thy straight path. I beseech Thee, O God of existence and Lord of the seen and unseen, by Thy Name to aid me to be steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of the mystics have slipped. Then send down upon me, O my Beloved and my Heart’s Desire, from

the heaven of Thy bounty that which befitteth Thy Most Generous Name. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful, the Most High, the Mighty, the All-Knowing."

BH05485: A Book sent down by the All-Merciful to him…

He is the One dawning from the horizon of proof.

A Book sent down by the All-Merciful to him who has attained to recognition on a day when all but those whom God, the Lord of lords, willed turned away.

Verily My Most Exalted Pen remembers God's chosen ones and His loved ones throughout the night and at all times of day. The bounty has been sent down and the proof perfected, yet the people remain in strange doubt. They have violated God's Covenant and His Testament, following every doubtful learned one. All things have lamented at what has befallen God's chosen ones from the daysprings of conjecture and the dawning-places of idle fancy.

Be glad that We have remembered thee from the Most Great Prison and have revealed for thee that which brings solace to eyes and vision. How many learned ones have been held back by their knowledge from My Self-Subsisting Name, and how many unlettered ones have drawn near and drunk and said "Praise be unto Thee, O Revealer of verses!"

Be thou assured by God's grace and mercy. He ordains for whomsoever He willeth the reward of attaining His presence and standing before His gate which hath been opened to all in earth and heaven. Thus hath the Ship of Utterance sailed upon the ocean of knowledge by the name of God, Master of necks.

The Glory shining, radiant and manifest from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon those who have heard and responded and acted according to that which they were commanded in the Book.

BH05333: This Wronged One has, throughout the nights and days…

In the name of the one peerless God!

This Wronged One has, throughout the nights and days, summoned the peoples of the earth to the divine horizon, and has borne such tribulations in this path that none save God is aware of them. And in days when all kings and princes and divines stood firm in their rejection and clung to their denial, this Wronged One arose to promote the Cause. And when the light of the dawn of Revelation became manifest and evident from the horizon of Sinai, heedless souls emerged from behind the veil and united with the enemies. Nevertheless, at all times the tongue remained eloquent and the Pen in motion to such a degree that all pens are powerless to reckon it. Praise be to the Best-Beloved of the worlds that He confirmed thee in this Most Great Cause and enabled thee to recognize the Most Exalted Word.

We have heard thy call and have answered thee, and have witnessed thy turning to Us and have turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison. Know this and be thou of the thankful. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to enable thee to achieve that which endureth in the earthly and heavenly kingdoms.

That which thou hast accomplished in the path of God hath been accepted. Be grateful to God for this mighty favor and say: Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH05450: In My Name, the Stranger, the Sorrowful

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I have arisen this day, O my God, in the precincts of Thy great mercy, and have taken up the Pen to make mention of Thee, by Thy leave, with a remembrance that shall be as light unto the free and as fire unto the wicked who have violated Thy Covenant, turned away from Thy signs, and cast behind their backs the living waters that have flowed from the finger of Thy will at Thy bidding. This, notwithstanding my knowledge and certainty that my remembrance can never ascend unto Thee nor soar in the atmosphere of Thy nearness. By Thy glory, O Thou Who enkindleth the fire of love in the hearts of them that love Thee and causeth the flames to rage throughout all regions! I behold that my remembrance, for all its loftiness and sovereignty, lieth prostrate upon the dust, crying out:

> "O Lord of Lords! Thou seest how my heart hath melted in my separation from Thee—have I any portion of the ocean of Thy reunion? Thou seest how I am utterly consumed by the fire of remoteness and estrangement from Thee—have I any share of the light of Thy nearness and meeting with Thee?"

I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by them that have clung to the cord of fasting out of love for Thy Cause and have turned toward the horizon of destiny out of longing for Thy beauty, to ordain for Thy loved ones that which shall draw them nigh unto the ocean whereof if one partaketh, no grief shall touch him in Thy Cause, nor shall any worldly concerns trouble him in his love and contentment with Thee. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, to adorn our deeds with the ornament of Thine acceptance. Verily Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Loving.

BH05342: In the name of the All-Knowing God! Say: O…

In the name of the All-Knowing God! Say: O servants! Act according to that which the True One, glorified be His majesty, hath enjoined. Today is the day of nearness and meeting, and the day of grace and favor. All must cleanse their hearts from the words of the heedless, the doubts of the suspicious, and the allusions of the opposers, that they may be adorned with the ornament of divine favor, mercy and loving-kindness.

The eye was created for this day and is commanded to turn to Him in all conditions and to know Him through Him. If today any soul fails to attain the lights shining from the supreme horizon, he is recorded and inscribed among the blind in God's Book, even should he possess a hundred thousand eyes.

Strange it is that some, having attained to recognition and uttering the praise of God, glorified be His majesty, were nevertheless seen to be deprived of the Ancient Beauty through trivial causes and vain words.

Say: O servants! Let not your station slip from your grasp. Know your worth and the worth of these days, and drink of the choice-sealed wine in the name of the Self-Subsisting. Beware lest the doubts of the opposers keep you back from God, the Lord of all worlds, or the allusions of the misguided veil you from the Mighty Announcement.

Thus have We sent down the verses that the people may be reminded by this Clear Tablet. And the glory be upon thee.

BH05857: In the Name of the one God, the Supreme…

In the Name of the one God, the Supreme Pen speaks: O Ali, give thanks to the Beloved of the worlds, for thou hast attained unto the fragrances of the divine days and drunk from the Living Waters. Preserve this lofty, most exalted station through the most great steadfastness, for the treacherous have ever been and continue to be lying in wait for the trustworthy. Hold fast to the cord of thy Lord's grace and cling to the hem of His All-Bountiful Name. We have heard thy call and have made mention of thee in this Most Holy, Most Sublime Tablet, that it may be a treasure for thee with the True Trustee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

Thou didst make mention of thy father. Today all earthly ties are severed. God willing, thou wilt strive until thy connection to the Truth becomes firm. However, thou must treat thy father with the utmost love. Any action that would cause him harm or grief is not acceptable. Thus doth the Tongue of the Wronged One counsel thee from His mighty prison. This binding commandment hath been recorded by the True Pen in the Book of God from the earliest days. Act thou accordingly and be thou patient. All the souls mentioned have attained to the remembrance of God. God willing, ye shall recognize the value of this supreme bounty and be occupied with the remembrance of God. The Glory be upon thee and upon them.

BH05880: This is a Book sent down in truth. Verily…

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

This is a Book sent down in truth. Verily it guideth all unto God, the Lord of all worlds. He who hath heard My call and hath voiced My praise and hath turned his face toward My countenance—he is indeed of the people of the pavilions of My grandeur. The dwellers of My paradise and they who circle round My glorious throne shall pray for him.

Thy letter hath arrived and was presented by the servant who standeth before the Face. We have answered thee with that which shall be a treasure unto thee with God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Beware lest the allusions of the divines hold thee back from the Lord of all names. Cast them behind thee and convey the Cause of thy Lord with wisdom and utterance. Thus doth command thee He Who hath spoken that there is none other God but I, the One Who commandeth, the All-Wise. Say: O people, hold fast unto that which draweth you nigh unto God and profiteth you in all His worlds. He, verily, is the Counselor, the All-Knowing. Thus have We lit the lamp of utterance at the midmost heart of creation through this Name whereby God hath subdued all who are on earth. He, verily, is the Almighty, the

Powerful. Be thou thankful that He hath answered thee and forgiven thy father and thy mother. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Blessed is he who hath stood with supreme steadfastness in the Cause of the Lord of all creation, Who hath come with a manifest command. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned and have attained unto the sweet fragrances of the days of God, the Mighty, the Praised.

BH05855: The Supreme Pen counsels the friends of God…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

The Supreme Pen counsels the friends of God to that which is the cause and means of the exaltation of human station. This is a great day. Though all days are associated with the Truth, this day is distinguished and has been named in the divine Books as the Day of God. Blessed is the soul that has inhaled the fragrance of the All-Merciful and has arisen to serve His Cause. For anyone who today turns with complete love to the supreme horizon and becomes occupied with the remembrance and praise of God, exalted be His glory, and the service of His Cause, the reward of attaining His presence is assured and recorded. Reflect upon the grace of God—though you dwell among enemies and the hosts of sorrows encompass you from all directions, yet He remembers you and guides you to the straight path. Although through God's grace you are already successful and walking the path, may you, God willing, attain to that from which the fragrance of eternity can be inhaled. Glory be upon you and upon My loved ones in that place, whom neither storms could prevent nor tempests could move, who stood with supreme steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of Names, on a Day when the hearts of the mystics were sorely troubled.

BH05664: In My Name, the All-Hearing, the All-Witnessing, the All-Knowing…

In My Name, the All-Hearing, the All-Witnessing, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

Verily the Pen of Will has desired to make mention of His loved ones in Abadih, who have cast away the world and turned towards God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. O Abadih! We have found from you the fragrance of steadfastness and faithfulness. There has appeared from you that which has been recorded by My Most Exalted Pen. Rejoice in this bounty which cannot be equaled by the treasures of the unseen and the visible.

O Ashraf! Upon thee be My glory and My mercy. We have mentioned thee before with verses whose fragrance shall not cease for as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endures, and We mention thee at this time by a command from Our presence, for I am the Compassionate, the All-Loving. We have heard the call of generosity from all directions and have answered it from this praiseworthy station. We give him the glad tidings of My loving-kindness and My mercy. He should arise and say: "Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of both sovereign and subject." And We make mention of My loved ones in that place, whom the conditions of creation did not prevent from the Truth. They arose and said: "We believe in Thee, O God of the world, and we have turned towards Thee, O Lord of existence." We counsel you to preserve your stations and give you glad tidings of what has been ordained for you from the presence of the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. The glory that is manifest and visible from the

horizon of My loving-kindness be upon you and upon those who hold fast to the laws of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

BH05759: In My Name, through which the ocean of knowledge…

In My Name, through which the ocean of knowledge hath surged!

Glory be to Him Who hath sent down the verses and commanded all to observe what the Book hath pronounced!

O My Afnan! He Who is the Lord of all mankind remembereth thee at a time when sorrows have compassed Him round from every side through that which the hands of the infidels have wrought, they who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all creation. Every soul hath taken unto himself an idol besides God. Thus have vain imaginings and idle fancies seduced them. They hear the verses of God and deny them. They are indeed in doubt and hypocrisy.

This is a Day wherein the Spirit lamenteth by reason of that which the hands of the divines have wrought, they by whom the eyes in every age have been made to weep. We testify that they have violated the Covenant of God and His Testament, and have turned away from Him Who hath come unto them with the kingdom of verses. They have occupied themselves with the world, turning aside from Him Who is the Lord of the Throne above and of the earth below. Erelong shall their dominion be rolled up by the hands of Power, and they shall behold themselves in the lowest depths.

Be thou thankful, O My Afnan, that We have enabled thee to recognize My Self, caused thee to hear My call, and made thee to speak forth that which My Tongue hath spoken. Thus doth the Divine Lote-Tree bear witness unto its twigs from the most exalted station. The glory that hath shone forth, appeared and radiated from the horizon of My Most Exalted Pen rest upon thee and upon those who have held fast unto you, seeking sincerely the presence of God, the Lord of the Day of Return.

BH05865: A Book sent down by the Almighty, Who hath…

He is the Manifest, the Speaking, the Hearing, the Silent, the Hidden

A Book sent down by the Almighty, Who hath appeared with the truth and revealed whatsoever He desired. He is, verily, the Powerful, the Mighty. We make mention of him who hath turned unto Him and give him the glad-tidings of God's bounty and mercy, that he may be of the thankful ones. Reflect upon God's favor and loving-kindness—He remembereth thee from the Most Great Prison with verses whose fragrance hath perfumed the world. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Be steadfast in My Cause, arise to serve Me, and speak forth My beauteous praise. Let not the affairs of the world sadden thee and turn thee away from this Great Announcement. Say: O concourse of the earth!

There hath appeared an Announcement around which circle all announcements, before whose presence every wise command doth speak. Beware lest the veils of the world withhold you from the Creator of heaven. Cast away what ye have taken from the divines of idle fancy and take what hath been given you from God, the Lord of all worlds. Thus hath My tongue spoken when the Throne was established in this

exalted station. Glory be upon thy brother who aided his Lord and attained unto acceptance in the early days, and heeded not in God's path the blame of any blamer who turned away from God, the Mighty, the Praised. And upon thee and upon those who have held fast to the Book from the presence of One mighty, faithful.

BH05936: In My Name, the Forgiving, the Bountiful!

In My Name, the Forgiving, the Bountiful!

O Isma'il! Thy call hath reached the hearing of the Lord of Names, and an answer hath descended from the heaven of divine Will. God willing, may thou be occupied at all times with the remembrance of the Friend and engaged in serving His loved ones. This is the day of assistance, and assistance hath ever been through deeds and character. Some time ago this exalted word was revealed from the Supreme Pen:

> "O people of Baha! Aid your Lord, the All-Merciful, through deeds and character. Whoso hath attained unto this hath truly attained unto victory in this mighty Cause."

Blessed are those souls who have acted according to that which was sent down from the heaven of Will.

We make mention of the son and daughter, and give them the Greatest Glad-Tidings, which is the remembrance of the Lord of all beings in this praiseworthy station.

And We make mention of Ibrahim who hath heard the call of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Rejoice thou in My remembrance, for nothing that hath been created in the heavens and earth can compare with it. Blessed is the ear that hath heard and the eye that hath beheld the signs of God, the Mighty, the Great. Take My Book by My leave. Thus doth command thee He from Whom is a clear Tablet.

And We make mention of Ahmad that he may rejoice and be among the thankful ones. The glory be upon thee and upon him and upon thy wife and upon those who have attained unto the remembrance of God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH05786: He is the Most High, the Most Great! God…

He is the Most High, the Most Great! God beareth witness that He is the One, the Single, Who hath proclaimed that there is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: This is the testimony of God, were ye of them that know. Say: This is the utterance of God, were ye of them that hear. Say: This is the news that hath caused the hearts of the wicked to quake and the hearts of them that are nigh unto God to rejoice.

The Kawthar hath flowed throughout the world, and it is that which hath streamed from the Pen of God, the One, the All-Informed. The Salsabil hath appeared, and it is this perspicuous utterance.

O concourse of earth! Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the grace of God, the Lord of all worlds. The ocean hath surged and the divine fragrance hath wafted, yet the people are in grievous doubt. They have cast aside the Dayspring of divine inspiration and have cleaved unto the source of idle fancies. They are indeed among the lost.

Arise to serve thy Lord with praise and glorification. He verily heareth and seeth; He is the Mighty, the All-Praised. We have given glad-tidings to them that have believed, and We give them glad-tidings now. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

He that was patient hath prospered, and every impatient doubter hath perished. O people of Baha! Choose for yourselves a station between slowness and haste. Thus doth command you the Goal of all seekers, in Whose grasp lie the kingdoms of the heavens and earth. He, verily, is the Trusted Teacher.

BH06110: In My Name, the All-Subduing over all names!

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Hearken unto the call of the Peerless Friend. If thou turnest thyself unto it, in whatsoever divine realm thou mayest find thyself, thou shalt attain unto this call and this response. A call hath been raised up such as hath never been heard since the beginning of creation until now.

The Ocean of Knowledge declareth: All ears were created for this call, yet certain turbaned ones among the ignorant divines have prevented ears from hearkening unto it. Whatsoever hath befallen the friends of God in His path hath come from the fire of the souls of this rebellious and tyrannical band. Woe unto them for what they have wrought! Soon shall they behold their stations in the nethermost hell. God hath been and shall ever be with all His loved ones, and whatsoever hath befallen them in His path He hath witnessed and recorded with the Supreme Pen in the Crimson Book. Soon shall their stations be raised up like a banner in the world.

Rejoice then in this luminous Word which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of My Will, the All-Subduing over all who are in the heavens and the earth.

BH06323: This is a Day wherein the Lote-Tree…

He is the Protector, the Helper, the All-Knowing.

This is a Day wherein the Lote-Tree of the utmost boundary calleth aloud, and all things cry out beyond it: “The Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens hath come!” Light be unto him who hath turned and attained, and fire unto him who hath turned away from God, the Peerless, the All-Informed.

The ears have been created for the days of God and the eyes for beholding the lights. Blessed be he who hath attained the bounty of God, and woe unto him who hath denied it. Thus hath the Supreme Pen spoken in this wondrous station. Rejoice thou in that We have remembered thee before and at this time. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Generous. Say: O concourse of the earth! Cast aside the books of fancy and idle imaginings. By God the Truth! The Book of Certitude hath been sent down and speaketh throughout all creation: “The Promise is fulfilled and He Who was promised crieth out: ‘There is none other God besides Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.”’ Take hold of the Book of God with the power bestowed by Us, then act according to what hath been revealed therein. Verily thy Lord is the Commander, the All-Informed. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee that

thou mayest inhale their fragrance and be of the thankful ones. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this mighty Cause.

BH06260: He who has power over whatsoever He willeth

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This is a Book We have sent down in truth and made it a sign from Us to all who are in the heavens and on earth. There is no God but Him, the Ancient Sender-down. He has sent the Messengers and revealed the Books and given glad tidings therein to the servants of this Day wherein this mighty Cause has appeared. He Who was recorded in God's Books and mentioned in the hearts of the Messengers has come.

Hold fast to the cord of God and His sovereignty, and be not of those who follow their own desires in this wondrous Day. Your letter was received and read in the presence of the Wronged One, and We answer you with this clear Book. Be eloquent in praise of your Lord and gaze toward the horizon illumined by the light of the Name of your Lord, the Mighty, the Wise. O peoples of the earth! The fragrance of the Revelation has wafted and the Tongue of Pre-existence has spoken in the Most Great Prison: "Verily there is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy." God sends His blessings upon those who have turned with illumined hearts to the Supreme Horizon, the Station which God has made the Most Great Scene in this glorious and radiant Day.

BH06229: The world hath been illumined by the appearance…

In the Name of the Most Holy, the Most Great!

The world hath been illumined by the appearance of God, the Lord of all nations. Blessed is the learned one whom knowledge hath not veiled, and blessed is the wise one whom arts have not withheld, and blessed is the servant who hath cast aside what the people possess and turned toward God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Bear thou witness unto that which God Himself did testify before the creation of the heavens and earth: that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Loving.

The days have passed and the Promised One hath come with manifest sovereignty. Among the people are those whom the attraction of the Revelation hath so seized that they have cast aside the world, turning unto God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. And among them are those whom vain imaginings have withheld from the Lord of all beings—these are indeed recorded in the Preserved Tablet as followers of idle fancy. O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! Rejoice thou that thou hast attained the grace of thy Lord, such that the Most Exalted Pen hath moved to make mention of thee and the Countenance of the Ancient of Days hath turned toward thee from His glorious station. We counsel thee to be steadfast and to perform such deeds as the sincere ones find […]. Thus hath the Dove of the Cause cooed upon the branches, as a grace from God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath sought the Ultimate Goal and believed in God, the Lord of existence.

BH06368: In My Name, the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing

In My Name, the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing

O Abdul-Muttalib, convey to the friends of God greetings from the True One. Blessed is the soul who today attaineth unto service to them.

Reflect upon Abu-Basir and Ashraf and that which was manifested from them. I swear by the ocean of divine knowledge that the Concourse on High were struck with wonder at their martyrdom. Blessed are they both, and blessed is he who visiteth them, who seeketh them out, who turneth toward them, who maketh mention of them, and who draweth nigh through them unto God, the Forgiving, the Generous.

With illumined hearts and radiant faces did they ascend. The rustling of the Divine Lote Tree so attracted them that they beheld the world and all therein as utter nothingness and attained unto the presence of Him Who ever is.

Verily, We make mention of Tabib and those who were martyred in My path in that place, with a remembrance whose fragrance shall endure as long as the kingdom of earth and heaven endureth. Thus hath the matter been decreed from before God, the Forgiving, the Generous. Blessed is he who remembereth them and prayeth for them in manifest humility.

All the friends in that land are remembered in the Most Holy Court and are the recipients of God's infinite favors and bounties. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who act in accordance with that which they have been commanded in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH06066: We, from this station, send Our greetings to you…

He is the Helper, the Succourer

We, from this station, send Our greetings to you, O Siyyid Nasru'llah, upon whom be the glory of God, and to My loved ones in that place, and make mention of them with a remembrance that shall endure as long as My most excellent names endure. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. He giveth and withholdeth, and is not to be questioned about that which He doeth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Give thyself and My loved ones the glad-tidings from Us, and remind them of My beauteous remembrance. Say: Blessed are ye, inasmuch as ye have turned to the Most Great Ocean and have heard, for the sake of God, the blame of every blamer and the opposition of those who turned away from the News that was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds.

By God's life! No Prophet hath been sent except that He hath given glad-tidings of this Revelation. Thus was the matter decreed, but the people are in evident veils. Arise, O My loved ones, to make mention of Me and to praise Me. Beware lest the conditions of the world prevent you from the Lord of Names, or the doubts of the divines bar you from this Wise Remembrance. Rejoice that ye have been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and that the face of God, the Mighty, the Beloved, hath turned toward you from the horizon of the Prison. Glory be upon you and upon whosoever hath cast away the world, clinging to My firm cord. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH06271: This is a Book of Wisdom sent down…

He is the All-Knowing Witness.

This is a Book of Wisdom sent down by the Lord of this Great Day. Blessed is he who perceives from it the fragrance of God, the Lord of the worlds. O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Verily My Most Exalted Pen at all times ranges within the realm of utterance. Blessed is he who hath heard and found from it the fragrance of the All-Merciful, and woe unto every heedless doubter.

We accept thy thanks before Us—therefore praise and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast strengthened me and caused me to know Thee and taught me and given me that of which most upon earth remain heedless. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Countenance and Thy Most Pure Hem to assist me in that which Thou lovest and with which Thou art well-pleased. Verily Thou art the Lord of earth's peoples and the Goal of those in earth and heaven. There is no God but Thee, the Near One. There is no God but Thee, the Answering One. There is no God but Thee, the All-Watchful One. Thus doth my tongue speak when my face is turned toward Thee from my glorious and wondrous station. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have arisen to serve the Cause in this Day wherein the intoxication of vain desires hath seized all beings except such as have been preserved by the hand of the power of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful.

BH06258: The Book of Names was verily sent down…

He is the Herald of My Most Glorious Name.

The Book of Names was verily sent down from God, the Lord of the Day of Reckoning. Therein We counseled every one of the Names to be ready for the Day of God, the Lord of all beings. We gave them glad tidings of the presence of God in His days and commanded that none of them should hesitate on that Day which dawned from the horizon of creation. But when the morn of Revelation breathed forth and the horizon of the world was illumined by the Sun of His Most Great Name, they denied and turned away, save whom the Mighty, the Bestower, wished. By God's life! They cast aside His Will, clinging to their own corrupted wills, and spoke that which caused the Holy Spirit to lament in the Most Exalted Paradise, and the Spirit of God in the Arc of Names, and the Wronged One in this station.

There is no Tablet wherein We have not counseled the servants concerning this Announcement at which feet have slipped, and no Book wherein We have not commanded the people to be submissive before the Gate. The Names broke God's covenant and His testament until they openly denied the Mighty, the Unconstrained. Thus have We detailed the matter for thee that thou mayest give thanks to Him, with Whom is the Mother Book.

BH06328: He Who is the Eternal Truth hath…

He is powerful to accomplish whatsoever He willeth.

He Who is the Eternal Truth hath, from the Day Spring of Glory, directed His eyes towards the people of Baha, and is addressing them in these words: Address yourselves to the promotion of the well-being and

tranquillity of the children of men. Bend your minds and wills to the education of the peoples and kindreds of the earth, that haply the dissensions that divide it may, through the power of the Most Great Name, be blotted out from its face, and all mankind become the upholders of one Order, and the inhabitants of one City. Illumine and hallow your hearts; let them not be profaned by the thorns of hate or the thistles of malice. Ye dwell in one world, and have been created through the operation of one Will. Blessed is he who mingleth with all men in a spirit of utmost kindliness and love.

At all times have We enjoined upon the servants of God that which is right, and forbidden them that which is wrong. By the Sun of Manifestation, which shineth forth from the horizon of the Prison, corruption, dissension, and strife have not been, nor shall ever be, the wont of man. All must fix their gaze upon that which God loveth, and must act in accordance with that whereunto they have been commanded in the Book. Blessed art thou, in that thou hast turned unto God, at a time when every doubting idolater turned away from Him. Guard thou this station, in the name of thy Lord, the Strong, the All-Powerful.

BH07412: O Muhammad-ʿAli! Divine grace and mercy have encompassed…

In the name of the One Incomparable Knower.

O Muhammad-ʿAli! Divine grace and mercy have encompassed the world, and whosoever in this day has attained unto the recognition of God and has drunk the choice wine of utterance from the hands of the All-Merciful is accounted among those servants whose mention has flowed from the Supreme Pen in the divine Books, both past and future.

And among the special characteristics of this Most Great Revelation is that whosoever has turned to Him and has been enabled to say “yea,” his parents are adorned with the robe of forgiveness from the presence of the All-Merciful. This bounty is assured so long as no harm befalleth the Dawning-Place of the Cause.

A hundred thousand tongues would be required to render adequate thanks for but one of His bestowals. Be thou grateful for this mighty favor and say:

> “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou by Whose Name the doors of the hearts of them that know Thee were opened.”

The Glory shining from the horizon of My mercy be upon thee and upon those who have held fast to the Cord of God, the Strong.

BH06967: We make mention of him who hath turned unto…

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

We make mention of him who hath turned unto the Most Great Ocean when its waves were raised up and its proof was made manifest on a Day whereon all things proclaimed: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds!” Thou hast attained unto the traces of My Most Exalted Pen. Be thou thankful unto God for this supreme bounty. Remember thou when thou didst enter Baghdad and didst attain unto

the most mighty of deeds, whereof the Tongue of Grandeur had given tidings ere the creation of the heavens and earths. Thou hast drunk the cup of reunion from the hands of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. We counsel thee to preserve that which We have bestowed upon thee.

Be thou thankful unto thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee, and We are verily the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Be thou vocal in My remembrance and steadfast in the service of the Cause of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The glory be upon thee and upon those whom tyranny hath not frightened nor prevented from turning unto the Countenance of Justice, through whose light the morn hath breathed and the Sun of Knowledge hath shone forth from the horizon of the providence of God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH07320: O My loved ones in Ha and Mim! Hearken…

He is the Hearer, the Answerer

O My loved ones in Ha and Mim! Hearken unto the call of your Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate. He hath not forgotten you. He hath remembered you at all times, at eventide and at dawn. To this all things bear witness, and beyond them the Mother Book itself. Rejoice ye in My remembrance of you, and hold fast unto the cord of the loving-kindness of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Arise to serve the Cause, then aid it through deeds and goodly character. They who have heard and responded—these are the denizens of Paradise in the sight of God, the Lord of the Final Return. Hold fast to the Book of God and His Cause, and follow not every heedless doubter. Act according to that which the All-Merciful hath revealed—this is better than all upon which the sun doth shine, if ye be of them who cleave fast to the commandments of their Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful. The glory rest upon you and upon those with you, upon your males and females, upon those who love you and who follow your example, and who drink from what floweth from the right hand of His mighty Throne. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH07004: In the Name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful!…

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful! That which is beloved in the Days of God hath ever been and will ever be goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. God willing, may all attain unto these and act in accordance with that which hath been sent down from the Kingdom of Command in the divine Tablets. Blessed are they that act! Blessed are they that understand!

It is incumbent upon every soul in this Day to cleave unto such deeds as will promote the Cause of God. Whatsoever hath appeared or will appear from any soul in the path of God is evident and manifest before His Throne, and verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

God willing, thou shouldst remain steadfast and unwavering in the Cause of God in utmost sanctity and detachment. Blessed is he who hath attained unto that which he hath been commanded by the Mighty, the Ancient of Days.

Give thanks unto God for having mentioned thee in truth from His mighty prison. Were thou to observe with the eye of truth, thou wouldst testify that all created things cannot equal a single word that

proceedeth from the Most Exalted Pen. Thus doth He Who possesseth the knowledge of all things expound in His perspicuous Book.

BH07264: The Tongue of Grandeur makes mention of His loved…

He is the All-Mentioning, the All-Knowing

The Tongue of Grandeur makes mention of His loved ones and counsels them to that which will cause the exaltation of God's Cause. The whole world hath been created for the knowledge of Him, glorified be His majesty, and the service of His Cause. Yet when the Sun of Revelation dawned from the horizon of the world, and the Speaker of Sinai spoke forth, all were found to be veiled save a few. These are the servants who are mentioned in the divine Books of the past and of the future. Upon them be the glory of God, and His mercy, and His loving-kindness that hath preceded all existence. Give praise unto the Best-Beloved of the worlds, that He hath enabled you to turn towards Him and to recognize Him, and made you successful to such degree that your mention hath flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur. This is the great station and the exalted rank. God willing, may you be aided to preserve it and be successful therein, for verily the thieves have been and are lying in wait. This is what We have informed you of before and after. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH07129: In the Name of the Ever-Abiding Speaker. Praise befitteth…

In the Name of the Ever-Abiding Speaker. Praise befitteth the holy Lord Who hath caused the warbling of the nightingale to be made manifest and hath enabled pure and sanctified ears to hearken unto it. Blessed art thou, and blessed is he, and blessed is whosoever hath attained unto this mighty Cause.

Thy letter was received and the servant in attendance before the Face made mention of it. Verily We found it sanctified from idle fancies and vain imaginings. The presence of thy letter before the Throne and thy mention of the Wronged One of the horizons hath been and shall ever be among the most exalted of deeds. Its fruit shall accompany thee throughout all worlds. This is a great and fresh bounty—know thou its station and treasure its pearl.

Say: O friends! Man hath been created for this blessed and wondrous Day. Strive ye that ye may attain unto that wherefrom the fragrances of eternity are wafted. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Counselor, the Compassionate, the Generous.

The glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath laid hold on this mighty cord.

BH07315: O Ibrahim! We have heard thy call and have…

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing.

O Ibrahim! We have heard thy call and have answered thee with a Tablet which beareth witness to that whereunto God Himself hath testified before the existence of creation: that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Loving. How many a servant hath heard My call and responded, and how many a servant hath heard and turned away—he is assuredly among those who have perished, as recorded in a

preserved Tablet. Blessed art thou for having turned towards Us and attained unto that which hath shone forth and radiated from the horizon of the heaven of grace from God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Rejoice thou that We found thy letter free from the allusions of those who have remained heedless of this Most Great Cause and have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee and dispatched them to thee. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the All-Loving. Take hold of the Book with the strength granted by Us and cast aside that which is possessed by those people who have followed every rejected learned one. The glory shining from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon whosoever hath attained unto My days and drunk of My choice sealed wine.

BH07413: O Muhammad-Qasim! Your letter has come before Us…

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

O Muhammad-Qasim! Your letter has come before Us and has attained to Our hearing. We have answered you with a Tablet that all the treasures of the world cannot equal. Do you know Who answers you? Say: He Who was hidden in the eternity of eternities, and Who is the Speaker of the Mount Who proclaims: “Verily, there is no God but Me, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.” Blessed is he who has heard the Call and has recognized that which the Tongue of Grandeur has spoken from His praiseworthy station. Give thanks unto God for this most great favor and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Knower of the seen and the unseen!” Verily, he who has today attained unto the recognition of God has attained unto all good.

To this bears witness My Preserved Tablet. We make mention in this station of Our servant who was named Yusuf-ʿAli, and We give him the glad-tidings of My mercy and My loving-kindness, and We bid him to remember Me and praise Me amongst My creatures. We shall aid him as a token of Our grace, for verily I am the All-Bountiful, the Promised One. We have mentioned him time and again that he may be thankful and arise to serve the Cause with such steadfastness as cannot be hindered by the hosts.

BH07419: In My Name, the All-Encompassing over all names! O…

In My Name, the All-Encompassing over all names! O Muhammad! The heart of the Most Exalted Paradise hath been consumed with grief by reason of what hath befallen the Wronged One at the hands of those who have disbelieved in God, the All-Encompassing, the Self-Subsisting. By God! All things have lamented at what hath come to pass against the Lord of Names, yet the people understand not. They have cast the ocean of knowledge behind their backs and followed every ignorant rejected one, and they have cast the decree of God behind their backs and followed the decree of the wolf, yet they perceive not. When thou askest them “Who is your God?” they say “God”, but the Tongue of Grandeur testifieth that they are liars.

Their souls have prompted them to turn away from God, the Lord of existence. We counsel thee and My loved ones to observe goodly speech and goodly deeds and praiseworthy conduct, and that which ye have been commanded in the Book of God, the Sovereign of the seen and the unseen. Glory be upon the people of Baha who have been so attracted by the verses of God that neither the veils of the world, nor

the books of the nations, nor the croaking of every croaking one who hath denied the Truth, the Knower of things unseen, could hinder them.

BH06961: In His Name, the All-Loving! We have sent down…

In His Name, the All-Loving! We have sent down the Book and commanded all therein to steadfastness, trustworthiness, and truthfulness, and to every quality through which the station of man might be made manifest among the peoples of the world. Among men are those who have forsaken that which is praiseworthy, and among them are those who have held fast to the commandments. Say: He verily seeth him who hath turned unto Him, and heareth the mention of him who remembereth Him at all times. Say: The ocean of utterance hath surged, and the All-Merciful hath spoken forth in this station which God hath made the most exalted of stations. The rivers have flowed, the rains have descended, and the seas have swelled, yet the people remain heedless and in loss.

He who hath found the fragrance of the garment hath recognized what is intended. He verily hath acted according to what was commanded in the Book. By the life of God! Nothing shall profit anyone this Day save that which the Lord of all mankind hath decreed. We beseech God to open unto every soul a door to the recognition of the Dawning-Place of His Cause, the One Who is supreme over all horizons. Glory be upon thee, O thou who hast believed in God when most of His servants turned away from Him.

BH06989: He is the Most Holy, the Most Great. O…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great. O friends! These are the days of the All-Merciful and the Sun of Truth with His own hand bestows the Kawthar of His presence. Hearken unto the call of the Friend, and deprive not yourselves of the lights of the Day of God and its ordained effulgences. Strive with complete endeavor and perfect effort that some service may appear from you in these days of manifestation which may become the cause and means of the perpetuation of your remembrance in God's Kingdom. Whosoever today guides a soul and leads it to the Most Great Sea shall be recorded as one of the people of Paradise in the Book. The trust bestowed upon man is as his head, and truthfulness is as his sight—and if anyone be deprived of these two, he shall be mentioned by the name of 'animal'. Today those who drink the wine of revelation must educate people that all may attain the ornament of acceptance and be mentioned in the Most Great Scene. This is the true fruit of the appearance of the human Tree.

BH07054: This is a mention of His remembrance, the One…

He is the One Who warbles upon the branches!

This is a mention of His remembrance, the One remembered in this Revelation, that thereby the dwellers of the graves may be awakened and arise to serve the Cause of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. We give to drink the water of life at all times—blessed is he who attains unto it in these days of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Beloved. Say: O people, turn with your hearts unto the Beloved and follow not every heedless and veiled one. Aid your Lord, the All-Merciful, through remembrance and utterance, and commit not that which would disquiet souls. My mercy hath preceded the world and My grace hath encompassed all existence. Be ye dawning-places of generosity unto those

who are adorned with the ornament of being. Thus hath the Worshipped One decreed in this Preserved Tablet. Take ye the chalice of salvation in the name of the Cleaver of the Dawn, then drink therefrom in this beloved daybreak. Verily We love those who have turned towards God, and We send down for them that which shall immortalize their names in a preserved tablet. Thus hath the horizon of utterance shone forth from the Sun of My name, the Most Merciful. Be thou thankful and among those who praise.

BH07104: He is the Book of Truth, manifest…

He is the Book of Truth, manifest in the kingdom of creation. Glorified be He Who hath spoken the truth and sent down the verses as He desired. There is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We were in the kingdom of utterance and heard the call of those who believed in God, the Single, the All-Knowing. Verily those who were imprisoned and wronged in the path of God, these are the people of Baha, to which testifieth the Lord of Names, but most of the people are heedless. The world and whatsoever of glory and pride is therein shall pass away, and there shall remain unto those who bore tribulations that whereby the Creator of heaven shall remember them.

He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. By the life of God! He who findeth the sweetness of tribulations in the path of God, the Lord of Names, should give thanks unto God throughout the duration of the kingdom and dominion, and should sacrifice in His path the most precious of what he possesseth. He is verily the Truthful, the All-Informed, the All-Wise. Give thanks for what hath been mentioned by the Supreme Pen. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of creation, for having caused me to turn unto Thee and to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy verses, from Whom every heedless doubter hath turned away.

BH07603: In the Name of the One Incomparable God…

In the Name of the One Incomparable God. On this second night of the blessed Ramadan, Mustafa has beseeched the Lord of Creation that mention of his honor Siyyid Ahmad, upon whom be the glory of God, might flow from the Most Exalted Pen. He has answered and responded as a bounty from His presence, for He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. O friends of God! Be not heedless, and remain not negligent of this blessed day. I swear by the Light of the world that any deed performed in these days for the sake of God shall be reckoned among the most excellent of deeds. Strive that ye may attain unto that which befitteth and beseemeth the Days of God. O Ahmad! Give thanks for having been mentioned by the One, the Single, time and again. This is a most great bounty—know thou its value and preserve it from the treacherous ones who bear the name of Truth. The glory be upon thee, upon thy wife, upon thy son, and upon those who have attained unto this mighty Cause.

BH07930: O Baqir! Your letter was received wherein you asked…

In the name of the Goal of all the worlds!

O Baqir! Your letter was received wherein you asked for sight from the Truth. There is no doubt that the Truth, exalted be His glory, is powerful and mighty, and through His Name the banners of “He doeth what He willeth” and “He ordaineth what He pleaseth” are raised and established in the most exalted places of

the earth. None hath ever comprehended, nor ever shall comprehend, the requirements of divine wisdom.

Therefore it is beloved that they who drink from the Kawthar of inner meanings should entrust all matters to the Truth and fix their gaze upon the will of the True One, exalted be His glory, not upon their own wills. We bear witness to your sight and hearing—you have attained true sight, for had you not attained it, you would not have been confirmed in recognizing the Truth. Likewise you possess hearing, for you have heard His call. O thou who hast turned! By the life of God, this is the Day of sight and this is the Day of hearing, for the divine call is raised and the lights of His countenance are manifest and evident. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!

BH07828: In My Name, the All-Encompassing over the horizons! This…

In My Name, the All-Encompassing over the horizons! This is a Book sent down in truth from God, the All-Encompassing, the Self-Subsisting, to one who heard the Call and turned to the Most Exalted Horizon when every heedless and veiled one turned away from it.

The verses have been sent down and the signs have appeared, and the Tongue of Grandeur proclaims among the peoples: “There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Loving.” Blessed is the ear that has attained to hearing, and woe to every heedless and rejected one.

Be thou thankful to God for having guided thee to His path and revealed for thee that which cannot be equaled by all things. Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

Reflect upon God and the manifestations of His grace, and say:

> “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast sent down upon Thy servant a feast from heaven! I beseech Thee to make it blessed from Thy presence. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all affairs.”

The glory shining forth from the horizon of eternity be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God, the Lord of the invisible and the visible.

BH07897: Allah-u-Abha! O Afnan, O thou who standest before…

Allah-u-Abha! O Afnan, O thou who standest before the Gate! My Pen and My tongue bear witness to thy devotion and thy turning towards God, thy presence and thy rising up in service to the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds. We have exalted thee as a token of Our command and as a bounty from Our presence. Soon shall the sincere ones behold that which hath been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen in the Scriptures and Tablets. His honor Muhammad Kh., upon him be My glory, for some time circled round the Throne and was occupied in service. His affairs should be given consideration. He hath been and will ever remain beloved in the sight of God.

Blessed art thou and blessed are those who are with thee, who have held fast to the cord of your love and clung to the hem of God, the Mighty, the Luminous. Convey My greetings to My Afnan and give them the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and mercy, and remind them of this News which hath been

inscribed in the Books of God and mentioned in the hearts of His Messengers. The glory shining forth from the horizon of My grace be upon thee and upon those who have arisen to make mention of Me and to praise Me and to serve My mighty and wise Cause.

BH07792: The Supreme Pen has, in most Tablets, commanded…

In the name of the All-Knowing Friend!

The Supreme Pen has, in most Tablets, commanded the servants and handmaidens to show forth the most great steadfastness. Nevertheless, it has been observed that a soul was deprived of the King of certitude by a mere fancy, and was forbidden from the ocean of inner meanings by a single word. Would that he had remained distant from but a particle of the Sun of Truth, or had been deprived of but a drop from the Most Great Ocean. Rather, he was observed to be occupied with the bat and bereft of the Sun of meanings. If only the people knew!

Would that one possessed of insight had contemplated with the eye of God the verses of Oneness which have been sent down from the heaven of the divine Will. I swear by the Most Great Name, whosoever looketh upon it with his own eye will recognize that it hath no likeness in creation and no peer among the servants.

O handmaid of God! God willing, thou shalt attain unto the wine of steadfastness and shall remain firm in His Cause. God willing, thou and the other handmaidens shall remain protected beneath the shade of the Tree.

BH07567: This wondrous and luminous Day hath been known…

In His Name, Who is established upon the Throne of Names!

This wondrous and luminous Day hath been known and designated in all the divine Books as the Day of God. Blessed is the soul that hath recognized its station and hath arisen to that which beseemeth it. The Most Exalted Pen hath, throughout the nights and days, made mention of those who have turned towards Him and summoned them to the divine path. Some among the people remained heedless, some turned away, and a few set their faces toward the highest horizon and quaffed from the living waters which are the recognition of God, exalted be His glory. God willing, may you be assisted to accomplish that which is loved and accepted in His presence. Every deed that appeareth today purely for the sake of God is adorned with the ornament of perpetuity—that is, it shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. The Glory be upon you and upon whosoever hath turned toward God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH07982: O Mihdi! God willing, may you be assisted through…

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing

O Mihdi! God willing, may you be assisted through the grace of the True One, exalted be His glory, and be adorned with the ornament of steadfastness. All on earth sought and yearned for the presence of this

blessed Day, and when the dawn of the Day appeared, shining and radiant with the lights of the Divine Countenance, all turned away save a few souls.

By the life of God, these souls were and are the most exalted of creation, and all are, in the sight of God, on the same plane. Were the station of faith to be made manifest today, all the sincere ones, the near ones, and the believers would perish from joy and gladness. The bounty for which all were waiting—while the learned ones, the mystics, and the princes of the earth remained heedless of it—you have attained through the grace of God, exalted be His glory, and time after time you have drunk from the Kawthar of reunion. Forget not this bounty. Thus does He command you, from Whose presence is the Mighty Book. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH07551: O friends! The Ocean of divine knowledge hath appeared…

He is the Lord of Utterance!

O friends! The Ocean of divine knowledge hath appeared and the Sun of insight is manifest. How excellent is the state of him who is not kept back from the water by the mirage. How strange that some have barred themselves from that which is more delicate than the morning breeze and more subtle than the spirit itself. One wondereth by what utterance and speech the Truth of the world hath attracted them.

O possessor of knowledge, speak! O thou that hast sight, say not “unseen,” and bear not witness to that which thou hast not attained. The path is clear and manifest—behold and walk therein. Every thing hath its sign, and that sign is its witness. The wise and seeing one is as rare as the philosopher’s stone. Where are the piercing eyes and the attentive ears?

Some have forsaken the Dayspring of certitude and follow manifest fancy. We beseech God to bestow the pure wine of fairness, that perchance it may open an eye and enable it to recognize Him. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

BH07693: He is the Most Great, the Most Glorious! We…

He is the Most Great, the Most Glorious! We have witnessed and We do witness, and I am the All-Seeing Witness. We have informed the people of that which hath appeared and shone forth, and I am the All-Informed. We have illumined their eyes with the kohl of wisdom and shown them My resplendent Beauty. He who hath attained unto the lights of the Countenance is indeed of the people of this glorious Scene. By the life of God! They who have denied God when He came with manifest sovereignty are among the lost. Say: O concourse of companions! Hearken unto that which My Most Exalted Pen counseleth you, and be not of the heedless ones. We enjoin upon you trustworthiness and steadfastness, even as We have enjoined them upon you aforetime in My perspicuous Book. Say: Beware lest ye barter away the verses of God, and beware lest ye abandon that which ye have been commanded by One All-Knowing, All-Wise. Thus have We made mention of thee that thou mayest remind the servants of that which thou hast been commanded in this wondrous Tablet. The glory rest upon thee and upon them that are with thee and upon those who have attained in the days of God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH07718: In My Name, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted

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Blessed is he who hath drawn from the ocean of My utterance, turned toward Mine horizon, and acknowledged My sovereignty which hath encompassed all regions. How many a servant hath lamented for the days of God, yet when they appeared he was heedless of them, nay, turned away therefrom by following every heedless doubter. This is a Day wherein the Vale of Mecca singeth praise unto the Lord of Names, and the Mount of Sinai remembereth and saith:

> "He Who spoke from the Burning Bush unto the Son of Imran hath appeared."

O thou who art mentioned before the Prisoner! Give thanks unto God for having turned toward thee the Face of the Ancient of Days and for mentioning thee in such wise as to attract thereby the spirits. When thou hast received thy Lord's Tablet, arise, turning thy face toward the Most Exalted Horizon, and say:

O Creator of the heavens! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and to aid me in that which Thou lovest and pleasest. Verily, Thou art powerful 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-Bestowing.

BH07805: He is the All-Knowing Speaker! This is a Book…

He is the All-Knowing Speaker! This is a Book which the All-Wise hath sent down unto him who hath believed in Him and turned unto His straight Path. The Sun of Justice hath set, inasmuch as the embodiment of tyranny hath been established upon the throne of authority through manifest delusion. The children of the Messenger have been slain and their possessions pillaged. Say: Was it the possessions that denied God or their owner, according to thy notion? Be fair, O thou heedless and remote one! Thou hast seized oppression and cast aside justice and equity. Because of this all things have lamented, while thou remainest among the heedless ones. Thou hast slain the aged and plundered the young. Dost thou imagine that thou shalt consume what thou hast amassed through tyranny? Nay, by My life! Thus doth the All-Informed apprise thee. By God! What thou possessest and what thou hast gathered through tyranny shall not profit thee. Unto this thy Lord, the All-Knowing, doth testify. When thou hearest My call and attainest unto My Tablet, ponder what the oppressors have wrought and say: O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Name to protect me from all that is unworthy of Thee and of Thy days. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH08278: God beareth witness that there is none other God…

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath come with the truth is indeed the One promised in the books of the past. Blessed is he who hath turned unto Him, and woe betide them that have turned away. Thy letter hath arrived and was presented by the servant who was present. We have answered thee through this perspicuous Tablet. Take hold of the Tablet with a strength

from Us and a power from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Wise. Beware lest the affairs of the world sadden thee or prevent thee from Him Who speaketh the truth in the Most Great Prison. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Great. Place thy trust in God in all matters. He is with those who have turned toward Him with radiant faces and who have answered when the Call was raised on a Day whereon the hearts of the learned were troubled, save whom God wished, the Lord of all worlds. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee that thou mayest rejoice and be of them that are thankful.

BH08490: O children of the Friend and heirs of Him…

He is the Most Great, the Most Glorious

O children of the Friend and heirs of Him Who conversed with God! It behooveth you to cast away all that existeth in the world, taking hold of that which hath come to you from God, the Lord of all names. Ye are they who have attained unto the Most Sublime Horizon when the people of creation turned away therefrom. Soon shall the gates of the mercy of your Lord, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful, be opened unto your faces. Cast ye away names and take hold of Him Who remembereth you in this exalted and glorious station. Beware lest the conditions of earth prevent you from the Creator of heaven. Ye are they who have attained unto the authoritative Word of God through which was revealed that which lay hidden within the knowledge of God, the Mighty, the Loving. Preserve ye your stations through the name of your Lord, the All-Merciful, and glorify Him with praise. Verily, He is with you and will show you that He is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. May the glory rest upon you and upon those men and women who are with you, and upon every devoted soul who hath arisen to serve the Cause of his Lord, the Sovereign of all sovereigns.

BH08577: In My Name, the All-Encompassing over all names! O…

In My Name, the All-Encompassing over all names! O Ghulam-Husayn! The Wronged One makes mention of thee while seated upon the throne of prison through that which the hands of the heedless have wrought. By the life of God! We have given thanks for that which hath befallen Us in His path. To this beareth witness My Most Exalted Pen and those who circle round the Throne with great yearning. This is a Day wherein the Light hath appeared and the Speaker of Sinai hath spoken, yet most of the people remain sunk in slumber. They have cast away the All-Glorious and taken hold of their vain desires. Verily, they are of the abased ones. Give thanks unto God for having been mentioned before the Wronged One, Who hath sent down for thee that whereby thy remembrance shall endure throughout the eternity of My most beautiful names. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. He who loved Me and sought My presence and soared in My atmosphere hath made mention of thee. We have remembered thee as a token of My grace, that thou mayest be of those who are firmly established. Glory be upon him and upon those who hearken unto his word concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH08089: We mention him who pioneered in My way…

He is the Witness and the Witnessed

We mention him who pioneered in My way and him who circumambulated around My prison and him who attended before Me and listened to My sweet voice. This is the place that all the inhabitants of the Kingdom of Names and the dwellers in the Highest Kingdom circumambulate. It was in such a manner that We revealed the Holy Verses, "We are the All-Knowing and We do mention." Happy is he who witnessed the great words and happy is he who speaks what God commands him to speak. Verily, he is among the people of the Crimson Ark in a clear Book.

Take My tablet with your suppliant hands and then put it on your eyes and say:

> "Praised be Thou, O Lord, the Lord of all the worlds. I beseech Thee by Thy Might which hath encompassed the entire creation and taken possession of all beings, to pour from the heaven of Thy bounty and the clouds of Thy grace what will lift Thy friends to the station wherein the Tongue of Thy Majesty speaks. The sovereignty belongs to God, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

BH08500: He is the Helper, the All-Knowing! O my God…

He is the Helper, the All-Knowing! O my God and the God of all things seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by the Word which Thou didst bring forth from the mine of Thy utterance, and by the Name through which, when Thou didst lift its veil, Thy creation and the dwellers of Thy realm were enraptured, to ordain from Thy Most Exalted Pen, for him who hath entered prison for Thy name and borne hardships in Thy path, the reward of one who hath been martyred in Thy good-pleasure. Then write down for him what Thou hast written for Thy chosen ones who have forsaken the world in their love for Thee.

O Lord! These are Thy servants and Thy creatures who have turned unto the Dawning-Place of Thy Cause when the great terror seized the people of Thy lands and realms.

O Lord! I beseech Thee by the imprisonment of Him Who is the Manifestation of Thy signs, and by His exile and sorrow and tribulation, to bestow through Thy bounty upon all who have been tried in Thy name that which shall make them steadfast in Thy Cause and abiding through the perpetuity of Thy kingdom and dominion. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting.

BH08290: In My Name, through which the horizons have been…

In My Name, through which the horizons have been illumined! All things have testified to the Lord of Names, and the Tongue of Grandeur hath testified in the Kingdom of Utterance, yet most people are heedless. O My Afnan! The Most Exalted Pen beareth witness that thou hast turned unto God, the Creator of the heavens, and hast testified to that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath testified—that there is none other God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Rejoice thou in My mention and My testimony. By the life of God! Nothing in the world can equal these two. Verily thy Lord is the All-Explaining, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Loving. From the Most Exalted Horizon He verily heareth and seeth your condition. Give thanks unto God and place your trust in Him in all matters. Thus hath the Pen spoken when the Wronged One was in the Most Great Prison. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of

things unseen. The glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and who hold fast unto the path of God that hath been stretched forth.

BH08472: This is a Book from the Wronged One…

He is the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

This is a Book from the Wronged One to one of the leaves and one of the handmaidens, that she may rejoice in the verses of her Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. Verily We have remembered every servant who hath believed in God and every handmaiden who hath turned unto the All-Knowing, the One. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Sovereign of the world and Ruler of the nations, for having made known unto me the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the Tree which hath encompassed all who are in Thy heaven and on Thine earth.

And thanks be unto Thee for having given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy knowledge and for having taught me the path of Thy good-pleasure. O my Lord! Deprive not Thy handmaiden of the ocean of Thy bounty and drive her not from the door of Thy grace. O my Lord! Thou seest that she hath turned unto the Kaaba of Thy knowledge and asked for the wonders of Thy gifts. I beseech Thee to ordain for her from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which beseemeth Thy sovereignty. Verily Thou art the Bountiful, the Generous.

BH08425: In the name of the one God! The Kawthar…

In the name of the one God! The Kawthar of life is flowing in the world and the Sun of knowledge has appeared and risen from the horizon of divine bestowal, and the Ocean of vision is manifest and evident through perfect grace. Yet the seeker is missing and the thirsty one deprived, for he knows not the way to the Ocean and has not recognized nor knows the Guide. The ancient sayings of people have prevented them from the fresh and wondrous Salsabil. They measure that Cause which has had no likeness, equal or similitude by the stories of the first and the last ones, and in their own estimation consider themselves cautious in religion, unaware that all the Concourse on High and dwellers of the pavilions of the Most Exalted Paradise seek to be free from such souls. Woe unto them for what they have earned in their vain life! Woe unto them for having turned away from Him Who has spoken at the hub of the world: “Verily there is no God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!”

BH08445: In the Name of Him Who is the Goal…

In the Name of Him Who is the Goal of all peoples! The Wronged One of the world calleth out from the Most Great Prison unto all nations: O people! Behold ye, then listen! By God! The Speaker on Sinai and the Lord of Resurrection and the Manifestation of Revelation hath appeared. Come ye, and hasten, O people of fidelity among the concourse of creation!

By God! The White Hand hath passed round the crimson cups containing the purest wine. Drink ye, O people of My Kingdom, at one time in My Name the Gracious, and at another in My Name the Beauteous, then again in My Name, the Almighty over all who are in the heavens and on earth. Thus hath He cast forth from the ocean of knowledge the pearls of utterance.

Gather ye, O people of Baha, in My Name, the All-Conquering, the Powerful. Blessed is he whose vision no veil hath hindered from beholding the Most Sublime Horizon, and whose ear the world hath not distracted from My Most Glorious Name, and whose strength enabled him to arise in My remembrance upon My Straight Path.

BH08481: In the name of the one peerless God! Every…

In the name of the one peerless God! Every word that proceedeth from the tongue of grandeur is even as the water of life unto the dead, and a manifest path unto those who have gone astray. Well is it with him who hath drunk of this water which hath streamed forth from the heaven of the bounty of the Lord of Bounties. He attaineth unto life everlasting. To this beareth witness He with Whom is the knowledge of the Books, the Scriptures, the Psalms and the Tablets. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto the lights of the Kingdom and believed in God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. O people of Baha! The Lord of Names remembereth you at all times, and every letter of this remembrance is even as a sun in the heaven of meanings. Strive ye that ye may attain unto this most great remembrance. By the life of God! It hath no peer in all creation. To this beareth witness the Tongue of Grandeur from His exalted and glorious station.

BH09072: He is the Near One, the Hearer, the Seer!…

He is the Near One, the Hearer, the Seer! O Ibrahim! Your petition was received. The servant in attendance before His face presented it. It was very brief and written in the Persian tongue. God testifies that these two brief Persian words were dearer to Him than certain lengthy, expansive Arabic letters, for they were sanctified from desires and imaginings and all matters were referred to God and suspended upon His good-pleasure. Blessed is the soul that has attained to that which thou hast attained! God willing, in all conditions thou shalt be occupied with the remembrance and praise of the Goal of the world, be turned toward His horizon, cling to His love, and arise in His service. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have testified to that which God hath testified, that there is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH08908: The fire of tyranny hath been kindled…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

The fire of tyranny hath been kindled in the world and by it have been consumed the hearts of those who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed. Every oppressor hath arisen to extinguish the light of God on earth. How many an ignorant one claimeth knowledge without proof or clear Book, and how many a transgressor claimeth faith in God! Say: Woe unto thee, O heedless and remote one! If thou hast believed in God, why hast thou turned away from Him Who hath come unto thee with that wherewith came the Prophets and Messengers? By God! He hath come with God’s proofs and His evidence, but most of the people are heedless. Blessed art thou for having drunk the choice wine of revelation and turned unto the countenance of Him toward Whom have turned the Concourse on High and they who circle round the Throne at morn and eventide.

BH08726: In the Name of the one God! O friends!…

In the Name of the one God! O friends! These are the days of the All-Merciful and the manifestation of human ranks. Strive that ye may, in the name of the Beloved of the worlds, drink from the Kawthar of unity and harmony and arise to serve the Wronged One. Today, whosoever hath turned towards Him is accounted before God as one of the people of Paradise. Thy letter was received and the servant in attendance before the Face presented it, and these exalted words were sent down from the Source of verses that ye might discover the fragrance of loving-kindness from the traces of the Most Exalted Pen and remain steadfast in His Cause. By My life! Thou hast attained unto that which hath had and hath no likeness or similitude. Be thou thankful unto God, thy Lord, and place thy trust in Him in all thine affairs. Verily, He is with thee, He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH09099: O peoples of the earth! Hearken unto the call…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O peoples of the earth! Hearken unto the call of this Wronged One Who hath been afflicted with tribulations the number of which none can reckon save Him Who counteth all things and is the All-Knowing. We have shown patience in adversity and tribulation, and have preferred the Will of God to all else. To this beareth witness My imprisonment and My grievous trials. How many a day did they desire to shed My blood, and how many a night did My family bewail what had befallen Me at the hands of the heedless ones. We make mention of Our tribulations lest those who have believed should grieve at what hath touched them in My path, for I am the Expositor, the Mighty, the All-Wise. We console him who hath borne tribulation and give him glad tidings of a noble station. Blessed art thou for having turned toward My horizon, hearkened unto My call, and believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

BH08906: The fire of separation from thee hath consumed me…

He is the Great, the Mighty!

The fire of separation from thee hath consumed me. Where is the light of reunion with Thee, O Beloved of the world and its Desire! The torment of remoteness from Thee hath destroyed me. Where is the sweetness of nearness to Thee, O Sovereign of earth and heaven, and Lord of land and sea! O my Lord, my servitude hath enabled me to arise to serve Thee, and my love hath caused me to speak forth Thy praise, though I know and am assured that whatsoever hath been uttered by the Supreme Pen befitteth not the heaven of Thy glory, nor is worthy of Thy court—nay, not even of the threshold of Thy door. How much less, then, my mention, which is according to my measure and my poverty! O my Lord, I turn unto Thee and beseech Thee by Thy Self to make me of those who have attained unto that which Thou hast sent down in Thy mighty Book. Verily Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful ones.

BH09001: In My Name through which all things have spoken!…

In My Name through which all things have spoken! This is a glorious Book sent down from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. Verily it is a mercy unto them that have drawn nigh and a

retribution unto them that have turned away. Blessed is he who hath held fast unto it, and woe betide the heedless. O My Pen! Give glad-tidings from Me to My Afnan, that he may rejoice and be numbered with the thankful. We beseech God, the Lord of all beings, to aid you to that which beseemeth this wondrous Day which hath been illumined by the light of the countenance and hath won the call of God, the Single, the All-Wise. Thus hath My tongue spoken and My Pen moved and the ocean of My loving-kindness surged and the fragrance of My mercy wafted, that thou mayest render thanks and be of them that praise. The glory rest upon thee and upon whoso hath drawn nigh and won the Most Great Ocean on this mighty Day.

BH08730: In the Name of the one true God! O…

In the Name of the one true God! O friends, hear with your inner ears the call of the Wronged One of the world. He is the Kawthar of reunion for the lovers, and the sealed wine for the people of the horizons.

I swear by the Sun of the heaven of utterance that whoso truly attaineth unto the hearing of this call shall not be seized with agitation and wavering, nor shall the trials of the earth prevent him from turning unto God.

Most blessed and precious is this time; let it not slip from your grasp. Deprive not yourselves of the everlasting fruits through attachment to things that perish.

This is the true counsel that hath flowed from the Pen. Thus have We made mention of thee that thou mayest rejoice and be among the thankful ones.

BH09092: O my handmaiden! Joy surrounds you and gladness…

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

O my handmaiden! Joy surrounds you and gladness is before your face, and light hastens behind you, inasmuch as the Countenance of the Ancient of Days has turned toward you from the Most Great Prison, and the Pen of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, has moved to make mention of you. How many a princess was forbidden, and how many a queen turned away, yet you have attained unto this mighty announcement. We have made this Tablet a treasure for you in the repository of My loving-kindness, and a lamp for you in all My worlds. Render thanks unto your Lord and praise Him for this bounty, the like of which cannot be found in creation, nor any similitude thereof in invention. To this bears witness the Source of Command and the Dawning-Place of the knowledge of your Lord, the All-Informed. The Glory be upon you and upon your son who has attained the presence of God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH09123: In My Name that prevaileth over all things

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O Zayn, upon thee be My glory and My mercy! Thou art he to whom My Pen and My Tongue have borne witness, and the tongues of those who have circled round the throne of My grandeur, and soared in the atmosphere of My nearness, and arisen to serve My great Cause. From My Most Exalted Pen there hath

flowed forth in thy name the Euphrates of mercy and knowledge. To this thy Lord, the All-Merciful, doth testify—He Whom God hath made the threshold of His door sanctified above the knowledge of every knower and the understanding of every one endued with understanding. Verily thy Lord is the All-Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. Thus have the rains of My bounty poured down from the heaven of My loving-kindness upon thee. Be thou thankful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Glory of all who are in the heavens and on earth! Convey My glorification unto the faces of My loved ones who have cast away all else save Me and held fast unto My firm cord.

BH08784: The remembrance of God hath been raised…

In the Name of the One Friend!

The remembrance of God hath been raised from the prison, and His call hath been lifted up in such wise that all the peoples of the earth have heard it—that is, those souls who regard themselves as sources of influence, and certain others besides. However, the agony of death hath prevented most from partaking of the water of immortality. They are intimate with the infernal tree and have turned away from the living waters. Though possessed of sight, they are debarred from beholding, and though endowed with hearing, they are deprived of hearkening. This is not strange, for the bat hath ever fled from the sun and ever shall, having deemed darkness superior and preferable to light. Such is its nature, and such is the nature of those who have taken it as their lord instead of God. Through the grace of the All-Merciful, thou must needs bestow the water of life upon receptive souls, that all may be adorned with the ornament of steadfastness.

BH08872: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

He is the Mighty, the Great

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath appeared is verily the Manifestation of His knowledge, the Dawning-Place of His utterance and the Dayspring of His proof. Whoso denieth Him hath denied the Messengers of God in the past, disputed His signs, and disbelieved in His proof. And whoso turneth unto Him is accounted among the successful ones in the Perspicuous Book. Blessed is he who, being far, hath drawn nigh, and the poor one who hath turned toward the ocean of wealth in the days of his Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Take hold of the hem of grace and say: O my God and the God of the Kingdom and the Sovereign of the Realm of Might! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the realm of divinity soared and the world of humanity was adorned, to ordain for me through the Pen of Thy bounty that which will protect me from the evil of Thine enemies. O Lord! Thou art the Powerful and I am the weak. I testify that Thou art the Prevailing, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Praised One.

BH09270: In the Name of Him from Whose horizon…

In the Name of Him from Whose horizon of manifestation the light hath shone forth! God willing, mayest thou be illumined in this divine Day with the lights of the Sun of Revelation and attain unto that which God hath desired. All have been created for this Day, yet all are found to be heedless and veiled save

those who have cast away the world and have clung to the Most Great Name, whereby the hearts of the peoples who turned away from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, have been shaken. Strive thou to drink from the Kawthar of steadfastness in such wise that all the world shall be powerless to hinder thee. Thus doth thy Lord make mention of thee and impart unto thee that which shall profit thee in every world of the worlds of thy Lord. Hold thou fast unto it and be thou of the thankful ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH09352: A mention from Us to him who was mentioned…

He is the First and the Last, and the Manifest and the Hidden

A mention from Us to him who was mentioned in the Book, who turned to My horizon, arose to serve My Cause, and spoke forth My beautiful praise. Rejoice in that thou hast been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken thy praise. This is naught but a mighty favor. Hold fast unto the Sure Handle and grasp the hem of thy Lord, the Lord of all beings, Who hath appeared and revealed whatsoever He desired. He is, verily, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Thus did the horizon of utterance shine forth when He Who was mentioned in the Books of the Messengers appeared. Blessed is the servant who hath attained unto My days and arose to serve Me, and woe unto the heedless. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH09465: Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One…

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

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and We have sent down for thee that which shall gladden eyes. Grieve thou not over the world and its conditions, for it shall pass away, and sovereignty and dominion shall remain with God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. This is the Day whereof the Books of God, the Mighty, the Loving, have spoken. There is no Book but hath given glad tidings of it, and no Messenger but hath announced this Promised Day. Blessed is the strong one whom the conditions of creation have not deterred, and the seeing one who hath turned with his heart to the Praiseworthy Station. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and patient in adversity. Verily, He sendeth down whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

BH09303: In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds!…

In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds! This wondrous Day, with the most exalted call, reminds the people of creation and proclaims with most eloquent utterance: I am that Day whose mention hath been in the divine Books of the past and future. My light hath not been and is not from the sun and its like, but rather is illumined and radiant from the lights of the Countenance of Truth, exalted be His glory. Strive that ye may not remain deprived of the outpourings of the All-Bountiful Lord. Today every mention is the sovereign of mentions and every pure deed is the master of deeds. Blessed is he who attaineth unto the good-pleasure of the Friend and becometh detached and free from all else save Him.

BH09699: O Muhammad, O thou who hast migrated! The True…

He is the Witnessing, the All-Hearing One!

O Muhammad, O thou who hast migrated! The True One, glorified be His majesty, left His homeland and chose exile so that this exile might lead the exiles of the earth to their true homeland. This exile is more beloved than a hundred thousand homelands, for it hath come to pass in the path of God. Be thou grateful therefore and be of them that render thanks. Thou hast attained unto two supreme bounties that have no peer nor likeness: first, the mention of God, glorified be His majesty, which is the purpose for which all worlds were created, and second, migration in His path. Well is it with you, O people of Baha, in that ye have drunk the cup of tribulation in the name of your Lord, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

BH09639: O Most Exalted Leaf! Rejoice thou that the Divine…

He is the Witness, the Rememberer, the All-Knowing.

O Most Exalted Leaf! Rejoice thou that the Divine Lote-Tree remembereth thee from the right hand of the luminous Spot, and the Most Exalted Paradise—verily there is none other God but Me, the One, the All-Informed. We have remembered thee before, and at this time with that which the heavens and earth cannot equal. To this beareth witness the Supreme Pen, and behind it the Tongue of God, the Speaking, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Blessed are the handmaidens who have heard thy call and serve thee in the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. The glory shining from the horizon of My loving-kindness and the light dawning from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon thee and upon those who have acted according to that which they were commanded in the Book of God, the Most High, the Most Great.

BH09690: In My Name, the All-Knowing! O My Pen! Does…

In My Name, the All-Knowing! O My Pen! Does it befit thee to remain silent this day, or to arise and summon the servants and inform them of what the oppressors have wrought against the children of the Virgin? If thou hearkenest unto Me, it behooveth thee to cry out between earth and heaven. Thus does thy Lord, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, command thee. Such oppression hath appeared as hath caused the liver of justice to melt. To this beareth witness the Lord of the unseen and the seen. This is a day wherein the Spirit lamenteth and the Jews rejoice. Thus have We informed thee and mentioned unto thee what hath befallen the chosen ones of God at the hands of them that comprehend not. They have slain the children of the Messenger and plundered their possessions. Thus have their evil souls prompted them, and they perceive it not. The glory be upon thee and upon him who hath turned unto the Mighty, the All-Loving.

BH09316: He is the Mighty, the Wondrous! By God! Abasement…

He is the Mighty, the Wondrous! By God! Abasement in My path is glory, and affliction is mercy, and remoteness is nearness, and poison is honey—yet the people know not. Say: We have ordained death for every soul—is it better to die in bed or to die in My path, the Mighty, the Exalted? The world and all that

is therein shall perish, and there shall endure for you what ye have wrought in My love, the Beloved. Blessed is the servant who hath drawn nigh and taken the cup of recognition from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the Merciful, and drunk therefrom in His Name, the Protector over the unseen and the seen. From this station We send Our greetings upon the faces of those who have turned to the Countenance and believed in God, the Lord of Lords. The glory be upon thee and upon those whom the affairs of creation have not held back from the Lord of existence.

BH09335: Fix your gaze upon and hold fast to this…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

Fix your gaze upon and hold fast to this blessed word which is like a lamp in the darkness of the world. He saith: “Do good even as God hath dealt goodly with thee.” Blessed is the state of one who hath acted according to this blessed word. Such a one is of those concerning whom He saith: “On them shall be no fear, neither shall they grieve.” O friends! Strive to become the source of things that will bring comfort to all. Look not unto your own selves, neither confine your affairs to that which profiteth you alone. Rather, look upon the servants of the All-Merciful throughout creation and turn unto that which benefiteth the peoples of all the worlds. Blessed is the All-Merciful Who hath named Himself the Lord of all worlds. All praise be unto Him, for He is the Beloved of the mystics, the Goal of the sincere ones, and the Fire in the hearts of the yearning ones.

BH09481: That which God sent down unto His Prophets…

That which God sent down unto His Prophets and His Messengers hath now been made manifest, yet most of the people understand not.

He it is Who speaketh the truth, and proclaimeth, with the most exalted call betwixt earth and heaven: “Verily, there is no God but He, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting.”

Beware lest the affairs of men debar thee from the Lord of destiny. Cast aside passion, and lay fast hold on the cord of the loving providence of thy Lord, the All-Glorious, the All-Loving.

We have indeed discerned from thee the fragrance of the love of God, and have made mention of thee in this Tablet, from which the sincere inhale the perfume of the raiment of their Lord, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved.

The glory be upon thee, and upon such as have turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon and attained unto that which God, the Lord of whatsoever hath been and shall be, hath willed for them.

BH09491: He is the Most Holy, the Most Great! God…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great! God lamenteth at that which hath been uttered by the most lying of all servants, who hath denied God, the Revealer of verses. He hath pronounced judgment against those whom the Most Exalted Pen hath testified to their sanctity and detachment, and hath said that he hath pronounced judgment against holy souls. Say: What aileth thee, O thou liar, through whose tyranny the

veil of the Temple hath been rent asunder and the eyes of the Concourse on high have wept in their most exalted station! Fear God, Who hath created thee and sustained thee and made thee to walk upon the earth. Turn unto Him—verily He is the Ever-Forgiving. We have informed thee of his deed that thou mayest be aware and be enlightened regarding his case. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We have made mention of thee in the Tablet that thou mayest render thanks unto Him Who possesseth the knowledge of all mysteries.

BH09837: In the Name of God, the Exalted, the Most…

In the Name of God, the Exalted, the Most Great! My Lord, my Lord! On land I remember Thee, and on the sea I glorify Thee, and on the mountains I call upon Thee, and on the hills I prostrate myself before Thee. O Lord! My thirst entitles me to the Kawthar of Thy presence, and the fire of my love seeks the wine of union with Thee. O Lord! The torment of the world hath not prevented me from the sweetness of Thy knowledge, and the tribulations of nations have not kept me from the ocean of Thy nearness. I beseech Thee to ordain for Thy loved ones that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and keep them far from all else besides Thee. Verily, Thou art the One Who doeth what He pleaseth and ordaineth what He willeth. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH10036: O Ibrahim! The Sun of Revelation hath appeared…

He is the All-Knowing, the One.

O Ibrahim! The Sun of Revelation hath appeared and is visible from the horizon of the heaven of divine knowledge, and the Most Exalted Pen is occupied with the praise of the friends of God in this glorious station. Today is the day of love and unity, and the day of concord and harmony. Ye must all speak with one word and soar in one atmosphere and dwell beneath the shade of one Tree. Strive that ye may attain unto this most great bounty, that at the time of ascension ye may meet the luminous countenance of the Desired One. This is the counsel of the Most Exalted Pen unto His loved ones.

BH09799: In My Name, the Hearer, the Answerer

In My Name, the Hearer, the Answerer

O Muhammad-Quli! Praise be to God that thou hast been favored with divine grace and hast recognized the Sun of Truth which hath dawned from the horizon of the heaven of bounty. The divines of the earth who counted themselves the most learned, the most excellent and the most exalted among all creation have been observed to be deprived of this most great bounty and supreme gift, while thou, through His grace, hast attained unto it and hast been elevated to such a station that the Supreme Pen in the Most Great Prison hath been moved to address thee and make mention of thee. Throughout thy days and thy life and thy time say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!

BH09801: In the Name of the One Friend! O Mihr-ʿAli!…

In the Name of the One Friend! O Mihr-ʿAli! This is the Day that all the Prophets and Messengers have made mention of, and have beseeched and yearned for its presence from God, exalted be His glory.

Blessed is the one who hath recognized it and hath arisen as befitteth it. Your mention hath been made, before and after, in the Most Great Prison, and the glance of favor hath been directed toward you. God willing, you will preserve this most exalted station through the Name of the Lord of creation, for thieves and traitors have been and will be lying in wait. The Glory be upon you and upon whosoever hath attained unto this mighty Cause.

BH10454: In My Name, the Answerer O Rubabih! Your letter…

In My Name, the Answerer O Rubabih! Your letter was mentioned. Blessed is the tongue that hath called upon God through His words and held fast unto His utterances. We heard thy call and graciously answered it. God willing, thou and all handmaidens shall be assisted in that which God loveth. Blessed is the soul that hath been adorned with this garment and perceived the fragrance of this station. We convey Our greetings to all the handmaidens in that land and counsel them to be steadfast. He is the All-Wise, the All-Knowing, and the All-Powerful, the Most Mighty.

BH10668: This is the Day wherein the Call hath been…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

This is the Day wherein the Call hath been raised, the Speaker of the Mount hath spoken forth, and the All-Merciful hath come with the kingdom of verses; yet most among the people comprehend not. They have forsaken that which they were commanded and have committed that which hath caused the denizens of Paradise to lament, and those who have turned to the Supreme Horizon when they heard the call of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Wronged One, Who hath been imprisoned in this luminous City which God hath mentioned in His preserved Tablet.

BH10719: His Name, the Grief-Stricken

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O Kazim! Praise be to the True Bestower Who confirmed you in His recognition and singled you out for His remembrance. The names of all the emigrants have been inscribed in the Crimson Tablet, which none may touch save they that are purified, sanctified, near ones, and sincere ones. You have ever been favored by God's loving-kindness—strive, therefore, that this supreme gift may remain preserved. Such is the testament of this Wronged One, the Prisoner, unto the loved ones of God, glorified be His majesty.

BH10553: In My Name, the Mighty

In My Name, the Mighty

O Zahra! The Sun of loving-kindness hath dawned, and the showers of mercy are falling, and in all times doth the tongue of the All-Merciful counsel the servants and handmaidens of the earth to that which bringeth salvation and deliverance. Yet few are found who hear and act upon it. All must supplicate the

exalted Lord for confirmation that perchance they may arise to make good what hath been lost. Verily He is the Counselor, the Compassionate, the Generous, and praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH10549: In the Name of the Ever-Abiding Speaker! O people…

In the Name of the Ever-Abiding Speaker! O people of Za! The Most Exalted Pen beareth witness unto those souls who in that land attained unto the most great martyrdom. By the Sun of the Bayan! The fragrance of the garment of the love of the All-Merciful hath been and still is diffused from that land. Blessed are they who have attained unto the presence of the martyrs of that land and who have sought to serve them. Hear ye the voice of the Wronged One, know ye your stations, and preserve them through His Name. The glory be upon you!

BH10700: O my friend and messenger of My Cause, upon…

He is the Most Glorious!

O my friend and messenger of My Cause, upon thee be My glory and My mercy! I testify that thou hast turned to the Most Glorious Purpose when the Most Exalted Pen made its shrill sound, and hast turned to Him from Whom all have turned aside except whom God hath willed. Blessed art thou, and joy be unto thee, in that thou hast arisen to serve the Cause and art speaking in praise of God, the Lord of the worlds. Joy be unto him who hath heard from thee this Most Great News, and woe unto him who hath denied and become among those who have perished.

BH10670: He is the Summoner! This is a Day wherein…

He is the Summoner! This is a Day wherein both the Witness and the witnessed lament over what hath befallen the Family of the Apostle at the hands of them that have denied God, the Mighty, the All-Loving. Abu-Jahl supposed that he was upholding God's religion by turning away from a Face through which the heavens and earth were illumined. Thus was the matter decreed, but the people comprehend not. They cut off the hand of God, then rejoice in their seats. O thou who hast turned to the Countenance! Read thou what We have sent down unto thee, whereby thy breast will be dilated and thine eyes consoled. By My life! It is the Gladdener of hearts.

BH10980: My Pen and the tongue of My loving-kindness bear…

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

My Pen and the tongue of My loving-kindness bear witness that thou didst answer the Call when it was raised from the Ultimate Tree, and didst turn thyself to the Most Exalted Horizon on a Day when every learned one turned away, and every ignorant one remained in doubt. Glory be upon thee and upon thy brother who attained the presence of his Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH10792: O Muhammad! The Fire is speaking in all trees…

He is the Present One, who beholdeth all

O Muhammad! The Fire is speaking in all trees with “The Chosen One hath come,” and the Light from the horizon of Sinai is dawning and shining with infinite radiance. God willing, through the loving-kindness of God, exalted be His glory, may the eye not be deprived of it and the ear not be barred from it. Blessed is He Who hath caused thee to know Him and hath mentioned thee in this noble station.

BH10770: We have adorned thee with the ornament of Our…

He is the Most Glorious!

We have adorned thee with the ornament of Our favor and given thee glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for thee from My Most Exalted Pen. Be thou steadfast in the Cause in such wise that the sincere ones may find in thee that which beseemeth the days of thy Lord, the All-Knowing. Preserve this most exalted station through the name of thy Lord, the Most Glorious. Soon shalt thou behold the effects of that which We have bestowed upon thee. Verily, thy Lord is the Rememberer, the All-Informed.

BH11154: God is Most Glorious

God is Most Glorious

O thou who hast migrated unto God, and journeyed in My path, and spoken My praise, and stood before My gate, and soared in My atmosphere, and gazed upon My beauteous countenance! I bear witness that thou wert present before the Throne and didst attain the choice wine of reunion in the days of thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

BH11133: O Abu’l-Qasim! The cultivators have, through divine confirmation…

He is the Speaker, the All-Knowing

O Abu’l-Qasim! The cultivators have, through divine confirmation and grace, sown the seed which hath grown through the water of the mercy of the All-Merciful, and the harvest is nigh. Beseech thou the True One that He may preserve this verdant garden from scorching winds. Verily, He is the Protector of those who turn unto Him and of those who are sincere.

BH11010: God is Most Glorious! O My Most Exalted Pen!…

God is Most Glorious! O My Most Exalted Pen! We have desired to make mention of one who has turned towards My horizon when he heard My call and arose to render Me victorious when he read My mighty Book. O Nightingale! Rejoice in that the Tongue of Grandeur hath testified to thee and acknowledged thy turning unto Him, thy humility, thy lowliness, and thy rising up to serve His Cause, the Firm, the Strong.

BH11139: God is Most Glorious

God is Most Glorious

O Isma’il! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee from the precincts of the Prison, that thou mayest arise to offer praise and thanksgiving amidst the concourse of creation. He beareth witness that thou

didst seek the Most Exalted Goal and didst attain unto the presence of thy Lord, when all humanity turned away save those whom God, thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful, did choose.

BH10999: God is Most Glorious!

God is Most Glorious!

Verily the Divine Lote-Tree calleth out to its branches and counseleth them to remain supremely steadfast in this Cause whereby the limbs of all names have quaked. Blessed art thou for having remained faithful to God's Covenant and Testament at a time when the divines of the earth have violated it, save those whom God, thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most Great, hath willed.

BH11095: Thy letter was received and We held back Our…

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing!

Thy letter was received and We held back Our Pen until the appointed time arrived. Then We loosened its reins and made mention of thee in such wise as cannot be equaled by all the treasures of the earth combined. Be thou grateful unto God for this supreme bounty and say: "Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds!"

BH11195: O My leaf! Hearken unto My call. Verily He…

He is the Most Great, the Most Glorious

O My leaf! Hearken unto My call. Verily He remembereth thee even as He remembered thee before, as a recompense for what thou hast wrought in His path. My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness that thou hast turned unto God and responded when the Call was raised between the heavens and the earth. Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee.

BH00473: All things bear witness that there is none other…

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

All things bear witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come with the truth in the Kingdom of utterance is verily the Dawning-Place of God's revelation, the Manifestation of His Cause, the Dayspring of His proof, the Source of His laws, and the Beginning of His signs. He is the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Secret. Through His remembrance the countenance of the world hath smiled, and through His appearance those servants have attained who were not hindered by the affairs of men nor by the clamor of the divines who cast the truth behind their backs and clung to fancy and idle imaginings. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting.

O people of Baha in the kingdom of creation! By the life of the Beloved, this is your Day. The Morn of utterance hath dawned, and the All-Merciful is seated upon the throne of proof. Blessed is he whose sight the veils of possibility have not obscured, and whose hearing the veils of knowledge have not prevented. Woe unto him who hath turned away from the Day of God and clung to the hem of those who have

denied the right of God, disputed His signs, rejected His proof, and risen in opposition in such wise as to cause the dwellers of the Kingdom to lament.

O friends! Light upon light, favor upon favor, mercy upon mercy, glory upon glory, and blessing upon blessing is this! God willing, may ye not be deprived or forbidden, and may ye preserve your stations through the name of the Lord of existence and the Sovereign of the seen and unseen. Let not the oppression of oppressors, the turning away of those who have turned aside, nor the clamor of the ungodly cause you sorrow. By the Sovereign of existence, ere long all these trappings shall be rolled up, and no trace of these souls shall remain on earth. In the arena of existence and the gathering-place of the world, your mention and your stations, and whatsoever hath appeared from you or befallen you in the path of truth, shall be made manifest letter by letter and be spread throughout the world.

One day a word was heard from the tongue of the Goal of the world indicating that some of the people of those parts had, on account of the clamor of certain unknown persons, withdrawn to the corner of silence. Glory be to God! These fleeting days were not and are not worthy of this. Wisdom hath ever been and still is greatly beloved, but not to such degree as would extinguish and darken the lamps of hearts. In all cases, sanctified and assured souls must bestow new life upon heedless and lifeless souls through the breaths of divine days. Under all conditions hold fast unto wisdom and occupy yourselves secretly with teaching God's Cause, that perchance the people may not remain deprived. It is most clear and evident that belief and its absence cause no harm or benefit to the Truth. However, should corruption appear or a reprehensible deed be committed by a doer, its harm would affect the root of the Tree.

O people of Baha! God willing, be ye as the sun in radiance, as the mountain in steadfastness, as the ocean in utterance, and as the earth in wisdom, for all bounties appear from it without any movement being observed therefrom. And God willing, may ye dwell and walk with one face in the land of love and the realm of friendship. Whithersoever ye turn, He is with you. He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Honored and kind friend! Your letters have arrived several times by sea and land like refined sugar, and though repetition is not always beloved, truly your repeated letters brought to mind the realm of reunion and recalled the days of meeting—blessed be you! However, this servant, due to numerous occupations of which you yourself are witness, was not enabled to reply until now. But this new letter which you sent from Yazd became the cause of expressing hidden love. After its perusal it was directed to the Most Exalted Horizon and was honored to be presented in the Most Holy and Most Glorious Presence. He said:

> "O Tahir! Your sighs and lamentations at the time of separation have not been forgotten. Be thankful for this. Strive to act in accordance with what is befitting today, and preserve in the treasury of your heart, in the Name of the True One, exalted be His glory, whatsoever you heard from the tongue of the Wronged One in His presence. Give the glad-tidings of His grace and favor to the friends. Today all must associate with people with perfect wisdom, steadfastness and kindness. If they find attentive ears, they should share the Word; if not, patience is preferable. Outwardly they should be engaged with utmost tranquility and dignity, and secretly occupied in spreading the divine verses, preserving them lest they fall into the hands of the treacherous or be touched by the impure. Say: O friends of the True One, exalted

be His glory! With utmost manifestation, appearance, favor and bounty, He commands you to perform deeds whose fragrance will endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. God willing, may you be assisted in achieving what has been revealed in the Divine Book. Verily He will aid you through His grace, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous."

This evanescent servant and other friends must beseech with utmost humility and supplication from the True One, exalted be His glory, that perchance in His days we might drink a drop from the ocean of His good-pleasure. Blessed a hundred thousand times is the soul that has attained to this station. This station is most great, as attested by the Pen of God before and after, and every seeing one possessed of insight and every knowing one possessed of wisdom bears witness to this.

Concerning what you wrote about meeting Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Ahmad, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, in Sarvistan, and likewise the troubles that arose between them—these matters were presented before the face of the Lord of Names. His blessed and exalted Word states: God willing, may all conduct themselves with one another in the utmost spirit and fragrance.

Today the horizons must be illumined with the light of unity. That which is beloved at the Divine Threshold, and which in truth has been the champion of the Cause, is the unity of the friends of God. The True One, exalted be His glory, has forgiven all. Therefore, they too must occupy themselves with reconciliation and forgive one another. Henceforth they must fix their gaze upon that which the All-Bountiful has revealed in the Book and act accordingly. This is the most exalted station—blessed is the one who attains unto it and remains steadfast therein. The glory shining forth from the tongue of My grandeur rest upon My loved ones there and there, whom the world could not prevent from the Most Great Name, who cast aside vain imaginings, hastening to the ocean of certitude which appeared in the days of their Lord, the Most Merciful.

This evanescent servant conveys greetings and salutations to all, and with utmost sincerity has mentioned and continues to mention that which is the greatest means for the exaltation, elevation and perpetuation of the remembrance of all. Verily the servant is the supplicant and God is the Answerer, and He is the Mighty, the Beautiful.

On one occasion the Tongue of Grandeur uttered these words—His glory be exalted:

"O servant present! Jinab-i-Mulla Ahmad is among those souls who attained the presence and witnessed the waves of the ocean of utterance. Ask God to aid him to do that which is pleasing to Him. Indeed certain unworthy words issued from his tongue. We have veiled them through Our grace, for verily We are the Concealer, the All-Knowing. The True One, exalted be His glory, loves His loved ones, and if a fault appears from someone, He shows patience until an appointed time and conceals it. Jinab-i-Ahmad must arise to serve the Cause, detached from his self and from that which his tongue utters, and speak not except what God has permitted him. Verily We desire for him the good of this world and the next, if he acts according to what We have commanded him in My perspicuous Book."

O my brother! Observe the loving-kindness and favor of the True One—despite His all-encompassing knowledge and witness, He bestows perfect bounty. On my behalf, convey greetings to Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza

Ahmad and mention: Know your station, for in limited years you attained the presence before the Countenance of the One. It would be a pity for this station to be lost. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, hears and sees, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Henceforth his honor must occupy himself with the remembrance of the immortal King with perfect humility, submissiveness and unity, and speak that which causes the fire of divine love to blaze. In any case, reconciliation is beloved before God. God willing, his honor will act according to what has been mentioned in this letter, and the friends of God who are present in the land of N and Y will arise to effect reconciliation and illumine the hearts of the friends in that land with the light of unity. This is the binding command of the True One, exalted be His glory. Well is it with them that act accordingly.

As to what was written regarding the Huqúqu'llah, thus far in that land no one has been appointed to receive the Huqúqu'llah. For several years the matter of Huquq was suspended, as permission for its collection had not been issued from the Source of the Cause. In recent years this blessed word shone forth from the tongue of the Divine Unity—exalted be His utterance: "Whosoever desires to pay the Huqúqu'llah, let the Trustees receive it." The Trustees have been mentioned in the Book of God, and this decree was revealed and sent down from the heaven of the Cause purely as a bounty, in consideration of certain benefits, and its advantage returns to the servants themselves. Verily He speaks the truth, there is no God but He, the Strong, the Mighty. In the Land of Ya, Trustees are present. Whosoever wishes to act according to what is commanded in the Book, let him turn to them. Whatever reaches them, they will deliver. Blessed are they who attain.

As to what you wrote regarding the loved ones of Manshad, mention of them and the oppression of those devoted souls has flowed from the Supreme Pen. God, exalted be His glory, has mentioned them all with most excellent praise, and likewise mentioned their tribulations and ordeals. However, in the beginning of the Cause, unwisdom was manifest. God willing, henceforth they will be assisted to achieve what is acceptable in the sight of God, exalted be His glory. I swear by the Most Great Name that all the world cannot equal one word of what has been revealed concerning them this year. All the affairs of the world, whether of joy and delight or of sorrow and grief, all pass away more swiftly than that. However, that which has been ordained for the friends of the Desired One is adorned with the ornament of permanence. Blessed is he who has borne tribulations in the love of God, the Lord of all beings. He is indeed among those who are near unto God, the Most High, the Most Great.

This evanescent servant conveys greetings to all the friends in that land, and this love and sincerity of this evanescent one seeks no recognition, for it has been and is for the sake of God. However, I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist them to achieve what befits the stations of love. The glory that is manifest and resplendent from the horizon of the heaven of the bounty of our Lord, the Possessor of Names and Creator of the heavens, be upon you and upon those who have attained to His firm and wise Command.

The servant 10 Ramadan 1299

BH01092: In these days brevity is preferred to lengthy exposition…

He is God, exalted be His glory, unto Him belong grandeur and majesty

In these days brevity is preferred to lengthy exposition; a concise yet meaningful word from a volume of letters is more beloved, goodly and excellent with the friends of God. Therefore, this evanescent servant has grasped the cord of brevity lest it cause difficulty. I bear witness that there is no God but Him, in acknowledgment of His oneness and in recognition of His singleness. And I bear witness that He sent the Messengers and revealed the Books for the guidance of His creation and their attainment unto what He desired, until He sealed prophethood with Muhammad, the Messenger of God, and the Books with His Book. This servant beseeches his Lord to assist His friends and chosen ones in that which He loves and is pleased with.

To continue: your letter was received and as it was adorned with the mention of God, glorified be His majesty, it bestowed the food of joy, bounty and gladness. God willing, may you ever dwell beneath the shade of the Tree of Providence, occupied with the remembrance and praise of God and His chosen ones. This is the enduring bounty. The world has no constancy—its winds sometimes bear glad tidings and sometimes warnings. In spring one hears from it the tidings of life, and in autumn the warning of death, and its very changeability testifies to its transience and nothingness. Therefore the people of knowledge and insight have not attached their hearts to its ornaments nor been deceived by its trickeries.

Blessed is he who has forsaken it and shunned it, and woe unto him who has turned towards it and clung to it. However, engagement therein for the benefit of the servants of God and for one's own benefit to an extent that does not lead to the fire of greed and passion has been and is praiseworthy. The King of the Messengers—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake—has said: "The one who earns his living is beloved of God." Blessed are those souls whose deeds have been and are wholly for God and for His sake.

O brother! This evanescent one has thus far sent several letters to you. It is quite clear and evident that the heartfelt love of this servant has caused him to mention you time and again. How many gentlemen and friends have repeatedly taken the trouble to send letters, and this servant has not been able to reply, as this servant has taken up residence in a corner, holding fast to the cord of trust in God and subsisting on His provision, having no opportunity for discourse. Nevertheless, you had complained. This evanescent one would be content and grateful if in a year he could manage to write even one line in response to the friends. In any case, the purpose of this representation is that you and the friends should be content with one reply from this servant.

God is witness and testifier that time and opportunity are rare, otherwise I would trouble you at all times. God willing, may you ever be assisted in the remembrance and praise of the Beloved of the worlds. And if you return to your lands, it would be beloved for the sake of remembrance of some. The rest of knowledge is with God, our Lord and the Lord of all things, the Lord of the seen and the unseen, and the Lord of the worlds.

Mention hath been made of Jinab-i-Haji Muhammad-Baqir, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah]. Praise be to God, he hath been assisted through divine grace. God willing, may he be blessed in all conditions with the bounties of the All-Bountiful Lord. Likewise mention was made of Jinab-i-Karbila'i Muhammad-Aqa. All must turn unto God and occupy themselves with that which profiteth all who dwell on earth. Today is the day of reformation, and the human world is in need of remembrance and prayer, for the people of truth

are few and surrounded while enemies encompass from all directions. Surely you have heard the account of Alexandria and Islam and others. The divine religion hath been weakened and the adversary strengthened, yet the cause and reason for this weakness which hath persisted over successive years remaineth unknown and hidden from all.

For were they to become aware of its cause and reason, they would surely arise to remove it. The people are heedless and veiled, and this servant is silent and sorrowful. All must, with the utmost humility, submission, reverence and supplication, beseech from the Self-Sufficing Lord whatsoever shall cause the removal of corruption and the reformation of the world. I convey greetings to the friends and beseech God to aid them all in that which is befitting. The servant beseecheth his Lord to draw them near unto Him and to send down upon them from the heaven of His grace mercy and blessing from His presence. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Likewise I convey greetings to Jinab-i-Aqa ʿAli-Akbar and Karbila'i Mirza Aqa. All must conduct themselves with perfect wisdom. Mention is not permitted in that land, nor is writing, for the people are heedless and imagine that these recluses have been and are engaged in that which was and is unworthy of human dignity. We seek refuge in God from this, ask His forgiveness and turn repentant unto Him. Verily He is the All-Hearing, the Answering.

I convey greetings to Jinab-i-H and Sin. They have always been mentioned in this land. God willing, may they remain preserved beneath the shadow of God's grace and be adorned and assisted with praiseworthy attributes and goodly deeds. This land is not free from movement, therefore the sending of letters is not permitted. God willing, may all the friends be assisted to observe the wisdom revealed in the Book and be aided to achieve that which is acceptable in the presence of God. Peace and remembrance be upon you and upon those with you whose names thou didst mention, and upon the servants of God, the believers.

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BH00492: I have been bidden to be brief…

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

I have been bidden to be brief in that which is sent unto the goodly ones from the presence of God, the Mighty, the Chosen; therefore it is made known: The letter of thy honor, which thou didst dispatch in the name of His Holiness Ismu'llah Mihdi (upon him be, from every glory, the glory of the Most Glorious), arrived at a time when he had turned his face toward the region of the Caucasus, for the purpose of meeting certain of the friends. Wherefore this lowly one, with his own permission and leave, opened thy letter, learned, as it was, the purport of that which was written therein, and thereafter turned unto the Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible Court and submitted the details before the Presence. He saith, exalted be He:

O beloved Muhammad-Karim! The grace of God, exalted be His glory, has been manifest towards you like unto the radiant rays of the divine Sun of this Day. You have ever been and continue to be beneath the gaze of His favor and mercy. And if at times matters arose that were outside the circle of His good-pleasure, they were veiled and adorned with the ornament of forgiveness. This was among His special favors towards you. Be thankful unto your Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Concealer of faults, the Compassionate, the Generous. Convey greetings to all from God and give them the glad-tidings of His grace, that perchance this greatest glad-tiding may become the cause of remembrance and the source of supreme joy. Say: This is a great Day. Strive that ye may be enabled to make good what hath escaped you.

A hundred thousand praises and thanks befit Him Who is the Ultimate Goal, from Whose blessed Pen flows the living waters of life. His loved ones are forever blessed with His remembrance, honored by His grace, gladdened by His bounty, sustained by His favors, and recipients of His mercy. From the horizon of each of His words shines forth the sun of generosity. God willing, you, this servant, and all the friends shall be enabled to render thanks for His infinite blessings.

Regarding the dream you wrote about, it was truly among truthful visions, as the fragrances of love were wafted from it. This indicates that through divine grace and infinite mercy, bounty and blessing shall be bestowed, and you shall fulfill the rights that were due upon your father's property—may the glory and mercy of God rest upon him. It is most clear and evident that whatsoever hath been sent down from the heaven of God's commandments, exalted be His glory, hath been intended for the benefit of His servants.

The question of Huquq is highly significant. It hath been and will always be conducive to divine increase, prosperity, dignity and honour. Though for thy departed and exalted father—who, by the testimony of the Most Exalted Pen, hath ascended unto the loftiest heights—an elevated station hath been and remaineth ordained, yet this ordinance shall add radiance unto the light of his station, and likewise unto the prosperity and bounty of his descendants, if the people would in truth become informed and cognizant of this station and arise to fulfill it as is meet and fitting.

And whereas it was mentioned that for some time this servant had not sent any missive, letter or communication to you, my excuse is as clear and luminous as the sun, and all the friends of God, His chosen ones and loved ones bear witness to the magnitude of this servant's occupations. If in the course of a year or two I find the opportunity to express two words of sincere devotion to any one of the friends, it is as though I have accomplished a mighty task, for opportunity is like unto assurance. In these days a great fire has been kindled in the land of Egypt and many honorable souls have been afflicted with utter abasement. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

The friends of that land have turned their attention to this land and great losses have been sustained, but God is verily the Self-Sufficient, the Almighty. Although this servant has mentioned the excuse for not sending letters, nevertheless some time ago in the letter of the beloved of hearts, Ali-Qabli-Akbar, upon him be all the most glorious Glory, a detailed account was conveyed to you. God willing, it has been received and perused. Praise be to God, you and the friends have been and are mentioned in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, especially that household which is among those who have attained the choice wine of certitude in the days of the All-Merciful.

And concerning your request for permission to attain His presence, excellent is that which you have asked, for all have been created for this most mighty, most great, most exalted, most excellent Cause. This servant, in accordance with your wish, on one of the nights of the blessed month of Ramadan, made mention of it before the Throne of the All-Merciful, and this answer was revealed from the Dayspring of God's Command:

> "O servant present! Write to him who hath turned towards God—upon him be My Glory—that these regions are in turmoil. The fire which the deniers have kindled with their own hands and inflamed by their own deeds hath not yet been extinguished. The world is afflicted with the consequences of its actions, and none hath known or knoweth the cause and reason thereof. Under such circumstances, his movement and journey would not accord with the requirements of wisdom. He remembereth whomsoever He willeth by a command from His presence and recordeth for whomsoever He desireth the reward of attaining His presence. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful."

End.

As to what you wrote concerning His honour, the late and lamented, His Holiness Qa'ini, upon him be the Glory of God and His mercy, and your expression of sorrow—in truth there is no cause for sorrow, rather it is cause for gratitude, for he ascended in such a manner that all holy, firm and steadfast souls were filled with longing. In the days when the Ancient Beauty was residing in the mansion, the aforementioned departed one took flight to the Supreme Companion at the first light of dawn on the twentieth day of Rabi'u'l-Avval. That very night, the Most Great Branch—may my spirit, my being and my essence be sacrificed for the dust of His footsteps—visited his home and remained with him for some time.

This was one of the special bounties that was bestowed upon him. The next day when news reached the mansion, at that very moment the Most Great Branch and the other Branches—may my spirit and being be sacrificed for the dust of their footsteps—by command proceeded on foot to accompany the funeral procession. This evanescent servant also wished to accompany the Branches of God, but they said "The weather is cold and you are frail," and repeatedly uttered these blessed words. Afterwards, this evanescent servant presented himself before the throne with tablet and pen, and at that moment there descended from the heaven of the Lord of all worlds' bounty that which nothing in the world could equal, to such an extent that this servant became occupied with the word "Would that I…"

I swear by the bounty of God, exalted be His glory, that such grace and favor surrounded him that tongue, pen and man are incapable and powerless to describe it. How blessed and fortunate was he! The field of the pen has reached this point and can move no further. The command is in God's hands, the Lord of all worlds.

And further, concerning what you wrote about Jinab-i-ʿAbdu'l-Ahad, you have surely heard the details of what transpired, but praise be to God, through the grace and mercy of God, exalted be His glory, his end was blessed, for he was adorned with the ornament of divine forgiveness and pardon. May the spirit of the world be sacrificed for His bounty! Excessive occupation with worldly affairs sometimes makes one heedless, but God's grace is great. However enormous a sin may be, it can never equal the magnitude of

God's forgiveness. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist all to remain firm with the greatest steadfastness. He is the Sovereign who does what He wills and the King of the Kingdom of Names. He acts and commands, and He is the Powerful, the Commander, the All-Informed.

As to what you wrote regarding your intention to visit the Greatest Holy Leaf, the honored Sister—upon her be God's grace, mercy and bounty—and that you would perform this blessed act as proxy for the Name of God, while he would visit the Most Great Scene and the Court of the Throne as your proxy, this servant has made the pilgrimage as their proxy to the Ultimate Goal, the Most Exalted End and the Supreme Summit. You too, God willing, will succeed in visiting the Greatest Holy Leaf—upon her be the Most Glorious of all Glory—as proxy for this servant and the Name of God.

And regarding what you wrote about visiting His Honor, the Luminous Name—upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God—God willing it will be sent later.

As to what you wrote concerning the departed and blessed Aqa Fathu'llah, who ascended to the Supreme Companion, an answer was previously revealed and sent. God willing, it has by now reached you. According to His command, his mother, upon her be the Glory of God, should be content and her portion should reach her, and the remainder should be handled according to the previous command. In these days, according to His command, Shaykh Abu'l-Qasim, upon him be the Glory of God, has turned towards that direction. A Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was specifically revealed and sent to you. God willing, your eyes shall be illumined by its lights, your heart assured by its bounty, and the nostrils of your soul perfumed by its fragrance.

As to what you wrote regarding your departed and blessed father, upon him be the Glory of God and His mercy, that you had inferred from the utterances of the Goal of all the worlds that he was not pleased with you—mention of his goodness has always been made in the Most Holy Court, and in the Book of God he is recorded and inscribed among the firm ones and the forerunners. This evanescent servant has never heard from the tongue of the Lord of Eternity any word indicating his displeasure. God willing, he was and is pleased. What is incumbent upon you is to hold fast to the Book of God in your deeds—therein lies all good, and God suffices as a witness.

Convey greetings to the friends in that land who have drunk from the cup of certitude and have attained the station of assurance. The petition of this servant and his counsel to the friends is that they should appreciate the value of these remaining days and count time as precious. By Him at Whose command the Supreme Pen moves, a single moment of these days is more precious than all the mines of the earth and their jewels, and than all that the kings and others in the world possess. One must know the station of such times, epochs, days, hours and minutes, for there has never been and never will be anything comparable to what has been mentioned. God willing, may the True One, exalted be His glory, confirm us all that we may act in accordance with what is befitting and attain to what is acceptable. The command is in His grasp. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Omnipotent.

There is no news from the emigrant, upon him be the Glory of God. I send greetings to him. Blessed is he in that he turned and circumambulated the Most Great House of God and attained to what was inscribed

in the Books of God, and likewise his brother who drank the choice wine from the hands of his Lord's bounty, the Generous. The Glory be upon you, upon your mother, your son, those in your household, and upon those men and women who have turned to God, the One, the All-Informed.

The servant 27th of the blessed month of Ramadan 1299

BH07684: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose Name…

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

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose Name all created things were dissolved, by Whose command all contingent beings were subdued, and at the vibration of Whose Most Exalted Word all things were stirred! I beseech Thee by the glances of Thy favor and the warbling of the Dove of Thy Oneness to inscribe with the finger of Thy might upon the brow of Thy chosen ones that whereby Thy servants and creatures may recognize them. Thou seest, O my God, my Purpose and my Master, that Thy servants are occupied with their riches, heedless through their affairs, and prevented by their veils from recognizing Thy chosen ones who have arisen to serve Thy Cause, who have spoken that which the tongue of Thy grandeur hath spoken, and who have testified to that which Thy Most Exalted Pen hath testified in the earliest of Thy days.

I beseech Thee, O Lord, by the sovereignty of Thy Will and the penetrating influence of Thy Purpose, to ordain for the people of Thy realm that which Thou hast destined for them through Thy bounty and favors. Thou hast ever been, O my God, supreme over all who are in Thy earth and sanctified above all that are with Thy creation. There is none other God but Thee, the Compassionate, the Bestower, the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH01152: The Dove of Utterance hath cooed upon the twigs…

In the name of our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted Lord.

The Dove of Utterance hath cooed upon the twigs of mystic knowledge: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds. This is a word uttered by the tongue of the Lord of Names after the passing away of all things. He, verily, is the Omnipotent, the Almighty. This is a day wherein the powers have risen against the Islamic Faith, whereby the foundations have been shaken and the people are in manifest loss. They have reaped what they have sown in their vain life, to which every discerning sage doth testify.

The world is encircled with calamities. Even if at times some good may be evident, it is inevitable that a great calamity followeth—and yet no one on earth hath perceived its origin. The Lord of the Messengers and the Seal of the Prophets—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake—hath said: "A time shall come when no one's faith shall remain secure except for those who flee from peak to peak and from stone to stone." Likewise, Isaiah the Prophet hath spoken concerning the severity of these days: "Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of His majesty." This blessed verse he hath mentioned thrice, and this is the greatest proof and mightiest evidence of the severity of these days and the greatness of God's Cause. In another passage he saith: "And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of His majesty."

And further he saith: “To go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of His majesty.”

Were this evanescent one to undertake mentioning the references from divine books and scriptures that have been sent down from the Kingdom of Will upon the Prophets and chosen ones, it would surely result in a book larger than all existing books. In truth, these are momentous days, for the fire of sedition is ablaze in the world, and cities and lands are besieged under the might of great cannons and in upheaval. Such means have been assembled in the world that the mighty ones of the age do whatever they are capable of doing. The intoxication of pride in these fleeting days hath so seized them that they hear not the cry of the oppressed. They show no mercy to young or old. God shall requite them for what they do.

O brother! All these matters have come to pass according to the desert of people and the deeds they were engaged in beforehand. This evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to bestow, through His grace and mercy, penetrating vision and attentive ears, that those on earth might become aware of what behooveth them and arise to redress what hath escaped them. Now that most are observed to be heedless and are seen to be sleeping—nay, dead—in the cradle of ignorance and unknowing, perchance Israfil, by the command of the Lord of Majesty, might render assistance, or the Holy Spirit might, out of pure grace, bestow an effusion.

However, praise be to God, through divine grace and favor these servants have grown accustomed to imprisonment and are grateful in all conditions. We beseech His aid that He may, in these fleeting days, preserve His servants from all that is repugnant to His good-pleasure. This is the hope of them that hope. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

Your letter was received. Praise be to God, it was adorned with the ornament of love and brought glad tidings of the well-being of the friends of God. After it was reviewed, it was presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, and loving-kindness was expressed for each one. God willing, may they be occupied with the remembrance of Truth in all conditions and be steadfast in His service.

All items sent were received in full. Praise be to God, you were confirmed in service to the Cause in days when all are heedless and veiled from it, save whom God willeth. All the deeds of the world’s peoples shall one day be brought to light. Consider what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur’an—blessed and exalted be His words:

> “O my son! If it be 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.”

Those who remained heedless of what profiteth them and occupied themselves with that which causeth the Concourse on High to lament have indeed suffered loss. Soon shall they behold the recompense of their deeds. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Just, the Wise.

To his parents, upon them be the Glory of God, I convey greetings and praise. Praise be to God, they have been and are confirmed. Likewise to those who have turned and attained, and other friends and relatives—all have been and remain in mind. The letter from Aqa Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, was received and a reply was sent. God willing, may he be confirmed in acting upon it.

As these regions are in turmoil these days, therefore travel to this direction is not advisable. Convey greetings on my behalf and say: “Patience is the key to relief.” God willing, after tranquility and assurance return to these parts, you shall attain. The Glory be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who have arisen and said: “God is our Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and earths.”

The servant 2nd of the honored month of Shawwal 1299

This servant wrote and sent a letter in response to the missive of my master and beloved, the Name of God M.H., upon him be all 9 [Baha], His Most Glorious Glory. Please deliver it.

BH01178: The servant testifies that there is no God but…

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

The servant testifies that there is no God but Him, acknowledging His power and oneness, and confessing His sovereignty and singleness. He hath ever been sanctified beyond my comprehension and the comprehension of all created things, and beyond what my tongue and the tongues of all contingent beings can express. Whoso testifieth to the sanctity of His Being above all likeness and comparison, and confesseth his powerlessness to know Him, is among the believers in His Book and the near ones among His servants. Exalted is this most glorious station and this most high rank.

Blessings and peace be upon Him through Whom the carpet of beginning was spread out and the decree of ending was made manifest, through Whom the Sun of knowledge dawned and the horizon of certitude was illumined, through Whom the idols wailed and the false deities were struck down, and through Whom all graven images were shattered. And upon His family and companions who heard the call from the Tongue of Grandeur and Glory, who responded and arose to serve the Cause in the realm of creation, and through whom the standards of unity and the banners of divine oneness were raised. These are the servants whom God hath described, both before and after, in His Books, His Scriptures, His Psalms and His Tablets. Blessed is he who followeth in their footsteps, and woe unto the heedless.

My spirit be a sacrifice for your honor. Your letter dated the 22nd of blessed Ramadan, numbered 2, brought the utmost joy and gladness. It was as the supreme antidote for the poison of separation and remoteness, and as the water of life for those thirsting in the desert of love and faithfulness. After its perusal and review, I turned toward the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence and presented a detailed account. He said:

> “God willing, the fire of separation shall be transformed for them through the blessed word ʿcoolness and safety’, and the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree shall so possess them that every still thing shall be moved, every extinguished thing shall be ignited, and every solid thing shall melt and flow. Verily, He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the Remembering, the Compassionate, the Generous.”

At times when the location was the palace and you were observed from afar, and likewise in the prison when standing before the gate, your state remains the same, observed by the Eye that slumbereth not.

We send greetings and glorification upon you and upon those who hold fast to the Sure Handle and cling to the hem of God's grace, the Lord of all worlds.

Indeed, if correspondence is not entirely illumined by the light of reunion, at least half of it, as they say, is illumined, for it is observed that it soothes the grieving heart and removes the sorrow of separation. The servant praises and thanks his Lord for enabling him to behold your traces and for assisting him to present this response. Verily, He is the Compassionate, the Generous, in both beginning and return. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Regarding what you wrote about a previous envelope numbered 1 that you sent via Ottoman post, it has not yet arrived. Despite searching and inquiry, nothing has come of it. It remains delayed, but perhaps God will cause it to appear later. Verily, He has power over all things.

I am aware of your attention and of the day of that eminence's departure from Beirut. God willing, wherever they arrive, may the guardians of that place give voice and utterance to the blessed word "My Lord, cause me to land at a blessed landing-place." I beseech the Most High to place divine grace before you, the hosts of protection behind you, the banner of guidance to your right, the seas of utterance to your left, the sun of bounty above you, and the carpet of certitude beneath your feet, and may all good things encompass you. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Forgiving, the Generous, the Compassionate, the Mighty, the Loving.

As to what you wrote concerning the Tree, in truth during the time of journey and mental turmoil and affairs, that eminence's attention is not on these matters. This is but from the perfection of grace and love, unless God, exalted be His glory, bestows a bounty and delivers this evanescent one somewhat from embarrassment. Praise be to God that mention of that true Beloved has been and continues to be especially before the Most Holy Court and in the presence of the Branches of the Blessed Tree and the people of the pavilion of virtue and chastity.

O my Lord and my Beloved! In these days sorrow hath encompassed all, for the Cause of God and the Faith of God have been weakened. The enemies lie in ambush from every direction while this small band is without helper or assistant. What can I say about what has befallen Islam? The divine religion and divine cause that were the reason and means of unity and concord have now become the source of discord. In any case, now this evanescent one and that beloved and all the loved ones of God must beseech God, exalted be His glory, with utmost humility and supplication for victory and relief, for until the time of hardship and difficulty for God's servants is not followed by ease and comfort… The Command is in His hands—He doeth and judgeth as He pleaseth, and He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

May the glory shining from the horizon of our Lord the All-Merciful's grace be upon your eminence and upon those with you and upon those who love you and who hearken to your words for God and in God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH00124: Beloved of my heart and soul, may Ibn Ism'ullah…

Section 1: "Beloved of my heart and soul, may Ibn…"

Beloved of my heart and soul, may Ibn Ism'ullah al-Asdaq, upon them both be all His most glorious glory, observe:

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

Unto God, the Lord of all beings, do I bewail my grief and sorrow. Affairs have been overturned, countries have been thrown into turmoil, and Islam has been weakened therein. Enemies have surrounded it, and it stands besieged. It behooveth that party, therefore, to supplicate God morning and evening, and to beseech Him to assist all Muslims in that which He loveth and is pleased with, to raise them up through His command and sovereignty, to make known to them that which will exalt their stations, to transform their abasement into glory, their poverty into wealth, their ruin into prosperity, their agitation into tranquility, and their fear into peace and security. Verily, He is the All-Merciful; there is none other God but Him, the Compassionate, the Generous.

O beloved of my heart! The fire of heedlessness hath encompassed the world, and whatsoever God, exalted be His glory, had formerly announced in the Books and Scriptures hath all become manifest and evident. The calamities and tribulations of the earth have become like ordinary food—every day they arrive. On one side calamities, on another side unjust wars, oppressive artillery, and rebellious, tyrannical rifles have encompassed the world and its people, yet none hath discovered the cause and reason thereof. In brief, the religion of God is seen like a spiritual bird beneath the talons of pharaohs, or beneath the claws of beasts. Alexandria, which was adorned with all the ornaments of the world, was seen naked and bare within mere hours—nay rather, ruined and desolate.

There is no power nor strength except in God. The recompense of deeds hath become embodied and assumed various forms. They flee, but there is no refuge; they cry for help, but it is not the time for help; they run, but there is no escape. May God, exalted be His glory, grant the grace that man might at least know and become aware from what cause these things have been generated and from what deed they have appeared. Alas, alas! Verily, deeds have blocked the gate of knowledge. Abominable deeds have barred the path of understanding and prevented man from awareness. It is hoped that after this earthquake may come tranquility, and after this agitation of the earth may come peace. In these days this exalted word was heard from the tongue of the Lord of Names—exalted be His utterance:

> "O servant who art present! In these days the earth, time, and heaven—each one expresseth its tidings with two tongues."

End quote.

For the people of these parts, comfort and ease are non-existent. The matter hath reached such a pass that the sending of post and letters hath become difficult, nay, most difficult. And now it is intended that this letter be taken to Haifa. God alone knoweth in what manner and when it shall arrive. Since a response to the letter of that spiritual beloved was necessary, therefore this servant writeth briefly and

hopeth it will arrive. The letter of that beloved one, dated the twenty-sixth of Jamadiyu'th-Thani, arrived previously. It was as though it were a dove from the city of faithfulness that arrived bearing letters of love, affection, longing, and yearning. Its song brought joy and its cooing increased ardor. It is hoped that God, exalted be His glory, will gather the wanderers of the realm of unity beneath the canopies of His grace. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

As to what you wrote concerning the dispatch of Aqa Siyyid Sadiq and his brother, upon them be the glory of God and His loving-kindness, this was most welcome and praiseworthy indeed. Today is the day of pure deeds and service to the Cause, that perchance the lights of goodly character may encompass the world and the hosts of righteous acts may capture heedless hearts and draw them to the direction of awareness. All that you wrote regarding these matters was presented. He said: "Praise be to God that they have been assisted to serve and educate the servants. God willing, may all attain to that which is intended, namely that all should move for the sake of God and not make the divine religion a cause of rancor and hatred. They should meet all with the utmost kindliness, forbearance and love, and present the Word. If it is accepted and the radiance of the All-Merciful is observed in their countenance, let them be thankful to God the Exalted. Otherwise, they should leave such a one to himself, without allowing him to perceive any lack of love.

Pure, assured, content and well-pleasing souls are loved and cherished by every person for their praiseworthy attributes and spiritual qualities. However, heedless souls must be loved for the sake of God, that perchance they may not regard the Source of mercy and grace as a cause of opposition, and that the earth may find some measure of peace. We testify that there is no God but Him, acknowledging that which the Supreme Pen hath spoken in the beginning of days. And we testify that thou hast turned, hast seen and heard and triumphed, and hast arisen to serve the people of the world, by the command of God, the Lord of ancient days. Blessed art thou, and thy family, and those who are with thee. And we send greetings and glorification upon the loved ones of God in thy region and in all lands, and We give them glad tidings of God's remembrance and mercy, and We counsel them to be steadfast, trustworthy, truthful and faithful, and to observe that which God hath revealed in the Book."

As to the mention that was made of Aqa Ghulam-ʿAli of K., upon him be the glory of God, and his praiseworthy character—this is indeed as that beloved one hath written, for repeated mention of him was heard from the Kingdom of utterance. God willing, may he be confirmed and, through the elixir of sincerity, transmute the copper of existence into pure gold, and clothe earthly temples with new garments through the rain-showers of knowledge of the Lord of Days. This is not difficult for God.

And as to what you wrote mentioning the feast and the migration of some for the sake of God, this was presented before His presence. He said:

> "Praise be to God that through the favors of the True One, exalted be His glory, souls have appeared in the land of Kha who are worthy of divine mention and the refinement of souls. The honored teacher has ever been and continues to be remembered before the Wronged One. A detailed Tablet was specifically revealed for him, but its dispatch has been delayed until now. Should God will it, He will send it. Verily He is the Helper, the All-Wise. And peace be

upon him on the day he heard and acknowledged, and the day he spoke among the servants, and the day he returns to God, the Lord of the worlds."

As regards what you wrote concerning the ascension of the Leaf, upon her be the Glory of God and His mercy and grace, together with her testamentary dispositions—these were presented before His presence, and He said: "O thou who art enkindled with the fire of My love! Upon thee be My Glory. Hearken unto My call. Verily He hath mentioned thee in this night time and again, and this is yet another time, that thou mayest give thanks unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

And concerning what thou hast mentioned about the Leaf who hath returned to the Divine Lote-Tree, with her Lord, the Most Glorious—We testify that she heard and attained, acknowledged and drank the choice wine of reunion, and ascended unto the Self-Sufficing, the Most High. Thus doth My Pen and My Tongue bear witness unto her in this mighty station. I testify that she believed in her Lord when most of the servants denied Him, and turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon when mankind turned away. Blessed is she and blessed is he who remembereth her with what the Tongue of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, hath remembered her. O My Leaf! The Wronged One loveth to make mention of thy father who, when he heard the glad-tidings of attaining Our presence, cast the world behind him, turning with his face—which God had honored from turning to aught else—toward the Most Great Prison.

We have mentioned him in numerous Tablets and in the Crimson Book which none hath discovered save the One, the All-Informed. Through his arising to serve the Cause, steadfastness was manifested in the lands, and through his turning toward the prison precincts, the hearts of those who have attained were turned. The radiant light shining from the horizon of the brow be upon him and 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 Him, the Compassionate, the Generous."

His approval was bestowed upon her testamentary dispositions, and they were honored with His signature. He commanded that they be carried out exactly as she had wished. Her testament bears witness to her station with God. Whatever needs to be done in that land, do it, and whatever is rightful will assuredly be done.

This evanescent servant beseeches God, exalted be His glory, to assist all the handmaidens to remember what they have seen and heard from that Leaf, and to strive to attain unto that which God loveth and is pleased with—this is the source and beginning of all good. According to His command, it would be most fitting and appropriate to deal amicably with her spouse. Should he, of his own accord, choose to carry out the testament, this would be well-pleasing in the sight of God. Verily, He commandeth His servants with that which profiteth them in every world of His worlds.

Concerning what you wrote about the settlement of the survivors in the land of Kha and Ta, this was presented, and this is what was revealed in reply:

"O thou who standest firm in My service and gazest upon My face!"

You yourself should sometimes be settled and sometimes traveling—this is what the Unconstrained One hath chosen for you. As for the survivors who have dwelt for years in the land of Kha, it is best that they

remain settled there as before. Should wisdom at any time require movement, there is no objection. These lands are now in turmoil and commotion, and the surroundings are greatly disturbed. We beseech God to protect them from the evil of cannons and rifles, and from those whom the world hath deluded with a delusion beyond the power of pens to describe.

Concerning the dispatch of petitions from the friends about which you wrote, according to His command if they present their petitions with utmost brevity their dispatch is permissible, for they will both attain the blessing and bring joy to your honor. In all matters, according to His command, wisdom must be observed and all friends must hold fast unto it. The matter of teaching, which is among the most momentous of all matters, has in God's Book been made contingent upon wisdom. He says: "With wisdom and utterance." First wisdom, then utterance. Exalted is He Who hath desired for us in all matters what is good from His presence and taught us that whereby the Cause is uplifted without raising the clamor of every heedless doubter.

Once these supreme blessed words were heard from the Tongue of Grandeur. He said: "Man can refresh the dispirited with the waters of grace and quicken the dead with the living waters without uttering what would be objectionable in the estimation of men." And He said: "Blessed is he who giveth the people to drink from the sea of the utterance of the All-Merciful without speaking a word that would cause rejection and objection." Indeed, forbearance is most beloved. Any soul who shows the slightest acceptance will later comprehend most matters himself, but if at first a word is expressed that is beyond his capacity, he will not bear it and will arise in opposition.

And concerning what you wrote about whether, if one of the friends wishes to send a letter to those parts other than the Divine Tablets and other than those of the Branches of God—may my spirit and being be sacrificed for the dust of their footsteps—and this servant, it should be reviewed and then dispatched: indeed this point is most beloved, for at present in this land there are about two hundred of the divine friends, and just as they differ in character and conduct, they certainly differ likewise in expression. However, this is a matter that cannot be mentioned to all, for some may become distressed. Therefore the divine friends in whatever land they may be, if they receive a letter or missive, they should examine it. If it conflicts with divine ordinances and heavenly utterances according to outward appearance, they should not accept it and should inquire of the source. If it attains the honor of approval it is acceptable, otherwise rejected. The purpose is that no difference should occur in any matter.

Concerning M.S., upon him be [Baha'u'llah's glory]—9 66, as they had written, in response to that loved one's request, from the heaven of divine favor a Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Wondrous Tablet was revealed specifically for them and sent. And since they had asked to be assisted in a matter that would become the cause of everlasting, eternal remembrance, they were commanded to appoint a representative for the construction of an exalted, lofty House. This is a matter that will endure and persist throughout the continuance of the Most Beautiful Names, and its fruits are greater, more glorious and more excellent than a hundred thousand children. However, after their second letter stating that they themselves wished to pay the Huququ'llah, after this matter was presented, He said that if the Huquq is paid and this edifice is raised therefrom, it would be nearer and more excellent in the sight of God and would be adorned with the ornament of acceptance.

In this case, absolute freedom is attained. Verily, He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth, and He is the Commander, the Doer, the Unconstrained. In truth this is a great bounty towards them. They should occupy themselves day and night with praise and thanksgiving to God, and should act upon what has been commanded with the utmost joy and fragrance, submission and contentment. Blessed be he!

And concerning what you wrote about the honored mother and daughter of Ismu'llah, upon them be Baha'u'llah's glory, it was presented before His presence. This is what was revealed for them from the Kingdom of the favor of our Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. His word, exalted be His majesty:

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

O My leaves and she who is related to My Name! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One, against Whom the divines of the earth pronounced judgment even as they pronounced judgment in former times against My Name, Who strove in My path until He was martyred in the land of Taff, yearning to attain My presence, the Mighty, the Wondrous. We console thee and My handmaidens concerning that which hath befallen you in the days of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We have mentioned her with a mention to which nothing on earth can compare. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. We made mention of thee before as a token of Our grace, and at this time in My Most Great Prison.

Grieve not over anything that shall pass away. Soon shall perish that wherewith the people are occupied, and there shall endure that which hath been revealed for thee by His Mighty, Firm Pen. O My leaf and daughter of My Name, Who hath circumambulated My Throne with manifest light! We shall be with you in all conditions, and We see those who dwell in the house and hear what they utter, and I am the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. The glory and the peace be upon your men and your women, and upon the first among you who, through his acceptance, caused the Concourse on High to bear witness on a day wherein the divines trembled with fear of the Command. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen testified in this sublime station.

Section 2: "For the people of H and M, wondrous…"

For the people of H and M, wondrous and exalted Tablets were also revealed and sent. God willing, they have by now arrived. And the Tablets that were requested for Sh.H. will be sent by His exalted grace. This evanescent servant conveys greetings and salutations to all those whose names were mentioned and those that remained unmentioned, and hopes that all will act as befitteth the days of God and will hold fast in all conditions to that which hath been revealed in the Book, so that from the trees of existence wondrous and exalted traces and delicate, ripe fruits may appear in the assemblage of the world with such freshness and grace as will attract all, whether by choice or without choice.

When mention was made of Mirza Habibullah, Aqa Mirza Haydar-Ali, Shaykh Muhammad and Azizu'llah, upon them be the Glory of God, they attained the honor of being heard in His presence. Although in these days, in accordance with wisdom, silence in these lands is preferable to speech and stillness is more beloved than motion, nevertheless the tongue of bounty speaks these sublime words, His exalted Word:

O Habib! God willing, mayest thou be the recipient of divine favors. Before and after thou art mentioned in the presence of His countenance. This has been and is one of God's greatest bounties. Strive at all times and under all conditions to gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon and to speak in praise of God, exalted be His glory. Should all the powers of the world attempt to assess the value of but a moment of these days, they would find themselves utterly powerless. By God's life! It has been and continues to be lofty in worth and sublime in station.

And We make mention of him who is named Haydar before ʿAli and give him the glad-tidings of My mercy, My favor, and My grace, and I am the Compassionate, the Generous. We have made mention of him in a manner that nothing can equal it, and I am the True, the Faithful Informer.

And We make mention of him who is named Muhammad, who was mentioned before God, the Most High, the Most Great. Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy fragrances which were wafted in the Hijaz and by the lights of Thy countenance which illumined Batha, to protect Thy religion from the wicked ones who have encompassed Thy cities and Thy lands, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven. Then grant me the wine of steadfastness in this Cause whereby feet have slipped. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O ʿAziz! Upon thee be My Glory! Some time ago a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed and sent especially for thee. Praise be to God that thou hast attained the wine of bounty, drunk from the Kawthar of acceptance, been sustained by the Tasnim of grace, and reached the everlasting feast. Strive that these lofty, transcendent stations may remain preserved. The Glory from Us be upon thee and upon My loved ones in those regions whom God hath purified from the defilement of idle fancies, drawn nigh unto Himself and caused them to know His straight Path. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

The second letter from that beloved one, dated the 22nd of Rajab, was as a balm for the lamp of the heart, or as a light joined to another light. In brief, it illumined all limbs with the light of joy. Prior to these two letters, when outwardly no news had arrived from that beloved one, this matter became a cause of sorrow. At times this evanescent servant would chant the words "O lost one, where shall I seek thee?" in his inmost heart. However, that which was heard from the tongue of utterance of the All-Merciful was the cause of tranquility and assurance. Praise be to God that afterwards glad-tidings upon glad-tidings arrived, namely two letters were received. In any case, this poor and helpless one implores the Ancient Almighty that He may assist that beloved one with His special confirmations and protect him with the hosts of the seen and unseen from the harm of enemies. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Protector, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

After reading and becoming informed, I proceeded to the Most Exalted Goal and presented it before His countenance. He said:

> "O servant in attendance! Praise be to God, the son of My Name, upon him be My glory, has been confirmed and will attain to that which hath been revealed specially for him from the Supreme Pen."

And He said that in the days when they were standing at the Gate, listening, and present before the Face, gazing, and had attained the waters of reunion, they requested a brief visitation tablet for the Crimson

Leaf from the heaven of the bounty of the Lord of existence, and We promised this most great favor. Therefore at this time there descends from the heaven of Will that of which every letter testifies to the grace, kindness and mercy of God, exalted be His glory:

"O Crimson Leaf and Most Glorious Sign! I bear witness that through thee the fire of love and affection was kindled in the hearts of the servants. Thou art she who chanted at all times the praise of God, the Lord of all beings. Thou art she who heard the Call in the beginning of days, and the attraction of the utterance of the All-Merciful seized thee in such wise that thy heart was melted and thy very being was set ablaze. Through thee appeared the rustling of the Divine Lote-Tree and the cry of the Kingdom was raised amongst creation. I testify that thou didst rend asunder the veils through the name of thy Lord, the Lord of the Final End, and hastened with thy heart to the Most Exalted Horizon, and turned toward the Face in such wise that neither the doubts of the learned, nor the imaginings of the mystics, nor the power of rulers prevented thee.

I bear witness that thou didst lament in separation as one bereaved, and didst forsake all that was in the world, holding fast to the Most Firm Handle. The glory shining from the horizon of the heaven of thy Lord's loving-kindness be upon thee, and upon thy beginning and thine end, and upon those who loved thee and remembered thy days and what befell thee in the path of thy Lord.

Blessed is the handmaiden who drew nigh unto thee and found solace with thee in thy days, and woe unto him who wronged thee and uttered concerning thee that which caused the Concourse on High and the dwellers of Paradise to wail at eventide and at dawn. Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by this celestial note and this heavenly cry and this sign of oneness that Thou forgive whosoever turned toward her purely for Thy sake, and absolve his greatest transgressions and mightiest sins. Then forgive his father and mother and all who sought her and visited her shrine. Verily Thou art the Powerful One Whom nothing can frustrate and no affair can hinder. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Verily Thou art the Compassionate, the Mighty, the All-Wise."

O Son of My Name! Whosoever desires to visit the honored sister and the Crimson Leaf and the family of God from among the household, whose adornment is the good-pleasure of God, may visit with that which hath been revealed by the Most Holy Pen from God, the Lord of all creation. This is yet another gift from Us unto thee. Be thou grateful and numbered with them that render thanks. End.

This blessed passage was suddenly revealed from the heaven of God's Will when the second letter of that one was presented. They said to the Son of My Name, upon him be My glory: We promised that a brief visitation prayer would be revealed and sent for the Crimson Leaf, as that which was previously revealed from the Supreme Pen is somewhat difficult for the generality of people to read. Now We have willed to fulfill Our promise and bestow that which was requested. Verily, He is the Near, the Answering One.

This is a bounty from Him unto you. It is hoped that His grace, mercy and favor may repeatedly overtake that beloved one in full manifestation. Verily, He is the Protector of whosoever turns unto Him, and the Companion of whosoever calls upon Him, in his journey and his resting-place.

And concerning what was mentioned in another letter about the enkindlement, unity and steadfastness of the people of that land—this is indeed the greatest cause for the dawning of the light of joy and

gladness. In truth, this matter is the foundation of the world. The repose, tranquility, blessing and prosperity of the world depend upon this matter. Blessed and exalted be His Word:

> "Through the light of unity hath the world been illumined, and through the warmth of accord have the horizons been set ablaze."

God willing, may the temples of the people of Baha never be deprived in any state of this adorning, which is counted as the first adorning.

Regarding what was written about permission being granted from the land of Ta through the honored Thamarih, upon her be the glory of God, for the mother of your honored wife, upon them both be the glory of God, to proceed to the Most Holy Court—this servant has no information about this matter and has not heard of it. Although the True One, exalted be His glory, has ever cast the gaze of His loving-kindness upon His Most Truthful Name and you and those related to him, as the divine Tablets testify and bear witness to this fact, yet these regions are all in turmoil and upheaval. Naval vessels and great cannons surround the area. Alexandria was laid waste in ten hours, and the helpless people were scattered to all regions. The owls of the world's ruins oppress the white falcons, and the demons of the age lie in wait to ambush the angels of the realm of inner meanings. May God protect us and you from the evil of the oppressors.

A group of the loved ones of God who were occupied in that land left behind whatever possessions they had, and, detached from perishable ornaments, turned toward the Court of Unity, and now they wander about. In such circumstances it is evident that movement is not permitted. Each day news arrives that one group rises against another. From some directions news has arrived that certain souls who had permission in previous years have intended to come this year, apparently unaware of the conditions in these parts and what has transpired. In any case, this evanescent servant beseeches the True One, exalted be His glory, not to withhold the gaze of His loving-kindness from the people of the world. For years the earth has been observed in turmoil. Each day a new calamity appears and at every moment an uproar is raised. Yet the people have not become aware and will not become aware except through the compelling, all-encompassing, penetrating and effective Command from God, the Lord of all worlds.

Concerning your mention of Aqa Mirza Haydar-ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God, and the people of the Green City—mention of them has been and continues to be made, praise be to God, in the Most Holy Court. Regarding the Tablets they had requested for Mazindaran, some have been revealed, but sending them in these days has become very difficult, as most affairs in this land and its surroundings are in turmoil due to Europe's uprising against Islam. The poor and helpless—it is time for prayer. Prayer is from us, acceptance from God. Verily, He has power over whatsoever He willeth.

Similarly, a letter arrived from Aqa ʿAbdu'l-Husayn from the Green City, mentioning Aqa Muhammad-Kazim and his relatives and other friends, upon them be the Glory of God. For each one was revealed that which the world and all within it cannot equal, and it was sent. God willing, they will attain unto it.

Likewise, these past two days a letter also arrived from Aqa Muhammad-Kazim, upon him be the Glory of God, which also contained names of souls who had turned towards God. However, since wondrous and exalted verses had been revealed from the heaven of bounty for most of them a few days prior, they

again stated it was not necessary. As commanded, that beloved one should write the details to Aqa Muhammad-Kazim, upon him be the Glory of God, and he should give the glad tidings of the all-encompassing bounty, pre-existing mercy, and wondrous and exalted grace to the friends of that land, so that upon all their foreheads may be inscribed from the seal of utterance "The Kingdom is God's", and from their faces may appear the radiance of glory.

Praise be to God, they are engaged in service to the Cause and in mention of God, exalted be His glory. God has favored some above others and aided all to turn to Him. Verily, He is the Single One, the All-Informed. Soon will appear in the world the signs and fruits of the trees planted by the hands of power. The divine promises will certainly be fulfilled in the world of dominion. The glory from God, the Compassionate, the Generous, be upon them.

Concerning what they wrote about intending to travel to certain places—God willing, it is blessed, and surely God, exalted be His glory, will make its fruits manifest. Verily, He will aid you through His grace. He is the All-Bountiful, the Helper, the Generous.

Regarding the mention of visitation at the end of the letter—on Thursday, the third of the month of Shawwal, which is the last day of the blessed feast of Ramadan, after the verses were written, that which is the purpose of all worlds was performed in your presence by proxy. Now all created things should say "Well done and congratulations!" We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to ever aid this servant and that beloved one in that which is pleasing to Him and befitting of His days. Blessed art thou, and blessed are they who have held fast to the Book of God and acted according to what they were commanded by the All-Knowing Ordainer.

The Glory shining from the horizon of the Supreme Pen be upon you and upon those who have renounced the world, turning to God, the Lord of eternity, He at Whose appearance all things proclaimed "The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Mighty, the Wise." Praise be to God, the Powerful, the Almighty.

The servant, 3rd of the honored month of Shawwal 1299

The reply for the husband of the Leaf, the Sister, upon her be the Glory of God, and Jinab-i-Tabib will be sent later.

BH01082: Praise, sanctified above all expressions and meanings, befitteth…

Praise, sanctified above all expressions and meanings, befitteth the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Sublime Court of Him Who is the Beloved, Who, with one word, seized hold of the world of being and, with another, adorned all things with the ornament of existence. Verily, He is God, the Single, the One, the Alone, the Self-Subsisting. Neither the conditions of the world nor the doubts of men can frustrate Him. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. He is the Mighty, the All-Praised.

To continue: thy letter, which was adorned with the handwriting of him who circulateth throughout the land by God's command, truly brought joy and increased gladness. We beseech God, the Powerful, the Ancient, to transform this gladness into a carpet whereon all His loved ones and chosen ones may gather

in perfect fellowship, unity, love and harmony, that all may raise one call and move with one motion, and that this servant may be engaged in serving them all.

After becoming apprised of the contents of the letter, I turned towards the Beloved of the worlds and the Goal of them that have recognized Him. When I entered His presence and laid the matter before Him, thereupon the Tongue of the All-Merciful spoke in the Kingdom of Utterance, and His exalted Word was this:

> "O Muhammad-Hasan! We called thee after We created thee, made thee known after We manifested thee, and aided thee until thou didst attain to a station which God hath made the point round which circle the Concourse on High and all who dwell in the Kingdom of Names. Then did We cause thee to hear My Most Exalted Word and showed thee the lights of My countenance after the extinction of all things, and gave thee to drink of the Kawthar of life from the hand of My bounty. Give thanks unto God for this favor wherewith nothing that hearts and minds can comprehend can compare."

Reflect upon God's grace and His bounty, that thou mayest become aware of the lights of the Sun of grace and the ocean of His bounty. By My life! If thou wert to become aware, thou wouldst continue to cry out "Thine is the praise, O God of the worlds!" until the time of thine ascension. This utterance was in thy letter which the servant in attendance laid before Him—thy words: "Since the time I was dismissed from the honor of attaining Thy presence, no token of bounty hath been shown to this evanescent one." To speak thus in the face of the ocean of God's bounty was not and is not permissible. Even if thou wert to praise the Beloved of all creation with a hundred thousand tongues, it would still be little and insignificant compared to this supreme bounty and magnificent gift.

The whole world was brought from the concealment of nothingness into being for this Day. How many divines, mystics and saints beseeched God, the Exalted, for the privilege of attaining unto this Day, yet when it appeared and shone forth, all remained veiled. But thou, through God's grace, bounty, mercy, generosity and favor, wert aided and didst attain thereunto. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen testify, and thus doth the Tongue of Grandeur speak in its mighty prison.

From this station We send Our greetings to the faces of My loved ones in that place, who have drunk the choice wine of My love, who have spoken My praise, who have conveyed My Cause, who have arisen to serve Me and to serve My loved ones, who have cast aside all else but Me and have taken fast hold of that which they were commanded in My perspicuous Book.

We make mention of thy wife, who believed in her Lord after she heard His mighty and wondrous call, and We make mention of My handmaidens who have rejoiced in My Day, who have heard My remembrance and have turned towards My luminous horizon.

And concerning what you wrote about the handmaiden of God, the mother of Bahiyyih Sultan, upon her be the Glory of God, mentioning her hardship, this matter was presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. The Tongue of Grandeur spoke this most exalted word: "Upon thee, O My handmaiden, upon thee, O My handmaiden, be patience and forbearance in whatsoever hath befallen thee in the days of God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. Put thy trust in Him under all conditions, and it behooveth

thee to be content and well-pleasing in this Day wherein all things have proclaimed: ‘The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Loving.’ It behooveth thee to remember thy Lord with this remembrance which the Tongue of Eternity hath spoken at this moment:

> “I beseech Thee, O my God, by the appearance of the Self-Subsisting after the Qaim, and by His signs, His evidences, His manifestations and His attributes, to ordain for me from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which will benefit me in every world of Thy worlds. O my Lord! I am a handmaiden among Thy handmaidens who hath turned unto the heaven of Thy bounty, the ocean of Thy generosity and the sun of Thy favor, and I know not what will benefit me in Thy sight. The knowledge of all things is in a Mighty Book. O my Lord! Ordain for this handmaiden of Thine that which will cause her to be joyous under all conditions. Verily, Thou art the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Powerful.”

Praise be to God that you have been blessed repeatedly with the choice wine of divine utterance. This is that same sustenance which hath been recorded in the divine Scriptures and Books, both of the past and of the present. Glorified and exalted is He above my mention, my description, my praise and the praise of all who are in the heavens and the earth. How can the understanding and minds of the servants comprehend this most great favor? We are all powerless and wanting, and He is the Strong, the Mighty. And furthermore, whatever you had expressed of the degrees of powerlessness, nothingness, evanescence, remembrance and praise regarding the most mighty, most pure Branches of the Divine Lott Tree—may my spirit, my being and my essence be a sacrifice for the dust of their footsteps—this servant presented it with the utmost humility and submissiveness on your behalf. They showed favor and likewise offered greetings. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the mention of God, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The servant 12 Shawwal 1299

BH01574: The essence of praise and glorification befitteth that Intended…

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

The essence of praise and glorification befitteth that Intended One Who illumined the world through the effulgences of the Sun of Truth and adorned the realm of possibility with the ornament of knowledge from the ocean of awareness. Exalted be His greatness, glorified His power, magnificent His beneficence, and supreme His grandeur! He is the Powerful One Who through a single exalted Word brought forth the kingdom of earth and heaven, created man and guided him to the supreme horizon, and adorned sheer nothingness with the ornament of being and pure non-existence with the crown of existence. He is the Omnipotent One Whom neither the thunder of cannons can prevent from what He hath willed, nor the clash of swords deter from His pervading and mighty Will. He doeth what He pleaseth and ordaineth what He willeth. He is the Strong, the Dominant, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Thereafter, your letter addressed to this evanescent servant opened the gate of reunion and bestowed the fragrance of attainment. After its perusal it was presented before His presence, whereupon He said: O thou who soarest in the atmosphere of love and gazest toward the horizon of grace! In this day it is

incumbent upon all to seek protection from God, exalted be His glory, for His loved ones and chosen ones, inasmuch as commotions and upheavals have encompassed all. Each day a fresh calamity descendeth upon the world and a new sedition ariseth, yet none hath discovered the cause and reason thereof. The religion of God is seen to be weak while His enemies are strong. The deeds of men have become embodied in diverse manifestations—at times affliction, at times tribulation, and likewise in different forms of weapons, guns, swords and spears.

Beseech ye God to awaken the heedless and rouse the slumbering, that perchance they may discover the cause and reason, for when any illness is diagnosed its cure becometh easy. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast subdued the world through one of Thy names! I beseech Thee by the blood of Thy loved ones which was shed in Thy path to protect Thy loved ones from the oppression of Thine enemies who have risen in an enmity the like of which the eye of creation hath not beheld.

I beseech Thee, O Lord of eternity and Sovereign of nations, by the Most Great Name, to send down from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will aid them in Thy remembrance and praise and in that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Thou art He, O my God, to Whose power all created things have testified and before the manifestations of Whose might all possible things have bowed down in submission. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

As to the mention made of certain souls, God willing, through His grace they shall act in accordance with what He loveth and is pleased with, and be engaged in His remembrance and praise. Convey greetings from this evanescent one to all and say: The world at all times proclaimeth its own evanescence and extinction, but only the hearing ears hearken. Blessed is the soul whose outward adornment preventeth him not from the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness nor depriveth him of the outpourings of the True Bestower. The atoms of dust cry out at all times saying: O children of Adam! Time passeth like lightning. Ye were not created for the world, rather it was created for you. Know ye your worth and act as beseemeth a human being. God willing, may all be assisted to do that which will profit them in all the worlds of their Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous.

As to the mention made of Darvish Husayn who desired to come and sought permission—in these days these regions are somewhat disturbed, therefore we beseech God to grant him the reward of pilgrimage. Verily, He hath power over all things. Under all conditions this evanescent one is occupied in prayer for God's friends. Prayer is from the servant and its acceptance from God, the One, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting.

In all matters be ye mindful of wisdom, for the people are ignorant and veiled from the Cause. Peace be upon you, and the mercy of God, and His blessings.

BH03992: This is what the Tongue of Utterance hath spoken…

This is what the Tongue of Utterance hath spoken in the Kingdom of divine knowledge:

God willing, through the heavenly grace and the outpourings of the true Bestower, may ye be made to attain. O My Name! The heedlessness of men hath reached such a point that they have clung unto a mere drop and passed by the Euphrates of the All-Merciful's bounty. They are shut out from a single line of the

Mother Book, and deprived of a single atom of the effulgence of the lights of the Sun of Truth. What hath befallen the understanding of men, and whither hath their fairness fled? Were they all to deny, it would matter little; but that they should cleave to the pond and object to the Most Great Sea—this is a station for lamentation, wailing, and yearning.

God willing, may thou, in all conditions, be confirmed to aid His Cause and be enabled to reform mankind, that all may be adorned with spiritual virtues and well-pleasing deeds. The fragrance of righteous acts and praiseworthy conduct is a mighty host.

O My Name! The religion of God, in view of the ascendancy of oppression, appeareth feeble, and is now held beneath the talons of foes. Beseech ye the Truth to bestow deliverance, to preserve His Faith, and to cause the lights of the Sun of justice to overcome the darkness of tyranny and to illumine the horizons. Illumine the friends in every land with the lights of the remembrance of the Most Great Name, and, on behalf of the Wronged One, convey greetings of magnification. Say: Strive ye, that ye may lay up the precious and priceless gems in the treasure-house of the wise and trusted One. Today this is possible; hereafter, impossible. The Cause is God's, the Lord of the beginning and the end.

The Fire of the Lote-Tree burneth with such a blaze, and the Light of the Countenance shineth forth with such splendor and radiance, and yet all are quenched—save whomsoever thy Lord willeth. But to the blind, darkness and light are one and the same. Where are the piercing eyes, and where the attentive ears?

From the All-Merciful I beseech that He may fulfil that which He hath promised in the Qur'an, and may make the earth the place where the blessed verse is manifest: "Thou shalt see therein no crookedness, neither any unevenness." And from Our presence be glory upon thee, and upon them that have cast aside the darkness of vain imaginings, clinging fast unto the lights of certitude. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH04871: This is what has been uttered by the Kingdom…

This is what has been uttered by the Kingdom of Utterance: O My Name! We make mention of one of Our Afnan who was named Ja'far. We testify that he turned to the Most Great Prospect and believed in God, the Lord of Destiny, in days wherein every swift one halted, every near one became remote, every learned one denied, and every mystic retreated. The Most Exalted Pen hath testified that he attained the Kawthar of life when the horizon of utterance was illumined by the Sun of proof, and he bore witness to that which the All-Merciful had testified before the mention of contingent being, that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O thou who hast turned thy face toward Mine, who hast soared in Mine atmosphere, and who hast voiced My remembrance! I testify that thou didst attain the ornament of acceptance before thy ascension and at the time of thy ascension the Concourse on High and those who dwell in the Kingdom of Names welcomed thee, and the mercy and loving-kindness of God were with thee. Thou art he at whose calamity the near ones lamented and grief overtook those servants who circled round the Throne. The glory, and

the peace, and the mercy that hath descended from the heaven of thy Lord's loving-kindness be upon thee, O thou who didst hold fast to the cord of God and didst cling to the hem of His generosity.

Thou art he who recognized the Path and the Balance when most of the servants were heedless of them both. By My life! Were I to make mention of what thou didst manifest in thy love for God, the people would fall unconscious. He Who possesseth the Mother Book doth testify to this. Blessed is he who loved thee, and made mention of thee, and voiced thy praise, and visited thee in the manner in which the Tongue of the Wronged One hath visited thee in His mighty prison. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH01277: Praise be to God Who was in the heights…

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

Praise be to God Who was in the heights of glory, grandeur and majesty, and will be as He has been throughout all eternity. He cannot be described in words nor characterized by the standards of men, and He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. O beloved of my heart! Such hath befallen the Faith of God as caused the dwellers of the highest Paradise and the inhabitants of the most exalted Heaven to lament. The enemies have surrounded from all directions and sought to extinguish the Light that hath shone forth from the horizon of Batha. The servant beseecheth his Lord to protect His loved ones and chosen ones, and honor them with His presence on a Day wherein faces have turned black and eyes have stared in terror.

In Persian I state: Alexandria, which was in truth the crown of Islamic cities and was like a bride among countries and lands, was seen stripped of the garments of security and tranquility and the ornaments of glory and prosperity by the might of English artillery. In ten hours its heights were brought low. The natives were in utmost weakness while the foreigners were exceedingly strong and triumphant. Power and dominion belong to God, the One, the All-Informed. These are the remaining manifestations of what God hath revealed in the Book. Blessed are they that understand and attain.

In these days a detailed letter was written in response to that spiritual beloved's missive, but since postal matters are disrupted, its dispatch was delayed and this brief note is submitted instead. It is hoped that the other letter will be sent later. Since foreign powers have attacked Egypt, this land is not free from turmoil either. The friends of God who were in Alexandria have all returned to this land, and whatever they possessed was plundered along with people's properties. When calamity becomes universal it becomes bearable. Alexandria and all therein is ruined, burnt and pillaged, but God's grace protected His friends. We praise Him in all conditions. A detailed letter was sent previously but no news of its receipt has come. God willing, it will have reached and been seen by now.

Concerning [M.S.]—upon him be the Glory of God—about whom you wrote, previously a Most Great, Most Holy Tablet was revealed specifically for him and sent forth. In the detailed letter which this servant wrote to that loved one, details were mentioned, and now those details are being presented again. In all conditions, I beseech and hope from God—exalted be His glory—that He will protect that loved one and assist [M.S.]—upon him be the Glory of God—in that which is the cause and means of eternal life. Verily

He has power over all things and is worthy to answer prayers. Mention of him has been made repeatedly in the Most Holy Court, and since he had requested to be assisted in a matter that would be the cause and means of eternal and everlasting remembrance, it was commanded that he appoint a deputy for the construction of a lofty, exalted House.

This matter is one that will endure and remain as long as the Most Beautiful Names endure, and its fruits are greater, mightier and more excellent than a hundred thousand children. However, after that loved one's second letter wherein he had written of his desire to pay the Huququ'llah, after this matter was presented, He said that if the Huquq is paid and this edifice is raised therefrom, it would be nearer and more excellent in the sight of God and would be adorned with the ornament of acceptance. In this case, absolute freedom is attained. Verily, He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth, and He is the Commander, the Doer, the Unconstrained.

Indeed this is a great bounty concerning him. He should occupy himself with praise and thanksgiving to God at all times, and act with utmost joy and fragrance and submission and contentment according to what has been commanded. Blessed is he!

The responses to both letters from that loved one were all written in the detailed letter, and likewise the response to that loved one's previous letter containing various matters was written and sent. God willing, that has arrived and this too shall arrive thereafter. Every hardship is adorned with the garment of ease when He so wisheth and willeth. Mention was also made in detail of those related to that loved one. The request is that you convey greetings from this evanescent servant to all relatives, friends and chosen ones. It is hoped that all will attain to the grace, mercy and loving-kindness of God—exalted be His glory. The Glory be upon your honor and upon those with you and upon those who have attained to the recognition of God, the Lord of the worlds.

The servant, 19th of Shawwal the honored 1299

BH00169: The tongue of the days speaketh this most exalted…

Section 1: "The tongue of the days speaketh this most…"

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

The tongue of the days speaketh this most exalted word:

O God of the world and Goal of the nations! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name to protect Thy party from all parties and Thy religion from all religions. O Lord! The banners of affliction have encompassed Yathrib and Batha. I beseech Thee to forgive their transgressions which have led them to the scourges of Thy wrath and Thy chastisement. O Lord! Thou seest me standing before Thee, hoping for the wonders of Thy grace and favors. Make known unto them, O my God, that of which they were heedless, and teach them that which Thou hast commanded in Thy firm Book. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the Dominant, the Glorious, the Bestower.

O Beloved of my heart! The thunderbolt of the disobedience of the servants hath seized them, and heinous deeds have appeared in various forms of cannon, rifle, sword and the like. Implore forgiveness from God, glorified be His majesty, that perchance the Kawthar of His Most Forgiving Name may efface the darkness of existence and the effulgences of the sun of the heaven of His grace may illumine the darkened and heedless hearts. Verily, He guideth whom He willeth to His straight path.

Alexandria hath returned to non-existence. In but a few hours its wealth, ornaments, glory and exaltation were seized. In place of the nightingale, the owl hath made its dwelling, and in the station of the thrush, the crow. The people of that land are in trembling and agitation, such that the security of the people hath been entirely removed and the bird of trustworthiness hath hidden its head beneath its wing. Letters cannot be sent for their condition is unknown. These few words are submitted in brevity, and it is hoped they may be considered. The friends of that land, namely As, have returned to this land and are dwelling in the shadow. All that they and others possessed was plundered and looted. This is truly a station of thanksgiving, for praise be to God, though their hands are empty, their hearts are treasuries of the pearls of love and are filled with the lights of reliance. They are joyous to such a degree that this servant is truly unable to describe it. God will soon compensate them with better than what they previously possessed. Verily, He hath power over what He willeth.

Your letter dated the third of Jamadiyu'th-Thani, which you sent in the name of Hadrat-i-Ism-i-Jud, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, reached this evanescent one. God willing, may you ever partake of the fruits of the tree of love of the Beloved Eternal One, and may this servant say: "May it be wholesome and pleasant." God is witness that this servant derives a world of joy and delight from your letters. How excellent is that fragrance that wafteth from its words and utterances! After perusal, each was presented before His face. The ocean of bounty is surely surging. Not only this servant, but all who are in the world are powerless and unable to express that which hath appeared and been manifested.

As to what you wrote concerning Ibn-i-Abhar, upon him be the Glory of God, God willing, may he be enkindled at all times with the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree, and be struck with awe by the grandeur of the Word, and after pure and absolute sobriety, may he utter the blessed words "I have arisen to serve Thy Cause, O Thou the Desire of the worlds." This servant has beseeched and continues to beseech from God, exalted be His glory, loftiness, elevation and steadfastness for him, for the Cause is most mighty and the people are most heedless and veiled. Shaykh Abu'l-Qasim, upon him be the Glory of God, is departing in these days and the reply to his petitions, which he had submitted on behalf of many of the friends, has been granted. God willing, they will attain unto it. As he was the bearer of the petitions, he became the bearer of their reply.

As to what you wrote concerning the journey of my brother, upon him be the Glory of God, praise be to God, he has reached his intended destination and is holding fast to the cord of wisdom. Blessed is he! Happy is he! Felicitous is he! Peace be upon him! Mercy be upon him!

You had mentioned Aqa Muhammad-Javad, upon him be the Glory of God. In truth, he is among those from whom the sweet fragrance of steadfastness has been inhaled and perceived, and it is hoped that he will receive complete recompense from God, exalted be His glory, for this attribute. Words similar to these were heard from the tongue of the Beloved. God willing, may he ever be adorned with this most

mighty and most holy ornament and in all conditions be fixed upon the horizon of God's will, detached from all else. Although he has been and is adorned with this ornament, convey this evanescent one's greetings to him.

Among other matters, you had mentioned the departed and elevated Hadrat-i-Qa'ini, upon him be the Glory of God and His mercy. O what longing! With all my soul and spirit I beseech the All-Merciful to grant that which was bestowed upon him. As these details have been submitted specifically to certain friends, brevity is observed here. He has attained to a mention which, were it to be cast upon the earth, it would arise; upon bones, they would move and speak; and upon the dead, they would speak by God's leave, the Mighty, the Loving.

Regarding what they wrote about the funds for the honourable Sadat, upon them be the Glory of God, news arrived from the land of Ya and Ha and they sent it. Praise be to God, it was honoured by acceptance. Blessed are they! In these days when Jinab-i-Nazir, upon him be the Glory of God, was departing, that which was and shall be peerless was sent specially for each one. God willing, may they attain unto it. This evanescent servant beseeches God to aid them in that which is the cause and means of eternal bounty. Verily God, our Lord and the Lord of the heavens and earth, He is the Helper, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Generous. Greetings and salutations are extended to them.

Regarding what was mentioned in the previous letter about Master Ali-Akbar (Haddad), upon him be the Glory of God—verily he has attained to the mention of God before, during, and after what transpired. Time and again his name has flowed from the Supreme Pen. God willing, may he attain to that which God loves. Not an atom of what has befallen him in the path of God shall be lost. Tribulations in the path of God are like unto a tree—wondrous and lofty fruits have appeared and shall continue to appear therefrom. Repeatedly have such utterances been heard from the Tongue of Him Who reveals the verses. In a letter which this servant wrote to Jinab-i-Mirza Abu'l-Fadl, upon him be the Glory of God, the Tongue of the All-Merciful mentioned the aforementioned one, namely Master Ali-Akbar, in two places—O what utterances that all the books of the world cannot equal! However, due to the disorder and turmoil in these parts, the letter of the aforementioned Mirza was not sent. God willing it shall be sent and you will observe it. And on this night, which is the twentieth night of the honored month of Shawwal, these exalted words dawned from the horizon of the heaven of will. His word, exalted be His majesty:

He is the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing

O Ali-Akbar! The Supreme Pen beareth witness to what hath befallen thee in the path of God, the Lord of all beings, the Lord of the last and the first. Ere long shall the sincere ones behold that which hath been ordained for them from God, the Most High, the Most Great.

These exalted words were sent in a special tablet in the Most Holy Handwriting. God willing, may he attain unto it and likewise unto all that hath been revealed specifically for him. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Forgiving, the Compassionate. All the details concerning him and what befell him are witnessed in the Divine Presence and are mentioned time and again. And specifically for Karbila'i Abbas, upon him be the Glory of God, there appeared from the Source of the Cause that which shall ever remain eternal and enduring in the assemblage of the world:

In My Name, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

O Abbas! That which hath befallen thee is the greatest proof and the mightiest evidence of thy recognition, faith and certitude. Reflect upon Moses and His companions—what befell them, from whom it came, and thereafter consider Jesus and His loved ones. By God's life! They witnessed that which none before had witnessed, and in God's path they heard that which no soul had heard. Observe the Lord of Batha (Muhammad), may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him, and His companions—there befell them that which caused the dwellers of the pavilions of the Kingdom to lament. Then reflect upon the Herald (the Bab). The source of all these tribulations in former ages were the ignorant ones who were known as the learned.

Know thou the value of these tribulations and preserve them in the name of God. The treasures of the world have not and never shall equal them. If thou wert to reflect but briefly upon the heedlessness of the turban-wearers, thou wouldst attain unto the greatest joy. Night and day they perform ablutions, purify themselves, and turn to the mosques for mention, praise, glorification and prayer, yet they remain heedless and veiled from Him through Whose word all these matters have appeared. They speak the truth yet recognize it not, and with utmost tyranny they attack Him. Say:

O my God! The essence of praise and the source of glorification have been and are dedicated to Thy peerless Being. O my Lord and my Goal! With what tongue can I recount Thy boundless favors? That which the divines, mystics and philosophers are deprived of today, Thou hast graciously bestowed upon me. I beseech the ocean of Thy generosity to preserve that which Thou hast granted. The command is in Thy hands and Thou art the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Praise be to Thee, O Goal of the mystics!

What else can this evanescent servant say? Every letter of expression testifies at the highest pitch to the loftiness and elevation of the friends of God, and likewise to the grace and loving-kindness of God, exalted be His glory. Beseech ye God to guide the heedless to the direction of awareness, that they may realize that those souls whom they formerly reviled, rejected and cursed due to their abominable deeds are now themselves more wretched and rebellious than those souls were. In brief, their abominable deeds have become thick veils and have prevented their eyes from beholding the lights. This servant is perplexed as to what to say. His is to say: We are God's and unto Him shall we return.

Likewise, all other souls who, both before and after, suffered tribulation and adversity in that land for the Cause of God and were cast into prison, all attained unto God's grace. Blessed are they and theirs shall be a goodly retreat.

As to the mention made of his honor Andalib, upon him be the Glory of God, and the friends of those regions, all were presented before His countenance. Praise be to God, they have drunk from the Living Waters and are gazing toward the Most Exalted Horizon. The petitions of some which were presented to the Most Holy Court through his honor Nazir, upon him be the Glory of God, have all received answers which have been revealed and manifested from the Dayspring of Grace and have been sent. And especially for his honor the beloved Andalib, upon him be the Glory of God and His favors, numerous Tablets have been revealed. God willing, he will attain unto them. The bearer of the petitions himself

became the bearer of their answers. Convey on my behalf greetings to his honor ʿA. God is my witness that they have never been and are never absent from sight.

As to the mention made of his honor Aqa Siyyid Abu'l-Ma'ali, upon him be the Glory of God, his petition arrived previously and the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet, from whose horizon shone forth the Sun of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds, was revealed and sent. God willing, he will attain unto it. Under all conditions they must hold fast to the cord of wisdom. If a land is cultivated and achieves capacity, planting therein becomes necessary, and this is among those deeds which have been and are great in the sight of God. Otherwise, no. O my beloved! The cawing of the ignorant has prevented the people from the choice wine of the utterance of the Lord of Names.

Fie upon the heedless one whose efforts in this vain life have gone astray. Soon will he behold the punishment above him and beneath him, to his right and to his left, before him and behind him. That beloved one too must, in accordance with the command, not let go of wisdom. In sending correspondence to various regions they should be considerate and hold fast unto it only to the extent necessary, for atheistic and hostile people are seeking pretexts. It is not and has not been permissible to send correspondence to his honor the brother, upon him be the Glory of God, who resides in the Great City, except to the extent necessary, and even then in a manner not contrary to that of the general public. This matter is in consideration of the wishes of the wealthy who have referred to them, and anything beyond this would be contrary to wisdom.

Section 2: "In your mention of Jinab-i-Haji Baba, Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad…"

In your mention of Jinab-i-Haji Baba, Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Ibrahim, and Jinab-i-Mashhadi Husayn (all of them), may the glory of God be upon them—their mention has been made before the Divine Presence and their deeds are accepted. This servant has sent a special leaf for each one of them, and the intention was to mention them. Convey greetings and salutations to Jinab-i-Haji Baba and them.

Regarding your mention of the honored Aqa Abdu's-Samad, may the glory of God and His mercy be upon him—concerning his mention, that which was revealed from the heaven of grace shall endure with its fragrances throughout the kingdoms of earth and heaven. Praise be to God that these beloved ones have ever been the cause of supreme bounty for the servants and the source of greatest good for all in the land. His Tablet was given to Jinab-i-Aqa Ali (may the glory of God be upon him) who resides in the vicinity, that he may forward it.

And regarding your mention of the honored and blessed Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Javad, may the glory of God and His favor be upon him—in those same days his mention was repeatedly heard from the Tongue of Grandeur, though its text has not yet been sent anywhere. It is hoped that it will be sent to you later. How could the Supreme Pen pause in his mention, when he was among the souls assured, steadfast, content, firm and upright? And these very words were heard from the Divine Tongue:

> "A hundred thousand blessings upon him, for at his mention the fountain of mercy flows and spreads."

And regarding what you wrote about the honored Jinab-i-ʿAbdu'l-Hamid Khan, may God's mercy and favor be upon him—a special Tablet was revealed from the heaven of grace for his wife, may the glory of God be upon her, and in that Tablet mention was made of the honored Khan. Praise be to the Goal of the worlds that He has not deprived His loved ones of the adorning grace, for verily whatsoever flows today from the Supreme Pen concerning any soul shall remain and endure, and all the treasures and hidden wealth of the world cannot equal it. In truth, whoever is today adorned with the crown of His good-pleasure, their death shall be the cause of eternal life. Blessed are they that attain!

And again at this moment these exalted words have been revealed from the heaven of grace especially for his wife, that it may be the cause of fresh joy and new gladness from God. His blessed and exalted Word:

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

O handmaid of God! Thy call was heard in the Most Great Prison. All praise be to God that thou hast been confirmed and hast turned thy face to the most exalted horizon in the days of the Lord of Names. Preserve this great station through the blessed Name of God, exalted be His glory. Strive to drink from the wine of steadfastness. Whosoever attaineth unto it hath attained unto all good things and is recorded by the Supreme Pen in the Crimson Book. Be thou vocal in the mention of God, occupied with His remembrance, and joyous in His love. He is the All-Sufficient, the All-Healing, the Companion, the Helper. Be not grieved at what hath befallen thee, for the ocean of joy surgeth before all eyes. Blessed are such servants and handmaidens as have attained unto the mention of God and are adorned with His knowledge. The Glory be upon thee and upon My handmaidens in that place who have believed in God, the One, the All-Informed.

As to their turning towards this direction, it is not permitted, for conditions are unsettled, as was explained before. Regarding the properties, permission for their use hath been granted to them, but their sale is not permitted, as their existence is outwardly necessary for that honored lady. Let her use them with the utmost joy and fragrance and be occupied with the mention of the Beloved of all creation. All matters should be conducted with wisdom. Should any claimant appear, they should act in such a way as not to cause commotion. Praise be to God, they have attained unto the imperishable dominion which is the knowledge of God, exalted be His glory.

As for the mention of certain beloved ones at the close of that Beloved's epistle, it was presented before the Countenance, and the mention of each one flowed from the Pen of bounty—my spirit be a sacrifice unto His favor! This is that which was revealed for His Honor:

In His name Who shineth forth from the horizon of omnipotence!

Verily, the Countenance hath turned from the direction of the prison toward him who hath believed in God, the One, the All-Knowing, and We enjoin him to uprightness and to that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of all the worlds, may be exalted. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the Kingdom of the realms of the heavens and the earth!"

And this is that which was revealed for His Honor Karbala'i Ahmad:

He is the Crier between earth and heaven!

O Ahmad! The Dawning-Place of Praise and the Day-Spring of Revelation remembereth thee with verses whose number none in the world can reckon. The Ancient King beareth witness to this truth in this station which hath been named by all the Names in the Crimson Book, whereof none hath been apprised save the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Couldst thou but taste the sweetness of My utterance and the honey of My call, thou wouldst lament over that which hath befallen Me at the hands of the hosts of the heedless. Hold fast unto wisdom and place thy trust in God, the Mighty, the Wise.

And this is that which was revealed for His Honor Muhammad-Ibrahim (Buyini):

He is the Compassionate, the Generous!

O Ibrahim! Take thou the nectar of eternity from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the Most Glorious, then drink of it—at one time in My name, and at another in My wondrous remembrance. Verily, the Wronged One hath remembered thee with that which nothing among created things can equal, and He enjoineth thee from His Most Glorious Horizon to observe the Most Great Uprightness and that which beseemeth this Day which hath been illumined by the lights of the Countenance of thy Lord, the Omnipotent, the Almighty. Grieve not over anything. Rejoice thou in that thou hast been mentioned by My Most Exalted Pen, and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art wronged by all the horizons, O Lord of them that yearn after Thee, and Desire of such as have recognized Thee!"

And this is that which was revealed for His Honor Karbala'i ʿAli:

He is the Witness, the All-Hearing!

The Lord of the world mentions you from the Most Great Prison. Be grateful to God for this supreme bounty. Blessed is he who has drunk from the Kawthar of My love and has tasted the sweetness of My utterance whereby the ocean of divine knowledge has surged amongst mankind, yet most of the people are among those who turn away. They have cast behind their backs the principles of God and have taken their own limitations, and verily they are among the distracted ones. Be steadfast in the Cause and firm in the love of your Lord in such wise that neither the intimations of the people nor the doubts of those who have denied God, the Lord of all worlds, will cause you to slip.

Praise be to God that through that Beloved One they have partaken of the ocean of the utterance of the Most Merciful. This mighty bounty, inasmuch as it descends and flows like torrential rain at all times, its station remains hidden. Yet a day shall come when each letter thereof will be seen to be more precious than all that exists and is treasured on earth. This evanescent servant offers his utter nothingness to each of the friends of God. It is hoped that through the grace of God, exalted be His glory, all will arise to that which befits the stations of man. God willing, may all be illumined with the light of unity and enkindled with the fire of the love of God, exalted be His glory.

Convey greetings to Aqa ʿAbdu'l-Baqi, who was among the emigrants, may the glory of God rest upon him. God willing, may he be turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon and act according to that which God loves.

Previously, a promise of a Tablet was made to Kadkhuda, may the glory of God rest upon him, and repeatedly have Tablets been revealed in his name from the heaven of grace, as numerous petitions had previously been received from him. God willing, may he be enabled to achieve that which is bound to the Divine Will.

A Tablet was specifically revealed for Aqa Fayd'u'llah, may the glory of God rest upon him, that his heart might find peace and that he might be among the steadfast ones. At one time He said: "O servant in attendance! From the Kingdom of bounty, without interruption, the rain of mercy descends, yet Fayd says ʿIs there more?"'

God willing, may all become worthy recipients of divine mercy. From the beginning of the world until now such bounty has not been made manifest. Unless perchance some, through divine wrath, are prevented by their selfish desires, like the heedless hosts and the idle party who have intended to veil the effulgences of the Sun of Truth by that which they possess. Were the scattered utterances of the Most Merciful, which He spoke while walking or in the presence of some of the loved ones, to be collected, they would equal all the books now existing among the parties on earth, nay exceed them, were they to be just. How much more that which was recorded in His presence! For eleven years, from the ninth to the eightieth year, that which descended from the heaven of the Divine Will was not recorded, and that which was recorded was, by His command, effaced in the Tigris. O Beloved One! By the life of God, the people are in great darkness. Consider what they deny and what they affirm. Fie upon them!

Furthermore, the portrait of Himmat ʿAli Khan and his son and those who were with them, may the glory of God rest upon them, attained the Most Holy Court, and one Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was specifically revealed from the heaven of will for the Khan and was written in the Most Glorious handwriting and sent. Wherever they may reside, deliver it to them. Verily, He doeth what He willeth by His command, and He is the Compassionate, the Generous.

One Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was also specifically sent for Aqa Muhammad-Javad, may the glory of God rest upon him.

Another submission of this lowly one is that convey greetings to Mulla Abdul-Razzaq, upon him be the Glory of God. God is witness and testifier that he has been and continues to be mentioned at the Divine Throne, and this servant has ever made mention of him and continues to do so. God willing, there shall be sent again to his service that from which the fragrance of sincerity may be inhaled. How could he and his august father, upon him be the Glory of God, ever fade from view? At all times the sweet savors of that exalted one's love wafted by. God willing, may his son, upon him be the Glory of God, ever remain seated and at rest upon the throne of the mention and praise of God, exalted be His glory, and of supreme steadfastness.

O beloved of my heart! We must beseech God to illumine the light of the steadfastness of the people of God, that the croaking of frogs may neither hold them back nor veil them, for according to the utterance

of the All-Merciful, the cawing must needs appear in all regions. Although, by God's grace and favor, the people of Baha are standing firm in such wise that they behold all else but God as non-existent and null. Well is it with them! Convey greetings to the friends in that land who have drunk from the Kawthar of contentment and who are gazing toward the supreme horizon. Make mention of the glad-tidings of the favors of the Goal of all the worlds, that all may arise with utmost joy to serve His Cause. Verily, He guides whom He willeth unto His straight path. And praise be to God, the Most High, the Most Great. The glory shining forth from the horizon of the will of our Beloved and our Goal be upon you and upon those with you and upon every steadfast and firm servant.

BH00167: 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 soul! Long has my heedlessness, intoxication and slumber persisted. In all conditions I acknowledge and confess my inadequacy and negligence, and this confession in itself is worthy of the descent of forgiveness and grace. At all times this evanescent servant has been and remains wanting, yet his acknowledgment and confession elevates him to the exalted station of pardon. For ages and centuries, this servant has been deprived of mentioning that which he has desired. The Beloved is aware of how many communications arrive from all directions, all of which must be answered, and likewise during the days and nights he must be occupied before the throne in recording that which descendeth from the heaven of revelation. This is why it was previously submitted that opportunity is as rare as the phoenix, yet this servant has wished and wishes to find some means of attachment and to importune that Beloved One.

The noble letter which was a true messenger brought spiritual tidings. Praise be to God, it opened the gate of joy and adorned the heart with the lights of gladness. A hundred thousand thanks to the Beloved of the worlds that He granted knowledge of your excellent health and well-being. May this bounty, God willing, know no end and may this grace have no termination. After perusal and reading, proceeding to the Most Glorious Station and the Supreme Horizon, all of it was presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. This is what was sent down from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. His word, exalted be His majesty:

He is the Witness, the All-Hearing

O thou who art mentioned before the Divine Throne! We have heard thy call, and Our servant present hath made mention of that which beareth witness to thy devotion, acceptance, steadfastness, firmness and love. God willing, thou shalt be assisted in that which will cause the exaltation and promotion of the Cause of God. One word may cause hearts to freeze, while another may set them ablaze. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of utterance that were but a single line of the Hidden Book to be made manifest in truth, all would forsake the world and turn unto the Most Great Ocean. The face of the world is now turned toward irreligiousness, the details of which were previously revealed in a Tablet from the heaven of God's Will.

Blessed are they that attain! In these days when the leader of vain imaginings hath appeared with utmost might and the hosts of idle fancies have encompassed all directions, and weakness and lassitude have permeated the pillars of being, thou must set the world ablaze through the power of the Most Great Name. Despite all that hath been mentioned, change and transformation, giving and withholding, have ever been within the grasp of God's power. Blessed is the soul that ariseth today with wisdom and guideth the world through the fire of the Divine Word. Every word that is uttered for God's sake is like unto a tree—its leaves and fruits will assuredly appear in the world. This is the truth in which there is no doubt.

O thou who gazest upon His countenance! Were the veiled souls of the world to adorn themselves with the robe of fairness and ponder upon that which hath been manifested in this Most Great Revelation, all would attain unto that from which they are now deprived. Heedlessness hath encompassed the world. Consider the great metropolis and what hath befallen it, yet they remain unaware. They have strayed from the Truth, wherefore God caused their hearts to stray and sent down upon them a thunderbolt from heaven, yet they understand not. All regions are in turmoil and upheaval. That which skilled builders could not construct in successive years hath been destroyed in a single hour. For years the fire of sedition hath been ablaze while the light of rest and tranquility remaineth veiled and concealed, yet its cause remaineth hidden from sight.

Beseech ye God that He may assist those souls who have drunk from the Kawthar of divine love to perform good deeds and display praiseworthy conduct. These deeds and conduct are as hosts for the triumph of His Cause. Blessed is he who understandeth and acteth accordingly. O thou who hast attained My presence and standeth before the gate of My grandeur! Were the friends of God to act in accordance with that which hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen in this Revelation, the Cause of God would be witnessed in the utmost exaltation. In certain cities and villages there are some who are attributed to God and have attained His love, yet they neglect that which they are bidden to observe and act upon that which hath been forbidden. Verily, He heareth and seeth and concealeth, and He is the Concealer, the Compassionate, the Generous. Every deed hath its effect and every word its fruit. God willing, may His friends who are steadfast in His Cause and are mentioned as among His chosen ones exert their utmost endeavor that perchance the temples of those who have turned toward Him may be adorned with the new and blessed garments of piety.

Say: By God's life! The earth proclaimeth its tidings. Blessed are they who understand. Should thou at times journey to certain lands for the sake of serving the Cause and remind the people of that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, it would be well-pleasing. This is the day of deeds and service. This Wronged One hath not withheld the Pen from movement in all conditions, whether in joy or sorrow, ease or hardship, and hath caused to flow from it, like unto the waters of paradise, that which is the cause of exaltation, elevation and salvation of the peoples of the world. Verily, He guideth whom He willeth unto His straight path and remembereth whom He pleaseth with that whose fragrance shall never be cut off throughout the eternity of names. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Wise.

The Most Great Glad-Tidings are that after the presentation of that beloved one's petitions before His presence, the door of bounty was opened to such a degree and the tongue of loving-kindness spoke in

such wise that this servant is truly incapable and powerless to express it, and words are utterly inadequate to bear the weight of these sublime and exalted divine meanings. Praise be to the Desired One of the worlds that His glance of favor hath ever been directed toward that beloved one. God willing, may they ever speak that which is conducive to unity and concord.

In these days mention of that honored one hath repeatedly flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Two Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablets were briefly revealed and sent in that beloved one's name, and in this detailed letter, mention of that beloved one hath repeatedly descended from the heaven of the All-Merciful's grace. God willing, may that beloved one's appetite be complete, that they may drink successively and partake continuously of the grace of inner meanings, the repast of utterance, the choice wine of bounty, and the Kawthar of exposition in the name of the Peerless Friend, while this servant repeatedly and continuously uttereth "May it be wholesome and pleasant."

Concerning what was written about sustenance, in truth for that beloved one it is the verses that have flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Your honor hath indeed spoken the pure truth. Yea, by God, this is the true sustenance, the spiritual repast, and the essence of the supreme remedy for the nations. After this matter was presented in the Most Holy Court, He smiled and said:

> "God willing, it shall not cease and shall descend like the spring rains. Verily, We have sent down for him that which shall testify for him among the world before all peoples."

Regarding what you wrote about movement and the remaining matters—upon her be the Glory of God—those souls who are among the loved ones of God must be vigilant and carry out whatever lies within their power. Beyond this, God, exalted be His glory, hath been and ever shall be the Guardian, Helper and Protector.

And concerning what you had written about the honored beloved, Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad Javad, upon him be the Glory of God, who has truly been and continues to be unique in charitable works and services to the Cause, and likewise his family members who have undertaken to care for the affairs of the maidservants—all these details were presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. This is what the Tongue of the All-Merciful spoke in the Kingdom of Utterance, His word, exalted be His glory:

"Jinab-i-Javad, upon him be the Glory of God and His mercy, has from the beginning of the Cause until now stood firm in service to the Cause, and is adorned with the most glorious and most gracious ornament of steadfastness, such that outward tribulations could not prevent him from the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness, nor could earthly relations hold him back from the true, pure, firm and spiritual relationship. He clung to the relationship with God, detached from all else. This station is most great, and its reward is likewise most great. God willing, may he ever be illumined with the light of the Most Great Steadfastness and remain firm and steadfast in the Cause. His reward is with God, the Generous, the Compassionate, the Bountiful.

"Likewise his family members, who have ever been mentioned in the Most Holy Presence and honored with the ornament of favor—may they, God willing, at all times be focused on that which God loves, as they have been, and cling to the hem of His grace in such wise that the entire world would be powerless to separate them. This is a lofty station, the most exalted, the mighty, the impregnable. Assuredly,

whatever proceeds from them in the path of Truth, glorified be His majesty, they have not and will not neglect. God speaks the truth and He is the Guide to the straight path." End quote.

One Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablet has been revealed for them from the heaven of will, and likewise another Tablet was sent some time ago. God willing, may they attain to both. The request is that you convey greetings from this evanescent servant to them and those with them. It is hoped that God, glorified be His majesty, will one day grant the meeting—a sweetness with which neither this world nor the next can compare is when true friends dwell and rest beneath the Lote Tree and are engaged in remembrance and utterance of the Peerless Beloved. May Jinab-i-Aqa Ahmad, upon him be the Glory of God, attain the good of this world and the next and be honored with the ornament of favor.

Let another submission be that the servants who were mentioned in your letter were all presented before Him Who converseth upon the Mount, and each attained to that which the earthly realm cannot compare with. After showing kindness, favor, compassion and mercy, He said: "God willing, may they not be deprived of the outpourings of the True Bestower in this divine Day, and may the love of worldly things not prevent them from attaining unto the Lord of Names.

This is the Day which all those near unto God have yearned and hoped to attain. The divine Books bear witness to this most perfect and complete bounty, and have given tidings thereof in most eloquent terms. Say: O friends! Strive to attain eternal stations. The lamp of being is surrounded by diverse winds, and the divine sustenance, which is as oil, if cut off, will instantly be extinguished. We beseech God that earthly conditions not deprive them of everlasting favors. All people, learned and ignorant, have awaited this Day, yet when the dawn of the divine Day broke, all were found veiled save a few letters of the Countenance of God, the Self-Subsisting. All veils and preventive coverings have been the divines of the age.

Reflect upon what they did in former centuries and what they brought about. Blessed is he who cast them behind his back, turning unto the Supreme Horizon. Although these souls are known for their learning, they have been and are the most ignorant among the earth's inhabitants. The true scholar is as the eye to the body of the world. Today the fragrances of the garment are diffused, He Who converseth upon the Mount speaketh from the most exalted station, the Sea of Life is surging, and the breezes of grace are passing. Blessed is the soul that hath become aware and attained unto the Purpose. O thou who gazest toward My horizon! Mention what We have imparted unto thee for My loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of My mercy which hath preceded all existence.

Praise be unto God, the Lord of the seen and unseen." A glorious Tablet hath been revealed from the heaven of favor specifically for the honored lady, upon her be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], wherein mention was made of the late Karbila'i Ahmad, upon him be God's mercy and favor. God willing, may they be blessed by divine favor in all worlds.

Regarding what was mentioned about Sultan-Abad and turning toward that land, it is most beloved. In those regions such attention is necessary. Movement and stillness that appear for the sake of God are sources of divine traces. Every word spoken for God's sake is like a tree whose fruits are countless. The Command is in God's hand, the Lord of all beings. Kerman and its surroundings which were mentioned

are also beloved. God willing, may they enlighten the heedless people with perfect wisdom and flowing, pleasing, and graceful utterances so all may attain to what is intended. The land of Y and Sh is as that beloved one wrote—turning thereto is not advisable given what was mentioned.

Section 2: "Regarding what was written about Aqa Mirza Muhammad…"

Regarding what was written about Aqa Mirza Muhammad, upon him be the glory of God, son of him who ascended unto God—some time ago a most mighty and holy Tablet was revealed specifically for him containing exalted mention of the departed J.B., upon him be the glory and mercy of God, and was sent. However, Mirza Bahar was not mentioned in the Most Holy Court and nothing was expressed about him, otherwise that beloved one knows that the requirements of grace have never been neglected and the rays of the Sun of Bounty have ever been manifest and evident. If favor is shown before expression, it may cause some misunderstandings. This evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to grant him success and aid. Verily, He hath power over all things.

As to what you wrote concerning Sheikh Muhammad, upon him be 66 [Baha'u'llah], mention of him has reached from the land of H and M and above it, and the favor of the True One, exalted be His glory, has been with him. In response to petitions from H and M, mention of him has flowed from the Supreme Pen. God willing, may he be blessed by divine grace and confirmed in what is befitting.

Mention was made of Aqa Khudadad and Aqa Shahvirdi and other chosen ones and friends of God, upon them be the glory of God. This was presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. This is what was sent down from the Kingdom of Utterance in reply, His Word, exalted be His glory and mighty His power:

In My Name, through which the Tree called out among the worlds!

O Khudadad! We have mentioned thee before, and before before, and We mention thee at this time from this Most Exalted Station which God has made the point of circumambulation of Paradise and the dawning-places of the Names. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Generous. We have sent down upon the world that which has moved every motionless thing and has caused every bone to quiver. But those who have taken the reins of the people are in schism and hypocrisy and in evident doubt. The valleys have flowed and hearts have melted, yet the people are in mighty delusion. The rock has cried out and all things have been attracted, yet the divines are in strange sleep. By the life of God! They are the ignorant ones. Through them the Concourse on High laments, and the Dawning-Places of Revelation in the ancient centuries. Lo! They are among the wrongdoers. Therefore, rejoice in My mention and My mercy and My grace, and be of those who are steadfast.

In My Name, the Speaker between earth and heaven!

O Shahvirdi! The Wronged One of the world has turned toward thee from the direction of the Most Great Prison and makes mention of thee. Consider this station a precious gift and guard it as thy life. Praise be to God, thou hast been mentioned by the Supreme Pen among the sons of the Friend [Abraham] and the heirs of Him Who conversed with God [Moses]. That which the All-Merciful revealed in the Qur'an speaks in His exalted Word:

> "And We desired to show favor unto those who were oppressed in the earth, and to make them leaders and to make them inheritors."

And this is what was revealed for Mulla Ali, upon him be the glory of God:

In My Name, through which the ocean of divine knowledge has surged!

O Ali! Praise be to God that thou wast awakened by the breezes of dawn that wafted in the beginning of the Revelation and didst attain unto the Purpose. How many propped-up pieces of wood there were who, in their own estimation, were awaiting the divine days, yet when the Sun of Revelation shone forth and the One manifest as the Sinai appeared, it was seen that they were and are fit only for the fire. Therefore they were consumed and perished in the fire of their desires. Hence He says that the dried tree is fit for fire. O Ali! God willing, thou shalt attain to such a station that the conditions and affairs of the world shall not prevent thee from helping the Cause. Be thou one who remembers My Name, who holds fast to My cord, and who stands firm in service to My mighty Cause.

In these days mighty and wondrous Tablets have been revealed specifically for him who bears the name of God the Most Truthful, upon him be all My most glorious glory, in reply to his petitions. However, in view of wisdom, their dispatch has been delayed and, as commanded, this servant present has written and sent a brief note. God willing, may he act as befits. Blessed is he and blessed is his father, to whom the Supreme Pen has testified as all atoms testify. Glory be upon thee and upon every insightful believer.

That which was revealed for Mirza Husayn, upon him be the glory of God:

In My Name, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing!

Verily the Wronged One wishes to make mention of him whose name hath been honoured by the presence of the Most Sublime Vision—the station wherein all things proclaim that there is none other God but He, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. This is a mention which, were it to be cast upon the dust, would cause to arise therefrom the dawning-places of attraction and rapture, and the manifestations of knowledge, through the eternal duration of the names of God, the Lord of the final end.

O Husayn! Rejoice in that thou hast been mentioned before the Throne and this Tablet hath been revealed for thee. Thy letter was received before and after, and was read by the servant who was present, and We have answered thee through the grace of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Thou wert mentioned before the Face and stood at the door. We, from this station, send Our greetings unto thee and unto those who have cast behind them all who are on earth, turning with spirit and fragrance to the Most Exalted Horizon.

That which was revealed for his honor Siyyid Qabla-ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God:

In My Name, the One Dawning from the horizon of the heaven of the Kingdom:

O Siyyid Qabla-ʿAli! We have witnessed thy turning and thy devotion. We have turned unto thee and made mention of thee with that which causeth the sincere ones to inhale the fragrance of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We have mentioned thee before and at this time as a token of grace from

God, the Lord of existence. When the Sun of inner meanings dawned from the horizon of thy Lord's will, words were struck unconscious, and when they recovered they said: "We turn repentant unto Thee, O Lord of the Kingdom!" Take hold of God's Tablet with strength from Him and be steadfast in the service of His Cause. Thus doth the Wronged One counsel thee from His praiseworthy station.

That which was revealed for his honor Mirza Muhammad-Baqir, upon him be the Glory of God:

In My Name, the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing:

Our countenance hath turned unto thee time and again, and We have mentioned thee once briefly and another time in a clear tablet. Thou hast attained unto the Goal when every remote scholar turned away from Him. Thou didst discover the fragrance of the garment in the days of thy Lord, the Most Merciful. To this beareth witness He Who speaketh in every condition that there is none other God but He, the Single, the All-Informed. Thou hast recognized that which the peoples have been veiled from, save whom God hath willed, the Lord of all worlds. Hold fast to the hem of thy Lord's loving-kindness, detached from all who are in the heavens and the earth. Thus have We set forth the verses and sent them unto thee that thou mayest find from them the fragrance of My favor which hath preceded all things. Verily thy Lord is the Expositor, the All-Wise. O Baqir! Rejoice in that thou hast been mentioned by the tongue of thy Lord, the Most Glorious. Verily He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the Almighty, the Most High, the Most Great.

That which was revealed for his honor Ghulam-Qabla-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God:

In My Name, the One Sanctified above all names:

O Ghulam-Qabla-Husayn! Thy name hath been presented before the Face, and We have adorned its temple with the ornament of utterance, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Most Merciful, and be of those who are firmly established. Thou art he who hath attained unto God's verses before and in this time wherein the Temple of the Cause hath been established upon His mighty throne. Grieve not at anything, but trust in all matters in God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Strive that there may appear from thee that which shall endure through the duration of My most beautiful names. Verily thy Lord is the Remembrancer, the All-Wise. Blessed is the strong one who hath arisen to serve the Cause, and the weak one who hath said, "Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds!" We have created souls in diverse stages and have made clear unto them what We desired in the earth and have guided them unto My straight path. Blessed is he who hath not been hindered by the greatest veil and hath answered his Ancient Lord.

Praise be to God that the souls mentioned have attained complete and perfect bounties. Verily our Lord is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful. In truth, the Pen is not still—from every direction the ocean of bounty is surging and the sun of grace is shining forth. The wonder is that lifeless souls have not yet attained unto life and have not become aware of this Cause of such magnitude. One is astonished at what the divines of the earth are seeking and from what they turn away. Is it that due to the abundance of bounties they have become worthless in the sight of the ignorant masses, or have their deeds become embodied and deprived those ungodly souls of awareness? Have the hearing and sight of all been seized? In any case, this servant is bewildered and astounded. In one instance He says this is the Day of vision, for the lights of His countenance are manifest and evident from the Most Great Horizon, and it is the Day of

hearing, for the Call of God is raised. By what excuse do the heedless souls justify themselves before the Countenance of the world, and to what pretext do they cling? We are God's and to Him shall we return.

Concerning what you wrote about Jinab-i-Aqa Ahmad and the family of His Holiness the departed and accepted one, Jinab-i-Mirza of Qa'in, upon him be the glory of God and His bounty and mercy—supreme favors have been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen concerning them. That very day there was specifically revealed for them that which mortality shall not seize and immortality shall glory in relation to it. The grace of his Lord has encompassed him to the extent that in his Visitation Tablet was revealed: "The earth hath been adorned by thy frame" to the end of His mighty and glorious Word. All his relatives are mentioned in the presence of the Countenance. God willing, may they be confirmed and walk in the footsteps of His Holiness the departed and accepted one.

Furthermore, that beloved one's supplication was presented before the Countenance of the Intended One. Such bounty was manifested that this servant is incapable of fully describing it. This exalted word is before me and I mention it, His glory be exalted:

Thy crying and lamentation in the love of God were heard. In the night We heard thy letter which thou hadst written to the servant in attendance, and at dawn We hearkened unto that wherewith thou didst call upon God. The servant in attendance made mention each time, and on the last occasion presented the Persian poem before the Countenance. The lamentation of thy heart had effect, and from the heart of the world emerged a breath more subtle than the essence of life. Ask thou of God that the people of the earth may become ready and its signs and fruits may appear manifest and evident. Reflect upon the utterances of the Beloved of all creation, and speak that which is the cause of enkindlement and the reason for attraction and the foundation of the life of the world. Thou wert with Me and didst witness the waves of the ocean of My utterance and the lights of the sun of My remembrance.

We make mention and the servant in attendance awaits another mention. God is Most Great! He hath reached in the station of seeking unto a point to which the Most Exalted Pen hath testified in the beginning of days, and all things are behind him. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who are with thee among His sincere servants. End quote.

How wonderful is this fragrance which hath been diffused from the garment of our Lord, the All-Merciful's utterance! Blessed art thou and joy be unto thee in the permanence of the Kingdom and the Realm. Praise be to God, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Loving.

The expression of sincerity, submissiveness, humility and utter evanescence of this servant in the presence of the friends of God who dwell in that land depends upon and is contingent upon that beloved one's grace.

The glory that shineth resplendent from the horizon of our Lord the All-Merciful's bounty be upon you and upon those who are with you and upon all who have turned to the Most Exalted Horizon in this mighty Day.

The servant, on the 27th of the month of Shavval in the year 1299

BH03000: Every possessor of tongue, eye and understanding has testified…

Every possessor of tongue, eye and understanding has testified to that which the Lord of Names has testified…

Although in this wondrous and novel day the mysteries of the Quran, its inner meanings and most hidden depths have been mentioned and recorded in most eloquent language, and the pearls of the ocean of knowledge of the Beloved of all possibility have become manifest and evident, yet they remain concealed from sight and vision. This is naught but the result of the oppression, transgressions and unworthy deeds of the heedless people.

The True One, exalted be His glory and all-embracing be His bounty, has with perfect clarity mentioned and given tidings of future events beforehand. Despite this, the people of these parts are so heedless and veiled that some count these servants among the dissidents. We seek refuge in God! They do not consider as being among the faithful one through whose will the religion and path of God have been uplift. Woe unto them! May they be banished! May they be filled with remorse! Evil is that which they have uttered, imagined and wrought. Soon shall they find themselves in a position from which even the denizens of the fire seek refuge with God, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing.

Once the Ancient Beauty, exalted be His majesty, was walking and speaking to this servant:

The world is but a madhouse, and its keepers are mad: O wayfarer! Fear these raving ones!

Yet through the grace and favor of God and His complete power, there is hope that the imaginary veils shall be rent asunder by the hand of might and the Sun of Justice shall shine forth upon the world. Soon shall that which was revealed in God's Book be manifest, letter by letter, as indeed much of it already has been….

As for what you mentioned regarding burial expenses, this matter in the Book of God pertains to the spouse if means allow, otherwise it falls to the wife's own property….

BH02400: A mention from Us to him who was named…

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

A mention from Us to him who was named Muhammad-Sadiq, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of the All-Merciful after sorrows and remember his Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. Rejoice in that the Sea of Life hath turned toward thee and from its waves is heard:

> "There is none other God but Me, the True One, the One, the Mighty, the Wise."

Verily the Sun from the horizon of this heaven calleth unto all created things, saying: "The Lord of Names hath come with manifest sovereignty." We desire today to make mention of thy father who hath ascended unto the Divine Lote-Tree and taken shelter beneath the shadow of the grace of his Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous.

O ʿAbdu’s-Samad! Hearken unto that which the Most Exalted Pen maketh mention of thee in the blessed White Spot which God hath made the circling-place of the Concourse on High and the hosts of the favored angels. I bear witness that thou didst fulfill the Covenant of God and His Testament, and didst drink the choice wine of submission from the hand of His bounty. He, verily, doth not suffer to be lost the reward of the doers of good.

Thou art he who answered thy Lord when all on earth turned away from Him save those whom God willed, the Lord of all worlds. We preserved thee from the Most Great Terror and guided thee unto the Most Great Name, through Whose manifestation the heaven was cleft asunder, the earth was split, and every lofty and impregnable mountain was scattered to dust.

Thou art he who was blessed to transcribe the verses of thy Lord—a station which God chose before the appearance of the Pens among mankind. He, verily, is the Chosen One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

I bear witness that thou wast adorned with the love of God in thy days, in thy rising up and sitting down, and at thy ascension to a station which the tongues of the world are powerless to describe, except for those who have spoken and do speak: “There is none other God but Me, the All-Uttering, the All-Seeing.”

Blessed is he who remembereth thee and recognizeth thy station in this noble station. O ʿAbdu’llah! We have mentioned thy father in such wise as to gladden the eyes of those near unto God, and We make mention of thy other brother who was named Isma’il, that he may be among those who arose and said:

> “God is our Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earth.”

We console you through the fragrances of My utterance and the sweet-scented breezes of My verses, and comfort you through My grace and My mercy which have preceded all things great and small. Behold the mercy of God and its traces—verily it hath preceded and encompassed all, yet most of the people are heedless.

We bear witness that they were not awakened by the Cry, nor were they stirred by the breezes of Revelation, nor did they attain to the recognition of Him Whom they mentioned in their days and desired to meet at all times. Thus did the ocean of grace surge forth as a bounty from His presence, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

The Glory shining and gleaming from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon him who soared in My atmosphere and sought the Ultimate Goal in the precincts of My mercy, and upon you and upon every male and female believer in God, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

BH02807: O my handmaid! The True One, exalted be His…

In the name of the one peerless God!

O my handmaid! The True One, exalted be His glory, declares: This is the Day of God, and the lights of His countenance are shining and manifest from the supreme horizon. Each one of the servants and handmaidens who has attained to that which God has willed is mentioned in His presence and their names are inscribed in the Crimson Book. How many handmaidens and princesses of the earth were

expectant and seeking the manifestation of Truth, yet now all are veiled from Him and occupied with their own desires.

Praise be to God that thou hast attained to that which the men of the world are deprived of, save those whom the hand of divine power hath rescued and whom God hath guided to His holy, manifest and luminous path. Night and day thou shouldst be engaged in praising and thanking the Lord of all mankind, for the means of remembrance have been provided for thee through pure bounty.

Know thou the station of Him Whom thou hast attained to meet, and say: Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds, for having enabled me to serve Him Who hath loved Thee and spoken Thy praise and summoned the servants to the horizon of Thy manifestation and arisen to serve Thy Cause. O my Lord! Aid me to remain steadfast in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things.

O my handmaid! We make mention at this moment of thy father who hath ascended unto God, the Lord of the worlds, that Our remembrance may be a treasure for him. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Bountiful.

O Ahmad! We make mention of thee as a bounty from Us and give thee glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for thee from the presence of One mighty and powerful. Thou art he who turned and heard the call of thy Lord when the learned ones and princes of the earth turned away from Him, and answered thy Lord when His call was raised between earth and heaven. I bear witness that thou didst believe and drink the choice wine sealed with My self-subsisting Name, and didst attain to that which none among the servants attained save those whom God, the Lord of all beings and the Lord of the hereafter and the first, chose. By the life of God! The treasures and mines of earth cannot equal this remembrance. To this testifieth he who hath found the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful in the contingent world, and behind him is a preserving tablet.

The Glory shining and manifest from the horizon of the heaven of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have arisen to aid the Cause with wisdom and utterance from the presence of One mighty and wise.

BH02978: Glorified be He Who has appeared and manifested what…

He is the One dawning from the horizon of faithfulness.

Glorified be He Who has appeared and manifested what He willed through His command “Be!” and it is. Exalted be He Who has sent down and revealed that whereby God’s proof was perfected unto His servants. He verily is the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. He has spoken that wherewith the Point gave glad tidings: “Verily there is no God but Me, the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.”

Your letter has come before the Wronged One and the servant in attendance submitted it, and We have adorned it with the ornament of response. Verily your Lord is the Answerer, the Kind. We have mentioned you before and at this time as a grace from Us. He verily is the Mighty, the Loving. We have

heard your call time after time and answered you in various Tablets. Be thankful and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the seen and unseen!”

How many a servant saw the signs and turned away from them, and how many a servant was so attracted by the call that he cast away the world and turned to the Most Great Name. By God’s life, he is among the people of the highest paradise in a preserved tablet. We give glad tidings to those who have cast away vain imaginings and idle fancies and have turned with illumined hearts to the supreme horizon—the station round which circle honored servants.

Grieve not because of the world and its conditions. That which has been sent down from God, the Lord of existence, shall be made manifest. Be steadfast in service to the Cause, speaking in praise of God and acting according to what you have been commanded in His binding Book.

Convey My greetings to My loved ones who have taken the white cup in My Most Glorious Name and drunk therefrom My choice sealed wine. Say: This is the Day of remembrance and this is the Day of praise, did you but know it. Hold fast in all conditions to the cord of loving-kindness. He commands you to that which benefits you in all the worlds of His worlds. My hidden Book bears witness to this.

You have been under the glance of My loving-kindness and there befell you in My path that which caused the Concourse on High and the dwellers of Paradise to weep, but the people do not understand. Preserve your stations through this Name through which, when it appeared, every hidden matter was made manifest. Thus has the luminous leaf recounted from the effulgences of your Lord’s utterance, the Lord of Names. Be thankful with joy and gladness. The glory shining forth from the horizon of loving-kindness be upon you and upon those who have attained to the recognition of this mighty, forbidden Day.

BH04879: O my handmaiden and my leaf! Praise be…

In His Name, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful!

O my handmaiden and my leaf! Praise be to God that thou hast been illumined by the lights of the Day of God, hast heard the call of Him Who is the Goal of all the world, and hast turned towards Him in days when men and women were veiled and heedless, save those whom God did will. Know thou with clear and manifest certitude that if in this Day but one word be revealed for a soul, that soul hath attained unto all good. The Word of God is better for thee than all that hath been created in earth and heaven. Time and again wert thou mentioned in the Holy Presence, and thou hast been honored with the remembrance of God, glorified be His majesty.

We make mention in this station of My servant who hath ascended to the Supreme Companion and who was named ʿAbdu’l-Hamid in the Kingdom of Names. O Hamid! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness and My mercy that hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth. I bear witness that thou didst hear My call and turn to My horizon and set thy face toward My luminous countenance. Thou art he who was mentioned before the Wronged One. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath mentioned thee with this mention whereby every bone was quickened and every one that sat did arise and every tongue that had grown silent did speak. Rejoice thou in that My Most Exalted Pen hath remembered thee before thy ascension and after it, and was with thee at the time of thy rising unto God,

the Mighty, the All-Praised. The glory shining forth from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the remembrance of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH05290: Verily this Day proclaimeth and declareth: O people! He…

In His Name through Whom surgeth the ocean of divine knowledge!

Verily this Day proclaimeth and declareth: O people! He Who is the Manifestation of the Cause hath appeared, through Whom the trumpet hath been sounded, the Balance set up, the Bridge established, and that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds, hath come to pass. This is the Day wherein the pebbles have testified to the Revealer of verses, and the sacred valley crieth out: "The Lord of Names hath come!", and the Holy Land declareth: "The Interlocutor of the Mount hath appeared and uttereth in every state that there is none other God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed." We have heard thy call and have answered thee, and have remembered thy mention through this perspicuous Tablet.

Arise amongst the servants with wisdom and utterance, and say: "O people! Be fair in what hath appeared and be not of the wrongdoers." He around Whom circle the proofs and evidences hath come, as testified by the Tongue of Grandeur in the Most Great Prison. Hasten, and be not of them that tarry. We have rent asunder the veils, and this is Mine all-highest horizon—behold ye it and be not of the deniers. This is the Day wherein it behooveth every soul to remind the people of this Most Great Remembrance and give them to drink of the Water of Life that floweth from the right hand of My mighty Throne. Thus have We remembered thee and revealed unto thee that which shall solace the eyes of them that know. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

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BH05945: O My handmaiden, turn thy gaze unto the compassion…

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

O My handmaiden, turn thy gaze unto the compassion and favour of God. He aided thee to recognize His sanctified Essence and led thee to the Highest Horizon until thou arrived here and attained the Presence, drank from the Kawthar of the reunion of the imperishable Desire, and became aware of His holy and sanctified Person. Make mention of this station in the assemblage of the handmaidens that they may all follow, with complete holiness, that which hath been revealed in the Book.

How many nights and days didst thou dwell in His presence and rest in His house! By the life of God, this station is most great—preserve it. Praise be to God that during the known months when thou wert circling round, no act appeared from thee that would cause grief to the Ancient Beauty. This matter is of great import. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord, the Remembering, the Speaking, the All-Knowing. God willing, mayest thou remain firm and steadfast in divine love and be attracted to that which He loveth and is pleased with. We made mention of Jinab-i-Qasim, and We at this moment send Our greetings upon him

and upon My loved ones in that place and upon My handmaidens who have heard and turned unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH06453: We promised thee a Tablet and have revealed…

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

We promised thee a Tablet and have revealed for thee that which brings joy to the eyes of the people of the Most Exalted Paradise. Give thanks and praise to thy Lord for this great bounty. Arise to serve the Cause with spirit and joy. By the life of the All-Merciful! He will assist thee, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Aid your Lord through the hosts of deeds. Thus have We commanded you before and in this wondrous Tablet. Beware lest the conditions of creation veil you. Cast aside what the people possess and take what hath been given you from God, the Kind, the Generous. Say: We have sent down for you from the heaven of grace that which every learned one hath failed to reckon. Arise with wisdom to serve the Cause of your Lord Who hath come for the betterment of the world and the unity of nations. He is, verily, the True One, the Faithful. Convey My greetings unto them and give them the glad-tidings of My grace and favor which have preceded all existence. The Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon whosoever hath taken the Book of God with strength from Him and readeth what is therein at eventide and at dawn.

BH07033: God, glorified be His majesty, hath ever kept…

In the name of the Goal of all the worlds!

God, glorified be His majesty, hath ever kept and will continue to keep His gaze of loving-kindness fixed upon His male and female servants. I swear by the lights of God’s countenance that whosoever today hath drunk from the ocean of His grace, their mention shall endure and persist in the Book.

O leaf! I counsel thee and all handmaidens to show forth the Most Great Steadfastness, for false souls have appeared and will continue to appear. Beseech ye God that He may enable you to act according to that which He hath commanded and which hath been inscribed in the Book by the Most Exalted Pen.

The thief lies in wait, the liar lurks in ambush, and the treacherous one follows behind. At all times implore the All-Merciful Lord that He may protect you and grant you a dwelling place in His presence. Verily, He hath power over all things.

The glory be upon thee and upon My handmaidens who are there, who have won victory through the Most Great Steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, and the Lord of the Last and the First.

BH07908: O My handmaiden! By the life of God, thy…

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

O My handmaiden! By the life of God, thy mention hath been made in the Most Holy Court, and time and again thou hast been blessed with the bounties of God, exalted be His glory. How many were the servants and handmaidens who, when faced with divine tests, were seen to be agitated, nay utterly perished. Thou art among those handmaidens whom neither the allusions and doubts prevalent amongst the people, nor their prejudices and zealotry, could debar from God, exalted be His glory. I swear by the Kingdom of the utterance of the All-Merciful that this station is most glorious in the sight of God. Strive thou to preserve him through His name. He is as a brilliant lamp unto thee and will be with thee in the divine worlds. Blessed art thou, and blessed is Javad, and blessed is Ahmad who attained unto My presence, heard My call, and drank the choice wine of reunion with Me, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. The glory of God be upon you all from God, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting.

BH07686: Glorified art Thou, O Thou at Whose might…

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

Glorified art Thou, O Thou at Whose might the limbs of the world trembled and at Whose fear the hearts of the nations were troubled! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Name, through which the Kingdom of Names appeared and all things came into being, to assist Thy loved ones to achieve the most great steadfastness, and to ordain for them, through Thy bounty and grace, that which will bring joy to their eyes, tranquility to their souls, and gladness to their hearts. O Lord! Thou seest them turning toward Thee, and directing themselves to the Dayspring of Thy Revelation, the Dawning-Place of Thy proof, and the Manifestation of Thy Cause. I beseech Thee not to deprive them of the ocean of Thy generosity and the heaven of Thy grace. O Lord! This is a Day which Thou hast related unto Thyself and made, through Thy power and sovereignty, the sovereign over all ages and centuries. I beseech Thee to protect Thy chosen ones from the evil of the oppressors among Thy creation. Thou art He Whom the defenses of the world cannot frustrate, nor can the might of the nations weaken. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH08268: In the Name of our Lord, the All-Powerful…

In the Name of our Lord, the All-Powerful, the Overseer of all who are in the heavens and on earth! Glory be to Thee, O Thou through Whose Name the gates of hearts were opened and by Whose Finger of might the veils of souls were rent asunder!

I beseech Thee by Thy most sweet Call whereby the Kingdom of creation and the realities of names were attracted, to send down from Thy Most Exalted Pen upon the people of Baha that which will preserve them from the promptings of self and passion and draw them nigh unto the Most Glorious Horizon.

O Lord! Thou seest Thy loved ones turning unto Thee and clinging to the hem of Thy mercy. Ordain for them what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have cast away what is with the world in Thy days and soared on the wings of detachment in the atmosphere of Thy love and nearness. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The sum of fifteen tumans was received by this servant through His Holiness Afnan, upon him be all the most glorious Glory of God, in the month of Dhi'l-Qa'dih 1299.

BH09145: O Fayd! Thou hast attained unto My recognition, inasmuch…

He is the All-Bountiful

O Fayd! Thou hast attained unto My recognition, inasmuch as We guided thee to Mine horizon, acquainted thee with My path, caused thee to hear Mine verses, and showed thee the manifestations of My love and the dawning-places of My affection, and cast upon thee My wondrous remembrance. We have heard thy call and whatsoever thou didst desire of the word that speaketh of the good-pleasure of thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. We have answered thee and sent down for thee what thou didst ask from the heaven of thy Lord's grace, the Kind, the Merciful. Rejoice thou in this most great favor, then preserve it through His Name, the Preserver, the Powerful, the Mighty. Thus hath the Tongue of the Wronged One spoken, whilst sorrows surrounded Him from all sides, that thou mayest rejoice and be of those who render thanks. Hold thou fast unto the hem of grace and say: O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy bounty to preserve for me what Thou hast given me. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

BH10117: O Nabil! My Most Exalted Pen makes mention…

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

O Nabil! My Most Exalted Pen makes mention of thee and commands thee to that which will attract the hearts of the world. Read thou My verses in the watches of the night and at the break of day. By My life! They speak forth among the nations that which will kindle in all things the fire of the love of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful.

O Muhammad! The Wronged One counsels thee with that which He counseled thee before, and sends His greetings unto thee from this glorious and wondrous station. Rejoice thou at My remembrance of thee and My turning unto thee. Verily thy Lord is with thee under all conditions—He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH10212: O divine maidservant! Your call was received and you…

He is the All-Knowing Witness!

O divine maidservant! Your call was received and you too received the response. This is the station of thanksgiving and the time of praise. We counsel all handmaidens to the Most Great Purity and the Supreme Chastity, and to arise in matters that cause the exaltation of God's Cause among women. God willing, with purified eyes and detached hearts and attentive ears and truthful tongues, speak ye and see ye and hear ye. This is the counsel of the Wronged One to His loved ones. The Glory be upon thee.

BH10502: He is the Witnessing, the All-Hearing! The Lord…

He is the Witnessing, the All-Hearing! The Lord of the worlds remembers thee from the Most Great Prison. Be thankful unto God for this supreme favor. Blessed is he who hath drunk from the Kawthar of My love and tasted the sweetness of My utterance whereby the ocean of knowledge hath surged amongst the peoples. However, most of the people are among the heedless. They have cast the principles of God behind their backs and taken their own limitations. Verily they are among those who wander distracted. Be steadfast in the Cause and firm in the love of thy Lord in such wise that neither the allusions of the people nor the doubts of those who have denied God, the Lord of the worlds, shall cause thee to slip.

BH10704: O Samandar! The Wronged One makes mention of thee…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted

O Samandar! The Wronged One makes mention of thee from His Most Great Prison, and enjoins thee to that which will cause the trees to be set ablaze and the rivers to flow. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Speak forth the verses of thy Lord whereby hearts are melted and the breasts of them that have advanced towards God are set aflame. Leave the cold to him who cannot distinguish his right hand from his left. The glory rest upon thee and upon those that are with thee from the presence of One mighty, all-wise.

BH10678: O Ahmad! The Dawning-Place of praise and the Dayspring…

He is the One Who calls between earth and heaven!

O Ahmad! The Dawning-Place of praise and the Dayspring of Revelation remembers you with verses that none in the world can enumerate. To this bears witness the Lord of Eternity in this station which has been named by all names in the Crimson Tablet which none has comprehended save the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Shouldst thou find the sweetness of My utterance and the delicacy of My call, thou wouldst lament for what hath befallen Me at the hands of the heedless ones. Hold fast unto wisdom and place thy trust in God, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

BH11097: The Supreme Pen hath testified in the days…

The Supreme Pen hath testified in the days of God, the Lord of all beings, that thou didst hearken unto the proof and didst turn thereby unto the All-Merciful, and didst drink the choice wine sealed with His Name, the Self-Subsisting. We counsel thee to preserve this most exalted station and this supreme rank.

BH11194: O Himmat! Thy portrait hath come before Him Who…

He is the Most Glorious, the All-Glorious!

O Himmat! Thy portrait hath come before Him Who hath no likeness, and hath attained unto the presence of thy Lord in this station which hath been named with the Most Beautiful Names. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy son and upon those who are with you both, from God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH08635: I testify unto Thy singleness and Thy oneness, O…

He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

I testify unto Thy singleness and Thy oneness, O Thou Who art my God, my Master, my Support, my highest Hope and Aspiration. Nothing whatsoever can be likened unto Thee, nor any partner ascribed to Thee, nor assistance rendered unto Thee, nor is there any who could ever supplant Thee. Thou hast created the creation in order to reveal Thy grace and manifest Thy munificence and bounty. Thou hast made known to Thy creatures the path of Thy good-pleasure, hast enabled them to recognize Thy guidance, and hast led them unto Thy straight path and glorious proclamation.

I beseech Thee by Thy Prophets and Holy Ones, Who have rendered aid unto Thy Cause by Their substance and by Their own persons, and I entreat Thee by the ocean of Thy knowledge and the heaven of Thy grandeur, to ordain for Thy handmaiden that she observe what Thou hast sent down in Thy book. Illumine her heart with the light of Thy knowledge, O my God, and write down for her such as Thou hast ordained for the maidens of Thy highest paradise.

Thou art, in truth, the Lord of all men and the King of the throne above and of earth below. None other god is there but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful, and the Omnipotent, the Omniscient, the All-Wise.

BH00263: Praise be to God that through divine bounty…

Section 1: “Praise be to God that through divine bounty…”

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Grandeur and the Majesty!

Praise be to God that through divine bounty and the generosity and grace of the Lord, the fire of sedition has been quelled and the light of His Cause is resplendent. Yet after the deluge and the destruction of lofty edifices and the uprooting of towering trees, praise be to God that the thunder of cannons has ceased and the earthquake of the land has been transformed to stillness. The condition of Alexandria is known to your honor, but Cairo, that is to say Egypt, remained protected. The will of God, exalted be His glory, preserved it from the evil of tyrants and the fire of rebellious souls. Exalted be His grandeur!

O beloved of my heart! At every moment a fresh calamity seizes the world. In successive years, at times conflagration appears, at times war, at times corruption, at times earthquake, at times subsidence and the like. There has been and is no doubt that all these are for the awakening of humanity. Yet the people remain heedless and veiled, and until now have not reflected upon what has been and is the cause of these events and tribulations. Their eyes have been blinded and their tongues have been silenced, and today they neither understand nor perceive.

It is incumbent upon all to beseech the All-Possessing One with utmost humility and supplication to protect His special party from other parties. The dust of heedlessness has so seized the servants that they

distinguish not good from evil, nor right from wrong. The hand of the oppressor is raised high; they have shown and show no mercy to the weak. At all times they seek to increase their power, even though they witness that every power is followed by weakness and every might by impotence. The Expounder of the world hath spoken in such wise that its reckoning would be most difficult; nevertheless they remain deprived and forbidden therefrom. We beseech God to grant the eye of discernment and bestow the gift of justice. Verily, He hath power over all things.

May my spirit be sacrificed for your honor! Your letter dated the 27th of the blessed month of Ramadan was like the morning breeze that refreshed both heart and weary body. How fitting it is to recall these blessed words:

> "O God! For Thee have I fasted, upon Thy sustenance have I broken my fast, and in Thee have I trusted."

It is evident how joyous and delighted a poor one becomes when blessed with the feast of truth and divine knowledge during the blessed Ramadan. Praise be to God! Glory be to God! Thanks be to God!

After perusing and reading your letter, it was presented before the Divine Presence, and this is what the Tongue of Utterance spoke in the Kingdom of Knowledge: "God willing, may you be blessed with divine favors and the outpourings of the True Bestower. O My Name! The heedlessness of people has reached such a state that they have clung to a drop while passing by the river of divine grace. They are deprived of a single line from the Mother Book and barred from a particle of the radiance of the Sun of Truth. What has become of people's understanding and where has justice gone? If they were to deny all things, it would not be so consequential, but when they cling to a handful while objecting to the Most Great Ocean—this is cause for lamentation and grief.

"God willing, may you be assisted in all conditions to aid the Cause and be successful in reforming the people, that all may be adorned with spiritual qualities and goodly deeds. The fragrance of praiseworthy deeds is a mighty host. O My Name! The Cause of God appears weak due to the prevalence of tyranny, and now lies under the claws of enemies. Beseech God to grant deliverance, preserve His Faith, and cause the light of the Sun of Justice to overcome the darkness of oppression and illuminate the horizons.

"Illumine the friends in every land with the light of the Most Great Name and convey to them the greetings from the Wronged One. Say: Strive to deposit precious jewels in the treasury of the Trusted One, the All-Wise. Today this is possible, but afterward impossible. The Command belongs to God, the Lord of the Beginning and the End. The fire of the Divine Lote Tree burns with such intensity and the light of His countenance shines with such brilliance, yet all remain extinguished save whom thy Lord willeth. But to the blind, darkness and light appear the same. Where are the penetrating eyes and the attentive ears?

> "We beseech the All-Merciful to fulfill what He has promised in the Qur'an and make the earth a place for the manifestation of the blessed verse 'Wherein thou seest neither crookedness nor unevenness.' The glory from Us be upon you and upon those who have cast away the darkness of idle fancies, clinging to the light of certitude. Praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds."

The Suns of Utterance of the Beloved of all creation, despite these manifestations, effulgences, and dawnings, continue to educate the mines of love and wisdom, preparing them for the appearance of precious, wondrous, and exalted pearls. If today they do not appear due to the people's lack of capacity, ultimately the victory belongs to Truth—He will manifest what He has willed. In His grasp are the reins of all affairs. He doeth what He pleaseth and ordaineth what He willeth. He is the Single One, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

God knoweth that separation from your honor has become complete and has had a profound effect. Now that you have settled at the seat of the throne in the Castle of ʿUdi, O servant present, for many days we would walk and your honor, upon him be My glory, would appear from afar, and a certain state and sign would be observed, but now due to circumstances you are absent. Such words were heard repeatedly.

That you wrote of meeting the aforementioned person in the great city was necessary, and until now he has moved with wisdom, such that from the Land of Ha [Haifa] satisfaction has been expressed. God willing, affairs will be fulfilled according to God's will. After your presence, three letters arrived from the Land of Ha addressed to that beloved one, mentioning the transactions of Beirut. After viewing and presenting them to the beloved Haji Siyyid Javad—upon him be Baha'u'llah—they were given to him to write a response. There was no new story except they had written details about sending funds to the Land of Ha. It is hoped the person in Beirut will act trustworthily and deliver it. The mentioned beloved one will present the details of affairs.

Mention was made of the movement of the Afnans—upon them be the Most Glorious Glory from all Glory—and their proceeding to the House of God. God willing, may they be blessed with health and reach their goal. This servant also begs for prayers, that perchance in those places perfumed with the fragrance of God they might remember and mention this evanescent one. God willing, may they attain the outpourings of the True Bestower, for it has often been observed that a soul may be amidst bounty yet deprived of it, and may be in his homeland yet a stranger. I seek God's forgiveness for my mention, my thought, my proof and my evidence, for they are among those souls who have heard the word of acceptance and good-pleasure regarding themselves from the Divine Lote-Tree, and have attained the greatest honor of kinship. Truly, a favor has been ordained for them the like of which has not been witnessed. Soon will the signs of grace and favor become manifest and evident.

Concerning your mention of the departed and exalted Afnan, His Honor Aqa Siyyid Ja'far, upon him be all the most glorious Glory of God, and your mention of the friendship, unity and love that existed between you and him previously, and what you had written in this regard—all was presented before His presence. This is what the Kingdom of Utterance spoke:

"O My Name! We make mention of one of My Afnans who was named Ja'far. We testify that he turned to the Most Great Scene and believed in God, the Controller of destiny, in days wherein every swift one hesitated, every near one became remote, every learned one denied, and every mystic retreated. The Supreme Pen hath testified that he attained the Kawthar of life when the horizon of utterance was illumined by the Sun of proof, and he testified to that which the All-Merciful testified before the mention of contingent beings—that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

> "O thou who hast turned to My face, soared in My atmosphere, and spoken My praise! I testify that thou didst attain the ornament of acceptance before thy ascension, and at the time of ascension the Concourse on High and those in the Kingdom of Names received thee, and the mercy and favor of God were with thee. Thou art he at whose calamity the near ones lamented and grief overtook those servants who circled round the Throne. The Glory be upon thee, and peace be upon thee, and the mercy that descendeth from the heaven of thy Lord's favor be upon thee, O thou who didst hold fast to the cord of God and cling to the hem of His generosity. Thou art he who recognized the Path and the Balance when most of the servants were heedless of both. By My life! Were I to make mention of what thou didst manifest in thy love for God, the people would be thunderstruck. He Who possesseth the Mother Book beareth witness to this. Blessed is he who loved thee, mentioned thee, spoke thy praise, and visited thee as the Wronged One visited thee from His mighty prison. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

Praise be to God, Your Honor became the cause of the greatest bounty. The right of friendship and unity was fully discharged, nay, beyond that and far beyond that. Verily your reward is with God, the Lord of the worlds. God willing, they shall attain to other stations, that which that Beloved One has beseeched from the Truth.

Section 2: "And concerning your renewed mention of the meeting…"

And concerning your renewed mention of the meeting with His Honor Nabil-Ibn-i-Nabil, upon him be the Glory of God, and his namesake and two other believers, upon them be the Most Glorious Glory of God, and likewise the mention of the meeting on the Day of Vision at the request of the aforementioned one—this was presented. He said:

> "Excellent was what he did, excellent what he spoke, and excellent his meeting with them. O My Name! Thou wert created for mention and praise and association and meeting. God willing, may the dry lands be adorned with vegetation through the rains of thy utterance. In the utterance itself is concealed a mighty power and hidden are diverse manifestations. In one station it is water and in another fire, for it both gives drink and attracts excessive cold until true moderation appears. We have mentioned every name that was in thy letter with a mention by which all mentions were surrounded and by which all traces revolved. Blessed art thou and they, and he who spoke as a bounty from His presence, and he before whose face thou wert."

And on Friday the sixteenth of the month of Dhi'l-Qa'dih al-Haram, three hours and twenty minutes after noon, this servant turned towards the Most Exalted Destination and, on your behalf, attained the honor of visiting the Desired One. Happy art thou and the servant.

And as to that which ye have again mentioned concerning the meeting on the night of farewell, and the gathering and fellowship with the friends of God: in truth that night was blessed, inasmuch as the thirsty ones of the vale of divine knowledge attained unto the waters of utterance from that Beloved One. The remembrance of that night, and likewise the remembrance of the day, and the meeting with the honored

Haji Muhammad-Baqir and Aqa Muhammad (upon them be glory and honor) of the people of Milan, and of the other friends (upon them be glory and honor), were laid before the Presence; and for each and every one, from the heaven of loving-kindness, exalted words were revealed.

He is the Dawning-Place from the Horizon of Eternity!

O Muhammad-Baqi, the Wronged One makes mention of thee, as thy name was presented before His name, unto Him be My Glory—he who was named Mihdi by the Supreme Pen in the Book of Names. Rejoice thou in this, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Generous. Whoso hath attained unto mention from His presence hath attained unto all good—to this testifieth every discerning mystic. Beware lest the veils of men withhold thee from the Supreme Horizon. Cast aside what the people possess and take what thou art commanded by God, the Lord of all worlds. This is a day wherein swords have been drawn and the rumbling of cannons hath been raised through what the hands of the heedless have wrought. It behooveth thee and every believer to turn to the Most Exalted Horizon and to beseech God, the Lord of Names, to protect His party from the parties. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have recognized God and His oneness, and upon those who have turned unto His Straight Path.

He is the Compassionate, the Generous!

O Muhammad, thou hast been mentioned in the presence of the Wronged One, and this is yet another time, as a grace from His presence. Verily He maketh mention of all who have believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Say: O Thou through Whose love the hearts of the sincere have been set ablaze, and through Whose light the faces of those near unto Thee have been illumined! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the seas have surged, the fruits have appeared, the trees have spoken, and the mysteries have been revealed, to protect Thy servants from the evil of Thine enemies, through whom the fire of tyranny hath been kindled in Thy land. O my Lord! Ordain for the sincere ones that which befitteth Thy generosity and grace, then preserve them through the hosts of Thy invisible realm. Thou art He Whom the conditions of creation cannot frustrate, nor can the intimations of those who have denied Thy Self, disputed Thy signs, and turned away from Thy proof prevent Thee. Verily Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful.

To Haji Shaykh ʿAbdu'l-Husayn-i-Lari:

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

O ʿAbdu'l-Husayn! God willing, thou shalt drink from the ocean of utterance and gaze toward the horizon of the All-Merciful. Today is the day of helplessness and supplication, for the oppressors of the earth have surrounded from all directions the party that is associated with the Truth. This fire of oppression will not be extinguished save through the power of God, exalted be His glory. The people of truth must beseech Him at all times that the restraining veils may be rent asunder through divine power and the sun of justice and righteousness may illumine the world. Praise thou the Beloved of the worlds Who hath enabled thee and adorned thee with the ornament of His mention.

To Haji Mulla Husayn-i-Lari:

He is the Forgiving, the Merciful!

O Husayn! The Wronged One hath heard thy call and hath answered thee with that which He possesseth. He maketh mention of him who hath turned unto God, believed in His proof, and submitted to His binding and wise command. This is a day wherein the hearts of the sincere have been sorely troubled by reason of the ranks being arrayed of those who have denied God's right and His sovereignty, and who have risen up in manifest oppression. Blessed is the eye that hath attained unto the Most Great Vision, and the ear that hath heard the warbling of the Nightingale of Eternity on this wondrous and glorious Day. Leave the various peoples to their vain imaginings and place thy trust in all things in the One, the All-Informed. Thus hath the Wronged One spoken, when sorrows had encompassed Him from every side, inasmuch as He summoned the people unto the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Jinab-i-Haji Ali-Askar-i-Milani

He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing

O Ali-Askar! Give praise unto the Goal of all that dwell on earth, in that He hath aided thee in a Cause whereof most of them that are on earth remain heedless. This station is most great; know thou its worth and preserve it through the Name of God, exalted be His glory. Heedlessness hath encompassed the world, and the people of tyranny have appeared with utmost rebellion. Beseech ye God that He may protect His loved ones from the evil of the enemies and enable them to achieve that which He loveth and pleaseth. Verily, He hath power over all things and is worthy to answer prayers.

He is the One Who hath dominion over all names

O servant, Ghulam-Husayn! Blessed art thou and thy father, whom neither the signs of oppression nor the doubts of ignorance have withheld from God, the Lord of all worlds. We have made mention of him time and again, whereat the fragrances of the All-Merciful were wafted throughout all possibility. Blessed is he who hath found, and woe unto the heedless. We bear witness that he hath held fast unto the Book of God and believed in Him when every remote scholar turned away from Him. He who hath recognized God is reckoned among the learned in the perspicuous Book, and he who remaineth heedless is accounted among the ignorant, as every discerning and well-informed one doth testify. We counsel thee to be trustworthy and truthful, and to that whereby the station of man is uplifted. We beseech God to grant thee success and to ordain for thee that which shall profit thee in all His worlds. Verily, He is the Almighty over whatsoever He willeth, and in His right hand are the reins of all affairs. There is none other God but Him, the Powerful, the Almighty, the All-Compelling.

Praise be to God, inasmuch as the souls already mentioned were once again brought to remembrance, one by one; and for each was revealed that which sufficeth the world. And in particular, for Nabil, son of Nabil, and his namesake, and the namesake of His Holiness the Maqsud, and for the honored Aqa Muhammad-'Ali (upon them be the glory of God), there was revealed that which is the cause of the joy of the world. Yet the sending thereof was delayed, for it was deemed contrary to wisdom. Likewise, the Tablets referred to should not be dispatched to that land; send them to the land of Mim and Ya. Whenever the aforementioned souls journey thither, deliver them unto them. Place them in trust with the honored Aqa Alif and Ha (upon him be glory and honor), and convey them at their appointed time.

And though at present it was not to be given, yet purely out of loving-kindness to that honored one it appeared from the horizon of bounty and was sent forth.

Aqa Siyyid Ali and Aqa Muhammad (upon them be the Glory of God) graced this land with their presence and stayed for a while, then returned to Alexandria, as news had arrived that those whose property was taken must be present for determination. Therefore, they are now in that land, and according to what they have written, business transactions are currently delayed. All reports have been of plundering, looting, burning, destruction and ruin, and British forces have taken control of all those regions. Urabi Pasha accomplished nothing and was ultimately humiliated and defeated. At first he did not consider the end, and paid no attention to the consequences. With utter recklessness he laid waste to a country. Strange that he even opposed the Sultan of Islam. Islam is very weak. God willing, through the efforts of His loved ones it shall be granted strength, and the horizons shall be illumined with the light of unity. The Glory that shineth manifest from the heaven of grace be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who love you and heed your counsel and follow in your footsteps.

BH00766: The essence of praise and glorification befitteth Him Who…

He is God, exalted be His glory, His grandeur and His power!

The essence of praise and glorification befitteth Him Who is the eternal Purpose, Who hath given ascendancy to a small band over numerous hosts. Though appearing last, it was mentioned and reckoned first in God's Book. Exalted, exalted be He Who made the Seal the Lord of the beginning, and the Last the Sovereign of the first, at Whose advent the heaven and all that is therein and all that is above it were filled with joy. He it is through Whose Name the gates were opened, the Path appeared, the Balance was set forth, and the horizon of justice and peace shone forth—manifest and resplendent from the horizon of God's loving-kindness. Upon Him and upon His family and companions who aided the Cause of God and His Command be peace. These are servants who strived in the path of God in such wise that neither the scorn of the idolaters nor the censure of the critics frightened them. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!

To continue: the letter of that beloved one, which was adorned with the ornament of love and sincerity, affection and faithfulness, brought joy and delight. God willing, may you ever be blessed by the bounty of the eternal Purpose and dwell peacefully under the shade of the tree of security and protection. After perusing and reviewing its contents, we turned toward His Holiness the Master—may our souls be a sacrifice for Him—and all of it was presented. He said:

> "O Ali! The fragrance of love wafteth from thy letter. Blessed art thou, O Ali, for thou hast entrusted all matters to God and made them contingent upon His good-pleasure. Thy letter beareth witness to this station and its contents testify to these words. Thou hast not been forgotten and, God willing, never shalt be. From beginning to end, naught was observed in the letter save expressions of submission and contentment, supplication and entreaty, love and attachment. God willing, mayest thou remain steadfast in this lofty station. We beseech God to assist thee to serve His Cause and to ordain for thee that which shall profit thee in this world and the next."

Peace be upon thee and upon those who have recognized that which the Supreme Pen hath uttered ere the creation of earth and heaven. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

By the truth of Truth, this servant was so delighted by your letter that words fail to express it, for you referred all matters to God and made them contingent upon His good-pleasure. Similarly, your mention of the Two Most Exalted Names (upon them be 96 [Baha'u'llah]) and your expression of gratitude and satisfaction with those two beloved ones—truly the matter is exactly as you wrote. This servant testifies to the truth of these words. They were souls who were originally appointed to that land. Through what God manifested, they became the means whereby that land became a gathering place for the friends. However, afterwards some failed to observe this station and due to certain idle fancies a slight taint appeared, though in reality it was both existent and non-existent. If hearts had remained adorned with their original luminosity, this ephemeral one believes no harm would ever have occurred and no division or dispersion would have ensued. Given their precedence, in every matter their counsel should be followed.

How many cities to which some turned but found fruitless! Yet that land, due to purity and sincerity of intention, became such that some from outlying regions turned toward it and attained therein what they had not attained elsewhere. It is most evident that all this was through God's favor. How many foreigners dwelt in that land for years but did not become centers of the Cause. All this is from God's grace, His command and His favor. God willing, if gatherings occur henceforth, may they act as they ought, be content and satisfied with what has been ordained for them, and in every matter—whether commerce, partnership or other affairs—consult with them and act upon whatever emerges from consultation. This evanescent servant has submitted these words purely for the sake of God. I beseech God to assist all to that which contains the good of each one. Verily He is the Protector of the sincere ones, the Lord of the content, and the Educator of the worlds.

As for your stay in Izmir or Alexandria, they said to consult with the Two Names and act according to what is deemed advisable. Wherever you may be, God willing, profit and good will be with you. Some of the melons you took the trouble to send from Izmir arrived and were very good. I hope God, exalted be His glory, will grant you the reward for this. Verily He does not suffer to be lost the reward of the doers of good.

Concerning your mention of Jinab-i-Aqa Muhammad-Baqir, upon him be the Glory of God, when this was submitted He said:

> "God willing, may he not be deprived of the Euphrates of the mercy of the All-Merciful, and may he not be saddened by the obvious upheavals in the world. The world, to one who truly knows, is like a mirage. Surely the wise one will not attach his heart to it. Soon, all that is observed upon the earth will dwell in its depths. This station, lacking stability and permanence, was not and is not worthy of attention. We beseech God to assist him in that which is good for him in all worlds. We have previously mentioned him with words whose fragrance will not fade. Convey My greetings to him on behalf of the Wronged One and gladden him with His mention."

This evanescent servant conveys greetings to him and states that today is the day of deeds, and pure deeds in all worlds are like a lamp that moves before one's face. God willing, may they remain with perfect steadfastness, firmness and constancy, speaking in remembrance of God. Tyranny has encompassed the world, the enemies of the Faith lie in wait from every direction. May God, exalted be His glory, protect and strengthen this people. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Convey greetings on my behalf to the two Most Exalted Names [the two brothers], upon them be 96 [Baha'u'llah]. God willing, may they be occupied with perfect joy, delight and wisdom.

Regarding the new blessing, namely the daughter you mentioned, she has been named Jamilih. God willing, may her steps be blessed and auspicious. The Command is in the hands of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Peace and praise be upon you and upon those who have not broken God's Covenant and His Testament, and who have acted according to what they were commanded in His perspicuous Book.

As for the account of the departed and elevated mother, upon her be the Glory of God, at the very moment when news arrived of the ascension of that distinguished emigrant lady, this servant was engaged in writing in His presence. At that very moment, mention of her appeared from the horizon of the Pen. God knows that she attained. She was among the handmaidens who attained to His good-pleasure. Night and day she had no occupation except the mention of God. Blessed and welcome tidings to her. And Jinab-i-Aqa ʿAli-Muhammad is engaged in service. In these days, as commanded, he is being sent to the Prussian master so that he may perfect his craft. In any case, you are bound to a great station. Blessed are you. Regarding your request for permission, He said:

> "God willing, We shall summon you according to the requirements of the time. The Command is in the hands of God, the Lord of the seen and unseen, and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earth."

BH00671: This is the Day wherein that which the All-Merciful…

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

This is the Day wherein that which the All-Merciful revealed in the Furqan hath come to pass. The sky hath brought forth manifest smoke, and darkness hath enveloped most lands by reason of the thunder of the cannons of the heedless. Lo, the speckled serpent doth advance and hiss, while the snake of darkness hath sunk to the depths of hell. This is the Day wherein the hearts of men are sorely troubled and the foundations of all lands are shaken by the might of those who have denied God's truth and His proof.

O beloved of My heart! The shrill voice of thy pen hath gladdened Me, and the fragrance of thine utterance, which I perceived from thy letter, hath stirred Me. When I read and understood it, I made for the highest summit and the supreme horizon until I attained the presence of the Lord of Names. He, glorified be His majesty, said: "What is in thy hand, O thou who art present?" I presented the letter of one who hath turned to Thee, placed his trust in Thee, and held fast unto Thee. Thereupon He commanded me to present it, and I laid it before His countenance. When it was completed, the Tongue of the Lord of all beings spoke that which would melt the hardest rock. He spoke, and His word is the truth:

O Ali! I have found the fragrance of thy love from the garment of thy words, and witnessed thy turning toward thy Lord's horizon, and heard thy call in praise of thy Lord. Blessed be thy face for having turned, thy heart for having drawn nigh, and thy tongue for having uttered praise of the Wronged One, from Whom most of the servants have turned away, save those whom God, the Helper, the All-Knowing, hath willed.

O Pure One! Rejoice in My remembrance. We have heard thy yearning in the love of God and have turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison in days wherein sorrows have encompassed Us from every side through that which the hands of those who have turned away from the Face have wrought, and who have cast behind their backs the straight Path of God. This is a Day wherein the religion of God lamenteth and every wise command crieth out. The heedless have cast the Cause of God behind their backs, clinging to their vain desires. They are indeed among the most lost in God's Book, the Lord of all worlds.

Today the Ancient Beauty proceeded from the mansion of Udi to the garden, and after partaking of tea, this servant presented himself with your letter, and after permission was granted, read it. He was blessed both with His attention and honored with His reply. In other places too, mention of you hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen in such wise that nothing on earth can compare with it. Rejoice thou and be of the thankful ones. Verily He saw thy devotion and thy turning unto Him, and was with thee when thou didst leave thy house, turning toward God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Whoso hath attained My presence hath attained unto all good. The Books of God, both past and future, have testified to this. Blessed is he who hath recognized and is among those who have attained. No Book there is but hath taken My Covenant, no Scripture but hath spoken My praise, and no Tablet but hath heralded unto the people My wondrous and glorious Revelation. Thou art he who hath been blessed with the mention of God time and again, and hast heard My sweetest call when thou wert present at the Supreme Horizon. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Witnessing, the All-Informed.

Convey My Great Glory unto the faces of My loved ones who have acted according to that which they were commanded in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. We make mention of him who hath been named Jalal, that it may be a treasure for him and an honor from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

O Jalal! Hearken to the Call of the Wronged One. He maketh mention of thee from this Spot which He hath related unto Himself and adorned with the ornament of acceptance and illumined with the lights of His Countenance. Thy Lord is verily the All-Bountiful, the Munificent. The glory that proceedeth from Us rest upon thy father and thy mother and upon thee and upon those whom the affairs of the world have not kept back from the Lord of all creation. Summon ye the world through this Name, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who was named ʿAta in the Most Exalted Horizon, that he may hear thy most sweet call and say:

> "Here am I, here am I, O Lord of all mankind! I thank Thee, O Lord of existence, for having remembered me in the prison and for having turned toward me with a face that hath illumined the horizons. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name, through which Thou hast subdued the world, to assist me in this Cause whereby necks have been humbled. Then write down for me

> from Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all commands and ordinances."

Hold thou fast unto the cord of My bounty and cling to the hem of My mercy. Thy Lord doth witness and behold, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

And We make mention of him who hath ascended unto God, who was named Jamal, that this remembrance may be a provision for him in all habitations and journeys. He journeyed unto God until he attained unto the Most Exalted Companion—a station whereof were the light of but a needle's eye to be revealed unto the world, all its peoples would be thunderstruck. The Mother Book beareth witness unto this.

We have made mention of all who, whether young or old, have adorned themselves with the ornament of knowledge and have been illumined by the lights of existence in the days of the All-Merciful. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen spoken when the Tongue of Grandeur spoke from the most exalted station.

The servant testifieth that the world hath been illumined by the lights of the utterance of the All-Merciful which shone forth from the heaven of knowledge in this place that hath been named Ridvan and at times the Garden, and which relateth that which the All-Merciful revealed aforetime when His throne was upon the waters. In truth, how can this feeble servant be worthy of this noble station except through God's grace and the aid of the friends' attention and prayers? The Command is in His hand—He doeth and judgeth as He pleaseth, and He is the All-Powerful, the All-Wise.

Regarding what was written about Aqa Mirza Abdul-Husayn, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], it was submitted and He said: "God willing, may the fragrance of the King of Martyrs be diffused from him. By the life of God, were the station of the Twin Shining Lights to be revealed to the people of the world, all would exclaim, 'Thine is the greatness, O Lord of the worlds!'

All souls who are related to the Twin Shining Lights are mentioned in the presence of the Countenance, and what is meant by this relationship is the true relationship, for if they remain deprived of it, the outward relationship will not compensate nor yield fruit. Today all relationships are severed save the relationship with God. Blessed is he who hath clung thereunto, and woe unto those who stray. We send Our greetings upon his face and counsel him with that wherewith We have counseled Our servants aforetime, and We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid him to stand firm in this mighty Cause."

And as for your mention of Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Husayn, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, his mention had previously been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen. God willing, he has and will continue to attain the honor of its perusal. Convey on behalf of this ephemeral one greetings to the friends of God. The Truth that knoweth and witnesseth all things is aware that they have not been absent from sight for a moment, and all have the station of a single word, standing before His eyes—meaning those souls whom worldly concerns did not prevent from the Most Exalted Horizon, and whom the thundering of the cannons of oppression did not hold back from the light of justice.

This ephemeral one wrote a letter to the beloved of the heart, Jinab-i-Asad, upon him be Baha'u'llah's glory, the King, the Single, the One, which was sent. God willing it will reach him. Another letter was also sent several months ago which apparently has not yet arrived, and a copy of it has been sent again. It is hoped that it will arrive. And as for the letter of Ibn-i-Ismu'llah-i-Asdaq, upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory, and all the Most Excellent Grace, and all the Most Luminous Light, etc. of the well-known prayer—it arrived and a detailed response was written containing divine verses. However, due to the turmoil and disturbances in these parts, it was not sent. A brief response addressing some of his questions was written and sent. God willing it will be dispatched in these few days, as the route has now opened and some measure of assurance has been obtained.

And regarding what was written about expansion, it was submitted and He said:

> "Grieve not, for He will send down upon thee from the heaven of His bounty that which shall profit thee in His worlds. He is the Single, the One, the Self-Sufficient, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent."

End.

Praise be to God that this ephemeral one was assisted in presenting this response, and it has reached this point.

And the Leaf desires to conclude with the Name of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful, that its ending may be musk and joy and delight. May the Glory that shineth, appeareth and blazeth forth from the lights of the Countenance be upon you and upon those whose names you mentioned in your letter, and upon those who hold fast to righteousness out of love for God, Creator of the heavens and Originator of all things.

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BH08633: I beseech Thee, O Thou through Whose most sweet…

He is the All-Knowing of what has been and what will be!…

I beseech Thee, O Thou through Whose most sweet call the earth and heaven were enraptured, by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue the kingdom of names, to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy near servants who have cast away all else save Thee and have turned toward the horizon of Thy Cause and the Dayspring of Thy Revelation. O my Lord! I am he who hath sought the ocean of Thy riches and the heaven of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of that which lieth with Thee and to send down upon me from the clouds of Thy mercy and the heaven of Thy bounty that which shall render me rich through Thy riches, steadfast in Thy service, eloquent in Thy praise, and acting according to that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book. O my Lord! Illumine my heart with the light of Thy knowledge, then decree for me, through the wonders of Thy bounty and favors, that which I have desired from the clouds of Thy bestowal and the heaven of Thy mercy. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Hearer, the Answerer.

BH04363: I bear witness that there is none other God…

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

I bear witness that there is none other God but Him, in acknowledgment of His oneness and in recognition of His grandeur and His uniqueness. And prayers and peace be upon His Prophets and His Messengers who arose to serve His Cause and aid His Faith, until the paths culminated in the Most Great Path and the Messengers were sealed with the Most Noble Prophet, through whom the countenance of the world became radiant and that which was hidden in God's knowledge, the Lord of Eternity, was made manifest. And upon His family and His companions who aided the Faith of God with their wealth and their souls and strove until the Faith was made manifest, though the infidels detest it.

To continue: the letter of that honored master arrived. Praise be to God, the fragrance of love was inhaled therefrom. God willing, may you ever drink from the choice wine of knowledge and receive your portion from the fountain of wisdom. In all circumstances one must be mindful of wisdom. This evanescent servant beseeches and implores God, exalted be His glory, to aid and grant that honored one whatsoever befits His bounty. Verily the servant asks and He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

Should the means for return to your homeland become available and should you honor it with your presence, there is and has been no objection. Your attention and devotion are evident and clear. God, exalted be His glory, will grant the reward. Verily He has power over all things and is worthy to answer. Peace and glory be upon you and upon God's righteous servants, and praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH06266: In My Name, the One Who dominates all names

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This is a Book which the Wronged One hath sent down unto him who hath turned towards God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, on a day whereon the pillars of the world were shaken […] by the clamor of the peoples who broke the Covenant of God, the Lord of the Kingdom.

We, verily, gave the glad-tidings of this Revelation unto all, but when the horizon of the world was illumined and the One Who converseth on Sinai came, they turned away from Him save him whom the hand of thy Lord's power did rescue, the Mighty, the Loving. Every soul hath been drowned in the ocean of fancy and idle imaginings except him who hath clung to the cord of God's loving-kindness and held fast to the hem of His blessed and mighty robe. When thou art blessed with God's Tablet and His traces, and findest from it the fragrance of His loving-kindness, arise, turning unto Him, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the seen and unseen! Thou art He Who made me know the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation, caused me to hear Thy Call, and gave me to drink from the Kawthar of Thy love on a day wherein all things proclaimed:

> "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen."

We counsel thee to be steadfast and to do that whereby the Cause may be exalted. Verily thy Lord is the Counselor, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful.

BH08349: In the Name of the Mighty, the All-Bestowing!…

In the Name of the Mighty, the All-Bestowing! The decree of God which was inscribed by the Finger of Power in His hidden Book hath been revealed. This is the Day whereon the Mother Book speaketh, yet the people understand not. They have cast behind their backs the Ocean of Knowledge, hastening unto every rejected ignorant one. They behold the Kawthar of Revelation before their faces, yet turn away therefrom. Blessed is he who hath rent asunder the veils in the name of his Lord, the Lord of all kings, and woe unto him who hath cast the Book of God behind his back, clinging to the desires of those who have turned away from God on His promised Day. Thy mention hath been made before the Wronged One, and these verses have been revealed for thee which speak forth in the world: “The Creator of the heavens hath come with manifest sovereignty.” Take thou the Tablet with the power bestowed by Us, then recite it in the presence of those who have drawn nigh, who have arisen and declared: “God is our Lord and the Lord of all who have been adorned with the garment of existence.”

BH08816: In My Name which shineth forth from the horizon…

In My Name which shineth forth from the horizon of the Kingdom!

Glorified is He Who hath appeared and revealed that which caused every feeble one to speak, every distant one to draw nigh, every blind one to see, every heedless one to turn, every seated one to arise, and every fearful and doubtful one to attain unto the Most Great Steadfastness. I testify to that which God hath testified: that there is none other God but Me, the Single, the All-Informed.

We have mentioned thee time and again. Give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Be thou in such wise that the sincere ones may inhale from thee the fragrance of My luminous garment. Beware lest allusions prevent thee from the abode of verses, or doubts from My straight path. Cast aside all else, holding fast unto the mountain of My loving-kindness. Thus doth counsel thee He with Whom is the Preserved Tablet. The Glory be upon thee and upon every steadfast, firm and upright one.

BH00338: Praise be to the Lord of creation…

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 the Lord of creation and the King of existence, Who is worthy and deserving, for through the rays of the Sun of Revelation He hath illumined the world of utterance and through His perfect power hath raised aloft the banner proclaiming “Verily He is the Truth” to the highest station of possibility. He is the Omnipotent One Whom neither armies, ranks, rifles nor cannons can prevent from that which He desireth, and through His all-pervading might and conquering power He taketh whatsoever He willeth and bestoweth whatsoever He desireth. The hand of God is above all hands and His command prevaileth over the highest and the lowest. Exalted, exalted is He Who hath announced what hath appeared and

shall appear, and hath revealed every hidden secret. Verily He is the Lord of destiny Who hath called all to His Most Great Horizon.

Today the straight path is manifest, the true balance is set up, the verses are revealed, the evidences are clear, the sun of bounty is shining and the ocean of generosity is surging. Nevertheless the people of the earth remain deprived and portionless, save whom God willeth. All are occupied with that which is with the creation and are deprived of that which is with the Truth. Wondrous talismans have appeared, and there hath been sent down from the divine Kingdom of Will that which no previous Books or Scriptures can equal. Glory be to God! What hath happened that despite this Cause which hath encompassed both past and future, the people remain heedless and deprived of this supreme bounty? Every group clinging to some book or scroll or pages, yet heedless of the Kingdom of verses. In one instance the Tongue of Grandeur uttereth this most exalted Word—blessed and exalted be His saying:

> "Do ye object to Him Who hath come unto you with all the proofs and evidences of God?"

to the end of His blessed utterance. Similar statements have repeatedly been heard from the Tongue of Grandeur and revealed by the Most Exalted Pen, yet the unjust people have risen in tyranny and cling to that which harmeth rather than benefiteth them. Shame upon them and perdition! Soon shall they find themselves in manifest loss and in a barren station.

My life be sacrificed for your service and for your steadfastness. The blessed handwriting of that honored one—adorned with the name of His Holiness Ismu'llah Mihdi (upon him be, from every glory, the glory of the Most Glorious)—and dated the nineteenth day of the month of Rajab, reached this servant on the twenty-fourth of Dhi'l-Qa'dih. The cause of the delay was the upheavals that occurred in Alexandria; for the friends of God who were in that land, in the days of plunder and arson, of pillage and devastation, turned, according to the command, unto the Most Holy Court. And though all that they possessed was taken from them, they were seen in the utmost joy and gladness. Verily He bestoweth even as He bestowed at the first.

In the days when these upheavals appeared from the Dawning-Place of the Cause of God, this exalted word was uttered: Let the loved ones of Egypt remain at ease in their place, and let the loved ones of Alexandria depart. They, too, acted in accordance with that which they were commanded. And in these days, since some measure of safety hath been obtained, two souls were, by command, appointed to attend to correspondence and were dispatched to those regions. The Cause is in His hand: He doeth and commandeth as He willeth, and He is the Mighty, the All-Powerful.

And since His Holiness Ismu'llah was not present, this servant, in obedience to the command, opened the blessed letter and read it; and after becoming informed, I turned toward the Most Exalted Kingdom and, in the presence of the Countenance, after permission, laid it before Him. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in His praised station. Exalted be His glory:

In My Name, the Hearer, the Answerer.

O My Afnan! The darkness of oppression and the gloom of people's deeds have veiled the radiance of the Sun of Justice, and the smoke has encompassed the world. Yet tribulations and hardships have not

awakened souls, for their hearts have been deprived of acceptance and awareness through the punishment of their abhorrent deeds. O Afnan! How many are those who have witnessed the waves of the ocean of utterance of the All-Merciful, yet remain halted and heedless. Beseech God that He may not deprive His servants of the lights of the dawn of inner meanings, and that He may adorn His loved ones with the ornament of love and unity. Say: The most beloved of all things in the sight of God is agreement in His Cause. Indeed it is exalted in rank and station. Hold fast unto it, O people of Baha, then give thanks unto your Lord, the All-Bountiful.

O Afnan! Be vigilant, watchful and mindful in the service of God, your Beloved, your Goal and the Goal of all worlds. You have indeed shown great diligence in serving the Cause, which merits beautiful mention from God. Praise be to God that through His grace you have attained and are adorned with a remembrance whose fragrance shall never be cut off from the world. He has verily exalted you and related you to Him, and He is the All-Merciful, the Bountiful. Your attention, humility and supplication are mentioned before God. Rejoice in My grace, My bounty and My mercy which have preceded both worlds. Convey My greetings to the friends of God, if wisdom permits, and say: Know the station of this time and arise to redeem what has passed.

By God's life! You are the stars of the heaven of manifestation. Know your worth and lose not this mighty station. Act in accordance with what befits the Day of God. Thus have We revealed the pearls of utterance from the ocean of My bounty which has encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. There are souls who stand before Our eyes, but mention of their names is and has been concealed due to wisdom. By My life! Were they to know their station, they would soar on wings of longing in this atmosphere wherein is heard what Moses heard on Sinai. He Who spoke therein beareth witness to this, but most of the people are heedless.

May the Glory which hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of My grace be upon you, O Afnan, and upon those who are with you and love you, by the command of God, the Ordainer, the All-Wise. The days are most precious, the Cause most mighty, and the grace most great. This evanescent servant beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to grant all a portion from the ocean of His mercy in this blessed Day and to adorn them with the garment of His good-pleasure. He is indeed the Powerful, the Mighty, the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing.

That which was written concerning Jinab-i-Mulla Raj, upon him be the Glory of God and His favor, is truly a cause for wonderment, inasmuch as the Day of God does not call for such mentions, nor has it ever done so. God, exalted be His glory, says: "This is not the Day for questions. It behooveth every soul, when hearing the Call, to say: Here am I, here am I, O Lord of all names! Here am I, here am I, O Lord of the first and the last!"' to the end of His mighty and exalted utterance. He likewise says: "I love to proclaim in every state: Verily, I am God, there is none other God but Me, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting."'

Apart from these matters, in every condition whatsoever there hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen that which sufficeth the world and all that dwell therein. From aforetime, revelation hath been sent down concerning every branch of knowledge, but due to migration and the intense enmity and hypocrisy of the peoples of the earth and the oppression of tyrants, these writings have remained scattered and dispersed, and some have been lost. God willing, his honor will be assisted to teach the Cause of God and

to turn the faces of souls unto His countenance. This is a deed that hath no peer or equal in this day. And since there are differences between philosophers and theologians concerning certain questions, with each group having expressed its own views, his honor hath desired to discover that which is true. However, the Primal Point, may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake, hath forbidden all from questioning in this blessed Day.

Section 2: "Some time ago, Jinab-i-Mulla Muhammad-ʿAli, upon him be…"

Some time ago, Jinab-i-Mulla Muhammad-ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God, posed certain questions, and there was revealed from the Most Exalted Pen, as a bounty unto him, that which increaseth the fair-minded and moveth those who hesitate. Let his honor obtain a copy thereof and deliver it to the aforementioned one. God willing, upon studying it, he will find himself independent of the questions mentioned. The servant beseecheth God, his Lord and the Lord of the heavens and earth, to make his honor a leader of the servants, their guide and their enlightener. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

And concerning what was mentioned about Aqa Mirza Haydar-ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God and His praise—praise be to God, he is assisted in mentioning God and teaching His Cause. His letters have reached certain of the friends in this land, and the details have been presented at the Most Holy Court. In these days, God willing, a reply will be sent.

And concerning what was written about the funds, this servant, in accordance with the instruction of that Beloved One, sent a receipt of acknowledgment. God willing, may all the friends receive their portion from the divine fragrances of these days and act according to that which hath been revealed in the Book. Thus far, whenever anyone hath been mentioned at the Most Holy Court and some measure of acceptance hath been shown by him, he hath become the recipient of the dawning grace from the horizon of bounty, for were it not for divine bounty, few among the servants would be found worthy of grace. The Day is God's Day, the Manifestation is God's Manifestation, and the effulgences of the Sun of Bounty have encompassed the world. Thus it is that whosoever hath evinced the slightest fragrance of love hath attained unto that which, at present, is hidden from all eyes and sight. It is hoped that God, exalted be His glory, will enable all to preserve that which He hath bestowed and will assist them to do so, for many deeds efface good works and rend asunder the veils. The Command is in God's hands—there is none other God but He, the Doer, the All-Wise.

Concerning what was written about the divine tablets, thus far all names specifically mentioned before the Most Holy Court have been the recipients of grace from the Dawning-Place of bounty. However, according to His command, that beloved one must act with wisdom as required, for in all conditions you must observe wisdom, and whatsoever contradicts it is not permissible in the Holy Court. He has said: "O Afnan! God doeth whatsoever He willeth." For instance, in these days We do not associate with the noble ones of the city and the princes who come and go, yet in these days We summoned one of the thieves. The Manifestation of the Revelation and the Speaker of Sinai conversed with him for a time and counselled him as was befitting. Nevertheless, the Afnan must in all conditions be mindful of wisdom. This is Our command and Our decree in the Scriptures and Tablets.

The command of wisdom hath been revealed with great firmness. The honored Afnans, upon them be all His most glorious Baha, and the other friends, upon them be the Glory of God, must act in accordance with it, lest that which would disturb souls should appear.

Concerning what you wrote about Mirza Badi'u'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, after it was presented, the Tongue of God spoke these words, exalted and glorified be His utterance:

> "O My Afnan! Badi' has been and is under the glances of God's loving-kindness, glorified be His majesty. Blessed is he and his father who sacrificed his life in My path. We have accepted him as a bounty from Our presence and have mentioned him with such mention before which all mentions bow down."

Convey Our greetings to him and send him the glad tidings of God's favor.

The son of his honor Muhsin, upon him be My glory, needs counsel. Should he become aware of his father's station, he would arise as befitteth him. Verily He commandeth His loved ones with that which benefiteth them in every world of the worlds of their Lord, the Mighty, the Wise.

Regarding what you wrote about the friends of M, after it was presented in the Most Holy Court, He spoke words from which it was understood that the cause and reason were not confined to the two persons mentioned, but rather some others were also partly responsible. Beseech God that those who claim divine love may be adorned with the garment of unity. By the ocean of utterance! Had the friends of God who are in various regions attained to and acted upon that which hath flowed from the Supreme Pen, surely the light of fairness would have dispelled the darkness of oppression, and the radiance of the sun of justice would have prevailed over the gloom of tyranny.

Although this land was called the Most Great Prison, in truth the Hand of God's power made it the Most Exalted Paradise, and all those within and without testify and bear witness to this fact. Extraordinary blessings in trade became manifest, and every elevated place became a spot for the recreation of companions, despite the heedless and the transgressors. The doors of relief and joy were opened, yet from certain ignorant ones heedlessness and pride were observed, which ultimately led to treachery. God, exalted be His glory, knows what has happened and what will happen. Knowledge is with God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The purpose of these submissions is that had the friends of God who are in various regions acted upon what God hath revealed, the earth would now be observed in a different state. Such utterances have repeatedly flowed from the Supreme Pen, and this servant has heard them.

A petition from Muhammad-Qablih-Hasan (the weaver)—upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah]—reached the Most Holy Court and was at one time presented before the Throne, and an answer was sent down from the heaven of grace. God willing, they will drink from the fountainhead of its words the sweet waters of mercy and wisdom, and will arise to serve the Cause in such wise that neither the insinuations of the opposers, nor the conditions of the heedless, nor the might of princes, nor the power of the mighty shall hold them back. Those souls who have truly inhaled the fragrance of this Revelation—even should the entire world arise in opposition—would accord no station or dignity to such opposition, nor ever shall. These are servants whom the conditions of the pharaohs prevent not from turning unto God, our Lord and the Lord of all things, our Beloved and the Beloved of all worlds.

This evanescent servant, who is utter nothingness and absolute extinction, presents his submission to the honored Afnans—upon them be the glory of God, His mercy, His grace and His favor. It is hoped that your honor will convey this. May the Glory that is manifest, evident and shining forth from the horizon of eternity be upon you and upon those whom this fleeting life has not prevented from attaining unto everlasting stations, and upon those who have attained unto the Most Exalted Word from God, the Lord of all beings. Praise be to God, the Lord of the Last and the First.

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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 High

In these days, at every moment, the meaning of the blessed words "We shall make their highest their lowest, and their lowest their highest" is made manifest. All that was recorded in the divine Books of the past and present concerning the events to transpire on the Day of God is now manifest and evident. Yet the people remain veiled from comprehending it, for the ornaments of the world and its conditions have become a thick veil, preventing their eyes from seeing. Such heedlessness persists even while the world itself continually warns mankind of its own transience. With most eloquent utterance it declares that soon all that is witnessed within it shall change and return to nothingness. One of its calls is the thunder of cannons that rises from all directions, in an instant snatching multitudes from the realm of existence. Every possessor of sight and hearing testifies that its call is exceedingly loud and its message most potent. This call is manifested through the events that occur therein, betokening change and extinction.

Glory be to God! What has befallen the people that they take no heed and accept not the counsel of the counselor? They are occupied with vain imaginings and remain heedless of the Lord of all beings. They fancy themselves worshippers and celebrants of the Truth, yet the Supreme Pen cries out morn and eve, nay at all times, in its loudest voice, saying:

> "Verily, He is innocent of you, O company of the most lost!"

Beyond this, all things bear witness, yet the people hear not. The sun of justice is veiled by the clouds of tyranny, and the countenance of equity is hidden by the darkness of oppression. One is bewildered as to what to say and who might listen. One matter has become the source of strength for the oppressors, while another has caused weakness among the just. Glory be to God! The people of deceit have attained perfect unity, clinging to it and thereby ruling over the peoples of the world, while the people of justice are seen deprived of this greatest bounty which is their special right. Although the unity of those souls is not true unity, still it has become the cause of their ascendancy. If the friends and chosen ones of God in all lands were to achieve unity, surely its light would encompass all horizons. In some places the fragrance

of unity and concord cannot be detected, and this has been and continues to be the cause of the abasement of the Cause.

In any case, the letter of that spiritual beloved has refreshed the spirit, for from it was inhaled the musk-laden fragrance of the love of the Beloved of the worlds. After perusal it was taken to the Dawning-Place of the Most Great Signs and presented at the Most Holy Court, unto which nothing can be compared. His blessed and exalted Word declares, and may the spirit of all who dwell in the kingdom of utterance be a sacrifice unto its every letter:

I am the Sorrowful Speaker

O beloved one! There hath been sent down especially for thee that from which the fragrance of might and power and knowledge and utterance of the All-Merciful is manifest, evident and diffused. The Self of Him Who was promised in all divine Books through clear statements and explicit passages hath appeared and risen from the horizon of the world with the lights of His advent. Through His grace He hath made manifest the Path and guided all unto it. That which was inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen hath been revealed, and that which was hidden from all hath been explicitly mentioned. Nevertheless, the people remain heedless and veiled. Should all the world turn away from the Truth, no harm shall touch His Cause; nay rather, the turning away of creation is the cause and means of exalting God's Cause, exalted be His glory. However, the grief and sorrow of the Wronged One stems from the lack of unity and agreement among His loved ones and friends.

O beloved one! Say: O people of the world! I swear by the Most Great Name that this wronged Herald hath spoken and speaketh for God's sake alone, uttereth for His sake, and summoneth unto Him. He hath brought the equivalent of all that was revealed from the beginning of the world until the previous Manifestation, whereby the Messengers of God, exalted be His glory, established their proofs—nay, even more and greater than that. At last, observe with the eye of fairness and hearken with the ear of justice, that perchance ye may not be deprived of the pearls of the ocean of divine knowledge, nor be forbidden from that which is sanctified above all similarity and likeness.

Say: If a soul humbleth itself before His loved ones for God's sake, doth this diminish or increase his worth and station? Say: Perform deeds for God's sake and fix your gaze upon Him. Whosoever comprehendeth this station and tasteth its sweetness will surely pass beyond self and all that he possesseth, and will become mindful of and act upon that which exalteth the Cause.

We send greetings to the friends in that land. Truly, the fragrance of divine love is inhaled from them. Blessed are they in having attained unto God's testimony in these verses, which nothing that hath been or shall be mentioned can equal. Yet We have preferred some above others. With thy Lord is the knowledge of all things, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. God willing, may they strive that each day may be seen as superior, more exalted and more glorious than the day before. No matter hath been or is hidden. Verily, He Who speaketh is the All-Seeing, the All-Informed. The breezes of divine favor waft during the nights and days, and the fragrance of the garment of His Revelation is diffused, yet no seeker is to be seen. Indeed, he who is deprived of sight is unable to distinguish and perceive. The Cause is in God's hands, the Lord of the unseen and the seen.

The glory shining from the horizon of My loving-kindness be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto My good-pleasure and have testified to that which the Tongue of My grandeur hath testified in the kingdom of My utterance: Verily there is none other God but Me, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The lamentation and cry of God—exalted be His glory and greatness—melts the body and dissolves the bones. From the beginning of this Most Great Revelation until now, in most Tablets there has flowed from the Supreme Pen and been recorded the command to unity, harmony, love and fellowship, as well as spiritual qualities and goodly deeds. Nevertheless, in some cities and lands things are seen contrary to what the All-Powerful has willed. What a pity, nay a hundred thousand pities, that in these days—one moment of which cannot be compared to countless ages—man remains deprived of the cup of contentment and forbidden from the ocean of grace. Do they not witness the upheavals, conflicts and death of one another? Have they received from God a document guaranteeing their permanence, or do they consider themselves independent agents? This servant, and you, and the souls of that land must beseech the Self-Sufficient One with complete humility, submissiveness and supplication to adorn the sleeping ones with the ornament of awareness and bestow upon the heedless the robe of wisdom. Verily thy Lord, the All-Merciful, is He Who oversees all possibilities. He doeth what He willeth through His power and ordaineth what He pleaseth through His sovereignty. He is the Almighty, the Powerful, the Praiseworthy.

As for what you mentioned regarding teaching, God willing may all be successful therein, for after recognition of God—exalted be His glory—and steadfastness in His Cause, this is and shall be among the greatest of deeds. Blessed are they who attain! Joy be to him who found the fragrance of God before his ascension and recognized Him Who was announced aforetime. He is indeed among the people of this lofty and luminous station. We beseech and implore God—exalted be His glory—to adorn all the friends with this most glorious ornament. In truth, the divine fragrance of love is inhaled from the people of that land. God willing, may all lands attain to that which is beloved before God.

Regarding what you wrote about Mirza Nabil-i-Qaini—upon him be the glory of God and His favors—praise be to God, he is successful in that from which most are heedless and veiled. The testimony of God—exalted be His glory—which hath flowed and been revealed from the Supreme Pen concerning him proclaims with the most exalted call among the people of the world: By the life of the Desired One! The passing of ages shall not change it, the succession of centuries shall not alter it, and annihilation shall not touch it. Joy and felicitations be unto him! O My beloved and O thou who art mentioned before the Beloved! If the people of earth would reflect even a little, they would realize that the welfare of all, outwardly and inwardly, has been and is to turn toward God—exalted be His glory.

The heedlessness of the servants and their vain deeds have appeared in the form of various afflictions and have encompassed the earth. According to what was ordained by the Supreme Pen, these matters have been seized by the fire of wars and the smoke of tribulations, and that flame is hidden in the lands of Iran. And surely this concealment will have manifestation and appearance, unless by virtue of holy souls who are firm, steadfast, assured and upright the greatest calamities and mightiest tribulations be prevented. Verily, He is powerful over all things. However, most of what hath been revealed from the

Supreme Pen hath become evident and manifest, as most have witnessed, and the rest will surely become apparent and visible.

Heedlessness hath so encompassed the people of earth that tongue and pen are powerless to make mention of it. The tongue of this evanescent one's heart is at all times uttering "Deliver us, O All-Merciful!", and imploring His grace and mercy for all. For were He to unveil to the heedless what He hath unveiled to these servants, all would turn with heart and soul toward the Most Exalted Horizon and quaff the chalice of mystic knowledge in the name of the All-Merciful.

As to your mention of Aqa Muhammad-Kazim, upon him be 966 [Baha'u'llah], he hath attained unto that which is yet concealed from himself. This is a glad-tiding from this servant on behalf of the Desired One unto thee, O my beloved one, who art mentioned before the throne of my Lord. Some souls have won the race; God willing, may all attain to this station. From the day when, by Nimrod's command, We entered into prison in this land until now, most of the notables of this realm have passed into oblivion, without trace, fruit, or mention. Nevertheless, those who remain are in no wise awakened. Glory be to God! Heedlessness hath become incarnate and hath prevented eyes from seeing and hearts from understanding. Would that they who have attained might know their stations, and that God, exalted be His glory, might cause all to attain this station. Verily, He hath power over all things.

Mention was made of those who are turned toward the House, upon them be the glory of God, His loving-kindness and His mercy. Praise be to God, they are reckoned among the twigs of the Divine Lote-Tree and are turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon. We beseech God to cause them to attain unto whatsoever wisdom requireth.

Regarding what thou didst write about the beloved Haji Mirza Haydar-ʿAli, upon him be every most glorious glory, on a certain occasion these exalted words were heard concerning him from the tongue of the Lord of creation, exalted be His grandeur:

"O servant! His eminence Mirza Haydar-ʿAli, upon him be My glory, hath borne many hardships in the path of God, exalted be His glory, and is engaged in serving the Cause with complete dedication. God willing, may he be assisted in teaching the Most Great News. May the True One grant capacity that the veiled people might drink from the Kawthar of the All-Merciful's utterance and attain unto the love of God.

"O Haydar ʿAli! Thou art mentioned in My presence and art standing in service to My Cause. Thus hath the tongue of My grandeur testified at this time, even as We testified before and shall testify hereafter. We, from this station, pronounce Our glorification upon thee and upon those who have attained unto My sealed choice wine. Remember when thou wast sleeping and the breezes of My loving-kindness passed over thee and awakened thee in My days. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. Hold fast unto wisdom in all conditions. Thus wert thou commanded before and after, and at this appointed time. Blessed are they who aided thee and heard from thee that which thou didst utter concerning this binding Cause. Give glad tidings to My servants on My behalf, remind them of My remembrance, and pronounce glorification upon them from the True One, the Knower of things unseen." End quote.

This evanescent one also conveyeth another greeting to him. He hath never been forgotten and never shall be. Whenever they pass by the known hill, mention is made of him and of that day when they sought a promise from the Ancient Beauty at its summit, and likewise a group of the loved ones, and in that elevated place divine verses were recited. Praise be to God, the deeds of the sincere are ever remembered. Verily, He doth not suffer the reward of the doers of good to be lost. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

In My Name, the Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Bountiful

As for your mention of the beloved of the heart, His Eminence Ibn-i-Ism'ullah'ul-Asdaq, upon them both be the Glory of God and His loving-kindness, a brief letter was sent some time ago in response to their missive, and after several days another detailed letter was submitted and dispatched. God willing, may they ever be blessed by the fragrances of divine verses. For some time these parts have been deprived of the adorning of peace and tranquility, and therefore responses to the letters of God's loved ones were not sent and remained delayed. Now for several days some measure of assurance has been obtained, thus letters are being and will be sent, albeit according to what is possible. It is known that in this land too some of the servants, in their ignorance, have intended to rise up against others, therefore whatever wisdom requires shall be done.

As for your mention of their eminences Mulla Ali and Ibn-i-Shahid, upon them be the Glory of God, and the friends in that land, as well as the sons of Khalil and the heirs of Kalim, upon them be the Glory of God—this was presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. The Sun of the favors of God, exalted be His glory, has risen and shone upon each one, and some time ago mighty Tablets were revealed and sent. If opportunity permits and no impediment arises, this servant intends in these days to send correspondence to that sacred land. Convey my greetings to each one. God willing, you will relay these to each of them.

As for your mention of Furugh, Turbat, Faran, Rashkhvar, Hisar, the Land of Ba, that land, Shahrud, Bojnurd and Quchan—this was presented at the Most Holy, Most Glorious, Most Exalted Presence. This is what the Tongue of the All-Bountiful uttered to His loved ones in the lands, exalted be His grandeur:

O beloved of the All-Merciful in the lands! How many nights did the Ancient Beauty turn His face toward you and reveal unto you that which surpasseth in worth all the pearls of the oceans, all the fruits of the trees, all that is treasured in the earth, and all that is stored in mines and mountains! And how many were the days wherein ye attained the traces of My Most Exalted Pen, and its rushing sound was raised in your remembrance in such wise that the dwellers of Paradise and the Most Exalted Heaven gave utterance! Glorified be the Lord of Names and the Creator of the heavens, Who mentioneth His servants that have turned unto Him with such remembrance as before it all remembrance boweth down.

How many were the hours wherein ye were wrapped in the cloak of slumber while the Wronged One turned toward you with an eye that never sleepeth. Blessed are ye for having been immersed in the waves of the ocean of your Lord's utterance, the Lord of all religions. Ye are they who have outstripped the world on a Day whereon the pillars of every learned one were shaken, the hearts of the mighty were perturbed, earthquakes seized the tribes of the earth, and the heaven brought forth its smoke. The Most

Exalted Pen hath testified in your favor even as all things have proclaimed. Blessed are the people of Baha whose names have been inscribed by His Most Exalted Pen upon the Crimson Tablet. Thus hath the Command been revealed on this Day wherein tongues have been stilled and eyes have been transfixed.

Verily do We make mention of a land and say: Blessed art thou for having attained unto the remembrance of God in the beginning and the end. Thou art the one that hath been named by this Name from the tongue of thy Lord, the Most Glorious, at a time when the light of manifestation shone forth and the Speaker of the Mount spoke forth at all times. It behooveth thee to glory in this bounty and to shine upon all regions. There hath ascended from thee one who stood firm in My service, who spoke My praise, who turned his face toward My countenance, and who drew nigh unto My horizon wherefrom the lights have shone forth. We make mention of him and those whom God hath related unto him, and We counsel them with that which shall manifest their stations among the people. Hold ye fast unto the Book of God and His ordinances, and cleave unto that which shall exalt the Cause of your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful.

Section 2: “O concourse of divines and jurists in Ta…”

O concourse of divines and jurists in Ta and Ra! Behold ye, then remember when ye were turning toward My direction in the nights and at dawn, when ye arose to make mention of Me and to praise Me, and when ye were anticipating this Day that was promised in the Books of God, the Lord of lords. Yet when the promise was fulfilled and the door of bounty was opened, ye turned away, save those who perceived the fragrance of My raiment and were drawn by My most sweet call when it was raised from the most exalted station. Rejoice, O My loved ones in that place, then make mention of Me at morn and eventide. Beware lest the affairs of the world sadden you or the doubts of the evil ones veil you.

O Faran! Blessed art thou for having been named with a name from which the sincere ones perceive the surging of this Fire that hath been kindled from the Blessed Tree upon the snow-white earth. Thus doth the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing make mention of you from the luminous spot, this station wherein the atoms proclaim that there is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. We make mention at this moment of the loved ones of God within thee and give them the glad-tidings of this bounty that hath encompassed the horizons. Preserve ye your stations through My Most Great Name and take hold of My Book with the hands of power. Ye are in your lands while the Wronged One remembereth you in His Most Great Prison with that which attracteth the hearts of the righteous. Blessed is he who hath taken My Sealed Wine in My Self-Subsisting Name and hath drunk thereof despite those who have disbelieved in the Revealer of verses.

O My loved ones in Rishkhvar! The Chosen One remembereth you at a time when the fire of sorrows hath encompassed Him from every side. By God! He hath come with a power that nothing can prevent.

The sorrows of the world do not hold Him back, nor can the nations restrain Him. He speaks and utters what He willeth with power and sovereignty. Know ye the value of these days; then remember your Lord with such remembrance as would cause the very rocks to speak. Blessed are ye and those who love you for the sake of God, the Cleaver of the dawn. O people of Hisar! Ye were blessed by My remembrance aforetime, and at this hour wherein the Ancient King is seated upon the Most Great Throne in the most

ruined of cities—yet God hath rebuilt it through His grace and transformed the prison into the Most Exalted Paradise. Blessed is he who witnesseth and seeth, and woe unto every heedless doubter. We have remembered you once before and have written down for you from Our Most Exalted Pen that which shall immortalize your remembrance in the holy Books and Tablets.

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of the people of the Palace who believed in God when the voice of the Herald was raised and the croaking of the raven was heard. Be thankful that ye have been mentioned before the Throne and that there hath been sent down to you from the Kingdom of utterance that which all creation cannot equal. We make mention of you and of your children and those whom We behold in the loins. Give thanks unto your Lord for this most great favor, then turn your faces toward the Spot before which all the sacred places of the earth have bowed down in submission. Verily your Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O Verdant Land! Rejoice within thyself, for the Lord of Names maketh mention of thee and giveth thee glad tidings of that which hath been ordained for thee in the Book. O My loved ones in that place! We have remembered you time and again, and this is yet another time, and the Ancient Beauty hath turned His face toward you from His Most Great Prison on a day which God hath made the lord of days. We have found from you the fragrance of My love; We have mentioned you in this remembrance whereby faces have been illumined and bones have quivered. Blessed art thou and blessed are thy people who answered when the Call was raised and bore witness to that whereunto God had testified before the creation of earth and heaven. They that have ascended in thee have attained the grace of their Lord and have been adorned with the robe of forgiveness. We behold them in all conditions and hear what their tongues utter at eventide and at dawn. We have favored some above others, and We are the Mighty, the Bestower.

We make mention of the land named Shahrud. Remember, O Land, when We passed over thee and shone forth with a light that illumined earth and heaven. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing. We arrived in thee when thy people were heedless, and after successive years had passed, We raised up in thee one who would remember Me by this Name whereby the hearts of those endued with understanding were subdued. Blessed is the soul that remembereth Me in thee, and blessed is the servant who hath arisen to serve My Cause on this Day wherein mysteries have been unveiled. Beware lest the pharaohs of the earth, who have adorned their temples with the robes of learning and have committed that which hath caused all things to lament and the very pebbles to cry out, fill you with fear. Hold fast unto the cord of the Cause and grasp the hem of wisdom, and proclaim the Cause of your Lord with joy and fragrance.

O people of Ba and Shin! Remember when there appeared from among you one who arose to serve the Cause in such wise as to cause the limbs of the earth to quake and the foundations of all lands to tremble. He is the helper whose assistance was attested by the Tongue of Grandeur, and in whose praise there hath spoken that which was created by the Word of God, the Sender of the winds.

O Land of Ba! We have manifested from thee Our treasure and adorned it with Our first ornament, and sent it forth with power and authority. Through it were hoisted the banners of unity and raised the standards of oneness, and the Cock of the Throne crowed, and the Dove of the Cause warbled upon the

branches. O My loved ones therein! Rejoice ye to remember Him Whom God hath remembered through that which My Most Exalted Pen hath spoken in the most sublime station. Know ye that what ye sent hath been presented before Us and hath been honored with the lights of acceptance, a bounty from God, the Lord of all men. We have mentioned every name that hath served the Cause in the days of God, the Manifestor of clear proofs. Blessed are ye, and joy be unto you, for ye have shown patience. God will soon exalt your stations and names in the earth. He, verily, is the All-Merciful, the Most Generous. By My life! The breezes of My favor waft over you, and from you We inhale the fragrance of My shirt which hath diffused its perfume through My Name, the All-Pervading throughout all regions. Be thankful unto God for this Most Great Remembrance, and place your trust in Him under all conditions.

We make mention of the Land of Ba and Jim that there may appear therein what God, the Knower of the seen and unseen, hath desired. Blessed is he who hath attained unto My days, who hath arisen to serve Me, who hath spoken My praise and hath turned unto My horizon whereby the regions were illumined. O people of Ba and Jim! Arise above heedlessness and desire. By God! The Lord of all beings hath come on a Day whereon the earth hath quaked and the mountains have passed away. Beware lest the world debar you from the Sovereign of the hereafter and the former times. Cast away what the people possess and hold fast unto that which hath been sent down from the All-Merciful. We counsel the loved ones of God to be trustworthy and sincere, and to act in ways that will elevate the station of man.

O Land of Qaf and Vav (Quchan)! Is there in thee one who remembereth Me, and hast thou been blessed by the breaths of My loved ones whom neither the conditions of the earth can weaken nor the hosts of the wicked frighten? O thou Land! Remember thy Lord: Hath the fire of My love been extinguished in thee, and hath he who was steadfast in My service and who spoke My praise—whereby the atoms cried out "The kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of the beginning and the end"—grown heedless? And We make mention of the cities whose names have not been mentioned; verily He is the All-Merciful, the Most Generous.

O people of Kha! The Lord of Names remembereth you and giveth you glad tidings of His mercy and His loving-kindness. He, verily, is the Most Generous, the Ancient of Days. He remembereth him who remembereth Him, and turneth unto him who hath turned unto Him, as a bounty from His presence; and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. This is a Day whereon the Most Great Ocean hath surged and the river of thy Lord's mercy, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, hath flowed. Deprive not yourselves of that which hath appeared in creation, and follow not every ignorant doubter. Cast the world behind you, clinging to the hem of the robe of God, the Lord of this mighty Day. The world hath been illumined by the lights of My Most Great Name, yet most of the people are heedless.

O ye who are transported with joy! Rejoice in that the Countenance of God hath turned towards you from this exalted horizon with such effulgent rays as have illumined earth and heaven and set aglow the hearts of them that have drawn nigh. We have made mention of you aforetime in words that no created thing in the kingdom of names can rival, and now We make mention of you in this remembrance which draweth you nearer unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We make mention of you in that which shall profit you in all the worlds of God—to this every discerning soul beareth witness. Blessed is he who hath

been set aflame by the fire of the Tree of My Cause, who hath arisen to serve Me and hath spoken forth My beauteous remembrance.

O ye who are faithful! This is the Day whereon the rustling of the Sadratu'l-Muntaha and the flowing of the Kawthar of life are heard throughout all creation. Drink ye thereof in My Name, the Almighty, the Powerful. Beware lest the veils of the divines withhold you from the Lord of all names, or the clamor of the objectors, who have broken God's Covenant and His Testament and have followed every accursed satan, debar you.

O concourse of divines! Come, come, that I may show you what your eyes have never seen and cause you to hear what your ears have never heard. Fear God, then judge with fairness this Cause, at Whose appearance all things have proclaimed:

> "Blessed be the Lord of Names, Who hath come with manifest sovereignty."

At this moment We make mention of My servant Ahmad, who gave the people glad tidings of this Most Great Name. He awaited My days and informed the people of My manifestation, and ascended before dawn unto the Most Exalted Companion, attaining that which was ordained for him by One mighty and faithful. Through him the sweet savors of divine knowledge were wafted among the servants—to this the Lord of creation, Who speaketh in this glorious station, beareth witness. We have mentioned him in numerous Tablets in such wise as hath brought joy to the eyes of them that are nigh.

And We make mention of him who was named Aqa before Ba', who recognized the Most Great Name and responded to his Lord when the Call was raised betwixt earth and heaven. He was not shaken by the earthquakes of the earth, nor was he veiled by the veils of the divines, nor did he hesitate in this Most Great, Most Holy, Mighty, and Wondrous Cause. He attained true knowledge when the All-Merciful came with an authority before which the hosts of earth and heaven could not stand—to this every just and knowing one beareth witness.

O thou who bearest this name! Rejoice in that the Supreme Pen maketh mention of thee and saith: The first remembrance that issued from the mouth of the Will of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious, be upon thee, O thou who didst turn to the Most Exalted Horizon and didst cling to the hem of grandeur when people were in manifest confusion. I bear witness that thou didst turn thy face to the Countenance of God after the passing of all things, and didst believe in the One, the All-Informed. The rapture of thy Lord's utterance seized thee in such wise that thou didst turn and acknowledge that which the Tongue of Grandeur had spoken before the creation of the world: "There is none other God but Me, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing."

Thou didst arise in the love of God when the feet of the nations had slipped, save whom God pleased—thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. God hath forgiven thee at the time of thine ascension, purified thee, and admitted thee into an exalted station. Blessed is he who remembereth thee with that wherewith the Tongue of Grandeur hath remembered thee. Verily thy Lord is the Rememberer, the All-Wise. Peace be upon thee, and glory be upon thee, and light be upon thee, inasmuch as thou didst believe in God when He appeared in truth and didst drink His choice sealed wine in His Name, the Mighty,

the Inaccessible. Thus have We adorned the pages of the Book of Knowledge with the suns of remembrance and utterance. Blessed is he who hath heard, and woe unto the heedless.

If all who dwell on earth and whatsoever hath been ordained, created and is visible therein were to become tongues and endeavor forever to render thanks unto God, exalted be His glory, could they succeed? Nay, by Him Who holdeth my soul in His hand! Never could anyone adequately render thanks for this supreme bounty and mighty favor. He is ever engaged in mentioning His loved ones. Who can reckon what hath been revealed from His Most Exalted Pen for His chosen ones, His loved ones, His trusted ones and His servants? We beseech the Exalted One to make aware the peoples of the earth and not deprive them of this greatest bounty. Verily, He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the All-Conquering, the Almighty.

As to the mention that was made of the honored Afnan, upon them be His most glorious Baha, these exalted words were revealed some time ago from the Dayspring of utterance, the Lord of Names. He, exalted be His glory, saith: O thou who art present! These blessed, steadfast and enkindled souls have turned with utmost love, spirit and fragrance toward the Court of God. They have moved for the sake of God and emigrated in His path. This holy turning has been from God and unto God shall it return. They have turned from their earthly home to the most exalted habitation, the seat of the throne of the Lord of Names. They have chosen exile in My path and hardship and tribulation for My remembrance and love.

O thou who art present! Though they have borne mighty tribulations, yet by My life these are as naught compared to the ordained reward. God willing, may they attain to what God hath intended for them and be thankful for whatsoever hath befallen them. Blessed are they and blessed is he who loveth them and he who holdeth fast unto them, for God hath related them unto Himself and made them of the Afnan, and hath preferred some of them above others. Verily, He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Bestower.

That which was recorded in the Tablet of Fu'ad from the utterances of God, exalted be His glory, this evanescent one hath mentioned, otherwise who can reckon what descendeth from the kingdom of the will of our Lord, and who can transcribe that which the Tongue of Grandeur uttereth at all times save through His grace, His might, His bounty and His all-pervading existence? This evanescent servant conveyeth greetings and salutations to all the friends of God and giveth them glad tidings of that which rejoiceth hearts and delighteth eyes. God willing, may the warmth of divine love adorn the body of separation with the garment of unity and concord. Verily, He hath commanded and commandeth all with that which profiteth them, and He hath counseled them in most of the Tablets to unity and harmony. How excellent is the reward of them that act! Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. May the glory shining from the horizon of eternity rest upon thee and upon those who are there and upon them who hold fast to the cord of God, the Strong One.

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Section 1: "Praise be to God Who hath subdued…"

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

Praise be to God Who hath subdued the world through His Most Great Name. Verily, when He established Himself upon the dust, it became the Most Great Throne. The atoms bear witness that the All-Merciful hath appeared in truth and hath established Himself thereon through His Name, the All-Subduing over all names. He is the One Who, though He walketh in prison, walketh above the heavens. Exalted be the Lord of Names Who hath appeared and manifested whatsoever He desired, and seized those who denied His right and broke His Covenant and sent Him wrongfully to this Prison which the Supreme Pen hath mentioned in various Tablets. Exalted be the Lord of mankind and the Sovereign of the Hereafter and of the former times. I pray, offer salutations and glorification upon the Manifestations of His Cause and the Daysprings of His remembrance, who have stood with supreme steadfastness in days wherein the earth was shaken and the pillars of all lands were made to tremble. The servant beseecheth his Lord to confirm these souls in propagating His Cause and spreading His ordinances that the fragrance of His laws may be diffused among all peoples. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Great.

And further: your letter brought me glad tidings and guided me to your loving sentiments. When I read and found therein your arising to serve the Cause and your steadfastness in the love of God in this Day wherein the hearts of all beings were troubled save those who sought shelter beneath the shadow of the grace of their Lord, the Almighty, the Omnipotent, I turned and approached a station that cannot be mentioned by names nor described by what floweth from the creative Pen. I entered the Most Holy Court and presented that which had streamed forth from the fountain of your heart in the days of our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and earths. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which caused the fragrance of God to be wafted among all creation, saying, exalted be His grandeur and great be His majesty:

Through My Name, the All-Witnessing, and through My Name, the All-Seeing

Verily thy servant hath appeared and hath laid before the Wronged One that which hath shone forth from the treasury of Thy love and the repository of Thy devotion. We have heard and have answered thee with verses from which the sincere shall inhale the fragrance of the loving-kindness of God, the Lord of the worlds. It is as though I behold thee standing before the door inquiring about thy condition and what hath befallen thee in this firm and mighty Cause. Give thanks unto God for My remembrance of thee. Verily, He remembereth him who remembereth Him and guideth whomsoever He willeth unto His straight Path. O Nabil! The All-Glorious remembereth thee from the precincts of the Prison and announceth unto thee His bounty which hath encompassed all that are in the heavens and on earth.

Thou hast entered into a station wherefrom the learned of the earth have been debarred, save whom God hath willed, the Almighty, the Powerful. And thou hast heard that which hath been forbidden unto the mystics among the servants, save him whom the hand of thy Lord's grace, the All-Forgiving, the All-

Bountiful, hath delivered. Thus hath the chalice of inner meanings sprinkled upon thee that which shall draw thee unto a station wherein the affairs of the earth shall not hinder thee from this manifest Cause.

Remind, on My behalf, My loved ones who have turned unto My heaven, who have voiced My praise and who have arisen to aid My wondrous Cause. Say: O people of the earth! By God, that which was treasured therein hath appeared. Fear ye God and be not of the heedless ones. This is the Day whereon the lips of the world have smiled, inasmuch as the Lord of Eternity hath been established upon the Most Great Throne. Hasten ye with illumined hearts, then advance with radiant faces unto His sublime horizon, and be ye not of the lost. By God! This is the Day of profit, were ye to know it. This is the Day for which the eyes of days have wept, and wherein hath appeared that which was recorded by the Finger of God, the Help in Peril, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

And when the Finger moved, the Supreme Pen prostrated itself—thus doth inform thee He around Whom circleth a preserved Tablet. When thou hast been blessed to hearken unto My call and hast quaffed the choice wine of Mine utterance, turn thy face toward God and say: Thine be the praise, O Thou Who art the Goal of the world, and Thine be the bounty, O Thou Who art the Beloved of them that have recognized Thee. My spirit be a sacrifice unto Thy favors, O Thou Who art the Lord of Names! How can I thank Thee when all who are in the heavens and on earth have confessed their powerlessness, and how can I praise Thee with my feeble tongue? I beseech Thee to assist me in remembering Thee and serving Thee, and to enable me to do that which beseemeth Thy mighty and exalted Revelation.

I seek and implore from God, exalted be His glory, that there might be found in the world one ear purified from doubt and misgiving, or one soul adorned with the ornament of fairness, that it might perceive the fragrances of the divine Day and comprehend the sweetness of His utterance. I swear by the Most Great Luminary that this servant regards himself with the utmost shame and embarrassment, for he has been enabled to recognize a Day that hath had and hath no peer or likeness, and moreover hath attained to a station wherein every day the equivalent of books is revealed from the heaven of His Will. Yet he witnesseth all people heedless and veiled by matters unworthy of mention. Glory be to God! The ocean is manifest, the Sun of Truth is shining, and He Who conversed on Sinai is calling out with the most exalted call, yet all are occupied with their selfish desires. O my Beloved! By Thy life, this evanescent servant hath not considered and doth not consider himself worthy of this Day. I swear by the Euphrates of inner meanings which now floweth from the right hand of the Throne that what I express is the truth—God is sufficient as witness.

God willing, may that honored one and this servant and those gentlemen who reside in that land become sanctified from all that hath not been and is not worthy of God's days, and thereafter may we cling to the hem of His generosity and beseech Him to preserve us from whatsoever hath not been and is not befitting unto Him. A hundred thousand praises that He hath not deprived these servants nor forbidden them, but rather enabled them to hear His call. Now we beseech Him to preserve us beneath the canopies of His grandeur and the tree of His loving-kindness, and to so enkindle us with His verses that we may not be troubled by the world's vexations nor held back from serving His Cause. Verily He is the One with power over what He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Triumphant, the Mighty.

As to what you had written about having to present the news of the friends at the Most Holy Court—God willing, may the friends in every land be assisted to perform praiseworthy deeds and to act according to what God hath revealed in the Book, so that their news may become the cause of joy and the source of gladness. They commanded: Write to Nabil—O Nabil! This is a Day wherein the earth telleth its tales and the heaven revealeth what appeareth therein. However, the tales of some lands have been and are the cause of endless sorrow. Were details to be mentioned at this point, the sweat of shame would drown most people. But since these are days when mercy hath preceded all and the heaven of generosity hath become manifest and the ocean of grace hath appeared before all faces, the All-Concealing Lord conceals.

Verily He loveth those servants who have heard and responded. Yet beseech God that He may sanctify all from that which hath not been and is not worthy of His Day. Verily He heareth and knoweth and seeth, and He is the Concealer, the Wise. We send from this station Our greetings upon the faces of My loved ones who have soared in My atmosphere and drunk the choice wine of My grace and have arisen to serve My wondrous Cause. Glory be upon them and upon those women who have believed in God, the One, the All-Informed.

O Nabil! Every fire thou hast seen and heard hath been extinguished, but the Fire in the Divine Lote-Tree speaketh in such wise that neither the clamor of the people, nor the hosts of the lands, nor the insinuations of the divines, nor the doubts of the jurisprudents can prevent it. It calleth out under all conditions with that which hath been commanded by the Mighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent. By My life! It hath increased through tribulations and calamities. Can anyone know from what essence it hath appeared and from what power it hath emerged? Say: Yea, by my Lord! From the power of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. Verily, we are God's and to Him shall we return.

Concerning what thou didst write about certain loved ones who have journeyed to various regions for certain matters—I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to gather them all together in perfect health, joy and gladness, and to engage them in His remembrance and praise. And as for the beloved of hearts, Jinab-i-Varqa, upon him be greeting, praise and the glory of God, the Most Glorious—according to what was written, in these days he is proceeding in that direction. Wherever he may be, may he be assisted and confirmed. Since his place of residence is unknown, this servant hath delayed in responding to him, but God willing, after being informed, the remainder of life shall be spent in recompense.

As for the mention that was made of Haji Muhammad Aqa, Haji Ali-Askar, Jinab-i-Faraj Aqa and Aqa Mirza Ghulam-ʿAli, upon them be the glory of God—praise be to God, mention of them was made in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, and each was favored by the grace of God, exalted be His glory. This evanescent one conveyeth greetings to each of them. May God willing, they be assisted in that which God loveth and be confirmed in that which shall perpetuate their names. Repeatedly hath mention of them flowed from the Divine Pen. By the life of our Lord, they have attained to that for which most of mankind hath died in regret. God willing, may they recognize their stations, preserve them in the name of Truth, and be confirmed in deeds from which the fragrance of eternity may be inhaled.

The world, in truth, was not and is not worthy of mention, was not and is not worthy of attention. In one of the blessed Tablets, in counseling and admonishing the servants, there is a passage which meaneth

thus: He saith: How many were the houses from which at night were heard songs and melodies, yet in the morning there arose from them the wailing of grief. In such case, it behooveth every person of understanding not to let transient conditions engage him and deprive him of the eternal realm. Verily, the servant beseecheth and supplicateth, and God is the Hearer, the Answerer.

And concerning what was written about Mulla Qasim, upon him be the glory of God, and his special dedication to teaching the Cause of God—these matters were presented before the Divine Presence. This is what the Tongue of the All-Merciful hath uttered in the Kingdom of Utterance, His word, exalted be His majesty:

In My Name, the Mighty, the Bestower

O Qasim! We made mention of thee before, that the remembrance of the All-Merciful might attract thee to a station where neither the hosts of the world nor the clamor of the nations who have broken God's Covenant and His Pact, and who have denied the Heavenly Table sent down in truth from the Kingdom of their Lord's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the Powerful, shall frighten thee. Blessed art thou for having cast aside vain imaginings, hastening to the horizon of certitude. Behold and call to mind when Muhammad, the Apostle of God, came, and what the people committed in that glorious and resplendent Day. The divines first denied Him, then those who followed them without clear proof or enlightening Book.

The fire of hatred was kindled in their breasts to such extent that the Faithful Spirit lamented thereof. They cast the Book of God behind their backs and took their idle fancies—verily they are among the most lost in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. Then behold when the Spirit came, they arose in opposition in such wise that the earth with all its vastness was straitened for Him. By My life! There befell Him that which causeth every fair-minded and discerning one to cry out. Say: O concourse of earth! Reflect upon that which befell the chosen ones of God in generations past, and be not of the heedless ones. The world and all that is therein shall pass away, and ye shall be questioned concerning what ye have wrought with grievous wrong.

Convey My greetings unto those servants who have taken the chalice of true knowledge in My Name, the All-Merciful, and have quaffed therefrom through a command from One Who is the Ordainer, the Ancient of Days. Say: Blessed are ye for having turned unto God, the One, the All-Informed. The glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have laid fast hold on the Sure Handle in this blessed, holy, mighty and wondrous Day. Then hearken unto My other call from the direction of My Most Great Vision. Verily, He mentioneth thee yet again in this night, as a token of His grace, and He is the Compassionate, the Generous. Blessed be thy face for having turned toward God, and thy tongue for having moved to proclaim the Cause of thy Lord, the All-Seeing, the All-Perceiving. Be thou in all circumstances observant of the wisdom We have revealed in various Tablets and in this perspicuous Tablet. Thus hath He taught thee in Whose grasp are the reins of all knowledge, and hath acquainted thee with Him in Whose right hand is the Kingdom of the heavens and of the earth. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

Section 2: "This evanescent servant conveyeth greetings unto them…"

This evanescent servant conveyeth greetings unto them and beseecheth God for support lest the veils of countries and the clouds of men should prevent him. The meaning of veils and clouds and pharaohs and tyrants and manifestations of oppression and every word from which the fragrance of wrath can be inhaled referreth to the divines of the earth who are seen to be deprived of God's straight path. These souls have been and are the cause and source of corruption in the world, and through their decrees there befell the Manifestations of the Cause that which caused all things to cry out in lamentation. In truth they are ignorant, yet they adorn themselves with the ornament of knowledge before men.

Otherwise, the true scholar is as a crown for heads and as a heart for the body. Blessed is he who seeth him and loveth him and turneth unto him and attaineth his presence and consorteth with him, but purely for the sake of God and not for any other purpose. God willing, may the breeze of fairness waft and deliver the slumberers from heedlessness, that they may not remain deprived of the outpourings of the True Bestower in these spiritual days. Alas, a hundred thousand times alas! Years have passed and months ended and hours gone by and minutes come to their end, yet still the people of earth have not arisen from the couch of heedlessness. The world is heedless and man bewildered. The matter is in God's hands, our Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

They wrote that Ustad Shir Muhammad went to Qaradagh and Ustad Jabbar (upon them both be 966 [Baha'u'llah]) went to Miyanduab. Mention of both was made in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. He said:

> "God willing, may Shir Muhammad be occupied with the mention of God, exalted be His glory, and be assured of His grace. Today it is binding and obligatory upon all to hold fast to that which God hath revealed in the Book. Today is the day of deeds and character. Blessed is he who acteth for God's sake and walketh in His path. O Nabil, if thou seest him, convey My greetings unto him and give him the glad-tidings of My remembrance of him, that he may rejoice and be of the thankful ones."

"O Nabil! We make mention of him who is named Jabbar, who hath believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. And We remember My loved ones in Miyanduab who have drunk the Kawthar of utterance in the days of their Lord, the Most Merciful, and have acknowledged that which the Tongue of Grandeur testified before the creation of all possibilities: that there is none other God but I, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Loving.

And We remember My loved ones who were martyred in that place, as a grace from Us, and I am verily the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Beloved. I bear witness that ye believed in God and in what was sent down in truth, and ye heard His sweetest call and responded on a day wherein every mighty and powerful one was shaken. Ye are they who turned toward the Supreme Horizon when the Lord of all beings appeared, and ye attained that which most of creation was deprived of. He Who possesseth knowledge of what was and what shall be beareth witness to this. Ye endured in My path that which caused the Concourse on High to weep, until ye ascended unto the Supreme Companion through that which the hands of the oppressors who followed vain imaginings and idle fancies had wrought.

O company of martyrs! Upon you be the glory of God and His mercy, and the fragrances that have been wafted from the direction of His holy and blessed garment. I testify that ye believed in God and hastened with your hearts to the Most Great Ocean, and ye attained that which ye were commanded by the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Among you is he who took a handful, and among you is he who drank cup after cup, and among you is he who hastened to the Most Great Ocean and drank therefrom in this praiseworthy station. Upon you be the light of God and His care, and the mercy of God and His grace, throughout the duration of the Kingdom and the Dominion."

Those souls who attained martyrdom in that land have been repeatedly mentioned by the Supreme Pen. Convey greetings to all the remaining righteous ones in that land and give them the glad-tidings of that which hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen regarding their martyrs. A special grace hath appeared from the horizon of favor for them, such that were all on earth to become aware of it, they would turn toward the Friend. Blessed is the blood that was shed in My path, and the spirit that soared in My atmosphere, and the heart that drank the wine of My love, and the soul that ascended to My horizon, and the servant who took hold of My mighty Book with My strength. Thus have We commanded thee in truth. Act upon it as a command from Me, and I am verily the Commander, the All-Wise.

And concerning what you wrote about Aqa Yusuf, upon him be the mercy of God and His forgiveness, mention was made of him before, and the grace of God, exalted be His glory, was directed toward him. We praise God, the Exalted, Who forgave him and remembered him as a grace from His presence, and He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Regarding what you wrote about his honor the late exalted Mirza ʿAb, upon him be 66-9 [Baha'u'llah] and His favors, some time ago a Most Holy and Most Exalted Tablet was specifically revealed for him from the heaven of grace and was sent. God willing, may he be illumined by the light of faith and rest with utmost steadfastness beneath the shade of the mercy of the All-Merciful. The illustrious Nabil, his honor Nabil of Qa'in, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, sent a letter some time ago wherein he made mention of one of the relatives of his honor the exalted one. If that beloved one deems it advisable, he may on behalf of this ephemeral one convey greetings to his honor the son, upon him be 66-9 [Baha'u'llah]. Perchance the fragrant breezes of the father may be inhaled from the son, and he may turn toward the right hand and receive his portion from the Book of the righteous. Blessed is his father! Verily he attained the mention of God before his ascension and after his ascension with a mention that nothing in creation can equal. To this our Lord beareth witness, and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earth.

Convey greetings on behalf of this ephemeral one to his honor Mirza-yi Bahar, may God the Exalted assist him. God willing, we hope they may rend asunder the veils and pierce through the clouds of glory, and be confirmed in that which is befitting this Day. Night and day this servant beseecheth the True One, exalted be His glory, that He may enable all to turn toward that which is adorned with the ornament of eternity.

Regarding the mention you made of the names of the friends and their gathering in your residence, it was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, and specifically for each one of those names a most mighty and most exalted Tablet was revealed, and likewise specifically for the names of the friends which his honor Makhdumi ʿAb, upon him be the glory of God, and likewise specifically for the friends of

Maraghih which his honor Ibn-i-Dakhil, upon him be the glory of God, had sent—all attained the outpourings of the All-Bountiful Lord and were adorned with the lights of the Kingdom. Should one reflect even slightly upon the boundless grace of the True One, exalted be His glory, such wonderment would seize him that he would become oblivious of himself and all else. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to give thanks unto Himself on behalf of His servants and to praise His Essence through His chosen ones and His friends, for it is most evident that the thanksgiving of any other than Him was not and is not worthy of Him. However, since He hath commanded His servants to offer thanks and praise, out of pure grace He hath accepted and doth accept it.

Regarding what you mentioned about his honor the exalted Sadr, may God have mercy upon him—at first he was heedless and opposed, but in the days of his turning toward the direction of Zawra, there appeared from him, according to his capacity, that which indicated acceptance and love. Then time and again he would ascend and descend until there came to pass that which was decreed by God. At that time he was greatly troubled and fearful. Then God's grace encompassed him. Verily He is the One Who chooseth whatsoever He willeth, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. In any case, toward the end the True One, exalted be His glory, showed favor toward him. They stated that toward the end no act appeared from him that would cause grief to the Ancient Beauty. Moreover, in view of the favor that was and is extended to some of his relatives who are adorned with the ornament of the love of God, they commanded that none should speak aught concerning him save good words. Verily He is powerful over all things and knoweth all things.

Concerning what you wrote about the passage dealing with His Holiness the exalted Shaykh—upon him be all the most glorious Glory of God and all His most exalted exaltation—they are being sent according to the command of His Holiness the Most Great Branch (may my spirit and being be sacrificed for the dust of His footsteps). The purpose of this question to that sinful one was that he might become aware of his own ignorance and perhaps inquire about its meaning and turn toward the highest horizon. That unfortunate one was not successful, and the purpose of mentioning it was not that the Ancient Beauty would use those passages as proof for this Most Holy, Most Exalted Manifestation. He says:

> "Verily proof is ashamed to be mentioned to establish His Cause, and consciences are embarrassed to turn to Him, and evidence stands at His door, and argument circles round His mighty throne."

Countless similar utterances were heard from the tongue of the Lord of Names, and every fair-minded and perceptive person testifies that He cannot be mentioned except through Him and cannot be known except through Him. Some servants, both within and without, who walk in the desert of conjecture and the lands of fancy, have imagined that the Truth (glorified be His majesty) has claimed successorship and the like. Their tongues are silenced and their eyes are blinded. He is sanctified above all that they possess and exalted above their allusions and what their understanding comprehends.

I extend greetings, glorification and sincere regards to the gentlemen of that land, namely those souls who, detached from the world, abide beneath the standard of the grace of the Lord of Eternity. God willing, may they be illumined by the light of unity and manifest perfect harmony. Today the fragrance of

unity is most beloved—if it is diffused, it is the helper and the assistant and the hosts of the Truth (glorified be His majesty).

In most Tablets these exalted words have flowed from the Supreme Pen. His word, exalted be His grandeur: “All must assist God through goodly deeds and spiritual characteristics.” And He says: “No host has been or is more powerful and exalted than praiseworthy deeds and character.” End quote. It is hoped that all may attain to this exalted rank and most high station. O friends! All bear witness to God’s grace and kindness. Among His countless favors is the mention that flows from the Supreme Pen concerning all, by night and day. Blessed is he who attains to the mention of our Lord and your Lord, and woe to the heedless. Strive that you may be crowned with acceptance and be mentioned in the Crimson Book as “you belong to God.” This is a mention from whose fragrance lovers have found no rest, and the possessors of insight have laid down their lives in its path. Strive, strive, O gentlemen! Time is like the red elixir—it rarely comes to hand. In any case, I beseech the True One (glorified be His majesty) to grant success to all, and I request that they too pray for confirmation for this evanescent one. We are weak ones at the door of His grace. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Powerful, the Ancient.

And concerning what you mentioned about the wild rose, since its mention was adorned with the mention of Mashhadi ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God, it became a cause of joy and gladness. Praise be to God that a plant attained mention of one of the friends of God and thus achieved the highest nobility of being heard in the most exalted summit and ultimate goal. From this matter the stations of the steadfast and firm friends become known and are made evident to all the world. Soon shall be revealed the station of one whom the Supreme Pen hath mentioned. The Command is in the hand of God, the Lord of the First and the Last. Special verses were revealed for him before and after, and in this instance wondrous and exalted verses have been sent down from the heaven of merciful grace. God willing, may they become perfumed by its fragrances and illumined by its lights. This evanescent servant conveys greetings to them and beseeches the True One, exalted be His glory, that they may ever be assisted in that which causes the exaltation of the Cause and be confirmed in preserving their station before God, the Lord of the mighty throne.

The Glory shining forth from the horizon of eternity be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who have believed in God, the Powerful, the One, the Peerless, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH00241: The servant hath been bidden to be brief…

Section 1: “The servant hath been bidden to be brief…”

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

The servant hath been bidden to be brief in making mention of the chosen ones, by God, the All-Powerful, the Unconstrained, for time hath become as rare as red sulphur and correspondence is beyond count or containment. The matter is in God’s hands, the Lord of destiny. O my beloved! I have received what thou didst send in these days wherein the deeds of men have taken form and assumed diverse shapes—at times appearing as swords and spears, at others in the guise of cannons and daggers. Calamities and afflictions have encompassed all regions, yet the people remain in strange slumber.

Successive years have passed, yet the tempests of wrath and the hurricanes of divine decree have not subsided, by reason of what the hands of men have wrought.

Blessed is he who, being endowed with insight, hath recognized the cause and hath arisen to inform the people and bid them arise to that which they have neglected in the days of God, the Lord of the worlds. On one day thou seest the fire of conflict ablaze amongst the servants, and on another thou hearest the sound of guns and rifles from diverse lands. How many cities have been swallowed up, how many lands laid waste by earthquakes, how many regions encompassed by other calamities through God's decree, the Lord of all men, and how many lands submerged and lofty buildings fallen! All this was foretold by the Prophets of old from God, the Lord of Justice and Sovereign of Grace.

Blessed is the soul that perceiveth these matters, pondereth them, and is awakened thereby. Woe unto him who is so seized by vain desire as to be kept back from the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below, until he returneth to his abode in the fires. Praise be to God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Bestower!

In such days as these which the servant hath mentioned to your honor, he was gladdened by what you sent him, for from each of your words he detected the fragrance of the love of God—my Beloved and your Beloved, my Goal and your Goal, and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and the earth. When I read and discovered what was therein, the warmth of your love so enkindled me that I arose and turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon until I attained His presence and presented it. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that whereby every inanimate thing was stirred, every bone thrilled, and every seated one arose. The servant is powerless to recount to your honor what he witnessed and beheld from the waves of his Lord's ocean of utterance, the Lord of Names, nor can he cause thee to hear His sweetest call or show thee His most exalted horizon. Yet he mentioneth according to his measure and station that which was impressed upon the smallest of mirrors—the mirror of his heart. He—exalted be His majesty, magnified His sovereignty, and glorified His grandeur—said:

In My Name, the Hearing, the Answering, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful

ʿAyn. Ba. The Call hath been raised from the Most Exalted Right-hand Side from the direction of My Most Great Word: "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Hearer, the Answerer!" The ears have been prevented from hearkening unto this Call save those whom God, the Lord of all worlds, hath willed. By this Call the Kingdom was attracted and proclaimed: "He Who is the King of Kings hath come with a sovereignty before which all who are in the heavens and earth cannot stand!" Through it the Fire of God was kindled and appeared from the Tree, and it spoke: "Verily, there is none other God but Me, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forefathers!"

O Abdullah! By the life of God, the ear of Moses was blessed by this Call. Exalted is He Who made him successful, hearing, speaking, and bearing His firm and mighty Command. Say: O concourse of earth! Come, that I may cause you to hear what your ears have never heard before, and come, that I may show you what no eyes have seen except those whom God, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, hath willed. Blessed is he who hastened with his heart to the Most Great Ocean and attained unto it in the days of his Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous.

The servant in attendance hath presented thy letter, and what the dove of thy love uttered was read before the Wronged One. We heard it and answered thee with that which caused the Kingdom of Utterance to quiver, the birds of knowledge to soar, and all things to speak. O concourse of names! Draw nigh that ye may hear. By God! The ears were created to hearken unto that which hath been raised from the Most Exalted Horizon, as a command from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Be grateful to God for this supreme bounty. Verily, He hath mentioned thee in various Tablets as a grace from Him, and He is the Ancient Bestower. A single letter of what We have sent thee surpasseth all that thou hearest and seest—thy Lord, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing, beareth witness to this. The Glory shining from the horizon of thy Lord's favor be upon thee, thy family, those who are with thee, and those who have believed in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Every soul should, with a hundred thousand tongues and utterances, beseech God, exalted be His glory, not to withhold His servants from this Most Pure Fountain and Greatest Bounty. Verily, He hath power over all things. Strange it is that the people of the world—to what do they believe and from what do they turn away? This great Cause hath encompassed the world and its signs are manifest from all directions, yet they cling to the spider's web, remaining heedless of the glorious station and deprived of the fragrance of the utterance of the All-Merciful. They are unaware of what hath appeared in the earth. They seek naught but self-desire and show no sign save the flame of ego. They do what they are bidden by the imaginings of the ignorant ones, namely the divines.

Glory be to God! Such tyranny hath appeared from this group that the pens of the world are powerless to recount it. These souls are the concealing veils and the preventing barriers who, despite their countless iniquities, would recognize the truth of what hath appeared if they were to attain unto fairness for but a moment. Verily, He confirmeth whom He willeth as a grace from Him, and guideth whom He desireth unto His straight and manifest path.

Concerning what thou didst write about thy honored master, His Grace Mirza Ishaq, upon him be the Glory of God—in these days the Most Great Branch—may my spirit, my being, and my essence be a sacrifice for the dust of His footsteps—hath gone to the region of the Jordan River and is not present. However, the mention of him that was in thy letter was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. These sublime words were sent down from the heaven of the Will of the Revealer of verses. He saith, exalted be His grandeur:

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

The servant who was present brought a letter from one who loved Me, and therein was thy mention. We make mention of thee with this mention which, when it appeared from the Dawning-Place of thy Lord's utterance, the Ancient of Days, all the mentions of the world bowed down before it. Thus hath the Pen spoken from this most exalted Station and supreme Height. He, verily, is the Compassionate, the Generous. Hold fast unto the Sure Handle. By the life of God! It hath appeared in truth. Blessed is he who hath attained thereunto, and woe unto the heedless. Remember when thou didst attain unto the presence in days wherein the Light shone forth from the horizon of Zawra. Thus doth the Most Great Announcement make mention of thee, whereby every firm foundation hath been shaken.

We counsel thee to remain steadfast in the Greater Steadfastness and in that whereby the Cause of God, the Lord of all men, is exalted. Cast away what the people possess and take what thou art commanded by One Who is Compassionate, Generous. Preserve thy station and thy kinship with the name of thy Lord. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient. We, from this spot, send Our blessings upon thee and upon those who have turned to the Supreme Horizon when the Call was raised between earth and heaven, and who answered their Lord, the Speaker, the All-Seeing. Rejoice thou in My mention of thee. All the treasures of earth cannot equal it, as every steadfast and upright one doth testify.

They have attained to greater than what they intended. Would that the stations of divine favors were somewhat manifested among the people. By the life of the Desired One! All on earth would cry "Here am I! Here am I!" However, none save the Absolutely Wise One is aware of the requirements of the consummate wisdom. God willing, they shall receive the answer to their petition. This lowly one also offers greetings to them.

Regarding what you wrote about the mentioned sum that was of unknown ownership for a time—when this matter was presented before Him, He smiled and said:

> "Blessed is he, for he hath spoken the truth. God willing, He shall grant the right unto them. He is verily the Wealthy, the Mighty, the Powerful."

All your passages were presented. In truth, they brought joy to the Ancient Beauty. This is another bounty bestowed upon you. It is quite clear and evident that you have mentioned what you found in the correspondence. O beloved of my heart! All matters are clear and evident. This lowly one and others testify to what you have written. However, a hundred thousand thanks and praise be to the Desired One of the worlds that this matter caused the Ancient Beauty to smile. His is the praise and favor in all conditions.

And regarding what you wrote that the beloved of the heart, Varqa, upon him be the Glory of God, had promised the sacred, hidden, and treasured circle—his promise will, God willing, be fulfilled, and this evanescent servant will, by God's grace, send it. I beseech God to grant generous hours and bestow an opportunity so that what was mentioned may quickly be accomplished. O my beloved! Two things are rare, nay impossible to find in the world: one is time for this servant, and the other is faith among the divines of the age. The Phoenix might be found, or the greatest elixir might come into being, or a true lover might find peace and tranquility, but for that other one, truly no solution has been or will be found, for it is a sign of God's—exalted be His glory—wrath. And what is meant by the divines who are mentioned are the ignorant ones who are honored, respected and known among the heedless masses by the name of knowledge. Otherwise, He says the learned one is like the eye for the body of the world, and in another place He says like light in the darkness of days.

Section 2: "As to what you wrote concerning turning towards…"

As to what you wrote concerning turning towards the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, this was presented, and this is what the Tongue of the All-Merciful spoke in the Kingdom of Utterance—exalted be His grandeur:

In His Name, the Mighty, the Bestower

O thou who hast turned towards My horizon! Thou hast attained unto the hearing of My call in My days and hast partaken of the choice wine of My love through My Name, the Manifest, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We have called all mankind unto God. Among the people are those who have heard and responded, and those who have turned away and denied God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: O concourse of the earth! The Promise hath come, and He Who was promised hath appeared, and the verses of God, the Sovereign, the Most High, the Most Great, have been sent down. He hath verily revealed what He desired and commanded His servants with that which draweth them nigh unto Him. He, verily, is the Expositor, the All-Knowing. The world hath been adorned with the lights of My Most Great Manifestation, yet most of the people are heedless.

Praise be to the Desired One of the worlds, for He hath aided thee to recognize this most great station. The people are heedless and veiled from that which hath appeared. The veils of idle fancies have prevented their eyes from beholding the waves of the ocean of utterance and have deprived them from witnessing the lights of the Sun of Manifestation. Today the door of the most great bounty is opened wide, and the Hidden Mystery hath, in His own person, become manifest and evident. The heedless servants are veiled from that which profiteth them and are occupied with that which distracteth them. Blessed are they who have rent asunder the veils of idle fancies with the fingers of certitude and have broken the chains of vain imaginings through His Most Great Name. Soon will those who have suffered loss cry out “Oh, woe unto us!”

As to what thou didst mention regarding the meeting, the servant in attendance submitted: The first to seek this station for thee is he who desired Me and loved Me and attained My presence and entered the Most Great Prison by My leave and heard My call and arose before My gate—he who was named Varqa in My court. And after him, he who attained by turning unto My Self and directing himself toward My manifest and obvious path—he who was named Abu’l-Qasim and at times Nazir. Verily thy Lord is He Who detaileth, the Expositor, the All-Informed. Thou hast attained the light of permission from thy Lord, the Ever-Giving, the Bestower, the Forgiving, the Merciful. However, one must act in accordance with the requirements of wisdom, and without this it is not acceptable in the sight of the Wronged One.

Ye are among those souls concerning whose devotion and turning unto Him the Ancient Beauty Himself beareth witness, and whosoever attaineth unto this station hath attained unto all good. God willing, thou shalt remain firm and steadfast in this most exalted and sublime station. Today, any enkindled soul who, in consideration of divine wisdom, is deprived of visitation, shall assuredly have its reward recorded by the Most Exalted Pen. Be thou assured of thy Lord’s favor and be of the thankful ones. In all circumstances, keep thine eye upon wisdom. This is among the binding counsels of God which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen in most of the Tablets. The glory be upon thee and upon thy family, both female and male, both young and old. Praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The bounty of God—exalted be His glory—hath reached such a degree that it is more evident than the sun. In this case, the mention of this evanescent one would serve no purpose. I beseech God—exalted be His glory—to adorn thee with the ornament of His good-pleasure and to embellish thee with the robe of His acceptance. This is the ultimate station, and our Lord is the Master of all mankind.

We hear the call of every leaf that hath spoken and every maidservant who hath called upon her Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We hear and We answer, for verily I am the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Most Generous. Give praise unto Him Who is thy Purpose and the Purpose of all who are in earth and heaven. He, verily, hath aided thee until thou didst bear witness and desire that which beseemeth the Days of God, the Lord of Creation. Say unto her in Persian: Praise be to God that thy call hath reached the ears of the Best-Beloved of the worlds, and We have addressed thee with words for which all the handmaidens of the earth, whether queens or others, have yearned in vain and failed to attain. Know thou the value of this bounty and occupy thyself with thanksgiving to God, exalted be His glory.

The waves of the ocean of bounty are manifest and visible. Praise be to God, they wash upon His loved ones, and their drops shall, God willing, reach others that all may be made ready to recognize the Cause for which they were created and for which they were brought into being.

As for what thou didst mention concerning those souls who have quaffed the wine of utterance and stand firm in their love for the Best-Beloved of the worlds, mention was made of each one in His presence, and all convey their greetings and salutations to that spiritual friend. However, His Holiness Ismu'llah (66), may the Most Glorious of all Glory rest upon him, hath turned towards those parts. God willing, ye shall meet in a place of safety and security. Likewise, Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Abu'l-Qasim, upon him be the Glory of God, departed two months ago towards the regions of Iran. God willing, wherever he may be, may he be adorned with the blessing of health, which is considered the foremost ornament, and be engaged in that which exalteth the Cause of God.

His Holiness Ismu'llah J.M., may the Most Glorious of all Glory rest upon him, by divine command proceeded from the Land of Ta to Hadba, where he now resideth, until what may shine forth and become manifest from the horizon of God's Will. The Command is in His hands; He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He desireth, and He is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Likewise, His Holiness Ismu'llah Zayn, may the Most Glorious of all Glory rest upon him, dwelleth in Hadba in the utmost joy and fragrance, occupied with the remembrance of God.

As for thy special mention of Jinab-i-Darvish Sidq-ʿAli, may the Most Glorious of all Glory rest upon him, he hath ascended to the Supreme Companion and the Ultimate Goal. Praise be to God that at the time of his ascension, the Concourse on High inhaled from him the fragrance of sanctity, detachment and divine love. This evanescent servant can testify that the worlds beyond were perfumed with the fragrance of his steadfastness. He was among those souls concerning whose visitation the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken these words: "The earth hath been adorned by thy presence." That which was revealed concerning him is such that ages and centuries shall not alter it, nor shall extinction draw nigh unto it. Would that this servant had been with him!

Convey on behalf of this lowly one greetings and salutations to the friends in that land. God willing, may all be illumined by the lights of the Sun of inner meanings and adorned with the ornament of steadfastness. The days are passing, and ere long time and opportunity shall have elapsed. I swear by the ocean of utterance that each moment of these days is more noble and excellent in the sight of God, exalted be His glory, than successive years. That which is today necessary and obligatory, and most

mighty and holy before God, is the unity of the friends of God, and thereafter goodly deeds and spiritual qualities, for these are accounted as the hosts of God, and by these hosts must the friends of the Ancient King conquer the hearts of all the peoples of the world. This servant hopeth that transient concerns may not deprive and debar them from their eternal station. In any case, I have and do beseech prayers from all, that perchance I may fulfill that with which I am charged.

At the end of your letter mention was made of the departure of the beloved of hearts, namely his honor Varqa, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of Names, and likewise mention was made of their proceeding in that direction. God willing, may they arrive in the utmost joy and fragrance and occupy themselves with the mention of the Beloved of the worlds. We beseech the Lord to unite us through His grace beneath the shadow of His providence and the pavilions of His grandeur. Verily He is the Omnipotent over what He willeth, and within His grasp are the reins of all who are in the heavens and the earth.

Likewise they had addressed a letter to this servant mentioning their proceeding to that land. God willing, may they proceed in perfect health and well-being. For each of the names mentioned that were sent in the hand of his honor Aqa Khalil, upon him be the glory of God, a wondrous and exalted Tablet hath been revealed from the heaven of will. God willing, may they attain unto it and act according to what God hath desired, and may all be adorned with the robe of forgiveness. This is a glad-tiding from the servant unto them. Verily my Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. May the Glory that shineth manifest from the horizon of the providence of our Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earth be upon you and upon those with you and upon those who have attained unto the lights of the Self-Subsisting in the days of God, our Beloved and the Beloved of every knowledgeable and steadfast soul.

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The names mentioned in the letter of his honor Ibn-i-Dakhil, upon him be the glory of God, were presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court, and for each one a wondrous and exalted Tablet was revealed from the heaven of bounty, and likewise for the names that were in the letter of the honored gentleman, his honor Nabil, upon him be the glory of God, sacred, impregnable and exalted Tablets were revealed from the heaven of grace and sent. God willing, may all attain and act according to what is contained therein.

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

The servant beareth witness unto that which the Desired One of the world hath testified of His Own Self, that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been in the heights of power and majesty, and in the summit of bounty and grace, and will ever continue to be what He hath been. The tongues of all created things have testified to His grandeur, and the temples of all contingent beings have bowed down before His sovereignty. He is the Single One, the One, the Self-Subsisting, Who cannot be known save through Himself nor described save by His Own Self. The Most Exalted Pen hath appeared and given utterance to that whereby the Kingdom of Names hath been enraptured, and through which He hath subdued the

world and guided the peoples. Blessed is he who, having cast behind him his vain imaginings, hath turned unto his Beloved and his Goal; and woe unto him who hath denied God's right and the rights of His loved ones, and hath forbidden his soul from drawing nigh unto the Most Exalted Horizon, calling it instead unto the promptings of desire.

O Thou Sovereign of the world, manifest amongst the nations! I beseech Thee by the Pen whereby Thou hast taught man what he knew not, to aid Thy servants and creatures to turn unto Thee, to arise before the gate of Thy bounty, and to set their faces toward the ocean of Thy bestowals. O Lord! They are the poor, and Thou art the All-Possessing, the Almighty; they are the ignorant, and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Take hold of their hands through Thy power, might and sovereignty, and illumine their faces with the lights of Thy countenance and their hearts with the splendors of the suns of Thy knowledge. Thou art He, O my God, before Whose manifestations of generosity all bounty hath bowed low, and before Whose evidences of knowledge all learning hath become abased. I beseech Thee by Thy sovereignty and Thy majesty to ordain for the people of Thy realm that which will draw them nigh unto the gate of Thy mercy, cause them to speak Thy praise, and acquaint them with what Thou hast desired in Thy days. Thou art He in Whose grasp are the reins of the world and the controls of the nations. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

I offer prayers, peace and glory unto those whom neither the doubts of the learned could deter from the Lord of Names, nor the clamor of the mystics from the Most Exalted Horizon. These are servants through whom the Sun hath shone and the clouds have rained. All things have borne witness to their acceptance, their attentiveness, their turning unto God, their steadfastness, their praise, their firmness, their rootedness and their constancy in this Cause, whereby the servants have lamented and hearts have melted. These are among the choicest of creation in the sight of Truth. The Concourse on High and the dwellers of Paradise invoke blessings upon them morning and evening. Blessed is he who hath recognized their station, attained their presence, and heard from them the praise of their Creator; and woe unto him who hath remained heedless, turned away, denied, and retreated from this station which hath been ordained for him by the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

Thereafter, O beloved of my heart, the servant hath been honored with thy letter, which spoke in praise of our Goal and your Goal and the Goal of the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the pavilions of grandeur. I broke its seal and read its contents, and brought it to the Most Glorious Paradise, and after obtaining permission, presented it at the Most Exalted Horizon. Then the Tongue gave utterance in the Kingdom of Expression, saying—and His Word is the Truth:

O servant in attendance! Write to Muhammad-Qabil-i-Husayn, upon him be my glory: Praise be to God that from the beginning of the Cause thou wert blessed with that which most of mankind hath not attained. Thou didst turn to Him, heard the call, and wert blessed to respond "yea." This was what was needed, and through God's grace and favor thou didst achieve it. In the early days the Ancient Tongue proclaimed this exalted word: "This is not the Day of questions and answers. It behooveth everyone, when hearing the Call from the Supreme Horizon, to say: ʿHere am I, here am I, O Lord of Names! Here am I, here am I, O Creator of Heaven!"' And thou didst attain unto this station. The Supreme Pen hath

testified to thy devotion and sincerity, but this station is indeed most great. Thou must preserve it and be observed to become daily more enkindled in the Cause of God.

By Him Who revealed the Bayan and manifested the proof! All that is witnessed in the world will soon return to nothingness, while that which hath been ordained for His loved ones and chosen ones shall endure for as long as His names and attributes endure. Thy name is mentioned in the Kingdom and is inscribed by the Most Glorious Pen in God's Book. Say: O my God and my Lord! I beseech Thee by the light wherewith Thou hast illumined the horizons of the hearts of them that are sincere in Thy days, and by the fire of Thy love which hath set ablaze the hearts of Thy chosen ones and loved ones, to aid me to be steadfast in that which Thou hast given me through Thy bounty, made known to me through Thy grace, and taught me through Thy loving-kindness.

O my Lord! Thou seest me, with my whole being, my spirit, my outer and inner self, turning toward the horizon whence the lights of Thy countenance have shone forth, and holding fast to the cord of Thy favors. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me that which beseemeth Thy days and that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Thou art He to Whose generosity every tongue hath testified, and to Whose power every utterance hath witnessed. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. I beseech Thee to protect me from those who have denied Thy truth and turned away from Thy sovereignty. Furthermore, I beseech Thee, O my God, by the Most Great Word whereby Thou hast subdued all things, to strengthen me in Thy remembrance, Thy praise, and the service of Thy Cause through the wisdom Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Great.

Praise be to God that through the loving-kindness of the Beloved of the world thou hast attained unto the Kawthar of the Merciful's utterance, and these exalted words were revealed especially for thee. Well is it with thee and pleasing is it unto thee. Likewise a tablet was revealed and sent down from the heaven of will. God willing, thou shalt be assisted in all conditions with that which He loveth and is pleased with. From the beginning of the Cause thou didst stand at the gate and wert engaged in the mention of God. This station is most great. Although due to the meanness of the world and its worthlessness the stations of those who are steadfast, who have turned to God and are firm have remained hidden, yet this concealment shall last but a few days.

Soon will the effulgences of the lights of the Sun of bounty make manifest the stations of souls and reveal them to all the worlds. This ocean hath neither shore nor bottom, for its mention hath flowed from the Tongue of Grandeur and been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen. This evanescent servant hopeth that thou mayest shine forth like the morning star from the horizon of the heaven of God's Cause. His is the command, in the past and in the future, and all are submissive unto Him.

You have remembered rightly concerning the delay in my letter, but God the All-Knowing bears witness that you have ever been present before my face and mentioned by my tongue. How could this ephemeral one forget that spiritual friend who from the beginning of the Cause has been turned toward the Truth? If my letters have been delayed, it is because night and day I am occupied before His face in transcribing the revealed verses, and furthermore letters from the friends arrive continuously and successively to such an extent that were it not for the assistance of the Beloved of the Worlds, this ephemeral one could never fulfill his duty to reply and accomplish that with which he is charged.

You yourself bear witness to what I have stated. As for what you wrote concerning your namesake, upon him be the Glory of God, and concerning his degrees of longing, yearning, firmness and steadfastness—indeed what you wrote is correct, clear and evident. I beseech the Exalted Truth, glorified be His majesty, to assist him in that which befits this divine Day. God willing, may he at all times drink from the Kawthar of the utterance of the All-Merciful and be enkindled with the fire of His love. These matters were also presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Threshold. A most wondrous, most mighty, most holy Tablet was revealed from the heaven of will especially for him. God willing, may he attain to its perusal and drink from the ocean of divine utterance that lies concealed within its words and verses.

His is the praise and the glory, His the bounty and the giving. He bestoweth as He willeth and withholdeth as He willeth. He is the Beneficent, the Giver, the Generous, the Bountiful. Convey my greetings to him.

Concerning what you wrote about permission to turn towards the Prison, it was presented before the Throne. This is what the All-Bestowing spoke in reply, exalted be His glory:

He is God, exalted is He!

Verily He loves your presence, and you yearn for His presence, His meeting and His reunion, which God has made the ultimate goal and the supreme cause for the appearance of creation and its resurrection. But the people and their deeds have come between us and you. Today the sun of justice is concealed beneath the clouds of oppression. This too is from the wisdom of God, your Lord and the Lord of the worlds. Be not grieved at separation, for verily whoever is truly enkindled with the fire of God's love and attains to His love—the reward of meeting and reunion has been and will be recorded for him by the Supreme Pen. Verily He inscribes for whomsoever He wishes whatsoever He desires. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Wise.

From the moment of Our arrival in this prison, the Tongue of Grandeur hath proclaimed this exalted word: This land is seen to be outwardly at rest, yet inwardly it is in turmoil. Soon shall its inward state assume the place of its outward condition, and its outward condition the place of its inward state. Such utterances were heard repeatedly from the blessed Tongue. Perchance this may be one of the reasons for Our restraint. Nevertheless, We cherish the hope that through the infinite oceans of mercy, this station may be recorded by the Supreme Pen in the most excellent manner regarding the true chosen ones. The banner of "He doeth what He pleaseth" is raised through His Name, and the standard of "He ordaineth what He willeth" is manifest through His Command. The Kingdom of Will is agitated before His Will, and the Dominion of Utterance is submissive and silent before His Utterance. Who can measure this station by the standards of the world or by the scales of nations? All are bewildered. Verily we are God's, and verily unto Him shall we return.

This evanescent one makes known to those who drink of the Kawthar of inner meanings that the friends must at all times beseech and supplicate the Self-Subsisting Lord that perchance the veils that have prevented the world from beholding Him might be rent asunder, and that eyes and vision might attain to that for which they were created. Today the Kawthar is flowing, the River of Divine Mercy is manifest, and the Sealed Wine is present. Say: O masters and friends of God! Strive that ye may attain to that which beseemeth you, and take your portion and share of that which is in this day being sent down from the

heaven of God's bounty and appearing from the ocean of His grace. I swear by the Divine Ocean of Knowledge that if in this day any soul should miss aught, its retrieval shall be impossible.

Convey greetings on behalf of this servant to all, and inform them of what hath been mentioned. God willing, may all be gathered upon the carpet of unity and soar in the atmosphere of oneness. Verily, He aideth whomsoever He willeth as a bounty from His presence. There is none other God but He, the Hearer, the Answerer. May the Glory shining from the horizon of our Lord, the Most Glorious's favors, be upon you and upon those who have attained unto the days of their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH00740: This is a day wherein voices have been raised…

In the Name of our Lord, the Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious.

This is a day wherein voices have been raised and pleasures transformed. It is as though earth and heaven have been turned to fire, and from the cannon balls there hath appeared that which causeth bodies to quake at its mention. From the sea riseth the rumbling of artillery, and upon land raineth down bullets from rifles. Come ye, come ye, O people of the world, that I may show you the manifestations of might and power, and the conditions of glory and grandeur. By God! The deeds of creation have been embodied by the command of the Truth, appearing at times in the form of fire, and at others in the form of smoke, and from these have earthquakes seized the tribes and parties.

O people of the earth, come ye, come ye! The servant desireth to ask of you one word—tell Me truthfully: Is there among you one possessed of sight and heart who might observe and ponder what hath befallen the lands from the cannons of aggression? Is there among you any fair-minded one who might judge what hath appeared in the contingent world? Is there any with ears to hear what hath been sent down of mysteries and tidings in the Book? The servant testifieth that He calleth unto the world with the greatest love and supreme compassion, yet the people turn not unto Him nor hear from Him, as though the intoxication of the cup of wrath hath seized them and prevented them from mercy, rest and tranquility. We are God's and unto Him shall we return.

In these days, some of what flowed from the Supreme Pen in God's Book hath become manifest and evident. Alexandria, which was adorned with the utmost ornaments and known for its wealth, might and riches, was in but a few hours observed to be impoverished, destitute and naked. Fiery shells rained down upon it from the wicked. Every ignorant one is bewildered and stunned, and every wise one thoughtful and warned. Pride and turning away have become the cause and reason for negligence, for had they acted according to what the All-Merciful revealed in the Qur'an, they would have ever been observed beneath the glances of His favor. The portion of the rebellious and transgressing ones shall surely come. The flame of fire is visible, yet its source is not known.

Those with true vision in the world are as rare as red sulfur—nay, rarer still. Strange that no one is aware and not a soul perceives. How many souls in these parts have witnessed and heard what was revealed before, yet still they are seen to be heedless. In truth, the Greatest Talisman is manifest. The servant beseecheth His Lord to have mercy on His servants, to guide them to His path, and to give them to drink from the Kawthar of His utterance. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

In one of the blessed Surihs revealed at the beginning of His arrival in the Most Great Prison, He—exalted be His glory—saith: "Know thou that God hath seized the greatest of those who passed judgment against Us, through His power and sovereignty," unto His words, exalted be His majesty: "Soon shall We depose one like unto him and seize their prince who ruleth over the lands, and I am the Mighty, the Compelling." How many souls did He seize through one of the greatest of the wicked ones, rewarding them according to their deeds, and then caused him to perish and be destroyed by the flame of His wrath, until he returned to his abode. The Command is in His hand. He seeth and knoweth what He doeth. None may object to Him. He is ever wakeful and watchful, while others are heedless and sleeping. The servant asketh Him, through His own tongue and the tongues of the world, to forgive them and us for what we have wrought in His days and to forgive our transgressions. Verily, He is our Master, our Lord, our God, our Goal, our Beloved, our Worshipped One, and the Worshipped One of all who are in the heavens and earth. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!

O offspring of the heart of the Messenger and branch of the Divine Lote-Tree! My spirit and my soul be a sacrifice for your love, for your acceptance, and for your steadfastness! Days and nights have passed, and the servant has not heard your melodies upon the Tree, nor your songs upon the Branch. Though the servant has sins greater than mountains, yet this servant has a true and acceptable excuse before your presence, for correspondence has occupied me and affairs have prevented me. Tasks have multiplied and opportunity has diminished, and time is more precious than costly pearls—to this beareth witness the Lord of the world and the Goal of nations.

I submit that heedlessness hath overtaken this evanescent one, for my remembrance and consciousness are as heedlessness itself, nay greater—how much more so my heedlessness! I seek forgiveness from God, the Most Great, for every mention and deed. Until one day the Intended One said that a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet had been revealed specially for the Afnan, upon him be His glory. "Write something too and inquire that he might write about all matters concerning the Most Exalted Leaf, upon her be His glory, of every kind, and submit them to the Most Holy Court. O Afnan! For some time you have concealed the affairs of the Most Exalted Leaf and have not submitted them. You must surely write and present them. Ye are beneath the domes of My glory, the pavilion of My grace, and the canopy of My grandeur." Thus ended His words, and one Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed specially for him and sent. His Holiness sent it and said: "O Afnan! Be not grieved by what has occurred. Soon thou shalt see and know what was hidden in God's knowledge. Verily thy Lord has aided thee and will aid thee as He pleaseth. He is indeed the All-Conquering, the Almighty."

I further submit that my nothingness and evanescence be conveyed to the presence of the honored teacher, upon him be all the most glorious glory of the All-Glorious, and likewise to the honored Afnans, upon them be all the most glorious glory of the All-Glorious. This evanescent servant expresses his nothingness and evanescence, and begs of God that each may be seen as a banner upon the highest standards of the world. Though by God's grace they had already attained, and still maintain, this most exalted station before this servant's submission, they have won mention that neither extinction can touch nor centuries and ages can alter. This servant has always intended to submit to your presence words demonstrating true sincerity, but until now has not succeeded.

In truth, he expresses shame before all and seeks pure pardon for God's sake, for opportunity and time are like rest, and in these days do not exist in the world of being. All the chosen ones of God bear witness to the magnitude of this evanescent one's task, and from all it is expected that they beseech God to strengthen this evanescent one that he might perhaps fulfill that with which he has been charged. Verily, He has power over whatsoever He willeth. May the Glory that shineth resplendent from the horizon of the providence of our and your Goal be upon you and upon those who love you for the sake of God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the Wise. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Great.

O God of Names and Creator of Heaven! Thou seest Thy branches and what they seek in Thy love and Thy good-pleasure. Among them are those who have clung to the cord of Thy grace, and those who have held fast to the hem of Thy mercy, and those who yearned to attain Thy presence and have been blessed with Thy bounty, and those who have left their homelands out of longing to visit Thy countenance. I beseech Thee, O Lord of Eternity and Sovereign of Nations, by Thy Most Great Name, to assist them in that which they seek in Thy love and Thy path. Then grant them the cup of Thy presence and the chalice of reunion with Thee, and draw them nigh unto Thee that their eyes may be gladdened and their faces illumined thereby. O Lord! I beseech Thee to place them beneath the shadow of Thy providence and to ordain for them the good that lay hidden in Thy knowledge and the grace that was treasured with Thee. Verily, Thou art He Whom nothing can frustrate and no affair can render powerless. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy power that prevaileth over all who are in the heavens and the earth. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Hearing, the Answerer, the All-Bountiful.

The servant 27 Dhi'l-Hijjih 1299

BH00887: Praised be He Who hath revealed Himself and sent…

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

Praised be He Who hath revealed Himself and sent down what He willed, Who speaketh on the Day of Reckoning, Who summoneth all to love and fellowship, and Who guideth them to the straight path. Glory and exaltation be upon those who have sought the ultimate goal, the highest aim, the loftiest summit, and the supreme horizon, and who have aided the Cause of God with pen and tongue and with their wealth in the Day of Reckoning. These are servants who have attained unto the sealed wine, whose seal was broken by the finger of the will of His Name, the Self-Subsisting. They heard and responded and hastened until they reached the shore of the Most Great Ocean, from whose surging waves every hearing ear heard what the ear of Moses heard on Sinai of the mysteries of the Revelation. Blessed be their footsteps for their haste, their eyes for what they beheld, their tongues for what they uttered, and their hands for what they took with submission and acceptance of the Book of God, the Lord of all names.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of the world and the Beloved of nations! I beseech Thee by the Cause before which no cause can stand, to assist Thy loved ones and friends to serve Thee and Thy Cause. Then preserve them, O my God, from the promptings of self and desire, and draw them nigh unto the station wherein is heard the rustling of the Sadratu'l-Muntaha. 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 Forgiving, the Bountiful, and Thou art the Hearing, the Responding One.

Thereafter, it is submitted that your letter dated the first of Dhi'l-Qa'dah was received and after review was taken to the Blessed Presence and entirely presented. This is what the Tongue of the All-Merciful uttered in the Kingdom of Utterance, exalted be His glory:

He is the Witness, the Hearing One!

O Muhammad-ʿAli! Thou hast attained unto the recognition of God, glory be to Him, hast drunk from the cup of His love, and hast been enabled to serve His Cause. Know thou the station of this most great bounty and supreme gift, and occupy thyself with the mention of the Beloved of the worlds through wisdom and utterance. Soon will the rains of mercy and blessing descend from the heaven of grace upon every steadfast one. This is what is mentioned in the first life, and in the hereafter there is ordained for him what cannot be described by the tongue nor recorded by the pen. Glory be upon thy father, upon thee, upon thy brothers, upon those who have attained unto the presence, upon those who have believed in God and desired to draw nigh and attain His presence, and upon every one who hath turned and recognized this mighty Day.

This evanescent servant conveyeth greetings and praise, and beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, to assist the friends that they may arise to compensate for what hath been lost and remain steadfast in what they have learned. The Command is in God's hands, the Lord of all worlds.

His Holiness the Name of God—upon him be all the most glorious Glory—hath mentioned you and expressed satisfaction, and likewise mentioned some of the friends who have drunk from the Kawthar of recognition of the Beloved of all creation. All praise be to God, they have attained unto the outpouring grace and are honored with the mention of the Goal of the world. This is a bounty that decline cannot seize and neither the heat of the sun nor the moisture of water can harm. God willing, may all be assisted to preserve this most mighty station.

The mention of those souls who were named in the letter of the one who is God's Name was presented before Him, and unique, wondrous and exalted verses were revealed from the heaven of grace for each one. God willing, may they attain unto these and drink from their oceans of inner meanings.

Jinab-i-Mashhadi Isma'il, upon him be the Glory of God, arrived. Praise be to God, he was enkindled with the fire of love and spoke in remembrance of the Peerless Friend. The grace of God, exalted be His glory, took hold of him, for his pilgrimage and turning was accepted, even though he set out on the path without permission. However, henceforth you must observe the command, meaning prevent souls from disobedience. None should come without permission. The prohibition has been clearly revealed in the divine Tablets. If anyone comes without permission, their harm will be many times greater than their reward. His honor must arise to serve the Cause with utmost dedication, that its signs may appear in creation. Verily our Lord, the All-Knowing, is the Compassionate, the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing, the All-Informed.

As for the mention of Jinab-i-Aqa Ali, upon him be the Glory of God, praise be to God he is successful and has attained God's grace. In truth, it is the sincerity of his honored father that has shone upon those regions. Once these words flowed from the tongue of the Divine Purpose, exalted be His utterance: "From that tree," meaning his honored father, "enduring traces and ripe fruits shall appear." This station

is now concealed. The Herald of Truth and the Informer of Truth—exalted be this great bounty. May Jinab-i-Aqa Ali be successful in all conditions. Due to the upheavals in those regions and the ignition of the fire of sedition, they were prevented from coming to the Most Holy Court. They have permission to come. God willing, they will attain in days of tranquility and assurance. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Bountiful, the Generous.

To Jinab-i-Aqa ʿAli Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, I convey greetings and salutations. May he ever drink from the Kawthar of divine love and gaze toward His horizon of grace.

The mention of Jinab-i-Haji Muhammad Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God, was at the end of the letter. Blessed is he, then blessed is he! His mention was presented in the Most Holy Court. This is what was revealed for him from the heaven of grace, exalted be His utterance:

> "O Muhammad Husayn! We have heard your call and answered you, and found from you the fragrance of love. We have turned to you from the direction of My Most Great Prison. Rejoice in that the Wronged One has remembered you while in the hands of the heedless. The world and all within it shall perish, but what has been revealed for you from My Most Exalted Pen in this lofty station shall endure. My Pen bears witness, and My tongue, both outward and inward, that there is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Be thou gazing toward My horizon, speaking My praise, and arising to serve My wondrous Cause. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained the recognition of God, the Lord of all worlds."

This servant conveys greetings and salutations to him, and congratulates him for having attained the mention of God, exalted be His glory. Blessed is he and blessed is he who has attained this mighty, exalted station. The Glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon you all and upon those who are with you, and upon those who have acknowledged what God has acknowledged and what the tongue of His grandeur has testified when He was established upon His mighty throne. And praise be to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The servant 27 Dhi'l-Hijjih 1299

BH06409: Praise be to God Who taught us the word…

Praise be to God Who taught us the word of unity, made known to us the decree of oneness, and guided us to the straight path….

Regarding what you wrote about the matter of the House, that beloved one is fully aware. There is and has been no objection to mentioning it and reminding people about it. All the people of Iraq, from the divines and princes and others, know that those properties belong here. That beloved one should mention this with wisdom and utterance. This servant is much astonished at the letter Mim. It is most regrettable that such a thing should appear from him—that he should sell or transfer to another a place that was specifically designated and associated with here. Where has justice gone? What has become of truthfulness? To which direction has righteousness departed? In any case, if anyone meets him, tell him on behalf of this servant: Do not do that which would cause the hearts of young and old to tremble. Such

an act is most unbecoming of one like you. This servant of God has said and says: Whether you take counsel from his words or take offense….

BH01751: Praise be to God that the Sun of Divine…

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 that the Sun of Divine Wisdom is engaged in the education of the peoples of the world, and the Ocean of Divine Knowledge is manifestly outpouring its bounties in abundance. The leader of the hosts of truth in this day is the Universal Divine Intellect, and its armies are goodly deeds and virtuous human qualities. The weapons of this host are sharper than swords and spears—without strife or conflict they conquer the citadels of hearts. Exalted is He Who holds all authority in His grasp and causes His Will to prevail.

The penetrating power of the Divine Word has been and ever shall be beyond reckoning. This influence emanates from its sincerity. A word that proceeds from the mine of righteousness and sincerity for God's sake is indeed all-powerful and all-encompassing. When such a word is cast upon a people or an army, they become so enthralled that neither worldly conditions nor all that the nations possess can deter them from the Straight Path and the Momentous News. These are they of whom the All-Merciful hath spoken in the Qur'an:

> "Men whom neither merchandise nor traffic beguile from the remembrance of God."

The life of such souls has been and shall ever be the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory. The joy and gladness of the world doth not distract them from true joy. They drink of the spiritual wine that floweth from the Pen of bounty in remembrance of their Friend, and repose beneath the shade of the Tree of Trust.

At all times their purpose hath been and shall be the exaltation of God's Cause and the spiritual advancement of His servants. Blessed are they who protect the standards of God's Cause with the hosts of consultation and who spread His ordinances with wisdom. And blessed are the men who establish the King of unity upon his throne with the armies of counsel, admonition, knowledge and utterance, that the world and its peoples may be illumined and find rest in the light of unity. How excellent is the soul that rendereth such service and is preserved from the devils of discord!

The cause and source of delay, impediment, weakness, poverty and laxity hath been and continues to be discord. This evanescent servant beseecheth God and imploreth Him to create and manifest servants through the light of wisdom and utterance who will protect the station of the King without armies. His is the command, and He is the Commander, the Sovereign, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

Furthermore, the letter of that spiritual friend adorned this transient form with the ornament of praise and glorification of the Eternal Beloved. God willing, may this cup not be forbidden and this chalice not be

deprived of the pure water of love. After perusal, proceeding to the nearest station, and upon receiving permission, it was presented before the countenance of the Lord of all beings. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, exalted be His glory:

In My Name that encompasseth all that are on earth and in heaven

At all times the Pen of the All-Merciful hath commanded all who dwell within the realm of existence to turn unto the ocean of unity, which is the source of the life of the world, and likewise unto the tree of oneness, which is the cause of the exaltation of all peoples. From the Dawning-Place of the Divine Pen, within numbered years, the suns of commandments and ordinances have shone forth and been made manifest in this station, yet rare are the places capable of accepting this manifestation. Today the friends of God must be as pearls among pebbles amidst humanity, and throughout the nights and days arise to manifest this most exalted and most glorious station which is, in truth, the source of tranquility and repose for the world.

They must strive with the utmost endeavor to accomplish that which God hath willed. O Muhammad! Remind the people in the Days of God of that which will preserve them from whatsoever is unworthy of their relationship with thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We counsel all with that whereby the Cause of God may be exalted throughout creation and which will draw them nigh unto Him. He, verily, is the Compassionate, the Merciful. They must speak that which would soften the most unyielding rock, and act in such wise as would establish the sanctity of His mighty and wondrous Cause. Arise to serve My Cause, that there may appear from thee that which God, the Lord of the worlds, hath desired. He hath desired the unity and concord of His loved ones, as attested by God's Scriptures, His Books, His Tablets and My Preserved Tablet. Arise with thy whole being to manifest this glorious station.

Today must every soul turn from that which he possesseth unto that which God possesseth; that is, he must not expend his life in service to himself and his desires, but rather in that which will exalt the Cause of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. If any soul attaineth unto this station, he shall be remembered among the most exalted of beings, and God shall, in truth, exalt him among His servants. He, verily, hath power over all things. Convey My greetings to the friends of God. God willing, may they all attain unto that which is the cause of the elevation and exaltation of man's station. Say: Move for a few days according to God's will and arise for the sake of God to reform mankind. By the life of God! Then shall ye behold the suns of the favors of your Lord, the Generous. Whosoever is occupied today with reforming himself according to that which God hath commanded in the Book, he is in truth engaged in reforming the world. Consider this, O ye who are endued with understanding! Consider this, O ye who are possessed of insight!

O thou who art inscribed in My Book and mentioned before My Throne! Be unto the servants a trusted counselor, then recite unto them that which God hath sent down in the Book, that perchance they may abandon the world of sorrows, troubles and differences, and with illumined hearts, radiant faces, attentive ears and penetrating vision, hold fast unto and turn towards that which God hath commanded. By the life of God! Then shall they find themselves upon an exalted station. The glory be upon thee and upon them and upon whosoever hath arisen to perform that deed whereby the fragrance of My good-

pleasure is diffused and concerning which the Nightingale hath warbled upon the branch. The sincere ones have attained unto that which God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, hath willed.

This evanescent one confesses and acknowledges all that your honor has stated. Embarrassment has reached such a degree that even its mention causes further embarrassment and ultimate sorrow. The Exalted Truth bears witness that this servant has always considered and continues to consider the good pleasure of God's chosen ones. However, the multitude of occupations has prevented him from expressing his condition and from attending to necessary matters. The loved ones and chosen ones themselves witness that if anything necessary was left undone, it was due to more pressing matters. That spiritual beloved has been and is aware of the revelation of verses and their inscription in his presence. Therefore, this excuse is acceptable, nay beloved, in your honor's presence. God is my witness that at all times I seek assistance from Truth and His chosen ones, that He may enable this evanescent one to render the service entrusted to him. Verily, He is near and responsive.

Regarding what you wrote about numerous petitions and communications being sent—whatever reached this evanescent one was answered and sent. From the direction of the Divine Throne, supreme favors were also bestowed without petition. When his honor Darvish Ghulamhusayn, upon him be the Glory of God, returned, one Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was specifically revealed for your honor and sent with him. From the Tablet itself, the fragrances of the favors of the Desired One of all worlds were manifest, evident and diffused. Whatever has reached this servant has been presented before His presence and continues to be presented, and answers have been given one after another in such manner that not a single letter has been omitted. If at any time something appears that becomes an obstacle or barrier, this pertains to God's ordained decrees, with which we are all content, nay grateful. In His grasp is the reins of all affairs. He does what He wills and ordains, and He is the Commander, the All-Knowing.

Regarding what you wrote about sincerely and willingly undertaking not to dare send petitions before the issuance of commands and tablets from the Prison—this matter, after being presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence, was not accepted. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke:

> "You are under the glances of My favor. Blessed art thou and thy father, from whom the Concourse on High has found the fragrance of My mercy and My favor, and thy mother, whom We have mentioned in such wise that the sincere ones make mention of her. Be steadfast in the service of My Cause, firm and determined in such wise that nothing shall prevent thee from the remembrance of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting."

In all conditions, your honor must gaze toward the Supreme Horizon and send petitions, even if no answer is heard throughout the duration of the kingdom and the heavenly kingdom. However, My Most Exalted Pen bears witness that We have mentioned thee and thy father before your mention, and We turned toward you before your turning, your recognition, your humility, your submissiveness and your acceptance. Therefore, thank thy Lord for this Most Great Favor and say:

> "Thine is the giving, O Lord of Names, and from Thee proceed bounty and generosity, O Sovereign of existence."

Mention was made of his honor Rida-Quli Khan, upon him be the Glory of God. Some time ago, the beloved of hearts, His Holiness ʿAli-before-Akbar, upon him be the Glory of God, the Lord of Power, made mention of him, and the Sun of favor has risen and shone in relation to him. On behalf of this evanescent one, convey greetings and praise to him. I beseech the Most High to assist him in that which shall endure through the duration of His names and attributes.

As to your mention of Aqa Muhammad-Kazim, it has been submitted. His words, blessed and exalted be He:

> "Convey My greetings unto him and mention to him that which befitteth these days, and give him the glad-tidings of My grace and bounty. Let him be content with that which hath been ordained for him by God, the Lord of all beings, and let him fix his gaze upon My most exalted horizon. The Glory be upon him."

As to what you wrote concerning Aqa Haydar-ʿAli and Ustad Muhammad-Quli the tailor and what they have wrought for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds—praise be to God that their deeds have been adorned with the ornament of acceptance and honored with divine verses. This lowly one has, in accordance with their wish, accomplished that which was intended, and this is a deed that nothing in the world can equal. Well is it with them and blessed are they.

As to what was mentioned regarding Aqa Mirza ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God, son of His beloved Mirza ?-S, upon him be the Glory of God and His favor—it was submitted before the countenance of the Lord of Destiny. This is what the Tongue of the All-Merciful hath spoken in the Kingdom of Utterance, exalted and mighty be His words:

In My Name, the All-Loving, the Generous

O ʿAli! Thou hast been mentioned before the Throne and hast attained unto the grace of God, the Lord of the worlds. Thou hast been beneath the glances of divine favor, and the gaze of God hath been directed towards thee from this glorious station. Be thou steadfast in My Cause. By the life of God! Soon shall the recompense of deeds be made manifest in such wise that every tongue shall exclaim: "Blessed be God, the Rewarder, the Bestower, the All-Loving, the All-Wise." We counsel thee to preserve this station and that whereby thy rank in this mighty Cause may be elevated. Convey My greetings unto thy father and thy brother, and unto those who are with him. Soon shall a Tablet be revealed for him that shall testify that there is none other God but Me, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

This lowly one also conveys greetings and salutations to your spiritual beloved, Mirza, and those who are with him. God is my witness that their mention has been and continues to be upon my heart and tongue.

As to what you wrote concerning Aqa Mirza Ghulam-ʿAli, upon him be the Glory of God, son of His Holiness the elevated and martyred Dhabih, upon him be the Glory of God and His favor—two Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablets were revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will specifically for him and his brother Aqa Muhammad-Rida. Due to the upheavals in these lands, their dispatch was delayed for some time until these days when the fragrance of peace and security wafted. They have now been sent. God willing, they will attain unto them.

And as to your mention that some have brought harm upon the family of His Holiness the elevated Dhabih, upon him be the Glory of God, it was submitted. His words, blessed and exalted be He: This matter has certainly not been and is not acceptable before the Divine Presence. It is incumbent upon all to have regard for them and to deal with them with the utmost kindness. Their protection is binding upon the Truth. Verily, He sufficeth them in truth, if they be of those who are assured, steadfast and firmly rooted.

Section 2: "O son of him who loved Me! Hear…"

O son of him who loved Me! Hear thou the call of the Wronged One. Verily, the people are in manifest doubt. Nothing whatsoever escapeth the knowledge of thy Lord—He witnesseth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing. In the early days when Muhammad-Rida turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon, he was so aflame with the fire of My love that all things bore witness to it, and the earth related what was upon it, and beyond it is the knowledge of thy Lord, the All-Informed. On certain nights, despite his father's hatred and opposition, he remained heedless and remembered the Truth in his inmost heart. O son of him who sacrificed himself for My Cause and testified to that which My tongue hath spoken and confirmed whatsoever hath proceeded from Me! Were his degrees of longing and attraction in those days to be mentioned, all would testify to that which was manifested. We conceal most matters as a token of Our grace, for verily We are the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

This Day is known as the Day of God, and the fragrance of bounty wafteth from all directions, and the pavilion of grace hath been raised upon the highest standards, and the banners of "Verily I am God" are manifest in all regions. The ocean of generosity is surging and the sun of loving-kindness is shining, and the eye of God is fixed upon him who hath turned unto Him, and the ear of God is inclined toward him who hath testified to Him. The purpose is that in this day whosoever is illumined with the lights of faith and steadfastness receiveth and will continue to receive manifestations of favor from the Dayspring of the Cause, so long as this station endureth; this attribute remaineth firm. Otherwise, the matter is in His hands.

In view of this Most Great Revelation and the manifestations of grace and generosity, there hath been revealed that which indicateth the greatness of the Day of God. Nevertheless, should anyone commit oppression against the one who was sacrificed, upon him be My glory, or against those related to him, he most certainly hath been and will be punished by God. Say: Verily, the most exalted among you are those who were the first to believe. Just as mention, acceptance and obedience are acceptable, praiseworthy and commendable before God, likewise unseemly deeds are rejected and unacceptable. How many matters have occurred which God hath concealed, yet assuredly this concealment will be followed by an unveiling and recompense. Blessed are they that understand, blessed are they that have attained!

One single believer who hath caused his own desires to be extinguished in the desires of God is better and more pleasing before God than all who dwell on earth. By the life of Him Who speaketh the truth in this Most Great Prison! Were less than a needle's eye of the stations of sanctity and detachment to be revealed unto the peoples of the world, all would become freed and detached from whatsoever they possess and would hold fast unto that which God hath ordained and commanded. The suns of proof,

evidence and demonstration are shining and manifest from all directions, yet the people remain heedless and veiled. The intoxication of vain desires hath seized them and debarred them from God, the Lord of all men. Thus hath spoken the Lord of the worlds while in this mighty Prison. Say: O peoples of the earth! Abandon that which ye possess, then turn toward the horizon wherefrom hath shone the sun of the loving-kindness of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And concerning what thou didst write about Mirza Habibullah, the other son of His Holiness the Martyr, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, it was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. This blessed Tablet was specifically revealed for him from the heaven of favor. He saith, exalted be His majesty:

In My Name, the Witness, the All-Hearing

O Son of Dhabih! Ye are all under the sheltering gaze of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Know ye the station of this mighty, this exalted Cause. O beloved one! Reflect upon Dhabih—upon him rest My glory—and that which hath proceeded from him. After hearing the Call, he tarried not for less than a moment but turned his face toward the realm of oneness. This occurred in days when the people of the Bayan were heedless of and veiled from the root of the Cause, for divine wisdom required concealment. God willing, may ye be occupied, in utmost sanctity and detachment, with the mention of the Truth, exalted be His glory, and be focused on the horizon of His Will.

We have made mention of Dhabih and those related to him in the hidden and treasured Tablet, which in one place is referred to as the Crimson Tablet. In the beginning, the Truth, exalted be His glory, regarded only pure-hearted acceptance, for before the revelation of commandments and ordinances, He manifested Himself and uttered the Word. Whosoever accepted without hesitation attained unto all good. After the heaven of divine decree was raised up and the sun of the Cause shone forth, it became binding and obligatory upon all to hold fast unto it and act according to it. The Command is in His hands; He doeth and decreeth as He pleaseth and willeth. He is verily the Commander, the Possessor, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

The glory be upon thee and upon him who attained the presence of God in the Most Great Prison, and upon those who have testified to that which God hath testified: that there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The praise be to God! The gaze of God's loving-kindness hath ever been and still is directed towards the honored Dhabih—upon him be the glory of God and His loving-kindness—and his relatives, upon them be the glory of God. And Muhammad-Rida—upon him be the glory of God—showed perfect sincerity in service to the honored one in the early days. Now too should the fragrance of unity and love be diffused between them. The good-pleasure of God lieth in the relatives of the honored one being pleased with him. The station of God's loved ones hath ever been and shall ever remain in view. God hath preferred some above others. He, verily, is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth, and in His grasp is the kingdom of command. There is none other God but Him, the Strong, the Dominant, the Mighty.

As to what was written about some being somewhat saddened by the Tablet that was specifically revealed for Muhammad-Rida, this is not and was never permissible, for no one is aware of the reality of

matters. For were they to become aware, they would testify that whatsoever hath appeared and shall appear is the truth in which there is no doubt. The Primal Point—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake—hath said regarding this most great Revelation that if He should apply to the heaven the law of earth and to the earth the law of heaven, and should anyone entertain in his heart the slightest objection or protest, he is devoid of belief and acceptance. For if one truly recognizes and attains unto the station of absolute certainty, he will know with clear conviction that whatsoever appeareth from the holy Presence and proceedeth from the Source of Command is truth itself, sanctified, exalted and freed from all doubt, uncertainty and misgiving.

Concerning what thou didst mention of the honored wife of His Holiness the Martyr, upon them both be the Glory of God, God is verily Witness that this servant hath, at special times, made mention of her and the kinsmen of His Holiness the Exalted One in the Most Holy Court. Now, since the evidences of divine favor are not outwardly manifest in the material realm, the rays of the Sun of Grace remain hidden from sight. Were the fruits and effects of but one word revealed from the Supreme Pen concerning the loved ones to become manifest and appear in the world, all would proclaim the blessed words "verily this is from none other than God, the Exalted, the Great." It is requested that thou convey greetings on behalf of this servant to that honored lady, upon her be the Glory of God. God willing, may she be mindful of and speak that which befitteth her and the days of her Lord, and act accordingly.

As to what thou didst write concerning Aqa Muhammad-Karim-i-ʿAttar, upon him be the Glory of God, his deeds are remembered in the presence of God and have attained the ornament of divine acceptance. Blessed is he, again blessed is he! Soon will the station and rank of those who are today engaged in serving the Cause become manifest and evident amidst the peoples of the world like unto the sun. Today most people are heedless, knowing not what Cause hath appeared in the world and what tidings have come. They are occupied with their own idle fancies until such time as they shall find themselves in another state and cling to the words "Is there any way to return?" or utter "Would that I were dust!" Particularly in these days this servant sent them a letter adorned with the effulgent rays of the Sun of Grace of our Lord and your Lord, our Goal and your Goal, and the Goal of all who are in the heavens and the earth. God willing, may it reach them and may they attain to the manifest, resplendent favors of the True One, exalted be His glory. This evanescent servant, in all conditions, beseecheth God for their protection and that of their kinsmen upon the divine path.

O beloved of my heart! The Cause is mighty, mighty indeed. His honor Muhammad-Qarim, upon him be the Glory of God, praise be to God, hath been assisted to serve the Truth. Blessed is he and blessed is he who hath attained unto deputyship in teaching the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds. He is the first to have attained this station and to be mentioned in the presence of God for this service. God willing, may he in all conditions fix his gaze upon the Truth and act according to His good-pleasure.

Another glad tiding is that your portrait was repeatedly presented in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence, as were the portraits of many of the friends of God, and this deed of Jahangir was accepted. One day these blessed words were revealed from the Divine Tongue, blessed and exalted be His utterance:

> "O servant in attendance! Jahangir has succeeded in serving the Cause and this service of his is acceptable before the Wronged One. He must give thanks to God by night and day. Were he to become aware of the fruits of the tree of his service, such joy and gladness would seize him that none save God could reckon it. Blessed is he and blessed is he who encouraged him and enabled him to achieve that which proceeded from him."

The Primal Point—may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake—addressing the Letter of the Living, says, exalted and glorified be His words:

> "By Him Who causeth the seed to split and Who breatheth the spirit, if I were certain that on the Day of His Revelation thou wouldst deny Him, I would unhesitatingly deny thee and repudiate thy faith in this Revelation, for thou wert created but for Him. And if I knew that an infidel would believe in Him, I would make him the apple of Mine eye and would deem his faith in that Revelation as valid without requiring any evidence from him…"

Now observe and ponder how great is the Cause. God, the All-Informed, knows that in His utterance flow the oceans of grandeur. All the good of the world belongs to one who ponders and becomes aware of the greatness of the Day of Divine Manifestation and arises to serve the Cause. If all the people of the Bayan were to ponder on this one point, they would become aware of the oceans of their heedlessness. In truth, they have been observed to be lower than all the peoples of the world.

The servant beseeches God, his Lord, and clings to the hem of His robe that He may enable all to do that which He loves and with which He is well-pleased. Verily, He is the Lord of the throne and earth, the One manifest from the highest horizon.

Let them ponder this exalted Word which hath been revealed by the Pen of the Primal Point—may the spirit of all else but Him be sacrificed for His sake. To the Letter of the Living, in whose praise He says that they were and are the most exalted, the most distinguished, the most elevated and the greatest of all creation in the sight of God—even to such a Letter of the Living who is adorned with these attributes He says that if He knew that that soul would be veiled in that Revelation, He would today pronounce the decree of negation concerning him. And this is specific to this most wondrous and most exalted Revelation. A hundred thousand blessings be upon the soul who navigates and becomes immersed in the oceans of inner meanings until with clear certitude they discover that of which all are today heedless and deprived, save whom God willeth—our Lord and your Lord and the Lord of our forebears.

Section 3: "And regarding what you wrote about Karbalai Muttalib…"

And regarding what you wrote about Karbalai Muttalib of Z—upon him be the Glory of God—it was presented before the Divine Presence. This is what was revealed for him from the heaven of power, might and authority, exalted be His majesty:

In My Name, the All-Knowing

O Muhammad-Qabli-Taqi! Upon thee be My Glory. Hearken unto My call from the precincts of the Prison, and give glad tidings to My loved ones from whom the fragrance of sincerity unto God, the True One, is

diffused. Then make mention of him who is named Muttalib and give him the glad tidings of My manifest grace. We have remembered him and revealed for him verses by which the tongues of nations throughout the world shall speak. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Remember when the ignorant ones arose in the land of Za and opposed the friends of God, the Lord of Names. Among them were those who issued decrees against them, those who commanded their plunder, and those who uttered that which caused the dwellers of Paradise to lament. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, the All-Aware. They committed that which none before them had committed, whereunto testifieth the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. We have made mention of every servant who hath borne tribulations in the path of God and of every oppressor who hath disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

O thou who gazest toward My direction! The clamor of the oppressors and the lamentation of the oppressed are raised from the direction of Za. Soon shall the standards of the ungodly and hypocrites—namely the divines of that land—be destroyed, and the banners of God's Cause shall be raised in the name of His chosen ones and pure ones. Reflect upon the divines of the Gospel and the divines of idols, and likewise upon the Jewish divines. They inflicted upon the Daysprings of Divine Revelation that which caused every seeing one to weep and every possessor of understanding to lament. In every Dispensation, the enemies of truth have been the divines of the earth, save whom God hath willed. Make mention of My loved ones in the land of Za and give them the glad tidings of My acceptance of them, My attention, My care, My kindness and My mercy. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. The Glory be upon thee and upon them from the presence of One mighty and powerful.

As to what thou didst write concerning the honored mother, upon her be the Glory of God, she is among those women to whom the Supreme Pen hath testified their acceptance, their turning unto God, and their acknowledgment of that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken. Verily, there is none other God but He, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

God, exalted be His glory, will assist His Cause through men whose faces are illumined with the light of certitude, whose temples are adorned with the ornament of wisdom, whose hearts are set ablaze with the fire of love, and whose heads are crowned with the diadems of trust. Soon shall the doors of outward bounties be opened before the faces of the friends. Reflect upon early Islam, when the companions subsisted on dates and slept on pebbles. Yet eventually princes, the wealthy and chiefs turned toward them and sought help from them. The Command is in God's hands; He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. All must first hold fast with utmost determination to the cord of unity, and through complete consultation bring forth this station's countenance from behind the veils.

After this countenance—namely the countenance of unity—is established in its station, they should consult about promoting the Cause and act according to what the friends of God, exalted be His glory, approve. Praise be to God that your honor is arising to serve the Cause and is occupied with teaching. The servant beseecheth his Lord to strengthen your honor in all conditions and to manifest through you that which is befitting. Verily, He is the Protector of those who do good and the Answerer of those who supplicate.

As to what you wrote concerning transactions and affairs, there is no doubt therein. One day, when five hours and fifteen minutes had passed since morning, in a palace situated in the land of Bahji, they attained the presence of the Lord of existence. He said:

> "O servant in attendance! The tree of the earth hath appeared in the name of Truth and hath been raised up through His grace. In outward life its worth and station remain concealed. Blessed is it and blessed is he who recognizeth it and who pondereth on what God hath revealed unto it. God willing, the fruit of that tree shall be blessed with the outpourings of the All-Bountiful Lord and shall receive what hath been ordained for it."

Furthermore, utterances were heard from the Tongue of Grandeur indicating grace and favor toward you. Soon it shall be made manifest, and He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed Speaker. What you wrote regarding these matters was, in truth, for God's sake and adorned with the ornament of truthfulness, for the Purpose of the world Himself beareth witness that no affair remaineth concealed, yet the people are in a strange sleep.

Concerning what you wrote about the details of the affairs of Aqa Siyyid Nasru'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, and the passing of his wife, upon her be the Glory of God—this servant wrote and sent their reply, and their duties were made clear and evident in that letter according to His command. God willing, may they be enabled to act according to what God hath willed. A Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was also revealed specifically for them from the heaven of grace, which is being sent with this letter. You should deliver it. God willing, may they receive their portion from the ocean of mercy which surgeth within it and act according to its commandments. Convey greetings from this evanescent one to all the friends in that land. God willing, may they all arise to serve and hold fast to the cord of wisdom. Verily, He aideth whosoever speaketh His mention and ariseth to serve His Cause. Verily, He hath power over all things.

Regarding what you asked about the blessed passage revealed at the end of the Tablet of Salman, upon him be the Glory of God, this is what the Tongue of God spoke:

> "O son of Abhar! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Due to the veils of the people on earth and the remoteness of the servants, many matters have remained concealed and the utterance of the All-Merciful imprisoned in the treasuries of knowledge. As thou observest, He Himself is imprisoned in this land. There hath befallen Us, from before and after, that which none knoweth save Him Who speaketh and uttereth the truth. However, in consideration of the weakness of the people, outwardly the Truth, exalted be His glory, hath transformed the prison-land into the most exalted Paradise, despite the oppressors. This is evident outwardly, but in its inmost mystery the signs and conditions of imprisonment are manifest and known. He it is Who hath manifested what was previously revealed in the Tablet, and He shall manifest what remaineth, even as He manifested it in the previous year. Verily, He hath power over all things and encompasseth all things."

The petition of the wife of the honored Aqa Muhammad the Emigrant (upon him be the glory of God) was received and laid before the Most Holy Presence. This is what God hath revealed in reply. Exalted be His glory:

O handmaiden of God! The Wronged One of the horizons hath ever remembered and continueth to remember His servants and handmaidens, and hath enjoined upon all such deeds as would ensure their preservation, exaltation and deliverance in all the divine worlds. Blessed is the soul that hath drunk from the ocean of the All-Merciful's utterance and discovered its sweetness. By My life! Its effects shall never depart from his palate, by the perpetuity of My dominion and the endurance of My Name. Hearken thou unto the call of the Wronged One, commit all affairs unto Him, and place thy trust in Him. Whosoever hath today attained unto a word from Him hath attained unto all good, provided he remaineth steadfast in preserving it.

Reflect upon the words of Abdullah Ansari, who was among the saints. He saith: "O my God! If Thou shouldst but once say 'My servant', my laughter would exceed the Throne." How many saints have sacrificed their lives in their yearning for this station! And now the acceptable handmaidens have each heard, outwardly and inwardly, from the Tongue of Grandeur either "O My handmaiden" or "O My leaf", though it is not known whether they are aware of it or not. Do My servants recognize Who speaketh unto them, and do My handmaidens know Who addresseth them? Were the handmaidens of the earth to become conscious of this single truth and recognize the glory of this station, they would find themselves freed from all abasement and sorrows of the world. God hath forgiven those who sought forgiveness from the ocean of His grace, the billows of His bounty, and the depths of His generosity. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this great favor.

Verily We make mention of My servant Muhammad and give him glad tidings of My mercy, and I am the All-Knowing Giver of Glad Tidings. We remember those among My servants and handmaidens who have been mentioned before the Throne, and I am the All-Wise Rememberer. O Muhammad! Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and cleave unto that which shall cause thy remembrance to endure through the perpetuity of My most beautiful Names, and I am the Kind, Compassionate, and Generous Counsellor. The Glory be upon thee, upon thy spouse, and upon them that have held fast unto this firm and impregnable Cause.

And at the end of the Tablet, We make mention of My handmaiden once again, and We make mention of what God hath manifested through her of both male and female offspring, and We give them glad tidings of My mercy which hath preceded existence. Praise be to God, the Lord of the seen and unseen.

The Herald of Grace proclaimeth through these perfect words, which have shone forth from the Dayspring of Grace of the King of Names and Attributes, and giveth glad tidings unto all of His bounty, mercy and loving-kindness. Blessed are they that hear and arise, and woe unto the heedless and the slumberers.

And the petition of Aqa Siyyid Abdul-Hadi, upon him be the Glory of God, was presented in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken, exalted be His majesty:

In My Name, the All-Seeing, the All-Informed

O Hadi! Upon thee be My Glory! Steadfast and upright souls who gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon and are detached from all else but God must observe all things with penetrating vision. Thou didst send the verses of God to one who is cunning. Thou must seek forgiveness from God, thy Lord and the Lord of

the Mighty Throne. It is evident and manifest that such souls are deprived of divine love and barred from the Tree of Grace. Thou hast entrusted the divine trust to a thief and delivered it to a traitor. Thou hast deposited pure truth with absolute falsehood. By My life, this is a grave matter, grave indeed. Be vigilant! Distinguish friend from foe. Shun those who associate with such souls, let alone the great loss and supreme calamity.

In several instances these words have flowed from the Most Exalted Pen: Display not the pearls of divine knowledge to every traitor, and entrust not the mysteries of heavenly wisdom to thieves. Thou art a believer—the Most Exalted Pen hath testified to thy faith—and a believer seeth with the light of God, both now and always. What hath befallen thee that thou hast fallen into this error? Take counsel in all matters. Hast thou not heard the decree of the Book? All are commanded to consult today. Hold fast unto that which I have commanded thee in My Perspicuous Book and inform all, that they may be aware. The hosts of Satan appear with utmost deception and guile. Some of the handmaidens outwardly maintain relations, and the idolatrous souls show the utmost consideration—their purpose is to discover affairs, that they may learn of a matter and spread it abroad.

O My loved ones! Fear God, then conceal God's Cause from those who have denied Him and from those women whose hypocrisy, hatred and rejection every atom doth attest. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen counsel you as the Beauty of the Ancient of Days walketh in this exalted station. O Hadi! Repent unto God Who created thee, strengthened thee, caused thee to know Him, and revealed unto thee that which no earthly thing bearing any name can equal. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Hold fast unto pure godliness in thy Lord's Cause and shun every heedless doubter. We have commanded all to righteous deeds and conduct, and to preserve whatsoever cometh unto them from God, the Lord of all worlds. The True One, exalted be His glory, hath in this Revelation forbidden through explicit and clear verses all that might cause the slightest vexation, and hath enjoined upon all goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. Every fair-minded one hath testified and doth testify that this Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious Cause hath been and is sanctified from the promptings of self and passion. Were the discerning and the wise to observe God's verses, they would perceive that whatsoever is recorded therein is the cause and means of unity, tranquility and the reformation of the world.

Section 4: "However, should these fall into the hands…"

However, should these fall into the hands of the malevolent, they would append certain words thereto and spread them among the helpless servants, or attribute some verses to themselves, as hath occurred in these parts. All the friends must firmly hold to concealment and discretion in this matter and act according to what God hath willed. Disclosure is beloved for its people, but concealment is more preferable for those who are unworthy. Fix your gaze upon the horizon of justice, which is to give every possessor of a right his due. The words of the Friend profited not Nimrod, nor did the counsel of the Spirit benefit the Jews. Hold fast to the admonitions of God and the effects of His Pen, and be not of the heedless. The arch-deceiver, beguiled by the outward adornments of this world and, with the utmost cunning and guile, engageth in searching out matters. Verily thy Lord doth witness and see, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. There is none other God but Him, the Ruler, the Commander, the All-Knowing, the Single, the One, the All-Informed.

All the friends of God must conceal the sending of Tablets and correspondence from most people, both within and without. Whosoever associateth with heedless, deceitful souls will surely, through such association and meeting, disclose certain matters. The divine Tablets and heavenly Books must be kept in a most secure and protected place, and at the time of need be recited for souls who are steadfast, assured, upright and clear-sighted, and thereafter be safeguarded. In some homes, whenever the ungodly have entered, the first things they have found have been the writings, as if no thought had been given to protecting them, whereas this matter is necessary, nay rather, most essential.

His honor Ism-i-Ha, upon him be the Glory of God, must act with the utmost wisdom and completely conceal all matters from those heedless souls, for they associate with the arch-deceiver, and all these deceptions and corruptions emanate from her. God protect us and you from her evil and her fire.

As commanded, you must recite for Aqa Siyyid ʿAbdu'l-Hadi whatever pertaineth to him, but do not give him the text of the words, for he is most sincere, while the arch-deceiver is most cunning and by whatever means possible will accomplish her purpose through his associates. Hers is the cunning in all conditions, and his is the faithfulness and obedience, and God our Lord encompasseth the beginning and the end.

Mention was made of his honor Aqa Mu'min of Ishtihird, upon him be the Glory of God, in the petition of his honor Aqa Siyyid ʿAbdu'l-Hadi, upon him be the Glory of God. It was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court, and these sublime words were revealed from the Dayspring of Will. His exalted Word:

He is the Proof and the Evidence

O Mu'min! God willing, may you and the friends of God from the land of Alif and Shin be illumined by the lights of His countenance and arise to serve His Cause. He hath seen and seeth every deed, and hath heard and heareth every call. He is a Watcher that is near, and a Near One that is far. Praise the Intended One of the world that thou wert mentioned in His presence and didst attain unto His remembrance. Praise Him and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who didst remember me in Thy prison and didst strengthen me to recognize Thee when I was heedless, and didst show me the lights of Thy grace when I was blind. I beseech Thee by the standards of Thy guidance and the banners of Thy victory to aid me and Thy loved ones to be steadfast in Thy Cause and patient in Thy days. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and verily Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And likewise, mention was made in the petition of Mulla Muhammad the Barber and of his wife (upon them be the glory of God). This is what hath been sent down for him from the heaven of the loving-kindness of our gracious Lord.

O Muhammad! Thou hast previously attained unto My mention, as My all-encompassing knowledge doth testify. We make mention of thee, as a token of Our grace, with My gracious remembrance. Know thou the station of My remembrance of thee and My attention towards thee from the direction of My mighty prison. Let not circumstances sadden thee and turn thee from the Source of verses. Be thankful unto thy

Lord and remain in manifest joy. The glory of God rest upon thee and thy wife, from God, the Lord of all worlds.

And regarding what was mentioned in the petition of Haydar-ʿAli Bey, this is what was revealed for him from the tongue of our Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. He, exalted and mighty be He, saith:

He is the Ever-Present, the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him. They who have turned to the Most Sublime Horizon are men whom the ornaments of the world have not kept back from God, the Lord of all beings, nor have they been frightened by the power of the divines and their clamor regarding this Most Great News. These are servants who have arisen and declared:

> "God is our Lord and the Lord of all who are in earth and heaven,"

and we bear witness to that which God hath testified, that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O Haydar-ʿAli! We have turned toward thee and made mention of thee as a token of Our grace, that thou mayest rejoice and be of the thankful ones. This is a Day wherein all the friends of God must fix their gaze upon the horizon of unity, and speak and act in a manner befitting the Cause of God—that which is the cause of its glory. Blessed is the soul that hath found the fragrance of its Lord's utterance, and woe unto every heedless and remote one. The divines of the earth, in their nights and days, are occupied with the mention of the Lord of all beings. As thou canst observe, they speak His praise from pulpits and mosques, acknowledging His greatness and His Manifestation. Yet when the Day of God appeared and the lights of His countenance shone forth from the horizon of His Will, all remained veiled save whom God wished. Praise the Intended One of the worlds, Who enabled thee to recognize this mighty Cause. At all times, beseech Him to protect thee and keep thee steadfast on this Path whereon feet have slipped. With utmost joy and fragrance, occupy thyself with the remembrance of the Beloved and fix thy gaze upon His horizon, and say:

O Thou Intended One of the world and Beloved of the nations! I have cast aside all I possess before Thy face, hoping for that which is with Thee. I beseech Thee by Thy bounty and grace not to disappoint me, and to ordain for me by Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. O my Lord! Enable me and my wife and daughter to do that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily Thou art the Lord of the Last and the First, and the Sovereign of the throne on high and of earth below. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

As for the ascension of the leaf [woman] upon her be the Glory of God, mention of her was heard from the tongue of Truth, exalted be His glory, some time ago. Indeed, this servant has repeatedly observed her mention in some divine Tablets. God willing, Aqa Siyyid ʿAbdu'l-Hadi has been and will be blessed to observe this. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Compassionate, the Giving, the Forgiving, the Merciful. This servant conveys greetings and salutations to them. God willing, henceforth they will make earnest effort in safeguarding affairs lest that which would harm the Divine Lote-Tree should appear. I beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, for confirmation and assistance for them and for others.

And as to that which that spiritual beloved one mentioned concerning the honored Haji Faraju'llah (upon him be the glory of God) and his petition: the petition was laid before the Presence of the Countenance of the Beloved of the worlds. Likewise, the petition of his wife (upon her be the glory of God). This is what hath flowed from the Euphrates of the mercy of our Expounder, the Most Generous Lord. Glorified and exalted is He:

In the Name of Him Who ruleth over the world

Blessed is the countenance that hath turned toward the Face of God, and blessed is the herald who hath raised his voice among the servants with this Name, whereby the backs of the wicked were broken and the faces of the righteous were illumined—they who cast away whatsoever was with the people, turning unto God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting.

O Farajullah! By God, the Lord of all beings maketh mention of thee from the Most Exalted Horizon, and counseleth thee with that which shall profit thee in this world and the next. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Loving. Hold fast unto the fear of God and unto that which hath been revealed in the Book, as a command from His presence—and He is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

Say: Verily trustworthiness is the sun in the heaven of My commandments, truthfulness is its moon, and virtuous character its stars—yet most of the people understand not. Hold fast unto the Book of God and what hath been sent down therein. Verily it is a lamp unto the faithful and a sign of the Ancient of Days amongst the nations. Blessed is he who hath recognized and attained—verily he is of the people of Baha, inscribed in the Preserved Tablet.

We make mention of thee, that thou mayest in this hour give thanks unto thy Lord, the Possessor of all being. And We make mention of My handmaiden who hath turned toward My horizon, attained unto My days, and acknowledged that which My Tongue hath uttered. Blessed is she, and blessed are My handmaidens who have believed in God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen.

Thy letter hath come before Us and We have heard thy call. We answer thee with this Preserved Tablet which was hidden in the knowledge of God and made manifest in His praiseworthy station. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken and the Dove of Utterance cooed upon the branches. Verily there is no God but He, the Dominator over what was and what shall be.

May the souls mentioned come to know the station of Divine remembrance and strive diligently to preserve it. This ephemeral one ceaselessly beseecheth the Eternal Lord to aid His loved ones in that which is the cause of salvation and deliverance for all. Verily He hath power over all things.

Glorified art Thou, O my God and the One remembered in my heart! I beseech Thee by the pavilion of Thy glory which hath encompassed the world, and by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the nations, and by the ocean of Thy grace and the river of Thy generosity and the sun of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy bestowal, to send down upon Thy loved ones that which shall preserve them from the oppressors among Thy creatures and draw them nigh unto Thee in such wise that neither the swords of the wicked nor the arrows of the ungodly shall prevent them from turning unto Thee and advancing toward Thy horizon.

O Lord! This is Thy Day, the mention of which Thou hast sent down in Thy Scriptures, Books, Scrolls and Tablets, and which Thou didst announce through the tongues of Thy Messengers, Thy chosen ones and Thy Prophets. I beseech Thee to send down in it upon Thy servants that which beseemeth Thy Self. O Lord! This is the Day wherein all created things have been perfumed by the fragrance of Thy raiment and all contingent beings have been attracted by the sweetness of Thy call and Thy utterance. I beseech Thee by the arks upon the seas of Thy commandments and the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge, to send down from the heaven of Thy power and the clouds of Thy might that which shall exalt the Cause of Thy friends and loved ones in such wise that the necks of the proud among Thy creatures shall be humbled before them. Verily Thou art He Whom nothing whatsoever can frustrate and no matter can hinder. Thou doest what Thou willest by Thy sovereignty and ordainest what Thou pleasest by Thy command. Verily Thou art the Strong, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

The petition was from the honored Karbala'i Mihdi (upon him be the glory of God), and therein the honored Aqa Siyyid ʿAbdu'l-Hadi (upon him be glory and honor) had made mention of certain matters. These were laid before the Most Holy, the Most Exalted Presence.

And this is what the Desired One hath spoken. Glorified be His majesty:

We are indeed the Witness and the Witnessed.

O Mihdi! Thy petition was presented before the Most Holy Court, and its answer was sent down from the heaven of divine will. Blessed art thou for having acknowledged and sought the ocean of forgiveness of thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Man must at all times fix his gaze upon truth and act in accordance with that which is befitting. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the outpourings of the All-Bountiful and hast partaken of the choice wine of divine love. Verily He hath forgiven thy sins and hath sent down for thee that from which the sincere ones perceive the fragrance of God's bounty, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Hold thou fast unto the cord of His grace and say: I beseech Thee to assist me in serving Thee and to aid me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Answerer of those who call upon Thee. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

Section 5: "Mention was also made of Aqa Shir-ʿAli…"

Mention was also made of Aqa Shir-ʿAli, and the mother and spouse and spouse of Karbila'i Mihdi, and daughter and several other handmaidens. All their names were presented at the Throne, and all were blessed with the favors of God, and for each one wondrous and sublime verses dawned forth from the horizon of divine grace in such wise that the worlds of the seen and the unseen were illumined thereby. Blessed is the ear that hath heard and the eye that hath seen, and woe unto every heedless and doubtful denier. The glory shining forth from the heaven of the bounty of our Lord, the Gracious, be upon you and upon those with you and upon them who have testified to that whereunto God testified before the creation of the heavens and the earth. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

At this moment, by command We turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon, and after arising in the presence of the Tongue of Grandeur spoke this most sublime word: O thou who art present! Today the

Cause of unity and concord is most mighty, and in truth it is the means of the elevation and advancement of the Cause. May the One True God, exalted be His glory, raise up souls who shall arise to render this service, for verily He is powerful over all things.

In like manner did they say: Mention Ali Pasha Khan, upon him be the Glory of God, and convey to him greetings from before the Truth that he may rejoice and be among the thankful ones. Say: O Ali, grieve not over anything, for in all that appeareth from Him there is a wisdom which none knoweth save He. Submit thyself unto God that the winds of His Will may turn thee as they please and move thee as they desire. Praise be to God, thou art mentioned before the Truth. Soon shall the station of the believers and the successful ones be made manifest in the earth. All must preserve their station through His Most Exalted Name. The Glory be upon thee and upon those with thee who have drunk of My Choice Wine sealed with My Self-Subsisting Name.

This servant conveyeth greetings and salutations. Some time ago a letter was sent to his presence. It is hoped that in all conditions he will gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon and act according to what God hath willed. Verily, He is the Protector of the doers of good and the beneficent ones.

To the beloved of the heart, his honor Mirza Kh., upon him be the Glory of God, the Lord of Names, greetings are conveyed. Afterwards, numerous letters arrived from various directions and their details were submitted to the Most Holy Court, and answers descended from the heaven of favor and were dispatched. From the land of Sh., a letter arrived from his honor Aqa Mirza Ahmad, upon him be the Glory of God, wherein were mentioned certain names, for each of whom was revealed and sent a most wondrous and impregnable Tablet. The ocean of bounty is surging and the sun of grace is shining. Blessed are they that attain, both men and women.

From the verdant land also, petitions arrived repeatedly, adorned with mention of his honor Mirza. Praise and glory be to God that between some the fragrance of love is diffused. God willing, this fragrance will waft in all directions and spread until in every city of the cities its sweet scent is diffused and emanating. Verily He is powerful over all things and wise in all things. There is no God but He, the All-Hearing, the Answering One.

After completing the reply to your previous letter, another letter dated the nineteenth of Muharram al-Haram arrived which, like lamp oil, gave light to the lamp of love and sustained it. God willing, may you ever be adorned and embellished with the Kawthar of grace and the glances of favor, and remain fresh and joyous. The honored gentleman, His Holiness the Name of God M., upon him be the most glorious of all glory, hath written mention of you and hath spoken with perfect love and sincerity, even concerning your debts and likewise the sale of property, and an answer was written and sent to His Holiness as commanded. Whatever was deemed expedient was accepted. God willing, the recompense of all hath been and is with God, exalted be His glory. Verily He is our Protector and your Protector in the Hereafter and in this world, and He is the All-Hearing, the Answering One.

As for the mention that was made of his honor Zayn from the people of K., upon him be the Glory of God, it was submitted. This is what the Tongue of the All-Bountiful spoke in reply, exalted be His majesty:

In My Name, the Concealer, the All-Knowing

O Zayn! Thou hast attained unto that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen and reached a station which God hath made the rallying point of them that are nigh unto Him. Hold fast unto that which We have counseled thee aforetime and that which We have revealed in the Book. Verily, it will draw thee nigh unto Him and strengthen thee in all His worlds. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Be vigilant in the Cause, silent when prudence demandeth, and eloquent in this Name through which, when it appeared, the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds!" O Zayn! We counsel thee to unity and to that which befitteth this momentous Announcement. Exert your utmost effort in unifying the friends. This is a Day whereon none should regard himself or that which profiteth him, but rather that whereby the Cause of God may be exalted. This is My bidding unto thee and unto those who have turned towards My horizon and have held fast unto My perspicuous Book. That which appeareth for God's sake shall not, I swear by My life, be lost, nor ever will be lost.

Say: O My loved ones! Cast away your differences and hold fast unto the cord of the Cause, by the command of your Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. Confine thy affairs to that which We have commanded thee. Verily, it shall profit thee, by My Self that prevaileth over all who are in the heavens and the earth. God willing, be mindful of this matter in all conditions and hold fast unto it, for through the light of unity shall all regions, nay, all corners of the earth be illumined. Remember thou the days of attaining My presence when thou wert in the company of the Wronged One and didst hear with thine own ears that which the Interlocutor of the Mount uttered in His mighty and impregnable Prison. We, from this station, send Our glorification upon thee and upon My loved ones who have held fast unto justice and equity and have turned unto My straight Path.

Indeed, this service is the greatest of all services, for through discord matters arise which God, exalted be His glory, hath forever forbidden. Discord hath ever been the cause of dispersion, instability, and the loss of rank and station. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist the assured souls to turn unto this station. This evanescent servant testifieth that whosoever ariseth to render this service shall be accounted among the most exalted, most ancient, most upright, and most honored of servants in the sight of God and shall be recorded thus in His Book. Blessed is he who attaineth unto this mighty station.

Concerning what was written about Shaykh Yahya, upon him be the glory of God, the honored Ismu'llah Jamal, upon him be all the most glorious glory, hath repeatedly mentioned him. He is blessed with the favors of God, exalted be His glory. The Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet shall also be specifically revealed for him, God willing. Greetings be conveyed to the honored Mirza and Shaykh, upon them both be the glory of God, and divine confirmation and assistance are besought for them from God, exalted be His station.

As for the mention of Aqa Mirza Buzurg, upon him be the glory of God, praise be to God that he hath attained, both before and after, unto the remembrance of God, exalted be His glory, and unto wondrous and sublime Tablets. His petition was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence on a certain night. This is what was revealed for him from the Kingdom of our Lord's will, the Lord of earth and heaven. His words, exalted be His glory:

In My Name, the Hearer, the Answerer

A mention from before the Wronged One to him whose sighs ascended in the love of God, the Lord of the worlds, and to whom the Supreme Pen hath testified concerning his turning to the most exalted Summit when the people were in evident doubt. Blessed art thou for having drunk the choice wine of certitude from the hands of bounty and for having turned toward the Countenance when every remote scholar turned away from it. Give thanks unto God for having turned toward thee from the direction of the Prison and accepted what came upon thee in His straight Path. Behold, then call to mind what befell God's Messengers and His Emissaries aforetime at the hands of the wrongdoers.

Woe unto every shepherd who betrayed God's flock, and blessed is the maidservant who heard, turned toward and responded to her Ancient Lord. Say: Woe unto you, O company of the ignorant! Ye have been heedless of Him Whom ye invoke and have turned away from the Face towards which turn the near ones since time immemorial and around which circle all who are endowed with insight. Say: How long will ye follow vain desires? Cast aside what ye possess of idle fancies and vain imaginings and take what hath been given you from your Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto God's Cause in His wondrous Day. Grieve not for what hath befallen thee. By My life! God hath ordained for thee that which shall solace the eyes of the sincere ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

And concerning the mention of Karbila'i Muttalib, upon him be the Glory of God, after presenting this Most Exalted Word, these words specifically for him were revealed from the Supreme Pen. His mighty mention and praise saith:

In My Name, the Wronged One, the Stranger

O Muttalib! Thy mention flowed from the pen of one of God's friends who speaketh of Him and standeth firm in service to His Cause. Therefore the Sun of loving-kindness hath once again shone forth from the horizon of grace, and hath mentioned thee with most wondrous praise. If thou wert to become aware of the ocean of divine mention, thou wouldst utter "Thine is the praise, O God of the worlds" throughout the nights and days. Strive that there may be manifested from thee that from which the fragrance of eternity may be inhaled. In these days, if a soul attaineth unto but a single word from the Lord of Oneness, he is mentioned among the sincere ones in the Manifest Book. The divine Word cannot be effaced by water, nor can the vicissitudes of time alter it. It appeareth by God's will, is known by His Name, and is adorned with the ornament of perpetuity. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto it and preserved it through the Name of its Lord, the Almighty, the Protecting, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Rejoice thou in My mention of thee, then give thanks to thy Lord, the Generous. Blessed are they who have heard and turned toward Him, and woe unto those who turn away.

Since mention of Karbila'i Muttalib appeared in two of your letters, therefore two mentions of him were sent down from the heaven of God's Will. It behooveth us to observe and reflect upon the ocean of our Lord's grace—the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earth. By the life of the Desired One! Every scribe, every reckoner, every speaker, every learned one, and every person of insight is powerless to reckon His bounties. The divine favor hath reached such a degree that, God forbid, there is fear it might

remain hidden due to its abundant worth and station. We beseech and implore His wondrous grace and favor that He may make His servants aware and assist them to attain the sweetness of the All-Merciful's utterance. Whosoever findeth it would sacrifice his spirit for a single letter of His verses. Every fair-minded and knowing one beareth witness to this.

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Section 1: "Praise sanctified above the mention of all created…"

In the name of our Most Great, Most Holy, Most Glorious Lord!

Praise sanctified above the mention of all created things befitteth Him Who is worthy and deserving, Who with His Self-Subsisting Name hath removed the seal from the choice sealed Wine and summoned all the peoples of the world, both high and low, to partake thereof, that all might drink from the same fountain and gather beneath the shade of the blessed Word, until upon every brow may be seen inscribed the seal "Verily, we are God's." This is the most exalted station, the most sublime habitation, and the highest rank. I beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid all to recognize this most sublime and most exalted Station, this ultimate Purpose. Verily, He is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth, and within His grasp lie the reins of all who dwell in the heavens and on earth.

O beloved of my heart! The horizon of the servant's heart hath been illumined by the dawning lights of the Sun that hath shone forth from the heaven of your praise of God, our Beloved and your Beloved, our Goal and your Goal, our Object of worship and the Object of worship of all within the kingdoms of Command and Creation. The Kawthar of your remembrance hath so transported me that I soared on the wings of detachment until I attained the presence of the Countenance and presented that which you had sent. Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which caused faces to shine and hearts to melt, saying:

In My Name, the Wronged One, the Stranger

O bearer of the name Ha! Hearken with thy inner ear to the call of the Wronged One and convey it to God's loved ones, that perchance the fragrant breezes of the utterance of the All-Merciful may encompass all contingent beings and enable them to attain their purpose. Most people are seen to be weak. The divine sages must impart the Word with perfect patience. The Herald hath said concerning this Revelation: "He it is Who in every state proclaimeth 'Verily, I am God, no God is there but Me, the Lord of all things, and all besides Me are My creation. O My creation! Worship ye Me!"' Nevertheless, the deniers, after hearing these words, rose up in opposition. By God's life!

They know not what they say; they speak, but comprehend not. Fie upon them and upon those who followed them without clear proof from the presence of the All-Knowing Judge. That which was mentioned was the meaning of the blessed phrase "There is no God but God." Say: Ponder upon it, O ye who are endued with insight! Ponder upon it, O ye who are possessed of vision! Say: O heedless ones! Fix

your gaze upon this Word which, like unto the sun, hath dawned from the horizon of the divine Tablet. Return ye to the Sacred Writings, O ye who are endued with insight! Would that the deniers had returned to the Sacred Writings, that they might have attained recognition of the Beloved of all creation through the fragrance of His utterance. They are seen to be lower than all the peoples of the earth.

O Pen! Leave off their mention and make mention of Him of the letters Ha and Sin, whose letter the servant here present hath brought and presented before the Face, that he may rejoice and be numbered among the thankful. O bearer of the name Ha! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. Verily, He hath heard thy communion with God, the Lord of the worlds, and hath mentioned thee in such wise as naught on earth can equal. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Witnessing, the All-Seeing.

We make mention of My loved ones in that place, whose names thou hast recited. Verily thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the Responsive. From this station We send Our greetings upon them and give them the glad-tidings of God's mercy and His loving-kindness. He, verily, is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. We pray that all the peoples of the world may attain unto the sweetness of divine utterances. Were they to observe for but an hour with the eye of fairness, they would behold the truth and hear His utterances. However, the darkness of tyranny hath prevented their eyes from the Most Sublime Vision, and likewise their ears, preoccupied with earthly whisperings and the buzzing of flies, are deprived of the melodies of the Nightingale. Such is the condition of the people of the earth. God, exalted be His glory, is witness that any person of understanding can recognize the stations of the deniers through their works, deeds, actions and words.

That beloved one must engage in teaching the Cause of the All-Merciful with the utmost wisdom and eloquence. As to what was written regarding the delivery of the blessed Tablets and this servant's petitions to their recipients, it is most evident that they have not failed in serving the Cause, and God willing, they shall never do so.

Concerning what was written about Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Shaykh A., upon him be the Glory of God, and likewise the dream seen about him and its interpretation relating to progeny which he himself interpreted after visiting the blessed Tablet containing the Most Great Verses that flowed from the Supreme Pen—these matters brought the utmost joy and delight, for he spoke the very word which in these days God, exalted be His glory, had spoken. One of the friends of God presented a petition to the Most Holy Court, seeking offspring from God, exalted be His glory. These sublime words were revealed from the heaven of the Will of the Revealer of verses, specifically for him. His exalted Word: Though children are among God's great bounties and the fruits of the human tree, none but God, exalted be His glory, knows their excellence and duration of life. We give thee tidings of a fresh, eternal, and everlasting fruit, which in these days is God's binding Word. It is dearer and more excellent than a hundred thousand children, for it is adorned with the ornament of perpetuity. Should one possess but a single word thereof, one would possess all good from Him. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto the fruits of the Supreme Pen.

Indeed, his interpretation was an edifice for the fortress of utterance. Well is it with him! Praise be to God, he hath attained unto blessed Tablets, a single word of which cannot be equaled by all the treasures of the earth. God willing, he shall attain unto its fruits, both those mentioned and those which the faculty

of understanding is powerless to comprehend. This evanescent servant conveys greetings and salutations to him. May he ever drink from the pure waters of the everlasting Kawthar and remain focused on and engaged in that which promotes the Cause of God.

As regards what you wrote concerning Mirza Hadi Dawlat-Abadi, it is truly a cause for regret. How is it that souls who from the beginning of the Cause were heedless and unaware have arisen with such audacity to turn away? Are the waves of the ocean of inner meanings concealed, or are the effulgent rays of the Sun of Truth hidden and veiled? Glory be to God! How can it be that when a Cause has encompassed the world and the banners of verses and standards of clear proofs are raised and visible at the highest station, yet a soul remains unaware and heedless of it? One stands astonished. The servant sees himself as one bewildered and astounded, and beseeches his Lord that He may guide all to justice and fairness.

Would that the aforementioned soul had traveled for the sake of God, purely for His Face, and this servant could have gone with him to Cyprus so that the hidden and concealed matters might become clear and evident to him. It is known and evident that this servant is not one who seeks conflict and contention. God willing, he has dealt and will deal with all in utmost truthfulness and love. The exalted Word of Truth bears witness to this—that there has been and is no purpose save to acquaint the veiled ones with the reality of the Cause. This servant was with him for twelve years in Iraq and the Land of Mystery. Truly a strange talisman has appeared in the world. God willing, may the True One, exalted be His glory, grant the eye of insight and adorn souls with the ornament of fairness. Verily He is the Hearing, the Near, the Responding One.

And as to their mentioning again His Honor Aqa Mirza Shaykh-Ali, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah], and writing that the imaginings of the heedless souls did not affect him and that he turned with one face, pure and luminous, to the lights of the Countenance—this is a station worthy of praise and thanksgiving. God willing, may they attain to this most exalted station in all conditions. Would that this evanescent one could meet with them once. Praise be to God, this matter brought joy and was presented at the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. This is what the Tongue of the Intended One spoke in the Kingdom of Utterance, exalted be His glory:

> "O Ali! By the life of God, this Wronged One has never regarded anything save the exaltation of the Cause of God. At a time when the people of Bayan were in hiding from the earthquake of the Hour, this wronged One in Zawra called out with the most exalted call to all on earth, summoning them to the straight path of God and guiding them to the supreme horizon. Likewise, when He arrived in the Most Great Prison, once again with the most exalted call We informed the kings and subjects of the earth about the Manifestation. Would that the servants in those parts might fairly consider and succeed in reading the Tablet which was sent down from the heaven of the Most Merciful's favor specifically for the Sultan of Iran. By the life of God, all would proclaim 'We believe!' Likewise the Sura which was sent down from the heaven of favor specifically for other kings. Glory be to God! How can one occupy oneself with vain imaginings and remain heedless of certain knowledge? All matters, both future and past, have been revealed with utmost clarity in those Suras. Nevertheless, like spiders they weave around

> themselves and arrange, in their own estimation, levels of knowledge and build palaces of utterance. Whatever has appeared in this Cause, its source is He Who speaks the truth in this station which has been named with the Most Beautiful Names in the Book of God, the Lord of the worlds. God willing, his honor is confirmed in service to the Cause, which has been and is the teaching of God's Cause. Nothing in this world and all it contains can equal this station. He in Whose possession is the Clear Book bears witness to this. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds."

End.

And as to that which they had written concerning the honored Sahib (upon him be glory and honor): it hath been, and is, altogether right. This day is such a day that man can attain a station which, at any other time, would be impossible. Thus, in one passage, this blessed word hath been sent down from the Most Exalted Pen:

> "It behoveth you to make good, in the Day of God, that which hath escaped you; for to retrieve it hereafter is, and shall ever be, impossible."

The knowledge is with God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, the Lord of the world to come and of the world that now is. Ended.

It is hoped that he may attain a station after which no regret or sorrow shall overtake him, and that he may be adorned with the blessed utterance, "Blessed be God." Ye had written that your hope from the Truth—glorified be His majesty—was that ye might once again be vouchsafed the Kawthar of His presence.

This was submitted. This is what hath been revealed in reply. Exalted be His glory:

By My life! Thou hast attained unto the knowledge of God in His days; and the Most Exalted Pen hath borne witness unto thy turning unto Him, thy entering the Most Great Prison, and thy arising at the Door that hath been opened upon the faces of all who are in the heavens and on the earth. Verily thy Lord is the Remembering, the All-Knowing. Thou didst come forth and didst traverse cities and lands until thou didst attain unto the Presence of the Countenance, and didst hear, with thine own ear, the call of this Wronged and Stranger. Thou art he who hath attained unto that which was inscribed in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds, on a Day whereon the servants turned away—save those whom the hands of the power of their Lord, the Mighty, the All-Powerful, delivered. Drink thou from the cups of the utterance of thy Lord—the Euphrates of mercy and loving-kindness—and be of the thankful. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen moved in this darksome night, that thou mayest rejoice in that which hath been revealed unto thee from One All-Knowing, All-Aware. Ended.

As to what was written concerning the news of the passing of his honor Haji Mirza Husayn Khan on the twenty-second of Dhi'l-Hajjih, he was truly among the wise ones of that land. One day these words were heard from the Blessed Tongue—He said that in recent years nothing had appeared from him that would cause grief. If at certain times he made mention of matters outwardly, it was due to expediency. How much hardship did he endure, and how he would rush east and west on futile missions that profited him

nothing! One day He said that had he become the possessor of but one word from God, it would have been better than all that he had seen and heard and done, or had amassed during his days. He was not entirely without fairness. This evanescent servant clings to the hem of divine favor and begs that He may not deprive any soul on earth of His wondrous and exalted outpourings. Verily, He has power over all things.

Section 2: "Regarding what you wrote about Haji Abdul-Ghaffar…"

Regarding what you wrote about Haji Abdul-Ghaffar—he and his brother, who was there before, transgressed against the Two Luminous Lights. His brother, Aqa Muhammad, after accepting the Cause, later clung to the great veils, namely the outward divines, and the cause of this was one of the women who opposed the people of the Bayan. It is strange that most of the relatives of those two Lights were heedless of their station, yet they, through divine grace, attained that which has no equal save through the will of God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. The sister of the King of Martyrs has been and continues to be under the shadow of God's favor. Verily, He bestows upon whomsoever He wishes, and He is the Mighty, the Powerful, the Generous. God willing, may they preserve their station through the Name of God, glorified be His majesty, for the thief, the treacherous, and the liar have always existed and continue to exist. The servant beseeches his Lord and the Lord of all things to protect us from the evil of those who have broken God's Covenant and His pledge, and cast behind them what they were commanded in the Book. He is verily the Strong, the Trustworthy.

As for the mention of Jinab-i-Aqa Mirza Ibrahim, upon him be the glory of God, this lowly one submitted the answer to his letter, and there was specifically revealed from the heaven of the favor of the Goal of the worlds concerning him that which is sanctified above the description and praise of servants. It is hoped that they will attain unto it and drink from the hidden seas. Verily our Lord, the Most Merciful, is the Compassionate, the Generous.

As for the mention of Jinab-i-Aqa Azizu'llah, upon him be the glory of God, it was presented before Him from Whose knowledge nothing escapes. This is what the Tongue of Grandeur spoke while seated upon the Throne. His word, exalted be His glory:

O Aziz! Thy mention hath gained the ear of thy Lord in an exalted station, and We have sent down for thee that which testifieth to the favor of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Ancient. We sent thee a Tablet before, and before it another Tablet that telleth of His grace which hath preceded all who are in the heavens and the earth. The letter of him who desired God and arose to serve Him hath arrived, wherein was thy mention. We have mentioned thee with this beautiful mention. Beware lest the affairs of the world withhold thee from the Lord of Eternity. Be aflame with a fire whereby shall be consumed the veils of the parties who turned away and disdained what they were commanded in the days of God, the Lord of the worlds.

Say: O concourse of the earth! If ye desire to drink from the Kawthar of life, by God, it hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen, and if ye desire the meeting, by the life of God, the Face hath appeared after the passing away of all things. Come ye, come ye, O concourse of the earth, and be not of the heedless ones. Can anything today make you independent of the Speaker of Sinai? Nay, by the Lord of Purification, were

ye but aware. Cast aside the idols and hold fast to the hem of the grace of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Thus hath spoken the Mother Book as it walketh before your faces. Fear God and be not of those who turn away.

All letters and words bear witness to the grace of the Sovereign of Verses. How strange that despite His verses encompassing the whole world and His evidences shining forth like suns, these unjust people have arisen in tyranny and uttered that which no heedless and impure one has ever spoken. This servant, with utmost humility and supplication, calls upon the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, and beseeches Him to regard this through His grace and bounty, not according to the deservedness of His servants. Verily He is the Near, the Responding One.

As for the mention of the honored Aqa Siyyid Abu-Turab, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], the Lord of the beginning and the end, it was presented before the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Sacred Presence. These are His words, exalted be His grandeur:

That honored one and other friends of God who have truly drunk from the cup of inner meanings and are gazing toward the horizon of the Will of the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness should exert their utmost effort in teaching the Cause with the wisdom revealed in the Book, that perchance this heedlessness which has encompassed the world may be transformed into awareness through the Kawthar of utterance, and people may become conscious of that which is like water for the thirsty and like a healing remedy for the sick. If people turn to this Most Great Cause with wisdom, ere long the inhabitants of that land will join the ranks of the righteous. Today the people of the world seek to cling to various means and matters for the exaltation of their names, and they are so firm in this pursuit that they withhold neither wealth nor life, although they know that these endeavors have yielded and will yield no fruit. Yet the people of Iran, despite the appearance of this mighty Cause, this supreme honor and greatest gift, are observed lying unconscious in the wilderness of ignorance with utmost heedlessness and lethargy.

O Abu-Turab! Exert a mighty effort in reviving the people and gird up the loins of endeavor in serving the Cause, that perchance the people of the world may become aware of that which benefits them and bear witness to that which has been revealed from the Supreme Pen. The Glory shining and radiant from the horizon of grace be upon you and upon those who have arisen to assist the Cause with wisdom and utterance. The command is God's, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower. As for what they had inscribed—that they were not present to submit a petition, and inasmuch as this servant hath perfect affection toward them and their merciful regard and attention toward this servant is complete, therefore I beseech that they may cause this correspondence to flow in accordance with the ordinance of unity—this matter likewise attained the hearing of the Sovereign of Names, and He declared:

> "We have decreed that which he desired and ordained the law of unity as a command from Our presence, and We are the Commander, the All-Knowing."

Here endeth the passage.

Praise be to God! That which the Beloved sought hath been crowned with acceptance in the sight of God. This evanescent servant, with perfect sincerity, offereth glorification and salutations in their service.

And as for what ye had inscribed concerning one of the sons of Khalil and the inheritors of the Interlocutor—His Honor Isaac, upon him be the glory of God—his petition was presented before the Countenance. This is that which the Tongue of the All-Bountiful uttered in response. He saith—exalted be He:

In the name of My Most Sacred, Most Great Name

O Ishaq! The Lord of all horizons calls you on this Day of the Covenant which was promised by the tongue of the chosen ones and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the books of the Prophets and Messengers. This is the Day wherein the Mount calls out and gives the people glad tidings of this Revelation through which the Path has appeared and the Balance of God, the Lord of the worlds, has been set up. Your letter has arrived and We have heard your call and what you confided to God, your Lord and the Lord of your forefathers. Give thanks to God for having aided you to turn towards Him when the learned of the earth turned away, save whom He willed. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having caused me to hear Thy call, to recognize Thy verses, and to be guided to Thy straight path. I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the manifestations of Thy might and power to aid me to stand firm in Thy Cause and to arise to serve Thee. Thou art He from Whose knowledge nothing escapes and Whom the affairs of Thy creation cannot frustrate. Thou ordainest what Thou willest through a movement of Thy Most Exalted Pen. There is no God but Thee, the Witness, the Hearer, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have taken the cups of praise from the white hands in this Revelation through which all things have proclaimed: The kingdom belongs to God, the Goal of all worlds.

This servant also conveys his greetings to them. Praise be to God that this company has attained, in this Most Great Revelation, to the wondrous and exalted favors of God. This is the mystery of the statement heard before:

> "He makes your highest to be lowest and your lowest to be highest."

The glory of those precious souls was veiled. Praise be to God, the hand of the Unseen appeared and rent asunder the veil, causing the lights of the suns of knowledge to shine forth from the horizons of hearts. Verily, He is the Ruler, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. There is no God but Him, our Lord and the Lord of all who are in the heavens and the earth.

Regarding what was written about discussions with Ibn-i-Ism'ullah-i-Asdaq, upon them both be 966 [Baha'u'llah], concerning the Minister's discussions about the freedom of various nations and his efforts in this matter—may they be confirmed, for the execution of this mighty matter requires that in such matters they should hold fast to consultation, and whatever is found acceptable, acting upon it is beloved and approved. It is hoped that God, exalted be His glory, will in all conditions confirm that beloved one. Verily, He has power over what He willeth.

Regarding what you wrote about Jinab-i-Fayn Sahib, the command is that his honor should in all conditions observe and hold fast to wisdom. The covenant of that beloved one and Jinab-i-Mahbubi Aqa Mirza Asadu'llah, upon him be all the most glorious glory, was presented in the Most Holy and Most

Exalted Court. His exalted Word: Verily We shall fulfill what they have covenanted and remember them and give them glad tidings of what has been ordained for them from God, the Bestower, the Generous.

The mention of the evanescence and nothingness of this ephemeral servant in the service of the friends of God depends upon His grace. God willing, may all be assisted to demonstrate supreme steadfastness. Today is the day of service, the day of pure deeds, and the day for the manifestation of virtuous character. God willing, may the horizons of the heaven of humanity be illumined by these brilliant and radiant lights, and may the world derive illumination from those sacred rays. Today man is able to accomplish that which he would be powerless to achieve at any other time, even were he to employ every means at his disposal. It is hoped that the fire of wisdom may be kindled in hearts and its warmth may influence all lands.

Today the Kawthar of utterance is flowing and the Sun of Truth is shining. God willing, may they shatter the idols of vain imaginings through the power of unity. No might or power hath equaled or will equal the penetrating influence and potency of the divine Word. By the sword of utterance must the cities of hearts be conquered. Such utterances as these have formerly streamed from the Most Exalted Pen. This ephemeral one, however much he desires to be brief, heareth from the sighing of the fire of love "more, more." Although there are now more than a hundred letters which this servant must answer, and although divine verses are being revealed in such profusion that, by God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, the power of recording them is unable to keep pace—O Beloved of my heart!—this servant knoweth not what to say. We had heard before that some were clinging to certain worthless idols that neither nourish nor enrich, but we had not witnessed it. I swear by the Most Great Luminary that this servant is bewildered and amazed, for he observeth that most people are turning toward the fire and turning away from the Most Great Scene. We belong to God and to Him do we return.

The glory shining forth from the horizon of the mercy of our Lord, the All-Merciful, be upon you and upon those who have attained unto that which His honored servants have attained. Praise be to God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

BH00301: May my spirit be offered up for your remembrance!…

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!

May my spirit be offered up for your remembrance! God willing, may they drink forever and always from the imperishable cup of bounty and remain occupied with the mention of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. The letter from his honor Aqa Mirza Haydar-ʿAli—may the Most Glorious of all Glory rest upon him—which was addressed to that beloved one, was presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Threshold. Praise be to God, [from each word thereof] streams forth the river of love. However, we must drink in the name of the Friend and make mention of Him before the Friend, and beseech God, glorified be His majesty, to cause this river to flow and surge in the [valleys of the hearts] of all the peoples of the world, and likewise cause countless rivers and endless tributaries to branch forth from it, and from the

murmuring of each of these [pure, sweet] flowing rivers may the Most Exalted Word be heard in praise and glorification of the Lord of creation.

O what a murmuring, from which is heard at one time "Verily, there is none other God but He, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting," and [at another] "There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Beloved," and at times is heard "The gate of reunion hath been opened and the Lord of Names hath come," and yet again "The world hath attained to that which was promised in the Books of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen."

Following the presentation of these luminous words, there dawned from the Dayspring of verses His—exalted be He—utterance: God willing, may the true friends of God attract the peoples of the contingent world through the magnet of utterance, that perchance the vain imaginings of the world's peoples might be transformed into certitude, darkness into light, tyranny into justice, ignorance into knowledge, weakness into strength, and poverty into wealth. He is the Helper and He is the All-Powerful, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

O Haydar-i-ʿAli! How numerous are the verses that have been sent down in thy name from the heaven of God's Will! Know thou their worth and thy station, and be of the thankful ones. This Wronged One is occupied night and day with proclamation and utterance, and the servant in attendance recordeth them. Were it not for My protection and bounty and power, the world would [swoon away] at but a single gleam from the gleams of the Sun of My Word, through which the suns have shone forth in every world of the worlds of thy Lord, the All-Wise, the All-Informed.

Mention of his honor ʿAli-i-Naqi hath been granted the honor of being heard. We make mention of him and account him as one of those who have attained unto the Purpose, through Whose remembrance the Books of God, the Lord of the worlds, have been adorned. God willing, may they at all times hold fast to that which is conducive to kindling the fire of God's love. They have been remembered in the past and will be remembered hereafter. We beseech God to aid him and ordain for him that whereby his mention shall be exalted. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

This servant offers greetings and praise. O beloved of my heart! In truth, this evanescent one remains perpetually bewildered and astounded, for he observes that the peoples of the world, from diverse nations and parties, are each striving with utmost determination to cling to some cause and exert themselves to the fullest extent to promote it. Yet this Most Great, Most Holy Cause, which has no peer or likeness in all creation, has appeared in Iran, while its people remain utterly heedless and veiled from it. This matter has been and continues to be a source of infinite regret.

Say: O people of the world! This is the Day wherein the Ancient King has proclaimed with the most exalted call. This is the Day of vision, for the greatest vista has appeared and the highest horizon is manifest and evident. This is the Day of hearing, for the Call of God is raised. Strive that ye may not be deprived of the outpourings of the All-Bountiful, nor be barred from the lights of the dawn of His Revelation. At every moment the Tongue of the All-Merciful uttereth words in the Kingdom of utterance such that were all the peoples of the world to taste the sweetness of but one verse thereof, or attain unto its comprehension, they would all arise to serve and achieve that which God desireth.

Concerning what was written about whether migration for the purpose of teaching should be undertaken alone or in the company of a companion—this matter was presented before His presence, and this is what the Tongue of Grandeur, exalted be His glory, spoke: One must act according to the requirements of the time and circumstances. If a trusted companion is available, this would certainly be preferable, for in strange lands situations may arise where assistance is needed. Otherwise, what one possesses might fall into others' hands and become a cause of agitation among the heedless and hostile.

As for what was written about the consultation of the loved ones of God and their decision that the beloved of the heart, Ali-Qabl-i-Akbar, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of Power, should remain in the land of Ta—this was presented and met with acceptance. Indeed, he should remain in that land and occupy himself with protecting the souls. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, to confirm him in exalting the Word and kindling the fire of divine love. It would also be praiseworthy if the beloved of the soul, the son of the Most Truthful, upon them both be His most glorious splendor, would sometimes stay in that land. They should take the reins of the Cause with utmost determination and remind both the strong and weak souls, and those in between, of God's verses and evidences, exerting great effort in teaching with perfect wisdom.

Regarding what was written about their visit to the land of H.M. with the beloved of the heart, the son of the Name of God—news of their arrival has reached us from that land itself, and the beloved one, the son of the Name of God, upon them both be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, has written a letter to this evanescent one detailing the matter. God willing, a response will be sent. I beseech God to confirm them in all conditions in teaching the Cause. May they be the cupbearers of the water of divine knowledge. Blessed are those souls who have taken and drunk in the name of Truth. Woe unto the heedless and the deniers.

And concerning what they wrote about openly proclaiming the Cause of God without concealment or secrecy, this matter that was submitted—He said that his honor Mirza has acknowledged his lack of wisdom, and the limit has been applied to him. However, God is the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. This matter became a cause of joy—verily He changes whatever He wishes to whatever He wishes, and He is the Powerful, the All-Knowing.

And concerning the detailed account they wrote about what befell them on the path in every respect—this was submitted to His Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. He said: God willing, may they remain steadfast in service and speak in remembrance of God, exalted be His glory. Praise be to God, through their falling some of the dead have risen. For those souls who arise to serve the Cause of God, whatever befalls them is the supreme remedy for the world's ills and the cause of life for the nations. By God's life, in this station is concealed that which, were it mentioned, would cause souls to swoon away.

And concerning what they wrote about unity and harmony—in truth this matter has been and continues to be the cause of the exaltation of the Cause, the manifestation of the Cause, the ascendancy of the Cause, and the sovereignty of the Cause. His word, exalted be His glory: God willing, may the horizons be illumined by the light of unity and may all utter the blessed words "We are God's."

It was mentioned before from this station that if a kind companion accompanies one on the path, it is most fitting, excellent and preferable. Praise be to God, those loved ones have been and are successful. The Tablets which the beloved of the heart, the son of the Name of God the Most Truthful—upon them both be all His most glorious glory—had requested specifically for the mentioned souls have been sent down from the heaven of favor. In these days, God willing, they will be dispatched. The Command is in God's hand, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the Wise.

This evanescent one submits that regarding the conditions for teachers, certain utterances were heard from the Kingdom of Utterance. What is in mind shall be mentioned: First, that whoever desires to teach God's Cause must move with complete detachment, but should have sufficient means with them so that wherever they arrive, all their attention may be focused on conveying the divine word. In this regard, various utterances have previously been revealed from the Supreme Pen. God willing, they have and will attain to them. As commanded, wisdom and the requirements of the time must always be observed. Verily He is the Interpreter, the All-Informed.

Section 2: "At this moment while this servant was engaged…"

At this moment while this servant was engaged in writing, he was summoned to the Most Holy Presence. Their mention was made in His presence. He said: Write, O Haydar! Whatever has befallen you in the path of God, glorified be His majesty, is mentioned before the Wronged One and recorded by the Supreme Pen in God's Book. We bear witness that you have attained and there befell you in God's path what befell God's chosen ones before and after. Be glad then and be of the thankful ones. And such utterances were revealed from the Kingdom of Will in this station that this servant is incapable of mentioning them all. A hundred thousand tongues would be needed to give thanks for this supreme bounty, this great favor and mighty mercy—nay, a hundred thousand worlds would need mouths and tongues that perchance they might fulfill this duty. Praise be to Him, then thanks be to Him.

With regard to the mention of Aqa Khudadad and Aqa Shahvirdi, upon them be the Glory of God, their mention has been particularly made in these days at the Most Holy Court. Praise be to God, they have attained His bounties and are recipients of His bestowals. Some time ago Aqa ʿAzizu'llah, upon him be the Glory of God, sent a letter and a Most Holy and Exalted Tablet was revealed and sent especially for him. God willing, may they ever be enkindled with the fire of love and illumined by the light of His favor, and wherever they may be, may they be occupied with the promotion of God's Cause and be the cause of unity and harmony among the friends. It is hoped that the loved ones of God will preserve their exalted stations. If the station of but one of God's loved ones were to be made manifest in the visible world, all would, involuntarily, find themselves in a state of complete humility and submissiveness. However, God has unveiled it to some and concealed it from others. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the Unconstrained.

As to the mention made of Mulla Muhammad-i-Salmani, a Most Holy and Exalted Tablet was revealed and sent especially for him. God willing, may they deliver it that he might receive his portion from the treasuries of divine knowledge and inhale the fragrance of His favor. Likewise, mention was made of Aqa Abu'l-Qasim-i-Baqqal and others, upon them be the Glory of God. This was presented before His presence and verses of divine revelation descended from the heaven of God's Will for each one. God willing, may they attain unto them and act in accordance with what is befitting. His Word, exalted be His glory:

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

O Abu'l-Qasim! The Wronged One remembers thee from the prison and calls thee to God, the Lord of the worlds. Blessed art thou for having turned to the Most Exalted Horizon and for having desired to take the cup of prosperity in the name of the Cleaver of the Dawn on this glorious and wondrous Day. How many a servant desired the days of his Lord, yet when the light of Revelation shone forth from the horizon of the Day, he turned away and was numbered among the idolaters. Be thou steadfast in the Cause in such wise that neither the oppression of every tyrant nor the hints of the heedless may weaken thee. The oppressor is he who denieth the right of God and turneth away from the Water of Life when it surgeth in His Most Great, His Most Mighty Name. Thus have We sent down for thee from My Most Exalted Pen that which shall gladden the eyes of them that are nigh unto God.

O ʿAli-i-Akbar! Say: By God! The Day is come and the Great Terror hath appeared, and the Lord of Destiny calleth all to His luminous horizon. The Path hath appeared and the Balance hath been set up, and the command belongeth unto God, the Protector, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Beware lest the conditions of creation cause thee to slip. Arise with supreme steadfastness in the Cause of the Lord of all being, Who hath come with manifest sovereignty. Say: O my Lord! I beseech Thee by the lights of Thy countenance, after all things have passed away, to aid me to be steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of the mystics have slipped.

O Muhammad-i-Ibrahim! We found thy mention in the letter of one of Our loved ones and make mention of thee as a token of My grace. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. We counsel thee to observe truthfulness and trustworthiness, which God hath made to be the first ornament of the temple of man. Verily He is the Counselor, the Faithful. We enjoin all to observe righteousness and that whereby this sacred and manifest Cause may be exalted. Be thou steadfast in serving His loved ones and vocal in His beauteous remembrance. Take thou the cup in My name and drink therefrom in spite of the heedless. We make mention of thy mother as a token of Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the Rememberer, the Mighty, the Wise. The Glory be upon thee and upon her and upon thy daughter and upon every maidservant who hath turned unto God, the Mighty, the Most Praised.

We make mention of the Siyyid, before Husayn, that he may rejoice in My remembrance of him and be among those steadfast in this Cause, at whose appearance the pillars were shaken and souls were thunderstruck, save those whom God, the Mighty, the Powerful, willed. Hold fast to the cord of thy Lord's grace in such wise that the words of the godless may not hinder thee. Remember God by night and by day. Verily He heareth and seeth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the knowledge of God on this Day which was promised in the Books of the Prophets and Messengers.

We make mention of the Siyyid, before Mahmud, and give him the glad-tidings of his Lord's grace, that he may be among the steadfast. Today steadfastness is essential. The recognition of God, exalted be His glory, taketh precedence over all deeds, and thereafter steadfastness in His Cause. The friends of God must at all times be mindful of this. Great is the Cause and narrow is the path. Though the Sun of Truth hath shone forth in such wise that none hath excuse to tarry, yet eyes are clouded by the dust of vain imaginings and are prevented from beholding the light. This dust consisteth of the ignorant ones who

appear in the guise of knowledge. They are the primary cause for preventing the people from the Truth. Beseech ye God to remove, through His complete power, these dark and gloomy clouds from the earth, that all may turn with pure and penetrating vision toward the supreme horizon and attain unto the effulgences of the light of His countenance.

Praise be to God! The sun of grace shineth forth from every word of God's words, nay from every letter thereof, in such wise that the Sun of Truth is so manifest that every fair-minded soul acknowledgeth its existence, manifestation and appearance. Wretched is the one who remaineth deprived of it, and blessed is the one who attaineth unto it.

As to what was written concerning Rustam Beg, a wondrous and sublime Tablet hath been specifically revealed for him and sent to the beloved ʿAli, before Akbar, upon him be the glory of God and His favors. God willing, they will deliver it. Since mention was made of him in the beloved's letter, it is therefore being sent to them. Likewise, may Amir Khan, God willing, attain unto divine bounties and drink from the chalice of eternity in such wise that he may find himself detached from the world and all who dwell therein. This lowly one conveyeth his greetings to each one and beseecheth God, exalted be His glory, for their success and confirmation. Verily He is the Generous Giver.

Sublime and holy Tablets were specifically revealed and sent for certain souls mentioned in the land of K. God willing, they have attained unto them. Indeed there hath never been, nor shall there ever be, any interruption in the outpouring of grace. May all existence be a sacrifice for His bounty. Glory and praise be upon your honor, upon his honor, and upon the manifestations of the Most Beautiful Names.

BH00307: O He who is our Most Holy, Most Great…

Section 1: "O He who is our Most Holy, Most…"

O He who is our Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted and Most Glorious Lord!

Praise sanctified above the utterance and mention of all who dwell within the realm of possibility beseemeth the court of nearness of the Holy One, the Best Beloved, Who with a single drop from the ocean of knowledge hath adorned the first and the last with the ornament of life. He is that Sovereign Whom the descriptions and praises of the world cannot augment, nor can the denial and rejection of the peoples diminish. From time immemorial He hath been established upon the throne of power, speaking forth the words "I am the Truth." The signs of His might are present in all things, and the tokens of His Revelation are manifest from every direction. The entire world existeth through His Word; should He desire, through another Word it would cease to be.

Whatsoever hath appeared and will appear from Him hath been according to His all-pervading wisdom. One sitteth upon the seat of glory while another lieth in the dust of abasement, yet when observed with the eye of insight, from the horizon of both doth the sun of justice shine forth resplendent. How sweet is His remembrance, how exalted His Cause, how manifest His justice! Glorified be His grandeur and exalted be His dominion. There is none other God but He, no Beloved besides Him, and no Object of desire save Him. He hath created all created things and brought forth all existence for this Day wherein walketh the

Lord of Names and Attributes, with the hosts of divine verses on His right hand and manifest signs on His left.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose will all created things were manifested and all contingent beings were set in motion! I beseech Thee by Him around Whom circle the Daysprings of Thy wisdom, the Repositories of Thy knowledge, the Dawning-places of Thy revelation, the Daybreaks of Thy Cause, and the Manifestations of Thy Self, to aid Thy loved ones and chosen ones to make mention of Thee, to praise Thee, and to serve Thy Cause. O my Lord! Thou seest how the world is consumed by the fire of heedlessness and desire, and how the hearts of them who are nigh unto Thee are melted by reason of what hath befallen them at the hands of Thy wicked servants who have cast behind their backs Thy Cause, violated Thy Covenant, disputed Thy verses, and warred against Thy Self. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the Most Great Word and by the lights of Thy countenance, O Thou Lord of all names, to transform this fire into light and to acquaint Thy servants with that which Thou hast ordained for them in this Revelation whereby the Sinai hath proclaimed:

> "By God! He Who conversed with me hath come, and my Object hath appeared!"

O Lord! Thou seest Thy servants who are far removed; draw them nigh, through Thy name the Almighty, unto the shore of the ocean of Thy recognition. Verily, Thou art He Who hath ever been seated upon the throne of bounty, O Lord of all men! There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O my God, shower Thy blessings, O my Beloved, bestow Thy favors upon them who have quaffed the wine of Thy utterance in Thy days and who have, through Thy power and might, seized the reins of self and passion. These are servants whose service, remembrance and praise every Book beareth witness to, and all things testify to their elevation, their acceptance, their glory and their might. O Lord! Strengthen them through Thy might, aid them through Thy power, and illumine their faces in such wise that Thy servants and creatures may be enlightened thereby. Verily, Thou art He Whom nothing whatsoever can frustrate and no affair can hinder. There is none other God but Thee, the Strong, the Trustworthy.

And further, thy letter from which dripped the drops of affection arrived, as if thou hadst swum in the ocean of love, seeking the ultimate goal, the loftiest summit and the highest horizon. Praise be to God that thou didst attain unto the station of "God was", and wast honored with hearing "there is none like unto Him". And these exalted words shone forth from the Dawning-Place of utterance, the Revealer of verses. His words, exalted be His glory:

> "O Husayn! Praise be to God that through divine grace thou hast attained unto that which was the purpose of creation. Thou didst hear and turn unto Him, and the intention of thy heart's core became manifest until thou didst attain unto the visitation of the true Ka'bah and wert honored with the effulgences of the Sun of Manifestation. Blessed is he who sought, intended and attained, and woe unto him who was heedless and slept. O Husayn! The breeze of grace passeth over the trees of being at every dawn. Say: Today is the day of fruits, today is the day of hearing, today is the day of utterance, and today is the day of meeting. For all things an eye hath been ordained—some outward, some inward, and some both outward and inward. How

> excellent is the eye of the spirit that hath attained unto the vision of the Beloved of all creation. Today, from the whistling of every breeze the attentive ear heareth The Beloved hath come', and from the murmur of every stream it heareth The Promised One hath appeared'. Adorn the temples of the friends with the ornament of the mention of the Intended One of all creation. Say: Know ye your worth and recognize your stations. At all times hold fast unto the Strong Cord, for the cawing of devils hath been raised. Although every possessor of hearing and sight beholdeth the Truth distinguished from all else in all respects, by the life of God, from the traces of the opposers and their words their station is evident and manifest. Verily He speaketh the truth, demonstrateth the proof, and guideth the way. There is no God but He, the Mighty, the Beautiful."

The copy of the telegram thou didst send was indeed most apt—truly the electric current spoke completely and most appropriately. O beloved of my heart! From the beginning that hath no beginning to the end that hath no end, the source and dawning-place of oppression hath been and will be such souls. The spirits of such vile and impure ones are known by their evil-commanding nature, while Satan himself is characterized by the self-accusing spirit in the second degree. In truth, the fire of his self was derived from that fire—such as he are first, and Satan is second. May God protect us and you from their evil. They have attributed to Him Who is at all times that which they have attributed, and they have pronounced against Him at Whose mention they would stand in reverence of His name and in demonstration of their submission to Him—may God multiply their like, or rather, may God break their necks.

But thou didst write correctly. As this servant knoweth not to what this referreth, he somewhat departed from wisdom. I hope for forgiveness—I seek God's pardon, the All-Glorious—for we are all commanded to observe wisdom. Once the Lord of creation uttered this exalted word: Had the rulers obeyed such persons who considered themselves leaders of the people, not a single person of truth would have been seen in any century of the centuries or any age of the ages. We beseech God to confirm the rulers of this age in not obeying such ignorant, heedless, satanic souls. Verily our Lord, the All-Merciful, is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth, and in His grasp are all hearts and minds. In any case, the telegram was most fitting. God willing, may such telegrams always be sent to all regions, and may one always be engaged in uttering such praiseworthy words.

As for your mention of his honor [name], who has been afflicted with gout—it was not gout alone but rather chronic, deadly, and malignant diseases. They stated that every soul who entered into the Cause of the King of Martyrs was and will be afflicted with such accursed ailments. "The Book of A and S has come into My presence, therefore We have concealed it. Verily thy Lord is the Concealer, the Forgiving, the Generous." Indeed he deprived himself. Now observe, according to one of the chosen ones, would it have been better to sacrifice his life in the path of the King of Martyrs, or to depart from this world with a sin heavier than mountains and in such abasement?

We beseech God to preserve these servants through His special grace. Repeatedly has this exalted word been revealed from the Supreme Pen, stating: "Verily the Cause is mighty, mighty!" As for your mention of his honor Aqa Muhammad-Hashim, son of Aqa Qadir, upon them both be the Glory of God, from the land of K, it was presented at the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court. His blessed and exalted Word: "O

Muhammad before Hashim! Verily We have mentioned thee before, be thou of the thankful ones. We have sent down verses for thee that thou mayest praise God, the Lord of the worlds. We have heard and answered thee, and verily We are the Hearer, the Answerer. Be thou a doer of what is in My Book, and adorned with My virtues, and steadfast upon My straight path.

This is the day of trial. Say: Here am I, here am I, O Thou Goal of the world! Yea, yea, O Thou Beloved of the worlds! Verily the sea hath surged and the river hath flowed and the nightingale hath warbled and man hath come riding upon the clouds while the people are in manifest loss. Verily loss is for him who gaineth, and gain is for him who loseth for this Blessed and Great Name. Every gain that preventeth the servant from his Lord is a loss, and every loss that remindeth the servant of God is indeed a mighty possession."

Section 2: "We make special mention of the friends…"

We make special mention of the friends in the land of K. Praise be to God, souls are observed to be enkindled. God willing, may they be steadfast in the Cause. God will soon make manifest their stations. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

As for what thou didst write regarding his honor Aqa Mirza Abdu'l-Hamid, upon him be the Glory of God, it attained the honor of being heard. His blessed and exalted Word:

> "O Abdu'l-Hamid! Blessed art thou and blessed is he with whom thou wast when thou didst purpose to visit the House of God, the Most High, the Great. He visited and thou didst visit, and I am the All-Knowing Witness. He turned and thou didst turn, and I am the Hearing, the Seeing. He traveled through lands in his longing to meet Me, and thou didst travel with him until he attained and thou didst attain unto a place which the Concourse on High circumambulated, accompanied by tribes of near-stationed angels. We counsel thee with that through which the fragrance of sincerity unto God, the Lord of the worlds, may be diffused, and through which His Cause may be uplifted among His servants. And I am the Counselor, the Compassionate, the Generous."

And this is what hath been sent down for the honored Haji Mirza Fadlu'llah (upon him be the glory of God). Exalted be His majesty:

O Fadl! Behold the divine favor vouchsafed unto thee. The whole world was created for this Day and for the recognition of Him Who hath appeared therein. Yet now all the peoples of the earth, save whom God hath willed, are seen to be heedless of the original purpose and veiled from the Most Great Manifestation, while ye are blessed with this supreme bounty. I swear by the Sun of Truth that one atom of the deeds of a soul that hath turned towards God is better and more pleasing before Him than the deeds of both worlds. Strive thou to preserve this lofty and most exalted station through the Name of the Lord of Names, for the cawing of the divines on one hand and the croaking of the foolish on the other have been raised.

Hold fast unto the hem of grace and cleave unto the sure handle, that perchance thou mayest not be deprived of the Lord of all being through the tales of old and the conditions of Lat and Uzza. By Lat and

Uzza and every base word that hath flowed and floweth from the Most Exalted Pen in the Book are meant the ignorant ones of the earth who are known as divines. Know thou this and be of the thankful. Thou hast been blessed with My remembrance and hast drunk the choice wine of My loving-kindness. By My life! Nothing that thou beholdest can equal these. Thy Lord is verily the Perspicuous, the True, the Faithful. Glory be upon thee and upon every discerning believer.

This evanescent servant conveyeth greetings and salutations to the gentlemen, and beseecheth the exalted True One to aid them in that which profiteth them in all the worlds of His worlds. He is verily the Generous, the Munificent.

As for the mention at the end of the Book of the secretary—upon him be the Glory of God—and likewise Aqa Mirza Siyyid ʿAli and Aqa Ghulam-Husayn—upon both of them be the Glory of God—their mention was presented before His Countenance, and there was revealed for each that which all the world is powerless and incapable of describing. His exalted Word:

Verily We make mention of the Sh following the N and the M, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of the Wronged One Who hath borne tribulations and ordeals in the path of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen. We have mentioned thee before and We mention thee at this hour wherein verses are sent down from the heaven of the will of thy Lord, the Lord of the most ancient Days. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou through the movement of Whose Pen all things were set in motion and through its cry the dead were raised in the kingdom of creation! I beseech Thee to strengthen me to stand firm in this Cause which hath shaken every edifice and caused the hearts of Thy servants to tremble. My Lord! Thou seest me turning toward Thee and speaking Thy praise. I beseech Thee to number me among the company of Thy chosen ones who have fulfilled Thy Covenant and who have said in all conditions:

> "God is our Lord and the Lord of all things, our Goal and the Goal of all things, our Beloved and the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and the earth."

My Lord! Aid me to serve Thy Cause and enable me to achieve that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Omnipotent.

And this is what was revealed for Aqa Mirza Siyyid ʿAli—upon him be the Glory of God—In My Name, the Most Ancient, the Most Great:

O Ali! Thou hast turned towards Us from that region and We have turned towards thee from the precincts of My Most Great Prison. Know thou the value of the days of God, then thank Him for having caused thy name to be mentioned by His Most Exalted Pen, as a token of His grace. He, verily, is the All-Knowing Rememberer. Be thou steadfast in My Cause, speaking forth My praise and drinking from the Kawthar of My love at all times. O Ali! The lights of Revelation have shone forth upon the Mount, and the Tree hath raised its call: "The Kingdom is God's, the One, the All-Informed!" Behold the people and their heedlessness and error. They make mention of God at morn and eventide, yet when He appeared they pronounced judgment against Him with such tyranny as caused the Faithful Spirit to lament. O Ali! Were We to recount unto thee what hath befallen Us at the hands of the manifestations of tyranny, thou wouldst weep, and with thee would weep the Concourse on High and the dwellers of Paradise. We have

therefore concealed it from thee and from them. Thy Lord is verily the All-Merciful, the Gracious. The Glory be upon thee and upon them who have shown justice in this mighty Cause.

This is what was revealed for his honor Ghulam-Qabl-Husayn, upon him be the Glory of God:

In My Name, Husayn

Thy name is remembered before the Wronged One. Know thou the worth of this blessed name and arise to render such servitude as befitteth the station of this Most Great Name. In all conditions, act and speak in ways that will exalt the Cause. By the life of God! Thou hast attained unto that which hath had and shall have no peer or likeness. Turn thy heart toward the Most Exalted Horizon and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, and glorification be unto Thee, O my Aim, and splendor be unto Thee, O my Beloved, for having strengthened me, made me know Thee, enabled me, and guided me unto Thy straight path. I beseech Thee by the wonders of Thy bounty and the totality of Thy words to ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. O Lord! Thou art the Strong, and I am the weak. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me of what lieth with Thee. There is no God but Thee, the All-Witnessing, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Reflect upon the divine favor. Whenever mention is made of one of the friends before His presence, the ocean of bounty surgeth with such waves that this servant and a hundred thousand like him are powerless to describe or recount it. May the whole world be a sacrifice unto His grace and bounty. The conveyance of this lowly one's greetings and salutations to each of the friends of God is entrusted to your honor.

Another matter this evanescent one wisheth to mention is that no news hath been received from his honor Aqa Muhammad-Rida, upon him be the Glory of God, and his brother who bore the name of the Intended One, who emigrated and drank the cup of reunion from the hands of bounty. If wisdom permitteth and you meet with them, convey this lowly one's greetings unto them. Praise be to God, they have attained unto His grace and are mentioned in the Most Holy Court. May the Glory that shineth resplendent from the horizon of the heaven of the grace of our Goal and the Goal of the world be upon you and upon those whose names thou hast mentioned and upon every steadfast and assured believer. Praise be to God, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Wise.

BH00536: What this evanescent one wishes to submit to Your…

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

What this evanescent one wishes to submit to Your Presence is that the beloved letter from his honor Samandar, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of Power, which was sent to that beloved one, was seen and after being reviewed was accorded the honor of being heard in the Most Holy Presence of the Lord of Creation, and these exalted words descended from the heaven of the will of the Lord of Names—exalted be His sovereignty and mighty His utterance:

"O Ism-i-Jud! In truth his honor Samandar, upon him be My glory, has his gaze fixed upon the Greatest Scene and stands firm in service. The veils of existence cannot obscure the fire of his love, nor can the

clouds prevent its influence. If a sincere seeker were to reach out from distant places, verily he would find its effects. The servant in attendance submitted his requests, which attained the honor of being heard and both received answers. Glorified is He Who speaks and hears and responds, and glorified is He Who hath kindled in hearts and souls that which hath attracted them to the Truth, the Knower of all things hidden.

O Samandar! We have turned from this Station unto thee and have mentioned thee in such wise as nothing on earth can equal. We send Our greetings upon thee and upon those who have turned with their all to God, the Lord of the worlds. Give glad tidings of My remembrance and My attention to My loved ones. Blessed is he who hath held fast to the Sure Handle and hath drunk the choice wine of life from the hands of the bounty of his Lord, the Merciful, and was among the steadfast ones.

Convey to all the friends in that land greetings from the Wronged One. Say: O loved ones of God in the cities and regions! Know ye that power lieth in unity, and prosperity and success in steadfastness and concord. Beseech God that all may be assisted to remain firm in this Cause that hath caused the firm mountains to quake. O friends! Know ye the value of these days of the Merciful One. By God! The sun hath never shone upon their like or similitude. Seize ye the opportunity in My days, then restrict your affairs to the service of My Cause. God will soon exalt your stations and ranks thereby, and will manifest to all on earth your loftiness and elevation and what ye have endured in His path and what hath befallen you in His wondrous Cause. In all conditions the profit is with you and the loss with the enemies. Ye must at all times keep your gaze fixed upon the divine counsels and act according to what is in the Book. God willing, under the shadow of His grace, may ye be illumined with the light of justice and fairness, trustworthiness and religiosity, humility and submissiveness. The glory be upon you and upon those who are with you and those who love you."

Among the wonders of divine bounty is that at the very moment when the letter arrived, this evanescent servant attained the honor of His presence, and after this response was submitted, this answer descended from the Kingdom of utterance of the Sovereign Lord: God willing, may the masters and nobles of that land attain unto new life through the water of the providence of God, exalted be His glory, and be occupied with and act according to what beseemeth His days.

Mention was made of his honor Haji Muhammad Ibrahim, upon him be the glory of God. This is what was revealed for him from the Supreme Pen as a favor from God, the Lord of all humanity. His exalted and sanctified Word:

He is the One Who speaketh the truth amongst the people

The Wronged One hath, in every condition, summoned all unto the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious. There hath not been a night or day but that the shrill voice of His Most Exalted Pen was raised in such wise that none can deny it save every froward infidel. By God's life! We have not protected Ourselves. We have revealed the Cause with a sovereignty from Us and summoned both kings and subjects unto God, the One, the Unconstrained. The first to turn away from Us and oppose Us were the divines of the earth, whom We had honored with a word from Us and elevated by Our command. But when We came unto them, We found them to be among the wayward at the end.

Through their turning away the people turned away, and through their hypocrisy was kindled the fire of hatred, and there befell Us that which caused the dwellers of the pavilion of grandeur to lament at morn and eventide. We desired their life, yet they pronounced judgment against Us without clear proof or any Book. Blessed is he who casteth them behind his back, turning unto God, the Lord of Lords. We have heard of thy turning unto Us and have made mention of thee in the prison with verses through which the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath been wafted to all regions. Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and say: O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name and Thy dominion that overshadoweth the world, to assist me to be steadfast in Thy love and to number me with those who have attained unto Thy good-pleasure. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

God willing, may their orientation and turning to the Truth, exalted be His glory, become the cause of their attaining infinite bounties. Regarding what they mentioned about the vision, God willing, it is a sign of the greatness of the Cause and of power and might. Power, might and victory have never been and are not dependent upon outward forces, armaments and weapons. Repeatedly from the tongue of grandeur was this word heard: Pure deeds, pure words, and praiseworthy character are counted among the mighty hosts of the Truth, exalted be His glory. The acts and deeds of the beasts of the earth have had and have no worth. One must conquer the horizons of hearts through the hosts of goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. No sword is sharper than the Word of God. If a few souls arise purely for the sake of God, speak for God and fix their gaze upon God, assuredly its effects will become manifest and evident in the world, as indeed they have become manifest and ye witness them. This servant also conveyeth greetings to that honored soul and beseecheth confirmation for him from the Truth, exalted be His glory.

Likewise mention was made of the honored lady, the wife of the departed and blessed ʿAbdu'l-Hamid Khan, upon them both be the Glory of God, and of that leaf's measures of firmness, steadfastness and constancy. Praise be to God, that leaf hath attained the grace of the Truth, exalted be His glory. It is hoped she will remain so firm and steadfast in the Cause that the men of the world will be powerless to change, alter or prevent her—how much less the women of the earth. Mention of her was made in the Most Holy and Exalted Presence, and the Sun of Grace shone forth. Well is it with her and blessed is she.

At this hour this servant was present at the Throne when the Tongue of Grandeur made mention of the departed and blessed Mulla ʿAbdu'r-Rahim, upon him be the Glory of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. O what a mention! Were it to be cast upon darkness it would transform it into light, and were it cast upon dust there would arise therefrom a creation none can reckon save God, the Lord of the Return.

Thereafter mention was made of the spiritual friend Jinab-i-Mulla ʿAbdu'r-Razzaq, upon him be His glory. The Sun of loving-kindness has shone forth in such wise that this servant is incapable and unable to make full mention thereof. Blessed is he and blessed are those who have attained to His grace and bounty. In truth, this evanescent one is abashed before him. God willing, hereafter through His might and power that which was neglected shall be made good.

Furthermore, the letter of my spiritual friend Jinab-i-Abu'l-Ma'ani, that is Abu'l-Ma'ali, upon him be the glory of God and His loving-kindness, reached this servant, and likewise he presented a petition to the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. This evanescent one laid all before His countenance. At that very

moment, sacred Tablets were revealed from the heaven of oneness specifically for him and the souls mentioned, and were dispatched. This evanescent servant beseeches and hopes from God, exalted be His glory, that He may cause them to attain unto the visitation of these exalted Tablets. Verily, He has power over all things.

And one Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was also revealed and sent specifically for the noble lady, the mother of Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Ashraf, upon them both be the glory of God and His light. Mention of the martyrs of that land and the aforementioned noble lady has been and continues to be made in the Most Holy Presence. Verily, they are among the triumphant, by the Lord of all worlds.

One night, this evanescent one was in the presence of Him Who stands, when the Tongue of Oneness made mention of the friends of that land. Among the souls whose mention attained to the Most Holy Presence in these days was likewise that of Jinab-i-K-D and Aqa Akbar, upon them both be the glory of God, who is among those related to them. And some time ago a Tablet was revealed from the heaven of loving-kindness specifically for the second name and was sent to His Holiness, the Name of God M-H, upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory of God, that it might be delivered. Praise be to God, the ocean of divine bounty has been and continues to be directed towards those who have turned to Him, the sincere ones, the steadfast ones, and the firm ones. By His Own Self, the Truth, that which flows forth from the Most Exalted Pen at all times is such that those who would enumerate it are powerless to reckon it. To this bears witness every fair-minded and perceiving one.

Furthermore, I have been and continue to be mindful of my beloved Aqa Muhammad-Javad, upon him be the glory of God, the Lord of creation. This servant has ever besought and continues to beseech from God, exalted be His glory, his success and confirmation. One day the Tongue of Grandeur spoke this most exalted word, exalted be His majesty:

> “O servant present! Make mention of Javad on My behalf. Verily, We send Our greetings from this station upon him and upon his family and upon her who attained unto My presence. Verily, We counsel her to make mention of My bounty and My loving-kindness and My mercy which has preceded all.”

End quote. God is witness and testifier that they have ever been and continue to be in view. God willing, may they be illumined by the lights of steadfastness and be established and renowned in the love of God. The light of the Cause has illumined most lands. Now all must hold fast with perfect unity and harmony that all may attain. This is the truth, there is no doubt therein. The servant beseeches his Lord to protect, through His Name, the stations of those who have turned unto Him and have borne hardships in His path. Verily, He is the Protector, the Trustworthy.

O beloved of my heart! The contents of the letter of my beloved, His Holiness Samandar, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, its answer has been revealed from the heaven of loving-kindness. Blessed and welcome tidings to him and to those with him and to those who love him and hear his word concerning the Cause of our Lord and his Lord, our Beloved and his Beloved. And the Glory and the Great Glory and the Peace and the Mercy and the Loving-kindness be upon his honor and his family and his offspring from God, our Lord and his Lord, our Goal and his Goal and the Goal of all the worlds.

Again salutations, praise and expressions of sincere devotion are offered in Thy presence. If Thou seekest a deputy and surety, verily the True One is present and manifest. He is indeed the best Deputy, the best Surety, the best Lord, and the best Helper.

The servant

BH00556: Lawh-i-Khartum

In the Name of the Comforting, the Compassionate, the All-Forgiving, the Merciful!

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath appeared is verily the Most Exalted Pen, the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, the Most Glorious Horizon, the Manifestation of the Unseen in the Kingdom of Creation, the First Exemplar among nations, the Temple manifested in justice, and the Light shining forth from the horizon of grace. Through Him the ocean of knowledge hath surged in the world, and that which was recorded in the Books of God, the Lord of all worlds, hath been made manifest. Blessed is he who hath attained unto this Most Mighty, Most Glorious Day, who hath recognized the Lord of the Beginning and the End, and who hath arisen to serve Him, detached from all else save Him. He is with Me in all My worlds—to this beareth witness My Pen, My Tongue, and the tongues of My commandments and ordinances in this Station which hath been adorned with the lights of the countenance of its Lord, the Manifest, the Luminous, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Most Exalted Pen! Thou hast made Me hear thy sighing, thy lamentation, and thy sobs for what hath befallen the loved ones of God and His chosen ones, and thou hast shown Me thy tears for My tribulation and affliction and what thou hast witnessed from My servants whom We created by My Word. O Pen, I testify that thy sorrows in the path of God cannot be reckoned by all the pens of the world nor by the tongues of all nations. Hast thou any joy whereby the hearts of God's loved ones in His earth and His chosen ones in His lands might rejoice? Tell Me truly, O My Pen, and be not of the silent ones.

I testify that thy sorrow in My path is more precious than all joy before God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds, and thy remoteness for My sake was nearer than all nearness—to this testifieth every discerning knower. By thy sighing the Concourse on High hath lamented, and by thy crying out the Maids of Heaven in the Most Exalted Paradise have swooned away. God shall soon bring forth from thy sorrow oceans of joy and gladness. Be thou thankful and among those who praise. Were We to remove the veil from the face of this utterance, thou wouldst behold people hastening toward sorrows in the path of God, the Most High, the Most Great. How many a matter have We concealed as a wisdom from Us, and how many a mention have We withheld the Pen from recording as a grace from Us, and I am verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

O Pen! Make mention of him whom the heat of God's love so seized that he became detached from all that he possessed and left his home, making for the Ultimate Goal and the Most Exalted Summit in days wherein agitation had overtaken the dwellers of the Kingdom of Names, and he drank from the cup of hardship and tribulation until he attained the presence of the Lord of all humanity and drank the choice wine of reunion, once in My Name and again in My love and remembrance, and gained the presence of the Wronged One in this Prison which hath been named by the Most Exalted Pen with all names.

O Ali! O thou who gazeth upon My face and circleth around Me! Thou hast heard the gloating of the enemies in My path and witnessed the turning away of the servants in their love for Me. How many an evening wert thou consumed by the fire of separation from Me, and how many a dawn didst thou hear abuse from Mine enemies. I testify that thou didst leave thy homeland and choose exile out of thy longing for My beauty and thy desire to attain My presence. Thou didst journey through the lands of exile—at one time thou wert with Me in the Most Great Prison, and at another time in another land, and from every land through which thou didst pass, all those possessed of a sense of smell could detect the fragrance of thy love for God, thy Beloved and the Beloved of all who are in earth and heaven.

O Ali! Thou didst dwell in Khartoum while the Self-Subsisting remembers thee from the prison with a melody unto which the ears of all things have been attracted. Blessed is he who hath heard the melody of the Wronged One when He makes mention of him who hath turned unto Him, set his face towards His horizon, soared in His atmosphere, circled round His will, submitted to His sovereignty, acted according to what He hath commanded in His Book, attained the streams of wisdom when he presented himself at His gate, and was illumined when gazing upon His countenance. O Ali! How many an eventide wert thou agitated like a fish upon the dust through separation from thy Lord, the Lord of the Final End, and how many a dawn wert thou disturbed like one stung in thy remoteness from the seat of thy Lord's throne, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

O Ali! Where are thy sighs in separation and where thy tears in yearning? Where is thy standing at the gate and where thy submissiveness and thy call at the final end? Hath the breeze of thy life been cut off from the world, or hath the whistling of the Bird of Inner Meanings attracted thee to the Supreme Companion? Thou didst choose exile out of longing for the All-Glorious Homeland and accepted abasement for the exaltation of thy Lord's Cause, the Lord of all creation. O Ali! We were with thee in thy journeys until they ended in the land named Khartoum, where thou didst encounter what was ordained for thee by the irrevocable, predetermined decree.

O Khartoum! Know thou the station of him who came unto thee, then honor his resting-place, by command of God, thy Lord. Thus hath the Wronged One commanded, Who speaketh in every condition that there is none other God but Me, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. We testify that thou didst sacrifice thy spirit in the prime of youth and the freshness of life for God, the Lord of the Kingdom of Signs. Blessed is he who hath visited thee and made mention of thee through that which hath been sent down from the heaven of thy Lord's will. Thou art he whom the affairs of creation did not prevent from the Truth. Thou didst cast away vain imaginings and hasten to the ocean of certitude, the station wherein the Tongue of Grandeur speaketh that whereby every mouldering bone is quickened.

Thou art he who turned, who attained, who took and drank the choice wine of immortality in the name of thy Lord, the All-Glorious, when all in the kingdom of creation turned away save whom God, the Lord of the Hereafter and of the former times, did wish. Blessed is he who remembereth thy days and visiteth thy grave through that which hath been sent down from the Kingdom of Utterance from God, thy Lord, the Most Merciful. The days and nights shall pass away, and all that is seen and witnessed shall perish, but thy remembrance shall endure in the Book of God, the Just, the Wise.

O Ali! The Lord of creation remembers thee in the prison of Akka that thou mayest hear it in the Supreme Companion with the chosen ones of God and His sincere ones. Thus have My tongue and My Pen remembered thee as a grace from Us upon thee and upon those who heard and answered God, the Lord of the worlds. The glory shining forth from the Most Exalted Pen be upon thee and upon those who remember thee through this Tablet from which the sincere ones perceive the fragrance of My tenderness and My loving-kindness that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and the earth.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of his father who turned his face toward his Lord and circled round the Throne for successive years, and was named Abdul-Rahim in the presence of God, the Lord of the worlds. O My servant Abdul-Rahim! Rejoice in that the Wronged One remembereth thee in His mighty prison and acknowledgeth for thee that which all the treasures of the earth cannot equal. The Tongue of God, the Speaking, the All-Knowing, beareth witness to this. We have remembered thee and then those whom God hath related unto thee, as a favor from Us upon thee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Remember then the handmaiden who turned to God until she came to this mighty, impregnable Prison, and attained the lights of the Throne and acknowledged what was uttered by the Tongue of God, the Mighty, the Wise. Then remember his brother, who was named Muhammad in the Kingdom of Names and turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon, this station from which shone forth the lights of the countenance of his Lord, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate. O Muhammad! I bear witness that thou hast turned to the Intended One and attained that which was inscribed in the Scriptures and Tablets by the Pen of God, Lord of the mighty Throne. This remembrance shall be with thee in every world of the worlds of thy Lord. Rejoice thou and be of the thankful ones.

O My Pen! Bear witness that thou hast remembered the chosen ones of God and His loved ones who circled round the Throne of thy Lord at dawn and at eventide. We bid thee remember his other brother who was named Hussein, to whom was entrusted the polishing of the pages whereon were inscribed, at morn and at eventide, the verses of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. And We bid thee remember his other brother who was named Ahmad, who chose exile that he might engage in that which was commanded in the Book of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Ahmad! Thou art in Alif and Sin, and the Wronged One remembereth thee from His luminous station. Then remember his sister who believed and attained the honor of circumambulation in days wherein men and women turned away, save whom God, the Almighty, the Powerful, wished. Blessed art thou and she who is related to thee and he who was named Abdul-Hussein, then those who attained this station and drank the choice wine of reunion from the hands of the bounty of their Lord, the Munificent, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O my God, my Lord, my Master and my Hope! I beseech Thee by the Name through which Thou didst subdue the servants and all who are in the lands, and through which appeared the ocean of Thy wisdom and wafted the fragrance of Thy loving-kindness and flowed the river of Thy mercy, to pour forth upon them patience from Thee, then ordain for them what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who cast the world behind them, turning unto Thee and hastening to the ocean of Thy bounty. Then send down upon them from the heaven of Thy Will a blessing from Thee and mercy from Thy presence. Verily, Thou

art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp is the kingdom of creation. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

Then behold, O my God, with the glances of Thy loving-kindness, him who was named Abdullah, whom Thou didst send to one who loved Thee that he might be a companion to him in the lands of exile and a helper in times of hardship and distress. O Lord! Inscribe for him the recompense of his deed in the Crimson Scroll wherein was recorded that which was hidden from all eyes. O Lord! Aid him through Thy confirmations to act in accordance with that which was commanded during his presence before Thee. O Lord! He is the one who followed Thy binding command and turned toward the prison wherein Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones were imprisoned through that which the hands of the oppressors had wrought, and the heedless made them captives in Thy kingdom and took them until they brought them to that distant place.

O Lord! They are the ones who took the cup of tribulation in Thy love and drank therefrom out of longing for Thy beauty. O Lord! Aid them through the manifestations of Thy victory and ordain for them that which shall gladden the eyes of Thy loved ones. Verily Thou art He Whom nothing whatsoever can frustrate from that which Thou hast willed through Thy power. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds and Goal of all who are in the heavens and the earth.

BH00688: We have desired to make mention of him who…

In the name of Him Who is the Witness and the Witnessed!

We have desired to make mention of him who hath turned towards Us and hath uttered this Name through which the seal of the Choice Wine was broken and the Nightingale warbled upon the branches. The All-Merciful hath come with a Cause before which all who are in the heavens and on earth shall prove powerless. The horizon of Revelation hath been illumined, and the Mount hath called out: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds!”

O peoples of the earth! Hearken unto the call of Him Who is the Fashioner of the heavens, Who hath come with the Kingdom of Names. He speaketh at the heart of the world and summoneth all unto His Most Great Name, through which all things proclaimed when it was made manifest: “The Promised One hath come with His All-Compelling Name and hath spoken: ‘There is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.”’ Every ear hath been blessed by the melodies of Revelation, yet the heedless are in manifest error.

O concourse of men! By God, the Lord of Destiny hath come! He speaketh from His Most Sublime Vision concerning His hidden mystery. Fear God and be not of the ignorant ones. We have accepted tribulations for your salvation. Cast away what ye possess and take hold of that which ye are commanded in the Book from the presence of an ancient Commander.

Look ye and remember the generations of old. Where are the sources of vain imaginings and the dawning-places of idle fancies? And where are they who took idols as lords besides God? And where are

the tyrants and pharaohs who violated the Covenant and wrought that which caused the dwellers of the highest Paradise and the inhabitants of the cities of names to lament at morn and eve?

O peoples of the earth! Beware lest the veils of the divines withhold you. By God! The ocean of knowledge hath surged before your faces, and the All-Knowing proclaimeth: "There is none other God but Me, the Manifest, the All-Wise." By the life of God! Their cawing hath debarred men from the choice wine of Revelation when its seal was broken through My Name, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Thus hath the Most Great Name spoken in the world, yet most of the people are among the heedless.

Say: O people of creation! Let not the affairs of the world withhold you from Him Who hath come with the Kingdom of eternity. Cast aside what the people possess and take what hath been given by your Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O Mohsen! Thy letter came to hand and We heard thy call when what was contained therein was presented by the servant in attendance in My Most Great Prison. We have answered thee with a Tablet through which every seated one hath arisen, every hesitant one hath hastened, every tongue-tied one hath spoken, and every heedless one hath turned towards God, the One, the Peerless, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

When thou readest the Tablet and findest from it the fragrance of the garment of thy Lord's loving-kindness, turn thy face towards the Prison and say:

> "Unto Thee be praise, O Lord of Names, and unto Thee be glory, O Creator of the heavens! I testify that Thou hast appeared and made manifest what was hidden behind the veils of the Unseen. I beseech Thee not to withhold me and Thy servants from the outpourings of Thy Most Exalted Pen. Thou art, verily, powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful."

We make mention of My loved ones in that region who were not kept back by worldly affairs from God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. We also remember Zayn who turned toward the horizon of Revelation when every ignorant one turned away. We counsel him to remain steadfast in the Cause of his Lord, the Most Glorious, and give him glad tidings of the mercy which hath preceded both the unseen and the seen.

O Rida! The Lord of Names maketh mention of thee from His Most Exalted Horizon that He may attract thee to a station wherein the conditions of earth shall not grieve thee, nor shall the power of those who have turned away from the Promised One cause thee fear. Give thanks unto God for having enabled thee to recognize Him and for having sent down unto thee these verses from His praiseworthy station.

O Pen! Make mention of him who is named Hasan, that he may rejoice in Thy remembrance and speak forth with wisdom and utterance among the concourse of creation concerning [this Cause] which, when sent down from the heaven of Revelation, the books of the past submitted unto it. Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Arise to praise and glorify with such steadfastness as the hosts of the earth, who follow vain imaginings and idle fancies, cannot hinder thee. Say: This is the Day of Utterance, did ye but know, and this is the Day of praise and glorification, could ye but understand. The appointed

time hath come and the Promised One hath appeared with manifest sovereignty. He calleth unto the peoples from within the Most Great Prison and summoneth them unto God, the Mighty, the Loving. Thus hath the tongue of the All-Merciful spoken in the kingdom of utterance that thou mayest hear and give thanks unto thy Lord, the Possessor of the Promised Day. Glory be upon thee and upon thy sons and upon those who have entered beneath My extended shadow.

Then make mention of Abbas from the presence of the King of mankind Who hath called all unto the right hand of Paradise, the Spot wherefrom its very atoms speak forth that which the Interlocutor heard upon the Sinai of Utterance. Thus doth He command thee from Whose presence is a preserved Tablet. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to turn towards this Cause, from which the daysprings of idle fancy have turned aside. We make mention of thy brother and those who are with thee and We send Our greetings unto them from this Spot which God hath made sanctified from the presence of every rejected transgressor.

O Hasan! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of the seen and the unseen. He maketh mention of thee from His most exalted station and giveth thee glad tidings of this Revelation which God foretold in the books of old. Verily thy Lord is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the One, the Peerless, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Hold thou fast unto the Sure Handle, then aid thy Lord through deeds and virtuous character. Thus was it revealed aforetime and at this hour. By the life of God! The treasures of the world cannot compare with a single word from thy Lord. To this testifieth the Lord of Eternity, Who speaketh in the Most Great Prison: “There is none other God but Me, the One, the All-Informed.”

Blessed is he who hath inhaled the fragrance of the All-Merciful and hath taken from the hand of His bounty the Kawthar and Salsabil. How many a learned one hath lamented My separation, yet when the ocean of My presence surged, turned away and was numbered among the idolaters. How many a mystic hath spoken My Name and yearned for My days, yet when the horizon of Revelation was illumined, pronounced judgment against Me without clear proof or perspicuous Book. How many a prince hath sought My house and circled round it in My name, yet when I manifested Myself, desired to shed My blood, following those who turned away from the Truth and advanced toward every remote scholar. Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen spoken that thou mayest hear and be among the thankful. And We make mention of thy brother who is named Hussein that he may give thanks unto his Lord, the Remembering, the All-Knowing.

O Pen! Make mention of Ali, that the rapture of his Lord’s verses may draw him to the station whereon is established the throne of My Most Great Name. O Ali! By My life, wert thou to taste the sweetness of My utterance, thou wouldst soar upon the wings of longing in the atmosphere of My Will and speak forth My praise amidst My servants with the wisdom We have enjoined upon all in My perspicuous Book. Beware lest the intimations of the ignorant grieve thee—they by whom every Prophet hath mourned and every faithful Messenger hath cried out. They made mention of Me by night and day, yet when I manifested unto them My Beauty, they turned away and perpetrated such wrong as caused the Concourse on High to lament, and those who bear the Throne of God, the Lord of this wondrous Day.

Say: O concourse of the earth! Take hold of the Book with the power of God and follow not your idle fancies. Fear God and be not of them that turn aside. This is the Day of Recognition, unto which the Concourse on High hath turned, and a company of the near-stationed angels. This is the Day whereon the Spirit proclaimeth before the Face: By God! He Who was hidden within the veils of the Unseen hath appeared. Hasten, O peoples of the earth, and be not of the wrongdoers.

O My loved ones in the West! Rejoice at My turning toward you, My drawing nigh unto you, and My remembrance of you. Beware lest the veils of the powerful withhold you. Be as mountains in the Cause of your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Ye have heard the taunts of the enemies in My path; now hearken unto that wherewith the Tongue of Grandeur praiseth you in this station which God hath sanctified above all names. Blessed are ye and your fathers and your mothers, and those who love you and make mention of you and walk in My straight Path. The ocean of forgiveness hath surged in the name of your Lord, the Most Merciful. Give thanks unto Him for this great bounty. He hath indeed forgiven you and your fathers and mothers, and hath absolved you and them of evil deeds. He is verily the All-Merciful, the Gracious. My favor is complete, My proof perfected, the cockrel of My Throne hath crowed, and My testimony hath appeared, yet most of the people are deniers. The glory be upon you, O My loved ones, and upon those women who have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

O handmaidens of God in that place! We make mention of you as a bounty from Our presence and a mercy from Our court, and I am verily the All-Bountiful, the Most Merciful. Rejoice in My mercy and My loving-kindness and My generosity and My grace and My bounty which have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth.

BH00921: Lawh-i-Raqsha

He is the All-Witnessing, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing.

A mention from Us to one who has turned towards and heard the Call of God, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting, and answered his Lord on a day wherein most of mankind turned away from the Lord of the Beginning and the End. To this My Most Exalted Pen beareth witness as it speaketh from the prison:

> “There is none other God but I, the True One, the Knower of things unseen.”

Blessed art thou for having turned towards God and acted according to that which thou wert commanded by God, the Mighty, the Loving. We bear witness that thou hast cast aside what thou didst desire and taken what God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, did desire. Grieve not for what hath befallen thee in My path. There hath befallen Us that which hath befallen no other servants. To this the Tongue of God beareth witness from His praiseworthy station.

O Habib! Rejoice in that the All-Forgiving hath forgiven thee and purified thee from transgressions. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate. He hath seized the spotted one with His might and left him beneath the lashes of his reprehensible and abhorrent deeds. He was indeed the foundation and source of corruption. We unleashed upon him, before the Hereafter, a punishment in this world from which the denizens of the fire seek refuge with God, the Powerful, the Mighty.

The breezes of chastisement encompassed him from all directions, both before and after his soul's departure. The angels of wrath drove him to the lowest of the low. We seize with justice and give through grace, and I am the Just, the Wise. He taketh and causeth grief; He giveth and bringeth joy; and He is the Kind, the Merciful. Justice hath its hosts, which are the requital and recompense of deeds, and through these the pavilion of order hath been raised in the world, and every transgressor hath taken hold of his own reins through fear of retribution. Thus hath spoken the Lord of Names; He is verily the Speaker, the All-Knowing. And We seized the wolf with an affliction which none save God, the Lord of all worlds, hath knowledge of.

This occurred in the first year he opposed My Name, the Ha. Verily thy Lord is the Severe Avenger. By My life! No medicine shall cure him, nor shall anything in the kingdom of creation heal him. It shall increase and not diminish until he returneth to his abode. Then shall he behold what neither mention can reckon nor any counter enumerate. And before him We seized the Chief through Our power, even as We seized those greater than he in bygone ages, and I am the Expositor, the All-Informed.

O Habib! Thy letter hath come and hath attained unto the hearing of thy Lord in this station wherein the Lote-Tree of the Utmost Boundary speaketh amongst mankind: "The Lord of Names hath come with manifest sovereignty." We found in thy letter the warmth of thy love and witnessed thy being set ablaze by that Word whereby the hearts of those near unto God were enkindled. Rejoice thou in that the Wronged One hath mentioned thee while sorrows encompassed Him from those who were heedless of this mighty Cause.

And We make mention of the Shaykh who was named Hasan that he may rejoice in a remembrance whereby all things were attracted and every possessor of utterance proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy." Give thanks unto God for having remembered thee with verses that cannot be equaled by what the eyes of the world have seen nor the treasuries of kings. Be thou vocal in My remembrance, soaring in My atmosphere, and steadfast in the service of My Cause, the Unshakeable, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Say: "Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made known unto me that which the learned and divines of the age have not attained unto, save him whom Thou didst rescue through the arm of Thy power. I testify that Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful."

Happy is the eye that hath seen My signs, and the ear that hath heard My call, and the heart that hath turned toward My horizon, and the tongue that hath uttered My beauteous praise. O My loved ones! Drink ye from the Kawthar of life everlasting in My Name and sprinkle thereof upon every mouldering bone. By God! The very rock crieth out in ecstasy at the verses of its Lord, and the mountain soareth in its longing to attain the presence of God, the All-Speaking, the Witness, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of My loved ones in Mim before Alif and Za', and remind them of the verses of thy Lord, the Creator of the heavens, that the rapture of thy call may draw them to a station wherein the Tongue of Eternity proclaimeth: There is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful. Be thankful unto God for having remembered you while He was imprisoned by those who were heedless of the Beginning and the Return. We counsel you to remain steadfast in this Cause whereby feet have slipped. Beware lest the doubts of the people keep you back from the Name of the Self-Subsisting.

Cast away what the people possess and take what ye are bidden by God, the Lord of all men. This is a Day wherein none is mentioned save God alone—to this do God's Books, the Lord of lords, bear witness. From this spot We send Our greetings upon your faces and upon the faces of those who have turned with radiant countenances toward the countenance of their Lord, the Dayspring of lights.

We make mention of My handmaidens in that place who have quaffed the wine of My loving-kindness, who have turned toward My horizon and who have spoken My praise on a Day wherein the heaven brought forth smoke. O My handmaidens! Rejoice that the countenance of the Ancient One hath turned toward you from the direction of His Most Great Prison. He is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Glory be upon you and upon those handmaidens who have believed in God, the Lord of the Day of Mutual Calling.

We make mention of My servant Ghulam-ʿAli and give him the glad-tidings of God's loving-kindness and mercy, that he may give thanks unto his Gracious Lord. We have remembered thee out of Our grace, and We are the All-Knowing Rememberer. We have turned toward thee, and We are the Merciful Turner. O Ghulam! Turn thy face toward thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names, for having remembered me and accepted my turning toward Thy luminous horizon. Thanks be unto Thee, O my God, for having acquainted me with the ocean of Thy knowledge while He was in His mighty prison. I beseech Thee to ordain for me and for Thy loved ones, by Thy Most Exalted Pen, that which Thou hast ordained for Thy sincere ones. All praise be unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

We make mention in this station of My loved ones in Qaf and Mim, and We remember them with that which diffuseth the fragrance of God, the Mighty, the Wise. O My loved ones! The Best-Beloved remembereth you in the land of exile while imprisoned by the hands of the heedless. Blessed are ye for having turned toward the Countenance, and joy be unto you for having won the grace of God, the Bestower, the Gracious. Arise with such steadfastness as shall cause the hearts of the ungodly to tremble—they who claim allegiance to the Bayan yet deny Him Who revealed it by His command. Thus have their souls enticed them, and today they are among the dead. Rejoice ye in My remembrance, then speak forth My praise, and when a clamorer cometh unto you, leave him to himself and turn ye toward the Most Sublime Horizon—the station wherefrom the rustling of the Sadratu'l-Muntaha was raised in celebration of this Remembrance, whereof God gave glad-tidings through the tongues of the Prophets and Messengers. Glory be from Us upon those who have acknowledged this Momentous News.

BH01175: Praise be unto that one true Goal, unto Whom…

In His Name, exalted be His glory, the most Glorious and the most Powerful!

Praise be unto that one true Goal, unto Whom all the peoples of the world, whether learned or mystic, noble or mighty, have confessed and acknowledged His oneness, and have likewise admitted their powerlessness to truly know His sacred Being as He is. He is the One, the Unique, the Powerful, the Mighty. When the waves of the ocean of bounty appeared, He brought forth creation from sheer nothingness through His most exalted Word, that all might be adorned, according to their capacity, with

the knowledge of His sacred Being. He hath ever been a hidden and treasured Mystery, and will forever remain as He hath been—the One, the Unique, the Mighty, the Bestower. Every tongue hath been rendered mute before the waves of His ocean of utterance, and all hearts and minds have been bewildered before the dawning-lights of the Sun of His knowledge. He hath ever been sanctified beyond all praise and mention, and beyond all that the denizens of the kingdom of creation have uttered.

When the path was blocked and the quest proved futile, out of pure grace and as a manifestation of His greatest favor to humanity, He sent forth Books and Messengers that they might guide all creation to the highest horizon. These are the Manifestations of His Cause, the Dawning-places of His revelation, the Day-springs of His inspiration, and the Recipients of divine knowledge. Whoso hath followed them hath been reckoned among the companions of the right hand in the perspicuous Book, and whoso hath remained heedless hath been recorded among the companions of the left. All Books and Messengers reached their culmination in the Seal of the Prophets and the Lord of the chosen ones, unto whom was revealed the Book named the Furqan in the kingdom of utterance, through which He manifested His will and every wise command, and by which the Beloved lamented and the back of every remote misbeliever was broken.

Glorified art Thou, O Lord of Names and Fashioner of the heavens! I beseech Thee, by Him, and by His kindred and His chosen ones who have arisen to succor His Cause and to establish that which hath been sent down in His Book, to make us of those whom Thou hast described in Thy Book:

> "Honoured servants; they speak not until He hath spoken, and they act according to His command."

This servant beareth witness that they strove in the path of God in such wise that neither the blame of the blamer, nor the mockery of the idolater, nor the turning away of those who have strayed from Thy straight path, withheld them.

O Lord! I beseech Thee by them to send down upon Thy servants that which shall draw them nigh unto Thee, and make them to know that whereby the banners of Thy victory may be raised amongst Thy creatures. O Lord! Thou seest them amid the tyrants of Thy creation and the rebellious of Thy people. O Lord! Change Thou their weakness into Thy strength and Thy power, and their helplessness into Thy might and Thy sovereignty. O Lord! Thou art He Whom neither the conditions of Thy servants can render powerless, nor the turning away of Thy creatures can hinder. Thy power hath been witnessed by every man of strength; Thy triumph by every victor; Thy might by every possessor of might. O Lord! Disappoint not those servants who have confessed Thy oneness, acknowledged Thy singleness, and uttered the Most Great Word which Thou didst send down upon the Seal of Thy chosen ones: "God—there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting." And blessings and peace be upon Him, and upon His kindred and His chosen ones, from this day unto the appointed Day.

And now, O my beloved: thy letter hath arrived, and hath become the cause of joy and the source of gladness. And since it was adorned and embellished with the mention of the holy ones and the chosen of the True One—glorified be His majesty—this servant was seized with a boundless elation and delight.

God willing, mayest thou ever drink of the choice Wine of love for the Beloved of all creation, and be eloquent and steadfast in the remembrance of the chosen ones of God.

And as to that which thou didst write concerning the departed, the exalted, the forgiven—thy revered father—upon whom are the ocean of God's loving-kindness and mercy: in very truth this servant is powerless to recount his station and to extol his praise. Whatever may be said is not, and cannot be, worthy of him; for he was of those souls who were illumined and adorned with the lights of the Sun of steadfastness. The manifestations of divine favor toward him have been such that every pen is impotent and incapable to describe them. By the hands of loving-kindness hath there been built for him a house which the revolving ages and the passing centuries shall never alter. God willing, may that dearly-loved and honored one be occupied in perfect joy and fragrance; the eye of divine favor hath been, and shall ever be, turned toward thee.

Thou didst mention that the exalted one (upon him be, from every glory, the glory of the Most Glorious) gave thee glad tidings by that word already mentioned. The matter is even as he declared. Every discerning eye hath borne witness, and doth bear witness, to his knowledge; and every attentive ear hath testified, and shall testify, to his station. In view of the veils that encompass the people, this lowly one hath spoken, and speaketh, but briefly. I beseech the True One—glorified be His majesty—to confirm thee in that which He loveth and approveth, and to aid thee in that which is meet and seemly.

And as to that which thou didst write, that in thy stead there be performed that which is beloved: this servant hath been enabled to carry it out. Happy art thou therefor, and blessed is this poor servant! Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

I offer greetings of salutations and words of magnification to the honored brethren. God willing, may all, in days and nights, act according to the will of God, and hold fast unto that which He loveth. Verily He is the Protector of them that turn unto Him and believe in His Clear Book. Mercy and peace be upon you all.

BH01248: Praise be to God Who has guided us…

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

Praise be to God Who has guided us and you to His straight path, Who has taught us that which preserves us from the accursed Satan, Who has aided us in His remembrance and praise, and Who has made known to us that which, through His abundant grace, draws us nigh unto Him. And blessings and peace be upon His Messengers and His chosen ones, through whom the rains were caused to fall, the fruits appeared, mysteries were unveiled, standards were raised, and banners were planted, and upon those who followed them with pure hearts for the sake of God, the Lord of the worlds.

And now, your letter, which was in truth a book adorned with the ornament of love and affection, illumined the tablet of the heart and strengthened the realm of vision. Praise be to God that through the confirmation of the true Gardener, fine and desirable saplings have been planted. If their water depends upon the discussions and consultations of assemblies, it would be difficult to observe any fruit. However, God willing, there shall fall from the heaven of grace and the cloud of justice abundant and continuous rains without delay or hindrance. God willing, may they be successful in all matters. The Ancient Beauty

declares that all the friends must hearken with the ears of heart and soul to the counsels of the Wronged One and act according to them.

The adornment of the world hath ever been, and will continue to be, the wisdom revealed in God's Book, and the adornment of man is through goodly deeds and praiseworthy character. For wisdom, various meanings have been recorded and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Books of the Prophets. This is that wisdom of which He saith: "Whoso hath been given wisdom hath been given abundant good." All must fix their gaze upon it and hold fast unto it. It is the lamp of the world and the guide of nations. Were this station to be fully described, time and space would not suffice. Wisdom is the fear of God, exalted be His glory. However, today that which is beloved is to guard the tongue from that which causeth clamor to be raised, and to consort with all men with kindliness.

O Ali, O thou who art mentioned before the Wronged One! Convey My greetings to the friends and say: God willing, may ye be dawning-places for the reformation of the world, adorned with praiseworthy characteristics, and in all conditions hold fast unto wisdom and depart not from it in your rising up, your sitting down, your speech, and your association with others. Wisdom is that by which man becometh beloved by all. O Ali! Care must be taken, for utterances of which people today are bereft of understanding and heedless have been and will be the cause of harm. Concealment is better than revelation, and silence is preferable to speech. Say to the loved ones: Hearken unto the counsels of the Wronged One and preserve them in such wise that forgetfulness may not seize them. Praise be to God that ye are enriched by the divine bounty and are occupied with His remembrance and praise.

From the blessed passages, Grace and Mercy are manifest and evident. No mention of this evanescent one is needed or necessary. Your letter was presented, and verily it caused joy and smiles to appear. It was as if a herald from the realm of freedom came unto the prison and gladdened its inhabitants with fresh fragrances and new utterances, offering the cup of joy and bestowing the chalice of delight. O how pleasant is your time, how pleasant your station, how pleasant your words, and how pleasant your deeds! God willing, may pleasantness be upon pleasantness, and joy upon joy.

However, regarding the wisdom that was mentioned, all the friends of God must truly hold fast unto it, for the people are unaware and heedless of the purpose. Therefore, one must speak words that bring tranquility to the servants and likewise cleave unto deeds that engender love.

As for what you wrote concerning the honored Mr. Siyyid Yahya, the spiritual companion Mr. Muhammad, and the beloved of the heart Mr. Ali Akbar, upon them be the Glory of God—all are gazing toward the direction of grace. These details were presented. All were previously mentioned, and after the presentation of this passage, each one was individually mentioned and showered with kindness. God willing, may all be assisted and succeed in that which God loves in all conditions. This evanescent one conveys greetings and praise to each one. God the All-Knowing is witness and testifier that they are before mine eyes. I beseech His exalted Self to send down upon your honor and upon them that which brings joy to the eyes and gladdens the hearts. Praise be to God, the Mighty, the Loving.

Regarding what you wrote about Haji Muhammad Baqir, upon him be the Glory of God, it was presented and a blessed tablet in this servant's handwriting was sent specifically for him. May God, exalted be His

glory, guide those intervening souls who are the cause of obstruction and prevention. This evanescent one sends greetings to Mulla Ali, upon him be the Glory of God. God willing, may they be successful, and likewise to the aforementioned one and those with him.

BH11705: These are verses of the Spirit that have verily…

He is the Mighty, the Help-in-Peril, the Beloved

These are verses of the Spirit that have verily descended from clouds of supreme sorrow, and wert thou to behold with the eye of the spirit, thou wouldst witness that its drops fall with the hue of blood, and thus doth it distill from clouds of grief, if thou be of them that perceive.

And besides these, in My right hand is the chalice of tribulation and in My left hand the cup of destiny, and thus hath the All-Knowing, the Powerful, the Wise ordained for My exalted Self. By God! The realities of all things weep at what hath befallen My Beauty, and then the realities of the Concourse on High at the adversities that have touched Me from those who were created by My word, if ye be of them that know. And sorrows have reached such a degree that the servants whom We had preserved in the treasuries of Our protection and safeguarded from the harm of the worlds rose up against My countenance. By God! The tongue cannot move to describe what hath befallen the Beauty of the All-Merciful, nor can the Pen flow to recount what hath descended upon the Ancient King, nor can the ink tell what hath trickled down upon the Lord of creation from these associators.

Then incline thou the ear of thy spirit unto all things, that thou mayest hear their lamentation, and then once again unto the realities of the Concourse of creation—by God, thou shalt hear their outcry—and yet again unto the tongues of the mystics in the station of eternity, whereupon thou shalt hear from them a grievous and tender cry, as though it issueth from the wellspring of sorrow, and they speak thus:

> "By God! This is the Ancient Beauty among these people, and there hath befallen Him what hath befallen no one before."

Therefore, O denizens of the chambers of Paradise, strike ye upon your breasts, then upon your heads, then upon your thighs in this sorrow that hath encompassed the Beauty of ancient glory.

O Rida! Thus have We related unto thee from the stories of the Cause, that thou mayest be informed of what hath befallen Us from these associators. Then know thou that these people have devised a plot which, by the True One, were all the devils to gather to comprehend it, they would confess themselves impotent—thus doth the Tongue of God, the Holy Sovereign, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, testify. Were We to lift for thee the veils of concealment, thou wouldst grieve in thy soul, and all created things would grieve thereat. Therefore have We concealed it and been patient until God shall bring about His purpose, for no matter occurreth save after His leave. He sendeth down what He willeth through the sovereignty of His Command, and He is, verily, powerful over all things.

Be thou steadfast in the love of thy Lord to such a degree that even if thou wert to become the only one in all the world among those who have believed in God and His signs, thou wouldst arise by thyself and help thy Lord to the extent of thy capacity, and be among the helpers. Thus doth it behoove thee and

those like thee, that perchance some of the servants may become aware thereby and be among those who arise. Although We witness that intoxication hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and the earth, such that I find not in anyone the fragrance of life—nay, all are as dead before thy Lord, save those who have laid hold of the Most Great Handle in this firm and mighty Cord. Therefore hold thou fast, lest the winds of misbelief move thee, and be thou steadfast in the love of thy Lord, mentioning the people at all times and being of them that remember.

Then know thou that whatsoever God commandeth His servants, this is of His grace unto them; otherwise He verily supporteth His Cause by Himself and is independent of the help of the heavens and earth and of all the worlds—even as some of His servants rose up against Him and desired to slay the Youth, but God preserved Him with hosts of angels and brought Him forth from their midst and sent down unto Him verses of power[…]He hath sent down upon him verses of might and power, and thus doth He assist whomsoever He pleaseth through the hosts of His invisible realm.

Do they who have denied the verses of God imagine within themselves that they believe in God, the Mighty, the Most High, the Great? Nay, by My Self! The very name of faith shall never apply to them, much less its reality, were ye of them that comprehend. Say: Faith is to know the Manifestation of God's Self and that which proceedeth from Him. How can one who hath turned away and denied that which he once believed be counted among the faithful? Say: This Day shall no soul's faith profit it unless it detacheth itself from all who are in the heavens and on earth and entereth beneath the shadow of the Countenance. This is a revelation from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed.

Say: O people! Render not your deeds null and void, nor refute the truth with your own devices. Flee from your own selves, then turn unto God that He may forgive you through His grace. Verily, He is the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate. He forgiveth whom He willeth and chastiseth whom He willeth. Verily, He is the Single One, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

And thou, take the chalice of life from the youth of the Spirit, then drink it in My Name, the Best-Beloved. Keep it secret within thyself and fear no one. Trust at all times in God, the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Thus have We cast upon thee the verses of thy Lord that thou mayest be informed of thy Master's love for thee and be among those who are steadfast in His love. And the glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God and turned away from the manifestations of Satan.

BH01451: In My Name, the Witness, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing!

In My Name, the Witness, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing!

O Mahmud! The Lord of the unseen and the seen makes mention of thee from this praiseworthy station, and gives thee glad tidings of God's loving-kindness and mercy. He hath revealed for thee that whose fragrance shall never cease to endure throughout the eternity of thy Lord's names, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thy letter hath gained audience in this Most Exalted Horizon, a station round which circle the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the most sublime Paradise. Thy Lord, verily, is the Hearer, the Answerer.

The servant who is present brought thy letter and laid it before the Wronged One, Who hath called all to God, the Lord of the worlds. We found it purified from vain imaginings and adorned with the praise of thy Lord, the Lord of all men, at Whose appearance all things proclaimed:

> "The Promise is fulfilled, and He Who was promised hath appeared with a sovereignty before which all in the heavens and earth stand powerless."

Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Countenance when it appeared, and woe betide him who hath turned away from Him Whom God had announced through the tongue of every Prophet and trusted Messenger.

Say: O people of the earth! This is the Day of attainment, did ye but know it, and this is the Day of meeting, did ye but recognize it. The gates of grace have been opened by the finger of your Lord's will, the Lord of all existence. By God! The verses have been sent down, the evidences have appeared, and the river hath flowed from the right hand of the throne of your Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Say: O concourse of divines! Cast aside your learning and what ye possess of vain imaginings. By God! He Who is the Self-Subsisting hath appeared and giveth the near ones to drink of the sealed wine. Say: Beware lest your knowledge prevent you from the knowledge of God, or your books from the Book, at whose revelation every book sent down by God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting, hath bowed down. Say: O company of the heedless! The horizon of the world hath been illumined by the Most Great Light, and all things have proclaimed with their loudest voice: "The Hidden Secret hath appeared!"

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath ascended unto God and was named Muhammad in the Kingdom of Names, that servants honored may remember him. Blessed art thou, O Muhammad, for having turned unto and believed in Him Who is the Goal when all on earth turned away, save those whom God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, did will. I bear witness that thou didst hear the Call and didst fulfill God's Covenant, the Lord of all beings, and didst act as thou wert commanded on a day whereon trembling seized the dwellers of earth and heaven, save those whom God, the Lord of this promised Day, did will. The glory shining from the horizon of eternity be upon thee, O thou who gazest toward the Most Exalted Horizon and speaketh in the name of thy Most Glorious Lord, through Whom the rustling of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing was raised up in the Kingdom of creation. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Beloved.

We bear witness that thou didst behold My horizon and didst speak My praise and didst shatter the idols of vain imaginings in My Name, casting behind thee the sources of conjecture, turning unto the Supreme Summit, the Station which is illumined by the lights of the face of thy Lord, the Lord of Kings. Thou art he whom the greatest veil did not prevent from the Lord of Destiny. Thou didst forsake what the people possessed, hoping for what is with God, thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Kind. We bear witness that thou didst hold fast to the Most Great Handle when the Lord of earth was established upon the throne of His Most Great Name, and the Kingdom proclaimed to Him Who appeared with the truth: "Verily, He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen."

O Muhammad! We make mention of him who made mention of thee and turned toward thy resting place and visited thee, by virtue of what the Most Exalted Pen spoke when the Wronged One was imprisoned

by the hands of those who were heedless of the One Who remembers and is remembered. Thus did the heaven of utterance shine forth with the light of thy Lord's mention, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting.

O Mahmud! The Most Ancient Pen speaketh in Persian that all the friends might drink of the living waters descending from the heaven of the utterance of the All-Merciful and attain unto the most great steadfastness. Convey greetings from the True One to all those related to him who hath ascended and been elevated. The names of all are mentioned before the Face and inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen in the Book of Names. God willing, may they all engage in praising the Beloved of the worlds with the utmost joy and fragrance, with wisdom and utterance. We have remembered all the friends of that land. They must give thanks to God for this great bounty, for nothing that is seen or that is hidden can compare with a single mention from among the divine mentions. Know ye the value of this divine Day, count His favors as great, and preserve the pearls of His love in the treasuries of your hearts in His Name, for the slanderers and the treacherous have been and are lying in wait. Thus have We informed you before and in this wondrous Tablet. Glory be upon you and upon My handmaidens who have heard the Call from the direction of grandeur, and have believed in the One, the All-Informed.

BH11710: By the True One! That which hath been presented…

He is the Glorious, the All-Glorious!

By the True One! That which hath been presented before the Throne from thy words regarding thy recognition of the Self of God, thy steadfastness in His Cause, thy certitude in His commandments, thy turning unto His countenance, and thy reliance upon His Self, is better than all that hath appeared from him whom We adorned with a name from among the names between earth and heaven. Know thou, therefore, what thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, intendeth thereby, that thou mayest find within thy heart the lights of God, the Mighty, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. This bounty shall endure for thee if thou remainest steadfast in the steadfastness of thy Lord and seeketh shelter beneath the shade of His mercy. Thus doth the Herald of the Cause give thee glad tidings that thou mayest be of them that rejoice in the glad tidings of the Cause. By God! Were We to find people of eloquence in this Revelation, We would assuredly cast upon them that which no ear of them that have passed before hath ever heard. Thus is thy Lord powerful over whatsoever He willeth, and He, verily, is the Supreme, the Beloved.

O Word of Victory! Behold with the eye of the Beginning these idolaters and what they say. By the True One! Naught issueth from their mouths save that which exhaleth the stench of malice, in such wise as to grieve the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise in their crimson chambers and the people of the Realm of Divine Command in the heaven of eternity. Thus have the mysteries of the Cause been sent down in truth, and it is indeed a revelation from One All-Glorious, All-Praised.

Leave them to themselves, to that which they possess, and to that which proceedeth from their mouths. Cast their heads beneath thy feet, then emerge, detached from all veils and allusions, that thou mayest be empowered to speak in the kingdom of names with the name of the Sovereign of attributes, and warble with such melody, and sing with such voice, and cry with such cry, and beat such rhythms as

would cause the manifestations of the mirrors to swoon, let alone those who are veiled and are immersed in the depths of their own selves.

By God, O Nasr! On this Day none shall be mentioned before the throne of thy Lord save him who hath rent asunder all veils and ascended unto the heights of holiness, the scene of thy Lord, the Most High, the Powerful, the Witnessed. Say: O people! Do ye cling to the frailest of houses and flee from the stronghold of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting? Are ye content with a mirage while depriving yourselves of this Sweet, Holy, Surging, Pleasant and Beloved Sea? Break all cups, then take the cup of independence from the hands of the youth of Glory, in My Most Holy and Transcendent Name. This is God's command upon thee. Act, therefore, as thou art bidden and fear no one. He will protect thee through His sovereign protection and will sanctify thee from doubts in these days wherein the people are encompassed by the darkness of vain imaginings and are veiled within themselves.

Say: O people! By God, this is a Day which no other days have preceded, nor hath it been comprehended by the comprehension of any comprehender, nor the knowledge of any knower, nor the mind of any thinker, nor the sight of any seer, nor the vision of any beholder, save him who hath turned unto the Most Great Horizon, the Holy and Most Pure Scene of his Lord. Thus doth the Spirit speak, yet the people hear not.

Be thou steadfast in the love of thy Lord, then call the people to remembrance in this Most Great Scene, that perchance they may become aware within themselves and perceive within their own beings, and turn unto the Holy Dawning Place, and be of those whom nothing whatsoever in all that hath been created between the heavens and the earth can veil from that which was created between the heavens and the earth, and who find no rest save upon the seat of glory—a station of praised glory.

Taste thou the sweetness of remembrance from this Cup which We have manifested upon the Temple of the Tablet. And this is the station of glorious praise! Taste thou the sweetness of remembrance from this cup which We have manifested in the form of a Tablet and sent forth in truth, for verily We have ever been the Sender. We have dispatched it unto thee that thou mayest solace thereby thy heart, and that it may stir thee with a subtle and lofty movement wherewith all existence is stirred. Thus hath thy Lord's favor been perfected unto thee and unto them that swim in the depths of this ocean.

We have ordained for thee from the divine Ridvan the spirit of fellowship, and for them who are steadfast in their love of God, their Creator, and are of those who remain firm. Then remind, from Our presence, thy kindred who have believed in God and His signs, and whom God hath assisted to rend the veils in these days wherein every soul is found behind a mighty veil. Then convey unto them that which hath appeared from the Self of the Most Merciful, that they may rejoice throughout all worlds and among the concourse of all realms. Then make mention of him who hath been named with the first letter of My name, the Most Pure, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Inaccessible, that he may remember the Most Great Remembrance in this wise Remembrance.

BH01498: O thou who speaketh in praise, making mention…

In the name of the One Who is the Manifest, the Speaking, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing!

O thou who speaketh in praise, making mention of God, the Lord of all names! That which thou didst compose hath come before the Wronged One, and the servant in attendance hath recited it. We heard it and responded to thee at that time with an utterance that illumined the horizon of the heaven of understanding, as a token of grace from God, the Lord of the worlds. Clear proofs have appeared, verses have been sent down, and that which was recorded in the Books of God hath come to pass, and yet most of the people remain heedless. Blessed is he who, being strong, hath cast away vain imaginings and aided the Cause of his Lord with wisdom and utterance. He is indeed of the people of the Crimson Ark, whose decree hath been sent down from the Supreme Pen in a preserved tablet. Blessed is he who hath turned towards it, whom neither the opposition of the divines nor of the rulers hath kept back from this Straight Path.

Say: O concourse of servants! Be fair before God—if ye deny God's proof and testimony in this Revelation, by what evidence can your own faith be established? Bring it forth, and be not of them that deny. This is a Day wherein the proof calleth aloud and the evidence crieth out. By God! The horizon of knowledge hath been illumined by the dawning-light of the appearance of your Lord, the Most Merciful. Fear God, and be not of them that hesitate. The cry hath been raised, the rock hath cried out, and the Divine Lote-Tree hath called, yet the people remain in strange slumber. The world hath so deluded them that they have been kept back from the Lord of all beings. By the life of God! Soon shall all they behold today perish, and there shall endure that which hath been sent down to thee from the heaven of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the Gracious.

The whole world hath been, and still is, awaiting the days of His manifestation, and at all times they have been seeking and yearning to attain His presence and to comprehend the Day mentioned in the divine Books. Yet when the horizon of the world was illumined with the lights of the dawn of His Revelation, all were found heedless and veiled, save whom thy Lord, the Lord of the heavens and earth, did please.

Today all things are stirred and in motion through the breaths of the divine days. The tongue of the winds proclaimeth "The Messenger hath come," and the tongue of the morning declareth "The Cleaver of the Dawn hath appeared," and the Mount calleth out and saith: "By God! The Speaker hath appeared with a command before which none on earth can stand." To this testifieth every hearing and seeing one. All bear witness to the transience of the world and behold its vicissitudes and transformations at all times. Yet they are so occupied with it that they have not hearkened to the cry and the call. Ere long shall all return to their graves with the utmost regret and remorse, and they shall find for themselves neither helper nor supporter.

God willing, may the friends of Truth who have drunk of the choice-sealed wine and are illumined by the lights of the Sun of certitude, enlighten the people with wisdom, that perchance they may not remain deprived of the heaven of grace and the ocean of loving-kindness. Whosoever is today nourished by the fruits of the tree of the Supreme Pen is reckoned among the people of the right hand and of certitude in the perspicuous Book. The cawing and croaking of the world's people shall not keep him back from the Most Great Name and the Lord of Eternity. Beseech ye God that He may cause all to attain unto this most exalted and sublime station. He is, verily, the Munificent, the Gracious.

That which hath appeared from thy realm of attention in praise of the Truth, the servant present hath mentioned, and it hath attained the honor of being heard and accepted. In truth, these words are from the imperishable treasures preserved for thee with God. This is naught but a mighty favor. Give thanks unto God and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the world and Purpose of the nations, for having created me and manifested me and caused me to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy inspiration, the Dayspring of Thy Revelation, and the Repository of Thy knowledge, and for having caused me to speak His praise in days wherein every learned one denied Him, every judge pronounced sentence against Him, and every ruler turned away from Him, save those whom the hand of Thy power and might did rescue.

I beseech Thee to assist me to be steadfast in Thy Cause and to arise to celebrate Thy praise and glory amongst Thy creatures. Thou art, verily, powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O my Lord! Ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for the chosen ones among Thy servants who did not break Thy covenant and Thy testament, and who arose to serve Thee in such wise that the hosts could not prevent them from drawing nigh unto Thee, O Lord of all existence. There is none other God but Thee, the Giving, the Generous, the Forgiving, the Merciful.